



October 28, 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER AS 38.05.945

**MINERAL ORDER NO. 1093A01 and MINERAL ORDER NO. 1179
Closing Land to Mining Location Under AS 38.05.185-38.05.275 and AS 38.05.300**

**East Nome Beach Public Mining Area and
Nome Near Shore Tide and Submerged Lands Lease Disposal Area**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW), Mining Section, proposes to close to mineral location the state-owned mineral estate under tide and submerged lands located along the Nome shoreline through two mineral orders. The land affected is currently closed to mineral entry under Mineral Order No. 1093. These actions will continue the mineral closure for the Nome Near Shore Tide and Submerged Lands Lease Sale Area and clarify the separate purposes for the closure for this area from the purpose for the existing closure for the East Nome Beach Public Mining Area. No additional acreage will be closed to mining location.

Mineral Order No. 1093A01 (MO 1093 A01) includes the East Nome Beach Public Mining Area and affects approximately 320 acres. MO 1093 A01 is within the Kateel Meridian, Township 11 South, Range 34 West, Section 36, S1/2 of N1/2 (portion) and N1/2 of S1/2 (portion); and Township 11 South, Range 33 West, Section 31, S1/2 (portion). North boundary - mean high tide line; south boundary - 1,320 feet seaward; west boundary - west boundary of Lot 13, Block 7/ east boundary of Lot 11A, Block 7, Plat 86-2. The area has been closed to mineral location since 1998.

Mineral Order No. 1179 (MO 1179) includes the Nome Near Shore Tide and Submerged Lands Lease Sale Area and affects 5,015 acres. MO 1179 extends approximately 16.5 miles from the intersection of the mean high tide with the east section line of section 3, T12S, R33W Kateel River Meridian (KRM), to the intersection of mean high tide with the west section line of section 18, T11S, R35W KRM and seaward approximately 2,640 feet. The area has been closed to mineral location since 2009.

The public is invited to comment on this action. The public notice and the attachments (Mineral Orders and Administrative Findings) are available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/pubnotfrm.htm>. Any comments must be received in writing or emailed to Philana Miles at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining, Land and Water, Mining Section, at 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 900B, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3577, or philana.miles@alaska.gov, **on or before November 30, 2015** to ensure consideration.

Following the comment deadline, all written responses will be considered and the decisions may be modified to incorporate public comments. If requested, a copy of the final Mineral Orders will be sent to any person who submitted written comments on these proposed decisions regarding continuation of the closure of the East Nome Beach Public Mining Area and Nome Near Shore Tide and Submerged Lands Lease Sale Area to mineral location. Please direct any questions concerning this Mineral Order to Philana Miles via telephone at (907) 269-8652, or by fax (907) 269-8949, or email: philana.miles@alaska.gov.

Department of Natural Resources is prepared to accommodate individuals with disabilities by providing auxiliary aids or services when requested. Individuals with audio impairments who wish to respond to this decision by telephone may call the Department of Natural Resources Public Information Center in Anchorage between the hours of operation: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at TDD#: (907) 269-8411.