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NOTICE OF SALE

NORTH SLOPE FOOTHILLS AREAWIDE 2003 COOK INLET AREAWIDE 2003

COMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR), Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G), will offer lands for competitive oil and gas leasing in North Slope Foothills Areawide 2003 and Cook Inlet Areawide 2003 Oil and Gas Lease Sales on May 7, 2003. Bid opening begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Wilda Marston Theater, in the Loussac Public Library, 3600 Denali St., in Anchorage.

North Slope Foothills Areawide is divided into 1,347 tracts ranging in size from 1,280 to 5,760 acres. The sale area lies between the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) and the National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR). The northern boundary of the sale area is the Umiat Meridian baseline; the southern boundary is the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve.

Cook Inlet Areawide is divided into 815 tracts ranging in size from 640 to 5,760 acres. The sale is located in the Matanuska and Susitna Valleys, the Anchorage Bowl, the western and southern Kenai Peninsula from Pt. Possession to Anchor Pt., as well as on the western shore of Cook Inlet from the Beluga River to Harriet Pt. The division is withholding 126 tracts from the sale due to concerns over the Beluga whale population. (See the expanded announcement on the division's website for a listing of these tracts)

North Slope Foothills Areawide 2003

Bidding Method: Cash bonus bidding with a minimum bid of **five dollars (\$5) per acre** on all tracts.
Royalty Rate: All leases will have a fixed royalty rate of **twelve and one-half percent (12.5%)**.
Length of Lease: All leases will have a term of **ten (10) years**.

Cook Inlet Areawide 2003

Bidding Method: Cash bonus bidding with a minimum bid of **five dollars (\$5) per acre** on all tracts.
Royalty Rate: All leases will have a fixed royalty rate of **twelve and one-half percent (12.5%)**.
Length of Lease: All leases will have a term of **seven (7) years**.

Rental

Annual rental on all state leases is \$1.00 per acre for the first year, \$1.50 per acre for the second year, \$2.00 per acre for the third year, \$2.50 per acre for the fourth year, and \$3.00 per acre for the fifth and following years.

Bidder's Information

Complete details regarding these lease sales, including the sale announcements in their entirety, instructions to bidders, tract deletions, and regional tract maps are available on the division's website:

"Develop, Conserve, and Enhance Natural Resources for Present and Future Alaskans."

www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/oil. If unable to access this information, contact Suzanne Gaguzis, (907) 269-8803, email at msg@dnr.state.ak.us. The sale announcements and regional tract maps are also available in the following locations.

North Slope Foothills: Nuiqsut Public Library, North Slope Borough Library Media Center, North Slope Borough offices, Tuzzy Consortium Library in Barrow, City of Barrow Municipal Offices, Anaktuvuk Pass Mayor's Office, Kaveolook School Library in Kaktovik and Loussac Public library in Anchorage.

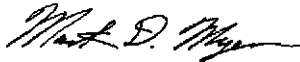
Cook Inlet: the Public Libraries in Palmer, Wasilla, Kenai, Ninilchik, Homer, Soldotna, Anchor Point and Seldovia; the Loussac Public Library in Anchorage; the Matanuska-Susitna Planning Dept. offices in Palmer; the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Dept. offices in Soldotna; and the Municipal Clerk's office of the Municipality of Anchorage.

Decision of No New Information

The Commissioner of Natural Resources has issued a *Decision of No New Information* for both lease sales. These decisions are available on the division's website and at the above-mentioned locations.

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