

## **NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF THE FINAL BEST INTEREST FINDING COOK INLET AREAWIDE**

On January 20, 2009, the Department of Natural Resources (ADNR), Division of Oil & Gas (DO&G), issued the final best interest finding under AS 38.05.035 (e). This final best interest finding addresses Cook Inlet Areawide oil and gas lease sales from 2009-2018.

Once a finding has been written for an areawide sale, ADNR can conduct a lease sale in that same area each year for up to 10 years without repeating the entire finding process, unless the commissioner determines that substantial new information has become available that justifies a supplement to the most recent best interest finding.

The director found and the commissioner concurred, that the potential benefits of the Cook Inlet Areawide Oil and Gas Lease Sale, as conditioned, outweigh the possible adverse impacts, and that the sale will best serve the interests of the state of Alaska.

The finding is available on DO&G's web-site at [www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us](http://www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us) It is also available on CD. A limited number of hard copies are available as reference documents for libraries, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, etc. To request a CD or hard copy contact Greg Curney at 907-375-8237 ([Greg.Curney@alaska.gov](mailto:Greg.Curney@alaska.gov)). The documents will be available for public review at the following locations: public libraries in Palmer, Wasilla, Kenai, Ninilchik, Homer, Soldotna, Anchor Point and Seldovia; and the Loussac Public Library in Anchorage.

A person affected by this decision who provided timely written comments or oral testimony may request reconsideration, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any reconsideration request must be received by February 9, 2009, and may be mailed or delivered to:

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If reconsideration is not requested by that date or if the commissioner does not order reconsideration on his own motion, this decision goes into effect as a final order and decision on February 20, 2009. Failure of the commissioner to act on a request for reconsideration within 30 days after issuance of this decision is a denial of reconsideration and is a final administrative order and decision for purposes of an appeal to Superior Court. The decision may then be appealed to Superior Court within a further 30 days in accordance with the rules of the court, and to the extent permitted by applicable law. An eligible person must first request reconsideration of this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.