

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

**Northern Southeast Area Plan Amendment
Management Unit H-30
(ADL 108105)**

The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources finds that the following amendment to the Northern Southeast Area Plan, described more fully in the Attachment, meets the requirements of AS 38.04.065 and 11 AAC 55.010-030 for land use plans and hereby adopts the amendment. The Department of Natural Resources will manage State lands within the area of the revision consistent with this amended management intent.

- Designation: Public Facilities – Transfer, Public Recreation - Undeveloped (no change)
- Classification: Resource Management, Public Recreation Land (no change)
- Management Intent: change to “A State Marine Park is no longer recommended at the parcel. Retention of this management unit in State ownership is no longer required. Parcel meets the requirements of AS 29.65 for municipal selection land. Development authorizations are not considered appropriate except as related to public recreation functions.”

Note: This amendment to Management Unit H-30 (Uplands Adjacent to Lynn Islands) affects 1,418.83 acres as depicted on plan map Haines Area, Saint James Bay in the Northern Southeast Area Plan (p 3-43).

Concur:

Brent Goodrum, Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water

Date

Approved:

Andrew T. Mack, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date

**ATTACHMENT
NORTHERN SOUTHEAST AREA PLAN AMENDMENT**

**Management Unit H-30
(ADL 108105)**

Name: Uplands Adjacent to Lynn Islands, generally located 22 miles north-northwest of Juneau; see plan map *Haines Area, Saint James Bay* in the Northern Southeast Area Plan (p 3-43).

Authority: The authority to revise plans derives from AS 38.04.065(b); 11 AAC 55.030(f) defines when a revision constitutes a plan amendment.

Current Plan: The Northern Southeast Area Plan (NSEAP) designates this parcel as Public Facilities – Transfer, Public Recreation - Undeveloped. The current Management Intent is for the unit to be “...retained by the State and is recommended for designation as a State marine park. Until formally included within an LDA, the area is to be managed for dispersed recreation (Ru). Adjacent tidelands are also intended for inclusion in the LDA designation (see LT-09). Development authorizations are not considered appropriate except as related to public recreation functions.”

Proposed Plan Amendment: The plan amendment keeps the current designations but changes the Management Intent to “A State Marine Park is no longer recommended at the parcel. Retention of this management unit in State ownership is no longer required. Parcel meets the requirements of AS 29.65 for municipal selection land. Development authorizations are not considered appropriate except as related to public recreation functions.”

Explanation: At the time the area plan was prepared (2000-2002, adopted October 2002) the Department of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) supported this parcel as part of the State Maine Park acquisitions. In February of 2012, DPOR confirmed that it was no longer interested in including the parcel in the State park system. It is no longer appropriate to require that the State retain this parcel for a marine park.

Assessment: There are only two alternatives that are pertinent for the Management Intent: retain the parcel for a State marine park, or do not require retention of the parcel.

DPOR is not interested in establishing a State marine park at this location. Therefore, the parcel should be released for other uses applicable under its designations and classifications.

AS 38.04.065(b) Requirements: The factors identified in this section of statute have been considered in the Preliminary Decision for ADL 108105 issued on October 30, 2017 and the proposed action is consistent with that portion of the statute.