

STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING  
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1270  
Closing Lands to Mineral Entry**

**Proposed Public and Charitable Noncompetitive Land Sale – ADL 234114**

Pursuant to *AS 38.05.035 Powers and Duties of the Director*, the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water proposes to issue a Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land into private ownership within a Noncompetitive Public and Charitable Sale to the United States Coast Guard, ADL 234114. As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Public and Charitable Land Sale – ADL 234114, issued September 22, 2023, the project area is within unit B-24 of the Northern Southeast Area Plan. In accordance with the area plan, DMLW proposes to close the entire project area to mineral entry. The attached mineral order includes the legal description of the area to be closed to mineral entry.

The Division of Mining, Land, and Water requests that the mineral estate of 0.435 acres more or less, identified in the attached mineral order, be closed to mineral entry and location, in accordance with *AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land* for a land disposal. Mining activity on the parcel would be incompatible with the current and proposed land estate use. The land does not contain any known mineral deposits and was not selected for mineral values. There are no mining claims on the land.

Public notice of the comment period for the proposed mineral order is conducted in accordance with *AS 38.05.945 Notice*. Review of comments will be addressed in the Final Finding and Decision document.

In accordance with *AS 38.05.185(a) Generally* and *AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land*, I find that the best interests of the State and its residents are served by closure of the land to entry under the mineral location and mining laws of the State as described by Mineral Order (Closing) No. 1270.

Approved:

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John Boyle, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date

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**DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1270**

  **X**   **Closing Lands to Mineral Entry**                                 Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

**I.**        Name of Mineral Order: Proposed Public and Charitable Noncompetitive Land Sale  
– ADL 234114

**II.**        Reason for Mineral Order: This Mineral Order is based upon the attached  
*Commissioner's Administrative Finding*, applicable statutes, and the written justification  
contained in the following:  
            Northern Southeast Area Plan, adopted 2022; and  
            Preliminary Decision, Public and Charitable Land Sale – ADL 234114, dated September  
            22, 2023, and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same.

**III.**       Authority: *AS 38.05.185 Generally* and *AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land*.

**IV.**       Location and Legal Description: The parcel is located within DNR's Southeast Region on  
Japonski Island, in Sitka, Alaska, within Section 2, Township 56 South, Range 63 East, Copper  
River Meridian, Alaska, more specifically described as follows:

Tract B of Alaska State Land Survey No. 88-62, containing 0.435 acres, more or less,  
according to the survey plat recorded in the Sitka Recording District on September 14,  
1992, as Plat No. 92-19.

**V.**        Mineral Order: This order is subject to valid existing rights and is issued under the  
authority granted by *AS 38.05.185 Generally* – *AS 38.05.275 Recognition of Locations* and *AS*  
*38.05.300 Classification of Land* to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. In  
accordance with *AS 38.05.185(a) Generally*, I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska  
and its residents are served by closure of the land described in this mineral order to entry under  
mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska. The above-described lands are hereby  
**closed** to entry under the locatable mineral and mining laws of the State of Alaska.

Concur:

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Christianna Colles, Director  
Division of Mining, Land and Water  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date

Approved:

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John Boyle, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date