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PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The current state of public administration of environmental protection in Ukraine is inextricably linked with the history of Ukrainian statehood and the formation of regulatory and legal framework regulating social relations. The origins of individual controls in this area were laid in the past, but today they effect on the formation of tasks and directions to improve public administration of environmental protection.

The purpose of the research is to study the process of forming of public administration of environmental protection in view of the historical stages of formation and development of statehood in Ukraine, determine the characteristics of certain periods of development and understanding of organizational and legal problems of state regulation of social relations in this area.

Appeal to historical sources suggests that the activity of the state towards environmental protection in Ukraine in one form or another is rooted in antiquity and is primarily concerned with the formation of statehood. To analyze these historical periods, it should be noted that the state activity related to the environment, mostly found its reflection in legal relations, the analysis of many regulations of different eras indicates that.

The origins of the formation of national environmental legislation are investigated and its further development is examined. The regulations of different periods on the protection and use of natural resources are analyzed. The beginning of the formation of the national environmental legislation is considered the right of Kyiv Rus.

A large number of environmental norms «*Ruska pravda*» was later enshrined in monuments of Lithuanian law as Lithuanian statutes of 1529, 1566 and 1588, which formed a developed system of legal regulation, including the use of natural resources, and had spread and influence in Central and Eastern Europe and in Ukraine.

In the Cossack-hetman day the environment, including regulation of natural resources, was carried out mainly on the basis of customary law and everyday traditions. At the same time, due to the peculiar position of Ukraine traditional laws of Prince and Lithuanian-Russian day, and Magdeburg Law – the law of those states, which the Ukrainian territory was included, continued to influence on the process of regulation. By Cossack-hetman day the environment, including certain types of natural resources was made partially, mostly through protection of property. In addition, the first formed specifically state governments protected certain types of

natural resources with the appropriate authority – special teams in the protection and use of forests were formed.

For the period (the end of the XVIII century – 1917) Ukrainian lands were part of the Russian (90 % of the territory) and Austrian empires. Ukrainian lands in the Russian Empire lost any autonomy, and on their territory the state regime, the form and structure of government, administrative and territorial structure the same as in the whole of the Russian Empire were set, and in the first half of the XIX century legal system was replaced by a system of Russian law, the basis of which was «Laws of Russian Empire». As to environmental protection in the Austrian Empire, we should say that these issues were important at the state level, as in many European countries.

During the liberation struggle in Ukraine and attempts to build a socialist system in accordance with Universals of Ukrainian Central Rada natural resources were nationalized that in some way influenced the formation of a new type of environmental legislation – as the specific field.

Given the above, it should be said that since the Kyiv Rus and till the formation of the Soviet Union, there were no public administration of environmental protection on the continuous, systematic and comprehensive base. The changes that occurred in the early twentieth century became a precondition for Ukraine to build a new stage of development of public administration in the field of environmental protection.