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

## ATTACHMENT A: PUBLIC NOTICE

**of a**
**Preliminary Decision**

**Proposed Land Offering**
**Change of Method of Conveyance for the Sale of 286 Heterogeneous Parcels**

AS 38.05.035 (e), AS 38.05.045

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW) proposes to offer up to 286 parcels of State-owned land for sale. This Preliminary Decision serves as an amendment, update, and complement to prior Final Finding and Decisions for the project areas within which these parcels are located, so as to change the method of conveyance (where needed for uniformity and to conform to current statutes and regulations) and to provide a public notice process so that the State may dispose of these parcels in a future, public auction. If the parcels do not sell when offered at auction, they may be offered by another method under AS 38.05.045 Generally [Sale of Land].

The parcels are located throughout the State and vary in size up to approximately 40 acres. Many of the parcels encompassed by this decision were offered and contracted for sale through previous State land disposal programs, but were subsequently returned to State ownership through relinquishment or by contract termination. The remaining parcels were identified and surveyed either administratively or after a relinquished or terminated lease period under another land disposal program. All of the parcels in this proposal have previously been through a complete decision process that included public notice and review.

For additional information on these proposed actions, contact Tony Wagner by phone at (907) 269-8599 or by email at anthony.wagner@alaska.gov, or Heather Fair by phone at (907) 269-8604 or by email at heather.fair@alaska.gov. Copies of the decision, map, and additional information are available at the DNR DMLW, Land Sales and Contract Administration Section, 550 W. 7th Ave., Ste. 640, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Copies of the documents, auxiliary aids, services, or special accommodations are also available at DNR's Public Information Centers on State work days between 10:00AM and 5:00PM, M-F in Anchorage by phone at (907) 269-8400; in Fairbanks by phone at (907) 451-2705; in Juneau by phone at (907) 465-3400; by email to Anchorage at dnr.pic@alaska.gov; by email to Fairbanks at fbx-pic@alaska.gov ; by email to Juneau at sero@alaska.gov; by TDD to Anchorage at (907) 269-8411; or by TDD to Fairbanks at (907) 451-2770. Additionally, documents are also online at http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/landsale/.

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945 Notice, the public is invited to comment on this proposed action. Comments on this proposal may be submitted by mail to DNR DMLW Land Sales and Contract Administration Section, Attention: Subdivision Land Sales Program at the aforementioned

address; by email to anthony.wagner@alaska.gov; or by fax to (907) 269-8916. The comment period ends at **5:00 PM Tuesday, January 24, 2012**.

DNR DMLW will consider all timely comments. If timely written comments received in response to this notice indicate the need for significant changes to the Preliminary Decision, additional public notice for the affected lands will be given. Reducing the amount of land offered and making minor changes to the proposed action will not be considered significant changes requiring additional public notice.

If the proposed action is approved and no significant change is required, the Preliminary Decision, including any deletions, minor changes, and summary of comments and Division responses, will be issued as a subsequent Final Finding and Decision without further notice. To recognize a party's eligibility to appeal a Final Finding and Decision, the Land Sales and Contract Administration Section of DNR DMLW must receive timely written comment on the Preliminary Decision as set forth herein. Upon approval and issuance of a Final Finding and Decision, a copy of the decision will be made available online at http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/landsale/ and sent with an explanation of the appeal process to any party who provides timely written comment.

DNR reserves the right to waive technical defects in this notice.