

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

DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1284

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

I. Name of Mineral Order: Brandy Rose Griffith Preference Right Noncompetitive Sale – ADL 68214; Native Village of Eyak Competitive Tidelands Lease - ADL 28205; Pirtle, Inc. Noncompetitive Tidelands Lease – ADL 214997

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:

- Prince William Sound Area Plan (adopted 1988, amended April 2007);
- Preliminary Decision, Proposed Noncompetitive Sale to Preference Right Applicant – ADL 68214, July 17, 2025, and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same;
- Competitive Tidelands Leasehold – ADL 28205; and
- Noncompetitive Tidelands Leasehold – ADL 214997.

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

IV. Location and Legal Description: Located within DNR's Southcentral Region, within the City of Cordova, more specifically described as:

ADL 68214: Alaska Tidelands Survey No. 786, containing 0.374 acres, more or less, according to the survey plat recorded in the Cordova Recording District on December 9, 1994, as Plat No. 94-5.

ADL 28205: Lot 26 of U.S. Survey No. 3601, Alaska, containing 0.12 acres, more or less, according to the survey plat accepted by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management in Washington, D.C. on March 15, 1960, and Tracts A, B, and C of Alaska Tidelands Survey No. 603, containing 4.25 acres, more or less, according to the survey plat filed in the Cordova Recording District on December 30, 1980, as Plat No. 80-5. Aggregating 4.37 acres, more or less.

ADL 214997: Alaska Tidelands Survey No. 890, containing 0.440 acres, more or less, according to the survey plat recorded in the Cordova Recording District on December 9, 1994, as plat 94-4.

V. Mineral Order: This order is subject to valid existing rights and is issued under the authority granted by AS 38.05.185 – AS 38.05.275 and AS 38.05.300 to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. In accordance with AS 38.05.185(a), I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by the closure of the lands 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.

Mineral Order

Preference Right Noncompetitive Sale ADL 68214, and Leaseholds ADL 28205 and ADL 214997

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Concur:

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

Date

Approved:

John Boyle, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date

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**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1284
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**Brandy Rose Griffith Preference Right Noncompetitive Sale
Native Village of Eyak Competitive Tidelands Lease
Pirtle, Inc. Noncompetitive Tidelands Lease**

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 (DMLW) proposes to issue a Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land into private ownership within the Brandy Rose Griffith Preference Right Noncompetitive Sale (ADL 68214). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Brandy Rose Griffith Preference Right Noncompetitive Sale, issued July 17, 2025, the subject parcel is within Unit 27 of the proposed amendment to the *Prince William Sound Area Plan*. The Native Village of Eyak Competitive Tidelands Lease (ADL 28205) and the Pirtle, Inc. Noncompetitive Tidelands Lease (ADL 214997) are also within Unit 27 of the proposed amendment to the *Prince William Sound Area Plan*. In accordance with the area plan, DMLW proposes to close the entirety of all subject parcels to mineral entry. The attached mineral order includes legal descriptions of the areas to be closed to mineral entry.

DMLW requests the mineral estate of approximately 0.374 acres, 4.37 acres, and 0.440 acres identified in the attached mineral order, be closed to mineral entry and location in accordance with AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land for land disposal. Mining activity on the subject parcels would be incompatible with the current and proposed land estate uses. The lands contain no known mineral deposits and were not selected for mineral values. There are no mining claims on the lands.

Public notice of the comment period for the proposed mineral order was conducted in accordance with AS 38.05.945 Notice. Review of comments will be addressed in the final documents.

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 of Alaska and its residents are served by the closure of the lands to entry under the mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska as described by Mineral Order (Closing) No. 1284.

Approved:

John Boyle, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date