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Forest Land Use Plan

ODYSSEY Timber Sale
El Capitan Subunit #2
SSE-1391-2
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Abbreviations

ADEC	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
ADF&G	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
ADNR	Alaska Department of Natural Resources
BIF	Best interest finding
DMLW	Division of Mining, Land and Water
DFFP	Division of Forestry & Fire Protection
FLUP	Forest Land Use Plan
FRPA	Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act
FYSTS	Five-Year Schedule of Timber Sales
MBF	Thousand board feet
OHA	Office of History and Archeology
POG	Productive old growth
POW	Prince of Wales
POWIAP	Prince of Wales Island Area Plan
ROW	Right-of-way
SESF	Southeast State Forest
SESFMP	Southeast State Forest Management Plan
UA	University of Alaska
USFS	United States Forest Service

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I. Introduction

Project File Number: SSE-1391-2

Division of Forestry & Fire Protection Office: Southeast

Area Forester: Greg Staunton

Forest Practices Geographic Region (AS 41.17.950): Region I

This Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) covers proposed forest operations on approximately 290 acres of land on Prince of Wales Island, approximately 6.3 miles to the west of the community of Whale Pass. It is intended to provide the best available information regarding the proposed harvest of timber, and management of other non-timber uses in compliance with AS 38.05.112 and AS 41.17.060, and must be adopted by the DNR before the proposed activity can occur.

☒ This Forest Land Use Plan is for timber sale(s) which have been determined to be in the best interest of the state pursuant to AS 38.05.035 (e) and AS 38.05.945. This FLUP does not determine whether or not to access and sell timber within the timber sale area, nor the method of sale. Those decisions have been made previously in the March 7, 2025, Best Interest Finding and are not appealable under this FLUP. The Best Interest Finding is available at:

<http://notice.alaska.gov/218718>

☐ This Forest Land Use Plan is for timber sale(s) for which a Preliminary Best Interest Finding was concurrently out for review. A final best interest finding must be completed prior to adoption of a FLUP pursuant to AS 38.05.035 (e) and AS 38.05.945;

☐ This Forest Land Use Plan is for timber to be harvested that does not require a final finding pursuant to AS 38.05.035 (e) and notification under AS 38.05.945.

A draft of this plan was distributed to the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for their review and comments relevant to the consistency of this proposed project with the statutes governing forest land use plans (AS 38.05.112) and the requirements of the Alaska Forest Resources & Practices Act (AS 41.17) and its Regulations (11 AAC 95). This Forest Land Use Plan was also made available for public comments; the review period ended on November 3, 2025. After public and agency review of the draft FLUP, the DOF reviewed and responded to comments (see FLUP, Appendix D), and made minor technical changes to the operational content and has adopted this FLUP.

This Forest Land Use Plan has been adopted by the Department of Natural Resources. Site specific compliance with the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act and the Regulations for this proposed project are reflected in this Forest Land Use Plan and are required as a performance requirement in the Timber Sale Contract.

An eligible person affected by this decision, and who provided timely written comment or public testimony to the department, may ask for reconsideration of the decision to the DNR Commissioner per AS 44.37.011 and 11 AAC 02.

☒ Other Documents are referenced in this FLUP. This timber sale is designed to be consistent with the management intent of the following documents:

- Alaska Forest Resources & Practices Act
- Southeast State Forest Management Plan
- Prince of Wales Island Area Plan
- ODYSSEY Timber Sale Best Interest Finding SSE-1391-K

The administrative record for this sale is maintained at the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection Southeast Area Office filed as: SSE-1391-3.

A. Legal description

Sections 1, and 12, of Township 66 South, Range 78 East, and Section 6, and 7 of Township 66 South, Range 79 East Copper River Meridian (CRM). The sale area is found within the Petersburg A-4 NE USGS quadrangle. See attached map titled: Appendix A, SSE-1391-K Odyssey El Capitan Timber Sale Harvest Area Map.

B. Operational Period

Approximately Fall 2025 through end of 2030.

C. Timber Disposal

- ☐ Timber will be sold and will have a contract administrated by the State.
- ☐ Timber will be available to the public; permits obtained by the public will be issued by the State.
- ☒ Other. Note: this timber has been sold to Viking Lumber Company Inc. and is administered by the State in a contract that was executed on June 30, 2025.

D. Objectives and Summary

1. To follow the Alaska Department of Natural Resources' (ADNR) constitutional mandate to encourage the development of the State's renewable resources, making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest;
2. To help the State's economy by providing royalties to the State in the form of stumpage receipts, an infusion to the State's economy through wages, purchases, jobs, and business.
3. To help the local economy of the communities within southern Southeast Alaska by creating additional jobs due to the combination of road building, logging, trucking and potentially milling.

II. Affected Land Owners/Jurisdictions

A. State

Activity on ownership:	Access Easement	Harvest	Written Representative Approval
☒ Southeast State Forest	☐	☒	☒
☒ Other state land managed by DNR	☐	☒	☒
☐ University of Alaska	☐	☐	☐
☐ Mental Health Trust	☐	☐	☐
☐ School Trust	☐	☐	☐

B. Other Land Interests

Land Interest, Representative: USFS (Mainline Roads)

III. Harvest Methods, Silvicultural Actions, and Management of Non-timber Resources

Forest operations will be designed to:

- Protect fish habitat and water quality in compliance with the best management practices in 11 AAC 95.260-.370,
- Manage for the other land uses and activities identified in AS 41.17.060 and the Best Interest Finding for this timber sale, and
- Ensure prompt reforestation and maintenance of site productivity in compliance with AS 41.17.060(c) and 11 AAC 95 .375-.390.

Harvest and Silvicultural Methods:

- ☒ The silvicultural actions are described in this document, and no prescription was written or is necessary.
- ☐ A silvicultural prescription has been written and is attached to this document in Appendix B.

A. Timber Stand Description and History

The proposed harvest area is primarily composed of commercial forest with old growth characteristics. Western red cedar, Western hemlock make up most of the commercial species along with minor components of Sitka spruce and Alaska yellow cedar. The timber identified in this sale is largely on poorly drained organic soils with steeper areas composed of limestone topography. The larger and better-quality timber is located on the well-drained soils with moderate terrain.

B. Timber Harvest Activities

Timber Harvest Activities are displayed in Table 1.

Table 1. Timber Harvest Activities

Unit-Setting ID	Acres	Topography	Silvicultural Action	Logging Method
2B	14	Irregular Slopes	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Shovel Logging
9A	65	Irregular Slopes	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Shovel Logging
9B	85	Irregular Slopes	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Shovel Logging
9C	90	Irregular Slopes	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Shovel Logging
910	5	Hillside	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Uphill Cable
920	4	Hillside	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Uphill Cable
930	6	Hillside	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Downhill Cable
940	16	Hillside	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Downhill/Uphill Cable
950	6	Hillside	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Uphill Cable
960	3	Hillside	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Uphill Cable

Unit-Setting ID	Acres	Topography	Silvicultural Action	Logging Method
970	9	Hillside	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Uphill Cable
980	1	Hillside	Even-aged Management utilizing a clear-cut system	Uphill Cable
Total	290			

C. Site Preparation

☒ Site preparation will not be necessary. There will be sufficient soil disturbance by logging to forego the need for additional ground scarification.

☐ Site preparation will be implemented and described in Table 2:

Table 2. Site Preparation

Unit ID	Acres	Site Preparation Method	Date of Completion
		Not Applicable	

D. Slash Abatement

- ☐ Potential for insect infestations caused by slash accumulations exists. Slash abatement for controlling infestations will be implemented as required by 11 AAC 95.370.
- ☒ Scatter slash; accumulations will be kept to less than 2 feet in height. The operator will use slash for puncheon in shovel logging trails to protect soil from displacement, erosion and compaction.
- ☒ Slash will be disposed of by the operator ☐ Slash will be disposed of by the State
- ☐ Other - method of slash disposal: ☐ removal off site ☐ crushing or grinding ☐ burning
- ☐ Burn permits necessary from DOF and DEC to be acquired.
- ☐ The operator will contact the DOF local area office prior to ignition of debris.

E. Soil Stability / Erosion / Mass Wasting

- ☐ Maximum percent slopes are $\leq 50\%$
- ☒ Maximum percent slopes are $> 50\%$

Percentage of sale area with slopes $> 50\%$: 12%

Maximum percent slopes: 70 %

Steeper slopes are all located on short, isolated pitches less than 100 feet in length on karst bed rock formations.

- ☒ There are no indicators of unstable areas.
- ☐ Indicators of unstable areas were identified and will be mitigated by actions indicated below.

F. Timber Harvest—Surface Water Protection

- ☐ There are no streams or lakes abutting or within a harvest unit.
- ☒ Known surface waters and protection measures are described in Table 3 below. *Locations are included in the operational map in the Appendices.*

Table 3. Protection for Known Surface Waters

Unit	Waterbody Name	AS 41.17.950 Classification	ADF&G AWC #	Required Riparian Protection	Site-specific actions to minimize impacts on riparian area
9B	Unnamed	Anadromous	105-42 10110	Yes	Retain timber.
9A, 9B, 9C	Unnamed	Tributary <12%	NA	Follow Best Management Practices (BMPs)	Split yarding, directional felling, removal of logging debris from waters, site specific crossing approval of DOF.
9A, 9B, 9C	Unnamed	Tributary >12%	NA	BMPs	Split yarding, directional felling, removal of logging debris from waters, site specific crossing approval of DOF.
910	Unnamed	Tributary >12%	NA	BMPs	Maintain bank integrity, Minimize crossings.
920	Unnamed	Tributary >12%	NA	BMPs	Maintain bank integrity, Minimize crossings.
930	Unnamed	Tributary >12%	NA	BMPs	Maintain bank integrity, Minimize crossings.
940	Unnamed	Tributary >12%	NA	BMPs	Maintain bank integrity, Minimize crossings.
950	Unnamed	Tributary >12%	NA	BMPs	Maintain bank integrity, Minimize crossings.
960	Unnamed	Tributary >12%	NA	BMPs	Maintain bank integrity, Minimize crossings.
970	Unnamed	Tributary >12%	NA	BMPs	Maintain bank integrity, Minimize crossings.

Surface waters listed above were reviewed by the Department of Fish and Game:

- ☒ During the timber sale planning process
- ☒ During the agency review conducted for the Best Interest Finding for this sale
- ☒ During the drafting of this Forest Land Use Plan
- ☐ Stream Crossings (Title 16) Permits are needed per ADF&G Division of Habitat

Surface waters listed above were reviewed by the Department of Environmental Conservation:

- ☒ During the timber sale planning process
- ☒ During the agency review conducted for the Best Interest Finding for this sale
- ☒ During the drafting of this Forest Land Use Plan

Non-classified surface waters are subject to applicable BMPs in 11 AAC 95.

Notes:

G. Wildlife Habitat

- ☒ Wildlife species and allowances for their important habitats were addressed in writing by the Department of Fish & Game during the Best Interest Finding review.
- ☒ Wildlife species and allowances for their important habitats were addressed in writing by the Department of Fish & Game during the drafting of this Forest Land Use Plan.

Silvicultural practices to be applied to minimize impacts to wildlife habitat or wildlife management:

- ☐ Timber retention - concentrations of timber surrounding harvest units, or interspersed within harvest units to provide cover.
- ☒ Snag Retention- snags or isolated trees left for cavity nesting species.
- ☐ Large Woody Debris – concentrations of downed timber or logging debris interspersed within harvest units to provide cover left on site.
- ☐ Other actions

Notes: To the extent that safety permits, Snags and obvious cull trees without Dwarf Mistletoe may at the purchaser's discretion be left standing at a density of three per acre. The intent is to provide bat roosting and bird habitat. Cull western red and yellow cedar snags are preferred over western hemlock

H. Cultural and Historical Resource Protection

- ☒ This project was reviewed by the State Historic and Preservation Office (SHPO).
- ☒ No artifacts have been reported within the project area(s).
- ☐ Known or likely sites have been identified and a mitigation plan is in place. (Describe the mitigation actions.)

I. Other Resources Affected by Timber Harvest and Management

- ☒ There are other resources and areas of concern besides surface water, fish habitat, and wildlife habitat that may be affected. Mitigation actions were addressed in the Best Interest Finding.

Table 4. Other Affected Resources / Areas of Concern

Impacted Resource	Reviewing Agency	Impact/ Mitigation Actions
Scenic	DMLW/ DOF	None
Safety	DOF	Public proximity/see notes

- ☐ There are no affected resources or areas of concern other than surface water, fish habitat, and wildlife habitat, which are addressed in this Forest Land Use Plan.

Notes: Warning signs shall be posted where harvest activity such as falling, yarding, or trucking are occurring adjacent to the existing road system.

J. Reforestation

Harvest type as it relates to reforestation requirement:

- ☒ Clearcut
- ☐ Region I: Partial Harvest leaving more than 50% live basal area (11 AAC 95.375(b)(3))
- ☐ Region II or III: Partial Harvest relying on residual trees to result in a stocking level that meets standards of 11 AAC 95.375(b)(4).

Season of harvest:

- ☐ Winter harvest only
- ☐ Non-winter harvest only
- ☒ All-season harvest

Regeneration type:

- ☒ Natural regeneration

List species: Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis*), western red cedar (*Thuja plicata*), western hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*).

- ☐ Coppice
- ☐ Artificial regeneration
- ☐ Seeding: Species and source of seed (general vicinity location of seed source)

☐ Planting: Species: _____ Date of proposed planting: _____

Source of seedlings (location of seed source): _____

IV. Roads and Crossing Structures

A. Road Design, Construction, and Maintenance

Roads will be designed, constructed, and maintained to prevent significant adverse impacts on water quality and fish habitat (AS 41.17.060(b)(5)), and site productivity (AS 41.17.060(c)(5)). Roads will comply with the best management practices in the Forest Resources and Practices Regulations (11 AAC 95.285 – 95.335). All roads used in this timber sale will conform at a minimum to the Division of Forestry Road Standards, site specific design may supersede this standard and will typically be specified and applied through the timber sale contract.

Roads or other means required for the access and removal of this timber from the harvest area(s) or unit(s) are listed in Table 5A and 5B.

Table 5A. Road Use

Road ID	Segment	Harvest Unit	Mile**	Road Class	Constructed and Maintained By	Construction Objective
270010	All	9C	.327	Secondary	Purchaser	Reestablish a maintainable surface and drainage
200010	All	9A, 9B, 9C	.802	Secondary	Purchaser	Reestablish a maintainable surface and drainage
200015	All	9C	.047	Secondary	Purchaser	Reestablish a maintainable surface and drainage
200020	All	2B, 9A	.268	Secondary	Purchaser	Reestablish a maintainable surface and drainage
200060	All	9A	.333	Secondary	Purchaser	Reestablish a maintainable surface and drainage
Total			1.45 Miles			

Table 5B. New Road Construction and Use

Road ID	Segment	Harvest Unit	Mile**	Road Class	Maximum Grade %	Constructed By	Maintained By
200010.1	All	9	.410	Spur	18%	Purchaser	Purchaser

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Road ID	Segment	Harvest Unit	Mile**	Road Class	Maximum Grade %	Constructed By	Maintained By
200010.12	All	9	.050	Spur	16%	Purchaser	Purchaser
200011	All	9	.071	Spur	6%	Purchaser	Purchaser
200012	All	9	.170	Spur	12%	Purchaser	Purchaser
200014	All	9	.151	Spur	16%	Purchaser	Purchaser
200014.2	All	9	.062	Spur	12%	Purchaser	Purchaser
200015	All	9	.198	Spur	16%	Purchaser	Purchaser
200017	All	9	.827	Spur	18%	Purchaser	Purchaser
200017.1	All	9	.571	Spur	18%	Purchaser	Purchaser
200017.11	All	9	.058	Spur	12%	Purchaser	Purchaser
200017.12	All	9	.077	Spur	12%	Purchaser	Purchaser
200017.16	All	9	.018	Spur	12%	Purchaser	Purchaser
200017.19	All	9	.022	Spur	12%	Purchaser	Purchaser
200017.2	All	9	.028	Spur	18%	Purchaser	Purchaser
200020 Extension	All	9	.116	Spur	16%	Purchaser	Purchaser
200020.16	All	9	.064	Spur	12%	Purchaser	Purchaser
200065	All	9	.533	Spur	18%	Purchaser	Purchaser
200065.4	All	9	.125	Spur	12%	Purchaser	Purchaser
270010 Extension	All	9	.249	Spur	18%	Purchaser	Purchaser
270013	All	9	.009	Spur	6%	Purchaser	Purchaser
Total			3.809 Miles				

Road Class is as defined in the DOF Road Standards.

*Note: Roads must be less than 20% grade per 8 AAC 61.1060 Additional Logging Standards.

** One station equals 100 feet. One mile equals 5,280 feet.

Notes: “Trucks Entering Highway” shall be posted near the junctions of active forest road systems and the existing USFS road systems when hauling rock or timber.

B. Road Erosion / Mass Wasting

Maximum percent side slopes of roads: 35 %

☒ Maximum percent side slopes are $\leq 50\%$

☐ Maximum percent side slopes are $> 50\%$

☐ There are no indicators of unstable areas where roads will be constructed.

☐ Indicators of unstable areas were identified and will be mitigated by actions indicated below:

Table 6. Road Erosion Control Risk and Mitigation

Road ID	Segment	Mile/ Station or Point Label	Identified Erosion Risk	Risk Level	Mitigation
All	--	--	None	<i>Low</i>	Closure end of harvest (waterbars, cross drains)

C. Crossing Structures

Are you removing or replacing drainage structures? ☐ YES ☒ NO

☐ No crossing structures are needed within the project area.

☒ Crossing structures will be placed in access roads as described in the table below:

Table 7. Required Drainage and Crossing Structures on Known Surface Waters

Road ID	Segment	Mile/ Station or Point Label	Bridge Length (ft.) or Culvert Diameter (in.)	Structure Type	AS 41.17.950 Stream Classification	ADF&G AWC Number	Duration of crossing structure in place
200010.1		0.224	36"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200010.1		0.326	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale

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Road ID	Segment	Mile/ Station or Point Label	Bridge Length (ft.) or Culvert Diameter (in.)	Structure Type	AS 41.17.950 Stream Classification	ADF&G AWC Number	Duration of crossing structure in place
200010.1		0.351	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200010.1		0.393	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200011		0.026	Bridge	Log Stringer	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200012		0.035	36"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200012		0.087	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200012		0.127	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200014		0.114	30'	Log Stringer	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200015		0.071	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200015		0.083	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200017		0.022	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200017		0.257	30'	Log Stringer	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200017.1		0.196	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200017.1		0.235	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale

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Road ID	Segment	Mile/ Station or Point Label	Bridge Length (ft.) or Culvert Diameter (in.)	Structure Type	AS 41.17.950 Stream Classification	ADF&G AWC Number	Duration of crossing structure in place
200017.1		0.253	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200017.1		0.397	36"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200017.1		0.487	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200017.1		0.554	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200020 Extension		0.333	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200020 Extension		0.390	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200020 Extension		0.431	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200065		0.393	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
200065		0.460	30'	Log Stringer	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
270010 Extension		0.355	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
270010 Extension		0.399	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
270010 Extension		0.446	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale
270010 Extension		0.473	24"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale

Road ID	Segment	Mile/ Station or Point Label	Bridge Length (ft.) or Culvert Diameter (in.)	Structure Type	AS 41.17.950 Stream Classification	ADF&G AWC Number	Duration of crossing structure in place
270010 Extension		0.484	36"	CPP	Tributary to Anadromous > 12%	N/A	Close of Timber Sale

D. Road Closure

Roads constructed for the timber sale that are left open will be subject to maintenance standards under 11 AAC 95.315. Otherwise, roads constructed for the timber sale will be closed, subject to standards under 11 AAC 95.320.

Table 8. Road Closures

Road ID	Segment	Unit	Closure Type All Season/Winter	Estimated Closure Date	Projected Road Use after Timber Harvest
200010	All	9	FRPA Closure	End of Sale	Silviculture
200011	All	9	FRPA Closure	End of Sale	Silviculture
200012	All	9	FRPA Closure	End of Sale	Silviculture
200014	All	9	FRPA Closure	End of Sale	Silviculture
200015	All	9	FRPA Closure	End of Sale	Silviculture
200017	All	9	FRPA Closure	End of Sale	Silviculture
200020	All	9	FRPA Closure	End of Sale	Silviculture
200065	All	9	FRPA Closure	End of Sale	Silviculture
2700010	All	9	FRPA Closure	End of Sale	Silviculture
270013	All	9	FRPA Closure	End of Sale	Silviculture

E. Material Extraction

- ☐ There will be no material extraction sites in the project area.
- ☒ Material extraction and associated overburden disposal will be located outside of riparian areas and muskegs. Material extraction and disposal will be in a manner that prevents runoff from entering surface waters. All material sites will require the submittal of site plans and prior approval of the DOF.
- ☒ Other: Rock will be acquired from existing rock pits on the adjacent EL Capitan sale area and from within the sale area itself.

F. Other Resources Affected by Roads or Material Extraction

List resources other than water, habitat or cultural resources potentially impacted by road construction, and indicate how impacts will be mitigated. Other affected resources could be, but are not limited to mining claims, scenic areas, recreational trails, etc.

Table 9. Other Affected Resources

Impacted Resource	Reviewing Agency	Impact / Mitigation Actions
Road Public Safety	DOF	• Provide sight distance or space for passing with turnouts or two-way vehicle traffic. • Sign traffic area and communication plans. • Control purchaser vehicle speeds in contract based on conditions.

V. Approvals

This Forest Land Use Plan has been reviewed by the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection and provides the information necessary to be adopted by the Department of Natural Resources as required by AS 38.05.112.



11/14/2025

Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date

If you have any questions, please contact the Southeast Area Office at (907) 225-3070 or e-mail dnr.dof.sse@alaska.gov.

VI. Reconsideration

An eligible person affected by this decision of the department, and who provided timely written comment to the department, may request reconsideration to the DNR Commissioner per AS 44.37.011 and 11 AAC 02. Any request for reconsideration must be received by the Commissioner's Office within twenty (20) calendar days after issuance of the decision under 11 AAC 02.040. The Commissioner may order or deny a request for reconsideration within thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of the decision. If the Commissioner takes no action on a request for reconsideration within thirty (30) days after issuance of the decision, the request for reconsideration is considered denied. The Commissioner's decision on reconsideration, other than a remand decision, is a final administrative order and decision of the department. An eligible person must first request reconsideration to the Commissioner before seeking relief in superior court. The Alaska State Courts establish its own rules for timely appealing final administrative orders and decisions of the department.

Reconsideration may be mailed or hand-delivered to the DNR Commissioner's Office, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501; or faxed to (907)-269-8918 or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. Reconsideration must be accompanied by the fee established in 11 AAC 05.160(d)(1)(F), which has been set at \$200 under the provisions of 11 AAC 05.160(a)-(b).

If no reconsideration is filed by that date, this decision goes into effect as a final order and decision 30 days from signature.

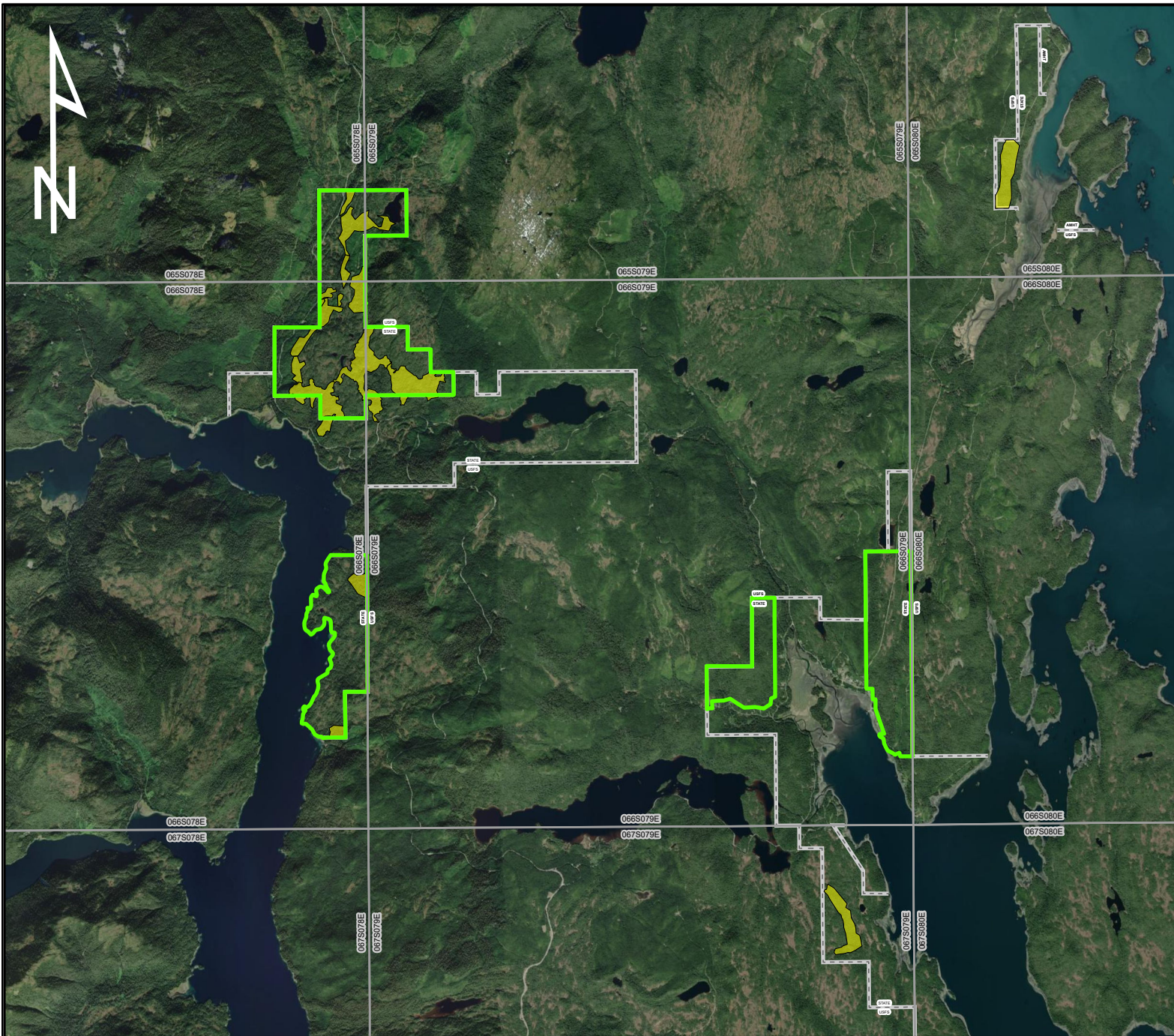
A copy of 11 AAC 02 is enclosed as part of the Best Interest Finding (Appendix C) and is also available on the department's website at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/pdf/DNR-11-AAC-02.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Southeast Area Office at (907) 225-3070 or e-mail dnr.dof.sse@alaska.gov

Appendix A: Timber Sale Maps

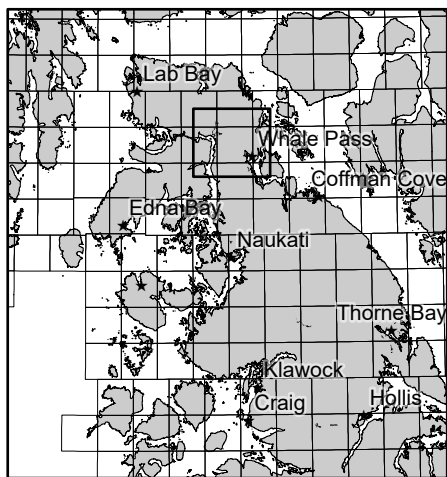
Appendix A1 Vicinity Map (1 page)

Appendix A2 Unit Maps (1 pages)



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Area Map 1 in = 1.6 Miles



Vicinity Map 1 in = 32 miles

Legend

- Proposed Harvest Unit
- Southeast State Forest (SESF)
- Property Line

APPENDIX A1 SSE-1391-K ODYSSEY TIMBER SALE AREA MAP



Appendix B: Supporting Information

Note: Silvicultural and stand information has also been described in the BIF.

Alaska Forest Practices and Regulations.

<http://forestry.alaska.gov/forestpractices>

Forest Road Standards.

[http://forestry.alaska.gov/Assets/pdfs/resources/forest road standard design 20151231.pdf](http://forestry.alaska.gov/Assets/pdfs/resources/forest_road_standard_design_20151231.pdf)

Appendix C: Appeal Statutes and Regulations

Note: "Appeal" means a request to the commissioner to review a decision that the commissioner did not sign or cosign. "Request for reconsideration" means a petition or request to the commissioner to review an original decision that the commissioner signed or cosigned.

11 AAC 02 Regulations

11 AAC 02.010. Applicability and eligibility.

(a) This chapter sets out the administrative review procedure available to a person affected by a decision of the department. If a statute or a provision of this title prescribes a different procedure with respect to a particular decision, that procedure must be followed when it conflicts with this chapter.

(b) Unless a statute does not permit an appeal, an applicant is eligible to appeal or request reconsideration of the department's decision on the application. An applicant is eligible to participate in any appeal or request for reconsideration filed by any other eligible party.

(c) If a statute restricts eligibility to appeal or request reconsideration of a decision to those who have provided timely written comment or public hearing testimony on the decision, the department will give notice of that eligibility restriction as part of its public notice announcing the opportunity to comment.

(d) If the department gives public notice and allows a public comment period of at least 30 days on a proposed action, and if no statute requires opportunity for public comment, the department may restrict eligibility to appeal or request reconsideration to those who have provided timely written comment or public hearing testimony on the proposed action by including notice of the restriction as part of its public notice announcing the opportunity to comment.

(e) An eligible person affected by a decision of the department that the commissioner did not sign or cosign may appeal the decision to the commissioner within the period set by 11 AAC 02.040.

(f) An eligible person affected by a decision of the department that the commissioner signed or cosigned may request the commissioner's reconsideration within the period set by 11 AAC 02.040.

(g) A person may not both appeal and request reconsideration of a decision.

11 AAC 02.015. Combined decisions.

(a) When the department issues a combined decision that is both a final disposal decision under AS 38.05.035(e) and any other decision, including a disposal decision combined with a land use plan decision, or a disposal decision to grant certain applications combined with a decision to deny others, the appeal process set out for a disposal decision in AS 38.05.035(i) - (m) and this chapter applies to the combined decision.

(b) Repealed 12/27/2012.

11 AAC 02.020. Finality of a decision for purposes of appeal to court.

(a) Unless otherwise provided in a statute or a provision of this title, an eligible person must first either appeal or request reconsideration of a decision in accordance with this chapter before

appealing a decision to superior court.

(b) The commissioner's decision on appeal is the final administrative order and decision of the department for purposes of appeal to the superior court.

(c) The commissioner may order or deny a request for reconsideration within 30 calendar days after issuance of the decision, as determined under 11 AAC 02.040(c) - (e). If the commissioner takes no action during the 30-day period, the request for reconsideration is considered denied. Denial of a request for reconsideration is the final administrative order and decision of the department for purposes of appeal to the superior court.

(d) If the commissioner timely orders reconsideration of the decision, the commissioner may affirm the decision, issue a new or modified decision, or remand the matter to the director for further proceedings. The commissioner's decision, other than a remand decision, is the final administrative order and decision of the department for purposes of appeal to the superior court.

11 AAC 02.030. Filing an appeal or request for reconsideration.

(a) An appeal or request for reconsideration under this chapter must

- (1) be in writing;
- (2) be filed by personal service, mail, facsimile transmission, or electronic mail;
- (3) be signed by the appellant or the appellant's attorney, unless filed by electronic mail; an appeal or request for reconsideration filed by electronic mail must state the name of the person appealing or requesting reconsideration and a single point of contact to which any notice or decision concerning the appeal or request for reconsideration is to be sent;
- (4) be correctly addressed;
- (5) be timely filed in accordance with 11 AAC 02.040;
- (6) specify the case reference number used by the department, if any;
- (7) specify the decision being appealed or for which reconsideration is being requested;
- (8) specify the basis upon which the decision is challenged;
- (9) specify any material facts disputed by the appellant;
- (10) specify the remedy requested by the appellant;
- (11) state the address to which any notice or decision concerning the appeal or request for reconsideration is to be mailed; an appellant may also provide a telephone number where the appellant can be reached during the day or an electronic mail address; an appeal or request for reconsideration filed electronically must state a single address to which any notice or decision concerning the appeal or request for reconsideration is to be mailed;
- (12) identify any other affected agreement, contract, lease, permit, or application by case reference number, if any;
- (13) include a request for an oral hearing, if desired; in the appeal or request for reconsideration, the appellant may include a request for any special procedures to be used at the hearing; the appeal or request for reconsideration must describe the factual issues to be considered at the hearing; and
- (14) be accompanied by the applicable fee set out in 11 AAC 05.160.

(b) At the time an appeal is filed, and up until the deadline set out in 11 AAC 02.040(a) to file the appeal, an appellant may submit additional written material in support of the appeal, including evidence or legal argument.

(c) If public notice announcing a comment period of at least 30 days was given before the decision, an appellant may not submit additional written material after the deadline for filing the appeal, unless the appeal meets the requirements of (a) of this section and includes a request for an extension of time, and the department determines that the appellant has shown good cause for an extension. In considering whether the appellant has shown good cause, the department will consider factors including one or more of the following:

- (1) comments already received from the appellant and others;
- (2) whether the additional material is likely to affect the outcome of the appeal;
- (3) whether the additional material could reasonably have been submitted without an extension;
- (4) the length of the extension requested;
- (5) the potential effect of delay if an extension is granted.

(d) If public notice announcing a comment period of at least 30 days was not given before the decision, an appellant may submit additional written material after the deadline for filing the appeal, if the appeal meets the requirements of (a) of this section and includes a notice of intent to file the additional written material. The department must receive the additional written material within 20 days after the deadline for filing the appeal, unless the appeal also includes a request for an extension of time, and the department determines that the appellant has shown good cause for an extension. In considering whether the appellant has shown good cause, the department will consider factors including one or more of the following:

- (1) comments already received from the appellant and others;
- (2) whether the additional material is likely to affect the outcome of the appeal;
- (3) whether the additional material could reasonably have been submitted without an extension;
- (4) the length of the extension requested;
- (5) the potential effect of delay if an extension is granted.

(e) At the time a request for reconsideration is filed, and up until the deadline to file a request for reconsideration, an appellant may submit additional written material in support of the request for reconsideration, including evidence or legal argument. No additional written material may be submitted after the deadline for filing the request for reconsideration.

(f) If the decision is one described in 11 AAC 02.060(c), an appellant may ask for a stay as part of the appeal or request for reconsideration. The appellant must include an argument as to why the public interest requires a stay.

11 AAC 02.040. Timely filing; issuance of decision.

(a) To be timely filed, an appeal or request for reconsideration must be received by the commissioner's office within 20 calendar days after issuance of the decision, as determined under (c) or (d) of this section, unless another period is set by statute, regulation, or existing contract. If the 20th day falls on a day when the department is officially closed, the appeal or request for reconsideration must be filed by the next working day.

(b) An appeal or request for reconsideration will not be accepted if it is not timely filed.

(c) If the appellant is a person to whom the department delivers a decision by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested, issuance occurs when the addressee or the addressee's agent signs for the decision. If the addressee or the addressee's agent neglects or refuses to sign for the certified mail, or if the address that the addressee provided to the

department is not correct, issuance by certified mail occurs when the decision is deposited in a United States general or branch post office, enclosed in a postage-paid wrapper or envelope, addressed to the person's current address of record with the department, or to the address specified by the appellant under 11 AAC 02.030(a)(11).

(d) If the appellant is a person to whom the department did not deliver a decision by personal service or certified mail, issuance occurs

(1) when the department gives public notice of the decision; or

(2) if no public notice is given, when the decision is signed; however, the department may state in the decision a later date of issuance and the corresponding due date for any appeal or request for reconsideration.

(e) The date of issuance constitutes delivery or mailing for purposes of a reconsideration request under AS 44.37.011(d) or AS 44.62.540(a).

11 AAC 02.050. Hearings.

(a) The department will, in its discretion, hold a hearing when questions of fact must be resolved.

(b) The hearing procedure will be determined by the department on a case-by-case basis. As provided in 11 AAC 02.030(a)(13), any request for special procedures must be included with the request for a hearing.

(c) In a hearing held under this section

(1) formal rules of evidence need not apply; and

(2) the hearing will be recorded, and may be transcribed at the request and expense of the party requesting the transcript.

11 AAC 02.060. Stays; exceptions.

(a) Except as provided in (c) and (d) of this section, timely appealing or requesting reconsideration of a decision in accordance with this chapter stays the decision during the commissioner's consideration of the appeal or request for reconsideration. If the commissioner determines that the public interest requires removal of the stay, the commissioner will remove the stay and allow all or part of the decision to take effect on the date set in the decision or a date set by the commissioner.

(b) Repealed 9/19/2001.

(c) Unless otherwise provided in a statute or a provision of this title, a decision takes effect immediately if it is a decision to

(1) issue a permit that is revocable at will;

(2) approve surface operations for a disposal that has already occurred or a property right that has already vested; or

(3) administer an issued oil and gas lease or license, or an oil and gas unit agreement.

(d) Timely appealing or requesting reconsideration of a decision described in (c) of this section does not automatically stay the decision. However, the commissioner will impose a stay, on the commissioner's own motion or at the request of an appellant, if the commissioner determines that the public interest requires it.

(e) A decision takes effect immediately if no party is eligible to appeal or request reconsideration and the commissioner waives the commissioner's right to review or reconsider the decision.

11 AAC 02.070. Waiver of procedural violations.

The commissioner may, to the extent allowed by applicable law, waive a requirement of this chapter if the public interest or the interests of justice so require.

11 AAC 02.900. Definitions.

In this chapter,

- (1) “appeal” means a request to the commissioner to review a decision that the commissioner did not sign or cosign;
- (2) “appellant” means a person who files an appeal or a request for reconsideration;
- (3) “commissioner” means the commissioner of natural resources;
- (4) “decision” means a written discretionary or factual determination by the department specifying the details of the action to be allowed or taken;
- (5) “department” means, depending of the particular context in which the term is used, the Department of Natural Resources, the commissioner, the director of a division within the Department of Natural Resources, or an authorized employee of the Department of Natural Resources;
- (6) “request for reconsideration” means a petition or request to the commissioner to review an original decision that the commissioner signed or cosigned.

Appendix D: DRAFT FLUP Public Comment

Draft Forest Land Use Plan Odyssey Timber Sale, El Capitan Subunit #2 (SSE-1391-2)
Comments

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry & Fire Protection
October 2025

The following commenters submitted input:

- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, Policy Analyst, Tyler Breen

The following comments were received during the public comment period on the Draft Forest Land Use Plan for the Odyssey Timber Sale, El Capitan Subunit #2 (SSE-1391-2) and are organized based on the topic structure of the Draft Forest Land Use Plan.

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Commenter	Comment	Response
Draft Forest Land Use Plan		
	III. Harvest Methods, Silvicultural Actions, and Management of Nontimber Resources	
	E. Soil Stability/ Erosion/ Mass Wasting	
	Clearing large swaths of hillside above these streams can increase sedimentation and destabilize slopes, as decades of logging on POW have shown.	The Alaska Forest Practices Act and regulations best management practices are used to manage slope integrity. These BMPs avoid, minimize and mitigate significant sedimentation associated with road building and timber harvest. Comment noted, no change required.
	F. Timber Harvest – Surface Water Protection	
	The project area is also rich in freshwater and anadromous habitats. Continued logging pressure in this area threatens to degrade some of the last relatively undisturbed salmon streams near Whale Pass – resources that local communities, fishermen, and wildlife all depend on.	The best interest finding considered potential impacts to anadromous habit. The Alaska Forest Practices Act retention areas and BMPs have been effectively used to avoid, minimize and mitigate impact from timber harvest on fisheries for over 30 years. Comment noted, no change required.
	G. Wildlife Habitat	
Tyler Breen SEACC	Old-growth forests on POW provide habitat for a suite of rare and sensitive wildlife species. <i>The commenter listed: marbled murrelet, Queen Charlotte Goshawk, northern flying squirrel, Sitka black tailed deer, and the wolf. Decrease and fragmentation of habitat is cited as a concern.</i>	The DOF consulted with ADFG on wildlife habitat retention for specific species; the BIF comment recommended the retention of a deer travel corridor in this planning area. As depicted on the Unit Map, the DOF will implement the recommended deer travel corridor. Comment noted, no change required.
	I. Other Resources Affected	
Tyler Breen SEACC	Logging remaining old growth, as is proposed in the Odyssey/El Capitan sale, directly undermines the ecosystem service provision of this (<i>carbon</i>) sequestration at a time when intact forests are globally recognized for their role in mitigating climate change.	Forests in general sequester significant amounts of carbon in Southeast Alaska. While DNR is considering sequestering carbon as a method to generate income across the state, the DNR has not been directed by the legislature to sequester carbon at defined levels, locations or configurations for ecological reasons.
Tyler Breen SEACC	A fundamental question is whether this timber sale makes financial sense for the State of Alaska and its residents. Available data strongly indicate that state-sponsored old-growth timber sales in Southeast are a fiscal losing proposition for both the state as well as the industries dependent upon the ecosystem services provided by the forests in question.	The DNR is using underutilized timber with this sale to supply the remaining timber industry in Southeast Alaska. The decision to sell this timber has already been made in the best interest finding. These topics are addressed in the best interest finding and the supporting documents for this sale. Comment noted, no change required.

Commenter	Comment	Response
	SEACC finds that the FLUP and proposed sale do not demonstrate a net benefit to the public, either locally or statewide. The sale fails to support the public interest for several reasons: ● It appears to be a net fiscal loss for the State once all costs are accounted for (essentially a timber industry subsidy at taxpayer expense). ● It's likely to primarily serve export markets, providing minimal local value-added and perpetuating an outmoded development model that benefits external markets rather than Alaskans. ● It undermines subsistence uses and violates the principle of sustained yield for wildlife and fish, thereby contradicting constitutional and public trust responsibilities. ● It disregards opportunity costs by sacrificing irreplaceable natural capital (old-growth ecosystems) for a short-term, low-value gain, instead of exploring alternatives like carbon credits, restoration jobs, or selective management that could yield higher long-term returns. ● It threatens established sustainable economies (fisheries and tourism) that produce far greater and longer-lasting benefits for a larger number of Alaskans.	