

LOTTERY DRAWING

Lottery Procedures

In staking areas where there are more applications than available staking authorizations, a lottery will be held to determine the winners. The order of drawing will be determined by the highest ratio of applications to staking authorizations, and then, if tied, by alphabetical order. Authorizations are awarded to applicants for the first staking area for which their name is drawn. Once you are awarded a staking authorization, you become ineligible to obtain another staking authorization in this offering.

If a staking area does not receive more applications than the number of staking authorizations offered, the unused authorizations will not be offered over-the-counter, but may be reoffered at a later time. You do not have to be present to be awarded a staking authorization. Your presence will not affect the outcome of the lottery.

Alternates are drawn and may be issued a staking authorization in the event a winner cannot be contacted, is found to be ineligible, withdraws, relinquishes their staking authorization, or allows their authorization to expire without staking a parcel.

Lottery results will be posted live during the lottery on the DNR web site at **www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/landsale/** beginning 10:00 a.m., on Friday, April 25, 2008. A complete list of apparent winners will be posted following the lottery at the DNR Public Information Offices and online. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified.

Winners of the Lottery Drawing

If your name is drawn as a winner, you will be notified by mail and will receive a staking packet for your staking area. This packet will include staking instructions that tell you when you can stake, how much land you can stake, and other guidelines that may apply to your specific area; a lease application form, which must be completed and submitted to DNR after staking; and a staking map.

Staking Workshops

The staking packet will include a schedule for DNR staking information workshops for the winners of the staking authorizations and/or their agents. The workshops will answer any questions you have about the program and staking your parcel. Winners are strongly encouraged to attend the staking workshops.

Appeals

Aggrieved applicants may appeal the determination of the lottery awards by writing to the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources. Appeals must be received by the Commissioner's Office within five days after the lottery is conducted. Send appeals to: Commissioner Tom Irwin, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 1400, Anchorage, AK 99501-3561, by fax to (907) 269-8918, or email to **dnr.appeals@alaska.gov**.