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ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR LEASE ADL 109226
Alaska Oyster Cooperative

In accordance with AS 38.05.035, the Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) has issued a preliminary decision to authorize a 10-year lease to Alaska Oyster Cooperative ("Applicant") for approximately 0.61 acres of state-owned upland in Little Naukati Bay, Alaska on Prince of Wales Island. The applicant plans to support local aquatic farms through construction and maintenance of packing, shipping, and retail facilities. The proposed lease would also be used in support of an adjacent aquatic farm lease to Alaska Oyster Cooperative, intended to be issued by DMLW as ADL 233912.

Public notice of this preliminary written decision will be posted on the Alaska Public Notice System website for 30 calendar days. The public may provide written comments to DMLW during that time. Additionally, notice of this preliminary decision will be given to adjacent landowners. The Naukati, Klawock, and Coffman Cove post offices will also be requested to post the notice of this preliminary decision.

The public is invited to comment on this preliminary decision. Written comments must be received by DNR no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 27, 2024. All comments must be submitted to: DNR, Division of Mining, Land and Water, Southeastern Regional Office by mail at 400 Willoughby Avenue, P.O. Box 111020, Juneau, AK 99811-1020, by fax at 907-465-3886, or by electronic mail to laurel.smith@alaska.gov in order to ensure consideration. Please include your mailing address and telephone contact. In order to establish appeal rights regarding this decision, you are required by law to meaningfully participate in the decision process by commenting on the decision, in writing, prior to the comment deadline. Following the deadline, all timely written comments will be considered, and DNR may modify this decision based on public comments received.

The names of commenters and comments received will be part of the public record.

If DNR determines that public comments in response to this notice indicate the need for significant changes to the decision, additional public notice will be given. If no significant changes are required, the preliminary decision, after any necessary minor changes, will be issued as a final decision. A copy of the final decision, along with instructions on filing an appeal, will be sent to all persons who comment on the preliminary decision. Persons who do not submit written comments during the comment period will have no legal right to appeal the final decision.

The Division of Mining, Land and Water reserves the right to waive technical defects in this publication.

Post through: March 27, 2024