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## NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF THE FINAL BEST INTEREST FINDING NORTH SLOPE FOOTHILLS AREAWIDE OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES, 2011-2020

On May 26, 2011, the Department of Natural Resources (ADNR), Division of Oil & Gas (DO&G), issued a final best interest finding under AS 38.05.035(e), for the Final Finding of the Director for the North Slope Foothills Areawide oil and gas lease sales from 2011-2020.

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 North Slope Foothills Areawide oil and gas lease sales, as conditioned, outweigh the possible adverse impacts, and that the sales will best serve the interests of the State of Alaska.

The finding is available on DO&G's web-site at:

[http://www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/oil/programs/leasing/best\\_interest\\_findings/best\\_interest\\_findings.html](http://www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/oil/programs/leasing/best_interest_findings/best_interest_findings.html).

It is also available on CD and hard copy. If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, or you would like to request a CD or hard copy, contact Susan G. Browne at (907)269-8803 or [susan.g.browne@alaska.gov](mailto:susan.g.browne@alaska.gov).

A person affected by this decision who provided timely written comments on this decision may request reconsideration, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any reconsideration request must be received within 20 days of the date of issuance, and may be mailed or delivered to:

Daniel S. Sullivan, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
Fax: 1-907-269-8918  
Email: [dnr.appeals@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov).

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 the 31<sup>st</sup> day after issuance of the final finding. 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.

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