

## **Region 7**

# **Homer (including Ninilchik River, Deep Creek, and Anchor River drainages)**

### **Summary of Resources and Uses in the Region**

#### **Background**

This region encompasses lower Kachemak Bay, the Homer area, and all the drainages north of the bay up to and including Falls Creek. These drainages include Fritz, Stariski, Chakok, Clam, Corea, Falls, Ninilchik, and Deep creeks; and the Anchor River. Three population centers are in this region: Homer, Anchor Point and Ninilchik. Smaller population centers include Happy Valley, Nikolaevsk, Kachemak and Fritz Creek. The total year-round population in this region is approximately 9,300.

#### **State lands**

The largest parcels of state-owned uplands in this region are located in the Caribou Hills and the upper Deep Creek and Ninilchik River areas. There are also scattered parcels along Sterling Highway and north of Homer, as well as some small parcels in the Homer area. Most of the land along the Sterling Highway and East End Road is privately owned, while Native Corporations have considerable holdings in the interior along the major river. The borough owns three large parcels of land on the upper Anchor River and Stariski Creek as well as many smaller parcels along the region's roadways. This region also includes the tidelands on the north side of Kachemak Bay and those adjacent to the coastline between Falls Creek and Anchor Point.

There are several areas that are legislatively designated in this region, including four Critical Habitat Areas (CHA): Fritz Creek/Anchor River, Clam Gulch, Homer Airport, and Kachemak Bay CHA. The Kachemak Bay CHA has also been designated as a National Estuarine Research Reserve, which will encourage research and education in and around Kachemak Bay. A number of state-owned recreation areas serve as foci for the many recreational activities that occur in the region and are units of the State Park System. These include the Ninilchik, Stariski, and Anchor River State Recreation sites; the Clam Gulch, Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik State Recreation areas; and the west one-half of the Cottonwood Unit of the Kachemak Bay State Park.

#### **Acreage**

The plan applies to 167,078 acres of state-owned and –selected uplands and 282,983 acres of state-owned tidelands in this region. The plan also applies to state-owned shorelands (acreages of shorelands have not been calculated). The plan does not apply to legislatively designated units

of the State Park System, although it does apply to administratively designated units of the system. The plan does not apply to tidelands owned by the City of Homer.

### **Physical features**

The dominant physical features in the western part of the region are low-lying wetlands along the coast and the lower river valleys. The interior is characterized by rolling terrain, including the Caribou Hills, hills between major drainages, and the higher elevations above Homer. At low tide, a broad band of mudflats is exposed along the coastline. Deep-water areas adjacent to the coastline are located off the Homer Spit and Cape Starichkof.

### **Access**

The main access to the northern and western portions of Region 7 is by Sterling Highway and its network of secondary roads. This part of the region also has an extensive network of seismic lines and trails used primarily by off-road vehicles and snowmachines. The southern and eastern areas can be accessed by the network of roads and trails off the East End, Ohlson Mountain, and East End roads, as well as by boats and floatplanes. Most of these trails provide for motorized and non-motorized access, although some trails around Homer and in the State Park System are non-motorized.

### **Resources and uses**

There are four distinct areas within the region:

1) The Deep Creek and Ninilchik area includes large blocks of state-owned land, interspersed with larger blocks of Native-owned land. The state-owned land is mostly east of the highway, separated from Sterling Highway by private lands. The state lands are vegetated with spruce forests and muskeg, and there are several past, current, and proposed state timber sales occurring on the state lands in this area. Much of the timber on the surrounding Native lands has already been harvested. Spruce bark beetles have severely impacted the area and as much as seventy-five percent of the spruce are dead. DNR has held several small timber sales in this area. The DNR Division of Forestry proposes additional sales.

Much of this area is also heavily used for recreation. The most accessible areas are managed as units of the State Park System. These areas are used for camping, fishing, picnicking, and access to waterbodies and beaches. Ninilchik River and Deep Creek are two of only three road-accessible steelhead trout rivers in Alaska. Ninilchik River, Deep Creek, Clam Creek, and their system of tributaries also maintain a general distribution of rainbow trout, Dolly Varden/Arctic char, coho salmon and king salmon rearing, as well as supporting the Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery and a significant sport fishery. The Clam Gulch Critical Habitat Area was established along the entire coast of this area to protect razor clam habitat. The state holds some small parcels of land on the coastal bluff. Some are recognized as potential scenic viewpoints along the Sterling Highway. The tidelands around the Ninilchik Harbor have more potential for tideland development than most places along this outer coast because it is more protected.

Other recreation uses in the area include hunting, snowmachining, and dog sledding, which are concentrated along a multitude of trails and Falls Creek Road. Snowmachiners cross this area to

reach the Caribou Hills. Other wildlife resources in the area include ducks, geese, and trumpeter swans, and it is a winter concentration area for moose. There are some units along Sterling Highway that are being used for materials sites or have that potential. Other accessible lands are designated Settlement.

2) The state owns large blocks of land in the Caribou Hills/Upper Anchor River area. The area is vegetated by mixed muskeg and spruce, but merchantable timber can be found on small upland areas scattered throughout. There are numerous authorized personal-use cabins and unauthorized trespass cabins within this area. This area is important for moose migration, calving and rutting and for concentrated black bear foraging and feeding. Brown bears also travel through and use this area.

The area has a number of trails and its primary use is public recreation, including fall hunting, snowmachining, camping, hiking, Nordic skiing, and dogsledding. The expansive open country affords excellent winter recreation opportunities, rolling terrain, accessibility, and mid-level elevation, which ensure winter snow cover. The Caribou Hills are a popular winter recreation destination for Kenai Peninsula residents and other Southcentral Alaskans.

3) Most of the state-owned lands in the Anchor Point/Anchor River/Fritz Creek area are in large blocks east and south of Anchor Point. Many of these lands are muskeg and wetlands, but there is some merchantable timber southeast of Anchor Point. The Anchor River/Fritz Creek Critical Habitat Area is one of the largest blocks of land in this area. The coastal lands in this area are an important viewshed for the Sterling Highway. The mouth of Anchor River at the Anchor Point State Recreation Site is heavily used for camping, sport fishing, boat launching and beach-combing. Anchor River and its tributaries are important for salmon, steelhead trout and Dolly Varden. This area also supports large populations of moose and waterfowl. Bears are prevalent throughout the area.

There is some potential for oil and gas development on the uplands and tidelands of Cape Starichkof, including a major support base, oil terminal and/or treatment facility for offshore oil and gas development. This area is, however, also an important site for recreation. Several of the state-owned parcels in the area have been used for materials for maintenance of the Sterling Highway in the past, and are now managed by DOTPF. Several small timber sales are proposed by DNR for state lands in the Anchor River watershed and along Travers and Troublesome creeks.

4) With the exception of the Anchor River / Fritz Creek Critical Habitat Area, the state uplands in the Homer area are small and quite scattered. For the most part, these units are undeveloped and support wildlife habitat and recreation. Some of these parcels have the potential to support settlement, grazing, agriculture recreation facilities and other types of development. One of the unique parcels of state land in the area is the Homer Demonstration Forest, which is used for research, education, and recreation. Other unique parcels include state parcels set aside for moose mitigation as a result of FERC licensing for the Bradley Lake hydroelectric project. The state also holds some parcels that were reconveyed from the borough back to the state and are managed as riparian buffers. There are some active grazing leases on the grasslands above Homer

on state lands. There are also a few state-owned coastal parcels, which are used by the public to access Kachemak Bay. Finally, the Homer Airport Critical Habitat Area is located in this area, as well as the Bridge Creek watershed, which supplies water for the City of Homer.

Developed tidelands adjacent to Homer are owned by the city. The remainder of the tidelands near Homer are within the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area.

### **Management constraints and considerations**

Region 7 is bounded to the east by Kenai National Wildlife Preserve and Wilderness, and on the south by the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area. The DNR Deep Creek Area Management Plan (1981) covers part of Region 7's upper drainages. The policies and recommendations of the Caribou Hills Management Plan, adopted by DNR in 1993 (and amended by the KAP), also apply to portions of this region. The legislature has designated four Critical Habitat Areas in this region. ADFG has prepared Critical Habitat Area Management Plans for two of these: Kachemak Bay and Anchor River/Fritz Creek. Management plans haven't been developed for either the Homer Airport or Clam Gulch CHAs. A Special Area Permit is required for certain activities occurring in CHAs. There are also some restrictions unique to each area based on enabling legislation and area-specific regulations.

Several areas are managed as units of the State Park System either through Interagency Land Management Assignment or legislative action. In addition, several parcels of state land are managed by DOTPF for materials sites, maintenance facilities, and other transportation-related purposes. City of Homer ordinances and zoning apply to the few parcels of state lands within the city limits.

Several areas in this region have been nominated as Areas Meriting Special Attention (AMSA) by the borough Coastal Management Program. AMSA designations are intended to focus additional planning attention on land use issues. The Ninilchik/Deep Creek waterfront is a very popular camping, sport fishing and beachcombing area. The area has been nominated as an AMSA because this heavy recreational use could conflict with local residential lifestyle, commercial activities, and may adversely impact wildlife and scenic resources. Some of the state-owned lands around Ninilchik that are heavily used for recreation are recommended as additions to the State Parks System. A borough river protection ordinance applies to the Deep and Stariski creeks and the Ninilchik and Anchor rivers in this region. This ordinance designates a 50-foot-wide habitat protection zone that requires a permit for most building, clearing, excavation, and commercial use activities within the zone.

The Cape Starichkof area has been proposed by the borough Coastal Management Program as an AMSA. The mouth of Stariski Creek offers the potential for future development of a small boat harbor. This area is also the only location along the eastern coast of Cook Inlet south of Kenai and north of Homer with deepwater close to shore. The area may have the potential to support facilities to develop, process, and transport natural gas. The area is also important for recreation, including sport fishing, clam digging, camping and beachcombing. The proposed AMSA is intended to focus efforts on developing a management plan to balance industrial development with recreational uses.

The mouth of Anchor River has been nominated as an AMSA to examine the recreational use demands and the need for saltwater launching facilities in the area. There is a need to consider river erosion and flooding.

The Bridge Creek watershed in Homer is the major water supply for the City of Homer. The borough has nominated it as an AMSA to protect the water supply.

## **Management Summary**

Throughout Region 7, many of the state-owned parcels that are road accessible have been designated for Settlement and may be suitable for conveyance to the Kenai Peninsula Borough. There are several state parcels being considered for state retention that will be managed for wildlife habitat and public recreation areas. These are parcels along rivers that have high value riparian habitat or that have high current or potential recreation use.

Areas with high values for public recreation and wildlife habitat are recommended for addition to the State Park System. This includes three EVOS (Exxon-Valdez Oil Spill) parcels near Baycrest Hill and lower Diamond Creek, a small unit (Unit 214B) near the Cottonwood Unit of the Kachemak Bay State Park, some units by the mouth of Deep Creek and the Ninilchik River; several along the lower Anchor River, and a few Cook Inlet bluff lots. The plan also recommends that DPOR assume some of the Division of Mining, Land and Water's joint management responsibilities in the Clam Gulch Critical Habitat Area. No lands are proposed for addition to the Anchor River/Fritz Creek Critical Habitat Area since the adjoining lands are well-drained uplands (instead of wetlands like those in the CHA. All the state lands in Critical Habitat Areas are co-designated Fish and Wildlife Habitat.

The approximately 86,720 acres of state land in the Caribou Hills will continue to be managed for dispersed public recreation, in accordance with the 1993 *Caribou Hills Management Plan* and its amendments (see Appendix C). Existing material sites in the Anchor Point area will continue to be managed for materials. Lands with potential for commercial timber harvest (primarily in the Ninilchik River, Deep Creek, Stariski Creek, and Anchor River drainages and just south of Anchor Point and in the Caribou Hills) will allow for timber harvest while protecting buffers along the several anadromous streams that flow through the area. Those parcels along streams retained in state ownership when lands were conveyed to the borough will continue to be managed for habitat values. In addition, buffers along important anadromous streams and shorelines or important recreational waterbodies will continue to be retained or managed for habitat when additional conveyances are made.

Current and future recreational uses and developments on the tidelands in the Ninilchik and Anchor Point areas are recognized by the plan. The need to balance recreational development with a potential port site on the tidelands adjacent to Cape Starichkof is also recognized. A portion of the developable tidelands in Kachemak Bay in this region is owned by the City of Homer. However, the plan accommodates tideland development beyond the city tidelands for larger developments linked to extension of the Homer Spit – loading facility, deep-water cargo dock, and ferry terminal in Unit 530.

## **Management Intent for Multiple Units in Region 7**

Management intent for most units is included in the resource allocation summary table included at the end of this region. However, management intent that applies to multiple units within this region is included below.

### **Management of the Kachemak Bay, Anchor River, Fritz Creek, and Clam Gulch Critical Habitat Areas**

See the *DNR Management Authority in Critical Habitat Areas, Game Refuges, and Sanctuaries* guideline in the *Fish and Game Habitat and Harvest* section in Chapter 2 for management intent. See also the *Aquatic Farming in Kachemak Bay* guideline under the *Aquatic Farming* section in Chapter 2.

### **Homer Connecting Trail**

For all authorizations and conveyances issued in the units crossed by the proposed Homer Connecting Trail, protect or provide for trail easements. The proposed trail begins at the mouth of Diamond Creek and ends in the Cottonwood Unit of the Kachemak Bay State Park. Affected units include: 200A, 200B, 209B, 210, 213, 236A, 236B, 229 and 431. Other units that may be affected, depending on the routing, include 212 and 258.

### **Road connecting East End Road and CIRI land on upper Deep Creek.**

Through the planning process, a road connecting logging roads on Cook Inlet Region Inc. land on upper Deep Creek with the East End Road was brought to the Planning Team's attention. The potential effects of this road were not evaluated at the time the plan was developed, however, the proposed road is not inconsistent with the plan. When this road project is proposed, it will be evaluated under its own merits through a separate review process.

### **Canyon units above Homer**

Units 206, 228A and 486 are undevelopable units that encompass canyons above Homer. These units are isolated tracts of state land that are difficult for DNR to manage as general state land because they are surrounded by private land. These units may be conveyed to a municipality or managed by a non-profit organization as long as the conveyance or management agreement is subject to the current management intent in the plan that emphasizes dispersed recreation (open space, viewshed and trails), wildlife habitat (moose browse) and water resources (watersheds for local wells). Management intent for Unit 206 also allows for settlement located back from the bluff of the canyon rim. Re-designation to a conveyable classification and conveyances to a municipality for this unit can be made without an amendment to the plan as long as the conveyance is subject to the terms described above.

### **Caribou Hills Management Plan**

All state lands within Units 45A, 45B, and 267 and portions of Units 260B and 266B overlap with the Caribou Hills Management Plan (CHMP) and Special Use Lands Designation adopted by DNR in 1993 and amended by the KAP which expands the boundaries of the areas. See Appendix C for a full copy of the CHMP, Special Use Lands Designation, and a map of the areas affected.

### **Unit 45A and 45B, Caribou Hills roads trails and trespass cabins**

New permanent roads in the Caribou Hills area are prohibited, except for public projects, in order to avoid increased demands on resource agencies resulting from higher levels of public use, impacts on brown bear habitat and conflicts with the types of recreation now occurring in the Caribou Hills, including snowmachining, hiking, and other trail-related uses. The DNR Division of Forestry will not construct permanent roads in these units for timber harvest, but temporary roads for logging and other resource development are allowed. New trails may also be authorized.

Regulation 11 AAC 96.020 calls for DNR to maintain a list of uses that do not require any DNR authorization. Among other things, the current "Generally Allowed Uses" list allows using a motorized vehicle, including a four-wheel-drive vehicle, stock pickup truck, snowmobile, or all-terrain vehicle (wheeled or tracked), on or off an established road right-of-way, if use off the right-of-way does not kill or break through the plant cover and expose the soil to erosion.

In the Caribou Hills, heavy four-wheel-drive vehicles used during the summer months have damaged some of the existing trails. Some of these trails are established rights-of-way, but most are not. Consistent with 11 AAC 96.020, trails in the Caribou Hills area are intended to accommodate uses that do not cause soil erosion by damaging the trails (for example, creating deep ruts in the trails). These uses may include pedestrians, dogsleds, animals, snowmachines, two- and three-wheeled vehicles, and other small off-road vehicles that do not damage the trail and expose the soil to erosion. These types of traditionally used vehicles generally have a gross weight of 1,000 pounds or less. Larger vehicles may be used on trails if they do not cause damage to the trail. Specific requirements for use of trails by larger vehicles are not included in this section, because depending on the season, the trails are more or less susceptible to damage. For example, in some trail conditions, large four-wheel-drive vehicles with flotation tires may not damage the trails, but in other conditions, the trails may be vulnerable to damage even from much smaller types of vehicles. The user must ensure that his or her specific vehicle, whether large or small, does not damage trails and expose the soil to erosion.

Larger vehicles, such as tracksetting equipment, may be used during the winter to maintain the trails. If vehicles will be used to break the ground cover for trail maintenance, such as bulldozers during the summer, authorization will be required from DNR.

Where feasible and prudent, temporary access roads will be located on existing access routes rather than opening new routes for one-time use. If a road must be built for one-time use along a new access route, the road must be "put to bed" after that use is finished. However, DNR may

consider authorizing roads that provide access to major developments on non-state lands (i.e., Borough or Native lands).

The adopted Caribou Hills Management Plan (which is incorporated into this plan) precludes leasing existing trespass cabins to businesses or individuals. This management plan also calls for the removal of these cabins.

Also see the *Caribou Hills Management Plan* and Special Use Lands Designation in Appendix C for additional management intent that addresses trails in this area.

### **Access to coastline**

Because of the lack of state-owned land along long stretches of the east side of Cook Inlet (between Anchor Point and Point Possession), maintaining public access to the coastline and areas where the public can view Cook Inlet from the bluffs is a high priority. This policy will be taken into consideration when considering land for conveyance to the borough or other disposals of interest in these lands, or considering vacating section lines or other forms of access to the coastline.

### **Grazing along the upper Anchor River**

Grazing will be allowed in T4S R12W Sections 1-7 and 12 that encompass parts of Units 45B, 266B, and 267.

### **Proposed community shooting center**

A community shooting center is proposed for development on either state or borough lands east of Anchor Point. Management intent for the units upon which the center may be proposed is compatible with this development. In addition, if the center is authorized on lands adjacent to any of these units and the units end up being downrange, uses within the affected units may be restricted in order to protect public safety. Units currently being considered for the center (or that could potentially be downrange from the center) include 333A, 333B, 333C, 334B, 344A, and 344B. Also see intent for Unit 254C that is being considered for a different type of range.

### **Other Plans**

The area affected by the DNR Deep Creek Area Management Plan (DCAMP, adopted in 1981) is entirely within the KAP area. While the recommendations from the DCAMP were carefully reviewed during the process of developing the KAP, significant revisions were made to the 1981 policies, guidelines, and designations that applied to this area. The KAP now supersedes the DCAMP.

Many of the recommendations from the Kachemak Bay State Park Management Plan are incorporated into this plan. The ADFG management plans for the Anchor River/Fritz Creek and Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Areas also helped guide developing the management intent in KAP for this region. Also see Chapter 2 *Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Harvest* section, *DNR Management Authority in Critical Habitat Areas, Game Refuges, and Sanctuaries* guideline. See also the *Aquatic Farming in Kachemak Bay* guideline under the *Aquatic Farming* section in Chapter 2.

### **Sterling Highway State Scenic Byway**

DOTPF is considering a State Scenic Byway designation for the Sterling Highway from Anchor Point (mile 157 to the end of the Homer Spit, mile 182). Authorizations and conveyance decisions should consider managing or retaining buffers in this unit in order to protect the qualities for which the highway may merit this designation.

### **Mineral Orders**

For mineral leasehold location orders that affect river segments and adjacent uplands along the Ninilchik River, Deep Creek, Stariski Creek, and Anchor River, see the *Mineral Resources* section under Chapter 2 and Appendix B.

### **Navigable waterbodies**

See the *Management Intent for Navigable Rivers* section at the end of this chapter for management intent for the beds of the navigable river segments in Unit 600 that are located within this region but not annotated on the region maps. Also see this section for management intent for segments of the following rivers in Unit 601 (which includes the high public use rivers on the lower peninsula): Anchor River (including North Fork); Deep Creek (including North Fork); Stariski Creek; and the Ninilchik River. Also see this section for management intent for shorelands and waters within navigable waterbodies within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge (Unit 602), and other waterbodies (Unit 600).

## **Specific Management Intent for Units in Region 7**

Management intent for most units is included in the resource allocation summary table included at the end of this region. However, management intent for some units was too long to be included in the table so is included below.

### **Unit 45A Caribou Hills - north**

Sections 9, 10, 14-18 T1S R11W were included in the Caribou Hills timber sale and were also partially burned by the Crooked Creek fire. These sections appear to contain land with slopes mild enough for development. These sections may be conveyable to a municipality. Easements will be reserved prior to conveyance for important snowmachine trails passing through this unit such as the Clam Gulch Trail and Jesse's Trail. The remainder of this unit is will be retained in state ownership.

**Unit 224 Shoreline of Beluga Lake**

This unit is available for a management agreement or lease with ADFG or a non-profit organization as long as the agreement is consistent with the intent of the Fish and Wildlife Habitat Designation. The unit may also be conveyed or the management transferred to the City of Homer or charitable organizations for a community park or conservation use. Because the northwestern third of the unit is well-drained, has had a structure on it in the past, is crossed by a sewage line, and has a floatplane dock, trail, and driveway on or immediately west of the unit, DNR may consider allowing other authorizations on this portion of the unit prior to issuing a management agreement/lease (or incorporating terms allowing other uses as part of the agreement/lease). Other uses that may be authorized in the northwestern part of the unit and along its western boundary include access for a floatplane dock, driveway access to adjacent land, maintenance and improvement of the existing sewage line, or public access to the shoreline and wetlands in the unit.

**Unit 260B Caribou Lake access points & wetlands surrounding subdivision**

This unit overlaps with both Regions 7 and 8. For management intent for this unit, see Region 8.

**Unit 501 Clam Gulch Critical Habitat Area**

This unit overlaps with both Regions 6 and 7. For management intent for this unit, see Region 6.

**Table 3.8 Resource Allocation Summary Table**

For a key to the two-letter designation abbreviations in this table, see the beginning of this chapter

**Region 7: Homer (including Ninilchik River, Deep Creek, and Anchor River drainages)**

Unit Number	Unit Name	Designations	Acres	Map Number	Resource or use for which unit is designated / Management intent	Other resources and uses
45A	Caribou Hills, north	rd	13,947	7B	Numerous authorized personal use cabins and unauthorized trespass cabins are located within this unit. Seismograph lines for oil and gas exploration criss-cross this unit. Popular recreation destination: fall hunting, snowmachining, camping, hiking, Nordic skiing, dog sledding. / Also see the "Management Intent for Multiple Units" and "Specific Management Intent for Units" sections for additional management intent for this unit that addresses the Caribou Hills Management Plan, roads, trespass cabins, and municipal conveyance. Also see Appendix C.	Moose, black and brown bear, anadromous fish, ducks and geese. Timber values: The existing Caribou Hills timber sale is 60 percent harvested and reforestation work is scheduled for 2000. The Caribou Hills II Forest Management Block includes the southern portion of this unit. It is an area that has significant spruce beetle infestation. Some of this block may be harvested in 2003. The Ninilchik Hills and Caribou Hills (re-offer) timber sales are scheduled for 2002 in a small portion of this unit. Reforestation projects for these sales will also be initiated at that time.
045B	Caribou Hills, south	ha rd	45,207	7B	Numerous authorized personal use cabins and unauthorized trespass cabins are located within this unit. Seismograph lines for oil and gas exploration criss-cross this unit. Popular recreation destination: fall hunting, snowmachining, camping, hiking, Nordic skiing, dog sledding. Brown bear habitat and high brown bear use area; moose, black bear, anadromous fish, ducks and geese. / Also see the "Management Intent for Multiple Units" section for additional management intent for this unit that addresses the Caribou Hills Management Plan, roads, trespass cabins, and grazing. Also see Appendix C.	Small portion of the unit is borough selected. Timber values although there is significant spruce beetle infestation. The Center Plateau timber sale is scheduled for 2005 in a small portion of this unit. The South Ninilchik Forest Management Block includes the western portion of this unit. Some of this block may be harvested in 2001. The Ninilchik Hills timber sale is scheduled to be reoffered in 2002 in a small portion of this unit. Reforestation work is also proposed to begin in 2002. Brown bear habitat.
46	Parcel south of Ninilchik River	gu	2,236	7B	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use. / See the "Wetlands" part of the "Shoreline and Stream Corridors" section in Chapter 2.	Ducks and geese, general distribution; trumpeter swan, general distribution; general distribution of rainbow trout and Dolly Varden/Arctic char; coho salmon rearing. Forested areas have potential for timber harvest. The East Ninilchik timber sale is scheduled for 2003 in this unit.

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Unit Number	Unit Name	Designations	Acres	Map Number	Resource or use for which unit is designated / Management intent	Other resources and uses
48A	Upper Ninilchik River (Timberlands)	fo ha	14,953	7B	Timber values including past and current timber sales. Timber sales proposed: North Ranch timber sale is scheduled for 2003 in this unit. The River View, Corea Strip, Small Lake (re-offer) and Small Lake II (re-offer) timber sales are scheduled for 2002 in a small part of this unit. Reforestation work for Small Lake II is scheduled to begin in 2002. The Falls Creek timber sale that included portions of this unit is 60 percent harvested and should be completed in 2002 at which time a reforestation project will begin. Moose, winter concentration area. / ADFG will conduct a site visit prior to timber harvest in suspected brown bear habitats along riparian areas, floodplains, slopes above floodplains, and outer edges of plateaus. Timber harvest should not be authorized in these areas or should be modified so that harvest will not have a significant impact on brown bears. Timber harvest may be authorized elsewhere. See also "Shoreline and Stream Corridor" section in Chapter 2 for additional guidelines for timber harvest along streams used by brown bears.	Portions of this unit (those located in Section 36 (640 acres) and Section 16 (120 acres)) were conveyed to the state as School Trust Land. See the "School Trust Lands" section in Chapter 4. Recreation includes hunting, snowmachining, and dog sledding, primarily along seismograph trails and Falls Creek Road. Moose hunting.
48B	Upper Crooked Creek, Ninilchik River wetlands	gu	7,302	7A	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use. The majority of lands within this unit are wetlands. / Retain this unit in state ownership. This unit will be used for access (primarily in winter) to forested areas. Part of this unit has timber values that may be harvested. See the "Wetlands" part of the "Shoreline and Stream Corridors" section in Chapter 2.	Portions of this unit (those located in Section 16 (460 acres) were conveyed to the state as School Trust Land. See the "School Trust Lands" section in Chapter 4. The unit is mostly wetlands. Ducks and geese and trumpeter swan, general distribution; general distribution of rainbow trout and Dolly Varden/Arctic char; coho salmon rearing; brown bear habitat, moose winter concentration area. Timber values: The North Ranch timber sale is scheduled for 2003 in this unit. The River View, Corea Strip, Small Lake (re-offer) and Small Lake II *(re-offer) timber sales are scheduled for 2002 in a small part of this unit. Reforestation work for the Small Lake II sale is scheduled for 2002. The Falls Creek timber sale that included portions of this unit is 60 percent harvested and should be completed in 2002 at which time a reforestation project will begin.

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Unit Number	Unit Name	Designations	Acres	Map Number	Resource or use for which unit is designated / Management intent	Other resources and uses
48C	Parcels along the upper North Fork of the Ninilchik River	gu	800	7A	Well-drained forested areas. / This unit is conveyable to the municipality.	Past timber sales. Brown bear habitat, anadromous streams, some trail use.
51A	DOTPF materials site south of Corea Creek	se	40	7A	/ This unit may be available for municipal conveyance. DNR has requested relinquishment of DOTPF's ADL (22480) to the site because access to the site is cut off by private land.	Cultural sites present. Currently no legal access because of private lands between the parcel and the Sterling Highway.
51B	Parcel north of Corea Creek	se	25	7A	Developable land with scenic views of Cook Inlet. Adjoins steep bluffs above the beach and Corea Creek (with no current access to the beach or creek because of topography).	State selected. Corea Creek is not anadromous. Currently no legal access because of private lands between the parcel and the Sterling Highway.
51C	Parcel south of Corea Creek	rd	17	7A	/ Over the long term, potential public viewing area of the beach and Cook Inlet. Adjoins steep bluffs above the beach and Corea Creek (with no current access to the beach or creek because of topography). Potential future pedestrian access to the beach over the long term if stairs are built. / Retain in state ownership. Add to the State Park System only if public use or need increases or budget increases allow.	State selected. Corea Creek is not anadromous. Currently no legal access because of private lands between the parcel and the Sterling Highway.
54	Falls Creek drainage, 3.5 miles south of Clam Gulch	gu	40	7A	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use.	One-hundred percent wetlands.
57	1.5 miles west of Clam Gulch	gu	20	7A	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use.	One-hundred percent wetlands.
59A	Cook Inlet bluffs 7 miles south of Clam Gulch	se	30	7A	Proximity to Sterling Highway with scenic wayside overlooking Cook Inlet. Scenic views of Cook Inlet. The small size of the parcel and the driveway access off a blind turn of the Sterling Highway do not make this site suitable for a public wayside. Allow surface entry for directional drilling.	Moose browse. Existing driveway to parcel.

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60	Sterling Highway lot, between Ninilchik River and Clam Gulch	rh	120	7A	Timber values: the Mile 127 timber sale is scheduled for 2001 in this unit. Habitat: Moose, over wintering area; ducks and geese and trumpeter swan, general distribution / Development potential because of proximity to the Sterling Highway. May be considered for conveyance to a municipality.	State selected. Only 25 percent wetlands.
62	Wetlands E. of Sterling Highway, north of Ninilchik	rh	2,782	7A	Development potential because of unit's proximity to the Sterling Highway. Moose, over wintering in western half of unit; ducks and geese, general distribution; trumpeter swan, general distribution. Timber values: The East Ninilchik timber sale is scheduled for 2003 in this unit. The Mile 127 timber sale is scheduled for 2001 in the northern part of this unit. / May be considered for conveyance to a municipality.	Portions of this unit (those located in Section 16 (460 acres)) were conveyed to the state as School Trust Land. See the "School Trust Lands" section in Chapter 4.
64	Sterling Highway north of Ninilchik	gu	100	7A	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use.	Moose, over-wintering area. 70-80 percent wetlands.
66	Wetlands south of Deep Creek Rd.	gu	900	7A	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use. This unit is 90 percent wetlands and 10 percent spruce forest.	Portions of this unit (those located in Section 16 (240 acres)) were conveyed to the state as School Trust Land. See the "School Trust Lands" section in Chapter 4. Ducks and geese, general distribution; trumpeter swan, general distribution; freshwater fish, general distribution. The Hillside timber sale is scheduled for 2002 in this unit.
67A	Ninilchik State Recreation Area	rp	95	7A	Campground and other facilities. Heavily used public recreation site. / Retain in state ownership. Managed as a unit of the State Park System.	Cultural sites present.
67B	Mouth of Ninilchik River	ha rd	2.3	7A	High public use area for fishing and camping. / Recommended ILMA to DPOR or ADFG for inclusion in the Ninilchik State Recreation Site or Clam Gulch Critical Habitat Area.	Cultural sites present.

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Unit Number	Unit Name	Designations	Acres	Map Number	Resource or use for which unit is designated / Management intent	Other resources and uses
67C	Small tracts at Mouth of Ninilchik River, small boat harbor and Airport Lane	pr	7.7	7A	Improvements in place for small boat harbor. Road and water access. / This unit was ILMA'd to DOTPF for management of the Ninilchik Small Boat Harbor.	Cultural sites present.
67D	ADFG lots on lower Ninilchik River	ha hv	1.1	7A	Ninilchik River riparian habitat and sport fish harvest. High public use along stream banks. / This unit cannot be added to the State Park System since it was acquired with federal funds. / ADFG should apply to DNR for a for a management right for the site.	Cultural sites present.
6E	ADFG lots on lower Ninilchik River	ha hv	113	7A	Popular fishing area. / Management right issued to ADFG and a cooperative agreement between ADFG and DPOR has been issued.	Cultural sites present.
67F	ADFG lots on lower Ninilchik River	ha hv	78.8	7A	High use fish harvest area / This unit cannot be added to the Ninilchik River State Recreation Area since it was acquired with federal sport fish funds. ADFG should apply to DNR for a management right to the site. A cooperative agreement for management should also be considered between ADFG and DPOR.	
68A	Deep Creek State Recreation Area	rd	172	7A	Deep Creek State Recreation Area. / Retain in state ownership. Managed as a unit of the State Park System.	
68B	ADFG managed parcel, adjacent to the Deep Creek State Recreation Area	ha rd	113	7A	High public use because the area is adjacent to the Sterling Highway.	
68C	Materials site on Sterling Highway adjacent to Deep Creek Knoll	ma tr	0.5	7A	This unit is located entirely within the Sterling Highway right-of-way. DOTPF has applied for a materials site.	DOTPF acquired this site through merger of title.
69	Adjacent to east end Ninilchik Airstrip	pr	6	7A	Clearing at end of airstrip. / Existing ILMA to DOTPF.	

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200A	Ohlson Mountain Rd., 5 miles northeast of Homer	rd	40	7C	This unit may be too steep to develop. Potential use for the proposed Homer Connecting Trail which will cross the middle of this unit and include branch trails to other trails. / See the "Management Intent for Multiple Units in Region 7" section for additional management intent for the Homer Connecting Trail.	State topfiled. This site has been withdrawn as a FAA site.
200B	Ohlson Mountain Rd., 5 miles northeast of Homer	se	40	7C	Proposed Homer Connecting Trail passes along the west and south boundaries of the unit. / See the "Management Intent for Multiple Units in Region 7" section for additional management intent for the Homer Connecting Trail.	State topfiled. This site has been withdrawn as a FAA site.
200C	Ohlson Mountain Rd., 5 miles northeast of Homer	se	40	7C	There has not been interest in additional trails in this unit. / Place unit high on conveyance priority list.	State topfiled. This site has been withdrawn as a FAA site. Has developed FAA facilities.
200D	Ohlson Mountain Rd., 5 miles northeast of Homer	rd	10	7C	Trail-related recreation, and harvest for berries and moose. / Place unit high on conveyance priority list. Retain in state ownership. Reserve easement for the Lookout Trail that passes north-south through the middle of this unit.	State topfiled. This site has been withdrawn as a FAA site.
205	Fritz Creek moose habitat mitigation parcels	ha	120	7C	Moose, calving and winter concentration areas; Dolly Varden/Arctic char, general distribution. Unit includes lands both owned and leased by Alaska Energy Authority from DNR. / Manage to mitigate for moose habitat that was damaged by the Bradley Lake hydroelectric project. Ensure long-term management for this purpose.	Although potential for beach access and local and tourist recreation use, may not be consistent with management plan for moose habitat. The City of Homer has considered Fritz Creek as a potential future source of city water. There are no current plans to develop this source.

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Unit Number	Unit Name	Designations	Acres	Map Number	Resource or use for which unit is designated / Management intent	Other resources and uses
206	Canyons above Fernwood Dr. Subdivision east of Homer	rd	80	7C	High value as a wildlife corridor. Potential moose travel corridors, browse area, calving and winter concentration area. Unit is adjacent to other permanently preserved habitat lands. Important watershed: subdivision wells are located below this unit, bluffs are prominent in viewshed of East End Road. Because bluffs are steep and soils are unstable, certain types of development in and adjacent to these canyons may result in mudslides. / Manage unit for dispersed recreation, wildlife habitat, and watershed protection. The developable land above the rim of the canyon in this unit (estimated to be 7 acres or less) may be put on the market or conveyed to a municipality without an amendment to the plan as long as a buffer is protected along the rim of the canyon that allows for public access and precludes development too close to the rim (that may result in ground failure or accelerated erosion). Also see the "Management Intent for Multiple Units" "Canyons above Homer" guideline for additional management intent for this unit.	
209A	Parcel along (and crossing) Ohlson Mountain Rd.	se	52	7C	/ In conveyances, reserve legal access along the east side of the trespass residence to provide access from Ohlson Mountain Rd. to top of the ski area. On the north side of the road, reserve access for the Watermelon and Ohlson Mountain trails. This unit may be conveyable to a municipality.	A trespass residence is located on the portion of this unit on the south side of the road.

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209B	Hayfield south of Ohlson Mountain Rd.	rp	28	7C	Recreation values include scenic open space, cross-country skiing and racing for all levels on groomed trails (excellent early- and late- season skiing because of higher altitude and because fields are mowed for hay, and good for beginners because there are some relatively flat sections), sledding, running, walking, hiking, linking the Homer Connecting Trail, wildlife viewing, and picking berries and wildflowers. Produces hay in summer for reindeer. / Mowing of hayfields for agricultural use is compatible with the management intent for this unit as long as it does not interfere with recreational activities like cross-country skiing (including fences that would block access for these activities). See the "Management Intent for Multiple Units in Region 7" section for additional management intent for the Homer Connecting Trail. Retain unit in state ownership.	Three parcels of nearby subdivided private land (totaling 230 acres) have dedicated public easements for non-motorized access through their lands to compliment the existing use on this unit.
210	East of Lookout Mountain	rd	590	7C	Trail-related recreation, and harvest for berries and moose. / Retain in state ownership. Reserve access for the proposed Homer Connecting Trail that would follow the section line (E-W) in the south part of the unit (between Sections 26 and 35). Reserve easement for the Lookout Trail that passes north-south through the middle of this unit. See the "Management Intent for Multiple Units in Region 7" section for additional management intent for the Homer Connecting Trail.	Division of Forestry has received an application for a wood cutting permit. Lookout Mountain Trail crosses southwest corner of unit. Seismograph corridors across the unit may provide dispersed recreation. Potential grazing area. Potential moose travel corridor and moose habitat.
211	South of Beaver Creek Flats adjoining Fritz Creek Critical Habitat Area	rd	400	7C	Trail-related recreation, and harvest for berries and moose. Adjacent to Anchor River/Fritz Creek Critical Habitat Area; moose, calving and winter concentration areas; Just north of this unit in the Beaver Creek Flats the stream is anadromous (but not anadromous in this unit). Potential for grazing. Potential moose migration corridor. / Retain in state ownership. Reserve public access for Ohlson Mountain Trail that crosses the northwest corner of this unit.	

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212	Beaver Creek at Hunter Rd., 11 miles northeast of Homer	ha	136	7C	Moose movement corridor. See the "Management Intent for Multiple Units in Region 7" section for additional management intent for the Homer Connecting Trail.	The Homer Connecting Trail may cross the south end of this unit.
213	End of Skyline Drive, 6 miles northeast of Homer	se	200	7C	Parcel is suitable for settlement and agriculture. Potential for the Homer Connecting Trail to cross this unit but the more likely route is to the west and north on borough, private, and CHA land. / Consider need for reserving access for Homer Connecting Trail before conveying. See the "Management Intent for Multiple Units in Region 7" section for additional management intent for the Homer Connecting Trail.	Moose, calving concentration areas; ducks and geese, general distribution; Dolly Varden/Arctic char, general distribution. Potential for grazing.
214A	Kachemak Bay Shore at James (Maria) Rd., north parcel	se	40	7C	Mildly sloping land adjacent to an existing subdivision. / This unit is conveyable to a municipality. The south boundary of the unit roughly follows the top of the Kachemak Bay bluff (or the north edge of a buffer 100-foot wide along the top of the bluff --to be determined at the time an application from a municipality is adjudicated). Also see intent for Unit 214B.	Cultural sites present.
214B	Kachemak Bay Shore at James (Maria) Rd., south parcel	rd	28.1	7C	This unit includes steep 500-foot high slopes along Kachemak Bay. / The south boundary of the unit is mean high water (also the boundary of the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area) and the north boundary of the unit is the top of the bluff (or the north boundary of a 100-foot wide buffer along the top of the bluff --see intent for Unit 214A). This unit is recommended for addition to the State Park System.	Cultural sites present.
215	Hill Street, MP 9 East End Rd.	se	10	7C	The parcel has direct road access, is very small, only has corner touching a draw that drains into Fritz Creek, and has many homes nearby. / Retain or make conveyance "subject to" managing Fritz Creek corridor for habitat and recreation if it supports anadromous fish or high value resident fish.	Moose, winter concentration areas; Dolly Varden/Arctic char, general distribution.

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Unit Number	Unit Name	Designations	Acres	Map Number	Resource or use for which unit is designated / Management intent	Other resources and uses
216	Two ADFG access sites on lower Anchor River	hv rp	0.56	7C	High use for sport fishing. The Anchor River is one of the best road-accessible, wild-stock, steelhead trout streams left in the United States. / A management right has already been issued to DPOR for this parcel. Manage for public access and management of the Anchor River fishery.	Cultural sites present.
217	Northwest slopes of Lookout Mountain	rd	400	7C	A spur trail of the Watermelon Trail crosses this unit. Ohlson Mountain Trail passes along the east boundary of this unit. The power line trail and seismic lines are frequently used by snowmachiners and skiers; moose hunting and berry picking / Unit may be conveyed to a municipality. Reserve access for trails prior to conveyance.	Borough selected. Unit is north-facing, higher elevation, and snow covered late into the spring. Moose, calving and winter concentration areas in the northeast portion of this unit; anadromous stream is located downstream (but not in) this unit.
218A	Homer Airport Critical Habitat Area	ha pr	294	7C	Public uses Beluga Lake and viewing platforms and trails for watching wildlife. Moose, gulls, terns, and waterfowl habitat. Prior to legislation establishing the Homer Airport Critical Habitat Area (CHA), all of unit had been ILMA'd to DOTPF for the Homer Airport. / Retain in State ownership and manage consistent with the legislation establishing the CHA, Homer Airport Plan, and ILMA's issued to DOTPF. See the "DNR Management Authority in Critical Habitat Areas, Game Refuges, and Sanctuaries" guideline in the "Fish and Game Habitat and Harvest" section in Chapter 2 for management intent.	Cultural sites present.

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218B	Homer Airport and adjacent airport-related lands	pr	743	7C	Contains Homer Airport and adjacent airport-related lands. Most of this unit has been ILMA'd to DOTPF (ADL 21908). The southern portion of this unit that overlaps with tidelands is within the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area. Public uses Coal Bay, Beluga Lake, Lampert Lake, and viewing platforms and trails for watching wildlife, walking and beach combing. The public also uses Mud Bay for viewing waterfowl, seabirds, and shorebirds. Unit contains moose, shorebirds, seabirds (gulls and terns) and water fowl habitat. / Retain in state ownership and manage consistent with Homer Airport Plan, ILMA issued to DOTPF and OSL restrictions. See the "DNR Management Authority in Critical Habitat Areas, Game Refuges, and Sanctuaries" guideline in the "Fish and Game Habitat and Harvest" section in Chapter 2 for additional management intent for this portion of the unit in the CHA.	EVOS parcels are adjacent to the tidelands portions of this unit. City is considering zoning the tidelands portion of this unit "Conservation." The tidelands portion of this unit that are located in Mud Bay (which during the planning process was being considered for a conservation easement) was conveyed from the City to DOTPF for aviation purposes (and DNR holds no title interest in these lands). Resources and uses in the tideland portion of the unit are also documented in the Management Plan for Kachemak Bay State Critical Habitat Area (ADFG, 1993).
220	Anchor River riparian parcels	rp	230	7C	Parking, camping, and day use facilities. Heavily used sections of river for angling, camping, walking. Anchor River is a heavily used for sport fishing and also contributes to the commercial fishery. / Manage as a unit of the State Park System.	Cultural sites present. DPOR ILMA/management right authorizations (ADL 201752, 204197, 212216, 221445, 221504, 223199, 225975, 66155 and 65068). DPOR just entered into an memorandum of understanding with the USCG for management of USS 1602 Tracts A and B. DPOR has agreed to manage this land as part of the Anchor River State Recreation Area through the year 2015. Currently this USS contains the Anchor Point light and trails.
224	Shoreline of Beluga Lake	ha	6.9	7C	Wetland habitat values associated with Beluga Lake. Potential community park and wildlife view area. Winter browse and resting and security cover for moose; suspected shorebird, and waterfowl, and swan nesting; wildlife travel corridor along shoreline; open space adjacent to subdivisions. / Also see the "Specific Management Intent for Units" section for additional management intent for this unit.	Structures, sewage line, floatplane dock, trail, and driveway are on (or adjacent to) the western portion of the unit.

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225	Steep bluff below DPOR's Homer office, west of Homer	rd	34	7C	This unit is adjacent to Unit 432 that was recently purchased by Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees for inclusion in the State Park System. Adjacent to tidelands in the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area. Prominent part of Baycrest Hill Wayside viewshed. / Protect scenic values of site. Recommended addition to the State Park System.	
226	Old Sterling Highway, near south end	se	5	7C	Existing improvements (residence and outbuildings) appear to be built in wetlands on both sides of the Highway. A DNR Director Decision was made to sell this as an odd lot at fair market value. As of 1986, the lot still had not been sold.	
227	Homer DOTPF Maintenance Facility	pr	5.1	7C	DOTPF maintenance facility.	
228A	Woodard Canyon, off Whispering Meadows Ave.	rd ha wa	30	7C	Open space, moose calving and winter concentration area. Opportunities for trail development. Certain types of development in and adjacent to the canyon may result in mudslides. / Also see the "Management Intent for Multiple Units" "Canyons above Homer" guideline for additional management intent for this unit.	The majority of this parcel is steep with canyon slopes on two sides and a stream running through the canyon bottom.
228B	Bluff Overlooking Woodard Canyon	se	10	7C	This unit is composed of lands that are located along the edge of Woodard Canyon. / This unit may be conveyable to a municipality. A 100-foot wide buffer along the lip of the canyon will be retained as a buffer/pedestrian easement and is part of Unit 228A (or conveyance will be "subject to" the management intent in 228A but be part of unit 228B).	

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229	Homer Demonstration Forest	fo ha rp	360	7C	/ Silvicultural techniques will be tried, demonstrated, observed, and monitored in this unit. An arboretum is planned. Extensive wetlands are habitat for many wildlife species. Ski trails go through this area that are used by the local school's ski team, the Nordic Ski Club, and the rest of the community. The existing trails would be part of the proposed Homer Connecting Trail connector system. The connecting trail would be from the southwest corner of the unit (at existing Homer Connecting Trailhead) to the north end of the unit. The school district and 4-H have planned projects. Day use facilities are planned including parking area, kiosks, nature trail, and picnic tables. Retain in state ownership and manage consistent with the multi-agency management plan (and any future revisions) developed for the Demonstration Forest. See the "Management Intent for Multiple Units in Region 7" section for additional management intent for the Homer Connecting Trail.	
230	Diamond Gulch, 5 miles west of Homer	rd	65	7C	Highly scenic with views along the top of the bluff. Adjacent to Exxon Valdez Oil Spill parcel (Unit 431). ILMA request has been submitted by DPOR for this unit. / Recommended addition to the State Park System. Potential for a rustic campground, as an alternative to the crowded conditions on the Homer Spit. Management should be complementary to the values of adjoining EVOS acquisition Unit 431.	Most of this unit is steep slopes and canyons above the beach. Moose, calving and winter concentration areas. Cultural sites present.
232	Twitter Creek tributaries retention corridor, north of Homer	ha	233	7C	Moose movement corridor along Twitter Creek. These areas also contain anadromous fish which are important to feeding bears.	Active grazing lease in the NE1/4 of Section 32 (ADL 200892).
233	Twitter Creek riparian corridor	ha	40	7C	Moose movement corridor. Bear travel corridor. Riparian zone important to many species.	

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234A	Parcel east of Ohlson Mountain, north of Homer	ma	80	7C	DOTPF has and active materials site authorization for an indefinite term for 45 acres in the this unit (ADL 40365) and is still interested in utilizing the materials located there.	Borough selected.
234B	Ohlson Mountain, north of Homer	rd	800	7C	Used for local recreation, bear and moose hunting access in the fall. Snowmachining and skiing in the winter (dispersed throughout the area, not just on trails). / This unit is conveyable to a municipality. If the unit is conveyed, assure reasonable legal access to the Anchor River/Fritz Creek Critical Habitat Area for public recreation and hunting off the Ohlson Mountain Rd. Retain (or make conveyance subject to) a buffer along the short stretch of Twitter Creek that crosses the southwest corner of this unit.	Borough selected. Twitter Creek is an anadromous stream. There is an active grazing lease in this unit (ADL 63238). Access by a narrow one-lane road.
235	Twitter Creek riparian corridor	ha	60	7C	Moose movement corridor along Twitter Creek. These areas also contain anadromous fish which are important to feeding bears.	
236A	Bridge Creek and Twitter Creek confluence	ha rd wa	300	7C	Moose overwintering habitat, high value riparian moose habitat, movement corridor for bears and other mammals, and anadromous stream. A winter snowmachine trail follows Twitter Creek / See the "Management Intent for Multiple Units in Region 7" section for additional management intent for the Homer Connecting Trail.	
236B	Parcel east of Bridge Creek and Twitter Creek confluence	se	105	7C	/ Provide legal access for Homestead Trail reroute and retention of riparian corridors along Twitter and Bridge Creeks. See the "Management Intent for Multiple Units in Region 7" section for additional management intent for the Homer Connecting Trail.	

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237	Old Sterling Highway wetlands along Cook Inlet bluff	rh	5,308	7C	Potential for trails along bluff and creeks. Bald eagles, nest sites; ducks and geese, general distribution; moose, important overwintering areas. Cultural sites present. The Old Sterling personal-use timber harvest area, which is located in this unit, is scheduled to be open for timber harvest in 2005 in this unit. / Portions of this unit may be available for municipal conveyance. One-half-mile landward from mean high water (which includes the steep banks and flat land along the bluff rim) will be retained in state ownership (or be subject to management for public access, recreation, and viewshed purposes). This width is based on the fact that the bluff is incised in places 1,000 feet by gullies. Also, the entire bluff is experiencing a high rate of erosion. If this unit is conveyed, this buffer will be retained or managed for public access and recreation. One of the current proposed uses is the Diamond Gulch to Anchor Point Coastal Trail along the top of the bluff. Much narrower corridors will be reserved along Traverse and Troublesome creeks. Reserve easements for significant existing trails.	Portions of this unit that are located within Section 36 (630 acres) were conveyed to the state as School Trust Land. See the "School Trust Lands" section in Chapter 4. Bluffs are 100-200' tall. In many places wetlands extend up to the top of the bluff (this unit is 50 percent wetlands with some areas 90 percent wetlands).
241	DOTPF materials site on Old Sterling Highway, southeast of Anchor Point	se	80	7C	The west ½ of this unit is an existing old federal materials site/free-use permit. / DNR has requested relinquishment of DOTPF's authorization (LAS 18994) to the unit because the site does not contain usable materials. May be conveyable to a municipality.	Acquired through merger of title.

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243	Coastal parcel south of Anchor Point	se	413	7C	/ Mostly well-drained soil. Six or more ponds in the unit. Potential for Diamond Gulch to Anchor Point Coastal Trail along the coastline passing through this unit. Because of the potential for a trail along the bluff and the fact that the 100' high bluff is rapidly eroding (and loss of private land and facilities could result), at least a 500-foot wide buffer along the coast (as measured from mean high water) should be retained in state ownership (or be "subject to" this buffer). In conveyances, provisions should be made to ensure public access to the larger ponds in the unit and to the beach (if beach access is developable). Retention of a portion of the pond shorelines should also be considered.	This unit was conveyed to the state as School Trust Land. See the "School Trust Lands" section in Chapter 4. Ducks and geese, general distribution; moose, important over wintering areas
244	Borough selection along Old Sterling Highway, 10 miles northwest of Homer	gu	144	7C	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use.	Borough selected. Visible from Sterling Highway. Moose, winter concentration area; ducks and geese, general distribution. Cultural sites present. 50 percent wetland, 50 percent spruce forest.
247A	East of South Fork Anchor River, near MP 163 Sterling Highway	rd	20	7C	Materials potential although would require developing at least ½ mile of road access. Dispersed access and occasional fishing. / May be conveyable to a municipality. If conveyed, that portion of the unit within the Anchor River floodplain (likely to be a small area in the southwest portion of the unit) will be retained in state ownership or will be "subject to" habitat management provisions. This habitat area will be managed consistent with the intent for the adjacent Unit 248B and is recommended for addition to the State Park System.	
247B	East of South Fork Anchor River, near MP 163 Sterling Highway	rh	130	7C	Materials potential. Extraction would require developing at least one mile of road access. / May be conveyable to a municipality.	Appears to be 90 percent spruce and birch forest.

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248A	South Fork Anchor River riparian lands near MP 163 Sterling Highway	ha hv rd	30	7C	High use for angling. Good access from main roads. Visible from Sterling Highway. Anchor River riparian habitat; ducks and geese, general distribution. Anchor River supports king salmon, silver salmon, pink salmon, Dolly Varden, rainbow trout, and steelhead trout. Moose winter concentration area. / Retain in state ownership.	Cultural sites present. Most of these parcels are likely to have materials potential but would require disturbing Anchor River riparian areas to extract. Oil and gas potential.
248B	South Fork Anchor River riparian lands near MP 163 Sterling Highway	ha hv	20	7C	High use for angling. Good access from main roads. Visible from Sterling Highway. Anchor River riparian habitat; ducks and geese, general distribution. Anchor River supports king salmon, silver salmon, pink salmon, Dolly Varden, rainbow trout, and steelhead trout. Moose winter concentration area. / Low priority proposed addition to State Park System.	Cultural sites present. Most of these parcels are likely to have materials potential but would require disturbing Anchor River riparian areas to extract. Oil and gas potential.
248C	South Fork Anchor River riparian lands near MP 163 Sterling Highway	ha hv	100	7C	High use for angling. Good access from main roads. Visible from Sterling Highway. Anchor River riparian habitat; ducks and geese, general distribution. Anchor River supports king salmon, silver salmon, pink salmon, Dolly Varden, rainbow trout, and steelhead trout. Moose winter concentration area. / Low priority proposed addition to State Park System.	Cultural sites present. Most of these parcels are likely to have materials potential but would require disturbing Anchor River riparian areas to extract. Oil and gas potential.
248D	South Fork Anchor River riparian lands near MP 163 Sterling Highway	ha hv	40	7C	High use for angling. Good access from main roads. Visible from Sterling Highway. Anchor River riparian habitat; ducks and geese, general distribution. Anchor River supports king salmon, silver salmon, pink salmon, Dolly Varden, rainbow trout, and steelhead trout. Moose winter concentration area. / Low priority proposed addition to State Park System.	Cultural sites present. Most of these parcels are likely to have materials potential but would require disturbing Anchor River riparian areas to extract. Oil and gas potential.
249	Junction of Main St., and Ohlson Lane, south of Homer Post Office	rp	4.3	7C	One-hundred foot bluff frontage on Kachemak Bay & Bishops Beach. / Recommend addition to the State Park System for beach access. May also be conveyed to the city for purposes of use for beach access and public recreation.	

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250	Bridge Creek moose movement corridor	ha wa	12.5	7C	Moose movement corridor. Bridge Creek, an anadromous stream, flows through this parcel; bear travel corridor.	
251	South Fork Anchor River tributary	ha	15	7C	This unit was reconveyed from Kenai Peninsula Borough back to DNR to be managed for habitat as a stream buffer in lieu of a 400' stream corridor (ADL 55748).	
253A	Materials source at MP 162 Sterling Highway, 5 miles south of Anchor Point	ma	10	7C	DOTPF has identified continuing needs for the materials at this site. DOTPF materials sale/application (ADL 217863).	
253B	Wetland at MP 162 Sterling Highway, 5 miles south of Anchor Point	gu	30	7C	Mostly wetlands and has no visible surface stream connection with the Anchor River (which is on the opposite side of the Sterling Highway from this unit).	
254A	Anchor River State Recreation Site	ha rp	34.6	7C	Campground and picnic area. High public use. Visible from Sterling Highway. This section of river is used by sport anglers. Anchor River supports king salmon, silver salmon, pink salmon, Dolly Varden, rainbow trout, and steelhead trout. Moose winter concentration area. / An ILMA was issued in 1972 and expanded in 1978 to DPOR for management of the site and to be managed as a unit of the State Park System (ADL 50059).	
254B	Northeast border of Anchor River State Recreation Area	ha hv	10	7C	Anchor River supports king salmon, silver salmon, pink salmon, Dolly Varden, rainbow trout, and steelhead trout. This section of river is used by sport anglers. Moose winter concentration area. / Recommend addition to the State Park System or addition to the Anchor River State Recreation Site.	

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Unit Number	Unit Name	Designations	Acres	Map Number	Resource or use for which unit is designated / Management intent	Other resources and uses
254C	Gravel pit opposite Anchor River State Recreation Area, MP 161.5 Sterling Highway	rh	18	7C	Material extraction has also occurred in this unit. Until 1986 it was an authorized rifle range. Since then it has been used extensively by the public as an unauthorized range and dump. / Unit could be used as an authorized (short range) shooting range community shooting center. Area may be too small for long term development of the rifle range but it may be suitable as a small bore, pistol or shotgun range. May be considered for conveyance to a municipality. Potential for borough-operated gun range. Also see the "Management Intent for Multiple Units" section "Proposed Community Shooting Center"	Visible from Sterling Highway. Cultural sites present.
255	East of South Fork Anchor River	se	40	7C	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use.	Isolated parcel adjacent to Anchor River/Fritz Creek Critical Habitat Area. 100 percent forested--birch and spruce with no wetlands.
256	Between Old and New Sterling highways, 3.5 miles south of Anchor Point	gu	200	7C	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use.	Eighty percent wetlands. May have materials potential based on adjoining materials sites to the west.
257	MP 165.5 Sterling Highway	gu	160	7C	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use.	State selected. 80 percent spruce, 20 percent wetlands. Non-anadromous tributary of Anchor River.
258	North of Diamond Ridge Rd., Homer	se	15	7C	Both lots are primarily grassland. Flat except north of southwest lot that has a small ravine running through it. Probably grazing potential. / The use of this unit for the Homer Connecting Trail is unlikely. The Homer Connecting Trail will likely continue to use the already established Homestead Trail alignment that follows the north-south section line to the east. See the "Management Intent for Multiple Units in Region 7" section for additional management intent for the Homer Connecting Trail.	Cultural sites present.

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259	Lilly Lake, near MP 165 Sterling Highway	gu	5	7C	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use.	Borough selected. Fifty percent Lilly Lake, fifty percent uplands/spruce.
265	South Fork Anchor River riparian area, 3 miles southeast of Anchor Point	ha hv	40	7C	Anchor River riparian area; river supports king salmon, silver salmon, pink salmon, Dolly Varden, rainbow trout and steelhead trout in this area. Moose winter concentration area. / Recommended addition to the State Park System.	Visible from the Sterling Highway.
266A	Upper Anchor River near borough lands	rd	870	7B	/ This unit is conveyable to a municipality.	Mostly borough selected. Potential for grazing. The Center Plateau timber sale is scheduled for 2005 in this unit. Some of this land has good potential for development.
266B	Upper Anchor River	ha rd	18,214	7B	Numerous seismic lines, the Ohlson Mountain and McNeil Canyon Trails pass through this unit along with a trail that follows the main stem of the Anchor River (and connects with the Anchor River / Fritz Creek Critical Habitat Area). Wildlife travel corridor between the CHA and the Caribou Hills. Moose rutting area. Anchor River and many of its tributaries are anadromous. / Also see the "Management Intent for Multiple Units" section for additional management intent for this unit that addresses the Caribou Hills Management Plan, roads, trespass cabins, and grazing. Also see Appendix C.	Approximately 10,000 acres are borough selected. School Trust Land in Section 36 (640 acres). See the "School Trust Lands" section in Chapter 4. Potential for grazing. The Center Plateau timber sale is scheduled for 2005 in this unit.
267	Headwaters of Stariski Creek	ha rd	4,870	7B	Personal use cabins are adjacent to the east boundary of this unit. Stariski Creek is an anadromous fish stream with coho salmon rearing. / Allow for timber salvage. Also see the "Management Intent for Multiple Units" section for additional management intent for this unit that addresses the Caribou Hills Management Plan, roads, trespass cabins, and grazing. Also see Appendix C.	Mostly borough selected. Potential for grazing. The Center Plateau timber sale is scheduled for 2005 for a small portion of this unit. The South Ninilchik Forest Management Block may be harvested in 2001. Area has significant spruce beetle infestation.

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272	North Fork Rd., 0.5 miles east of Sterling Highway	se	20	7C	Low density residential along the Anchor River Access Road.	
277	Middle Clam, Upper Clam, Deep and Stariski creeks	fo ha	4,383	7B	Clam Creek is an anadromous fish stream. Moose general distribution. Ducks and geese, general distribution. Steelhead trout river. The Dome View timber sale is scheduled for 2001 in this unit. / Protect riparian corridors for bear feeding and travel corridor.	This unit was conveyed to the state as School Trust Land. See the "School Trust Lands" section in Chapter 4.
290	Anchor River / Fritz Creek Critical Habitat Area	ha	17,409	7C	Legislatively designated area. The area was designated by the legislature primarily as a winter moose range. The management plan estimated 150-300 moose over winter in the CHA. / New grazing leases may be allowed in the CHA under terms and conditions compatible with CHA statutes and the goals of the CHA Management Plan. The intent of the ADFG Management Plan is to maintain existing habitat values through development of range management plans. See the ADFG Management Plan for more information. See the "DNR Management Authority in Critical Habitat Areas, Game Refuges, and Sanctuaries" guideline in the "Fish and Game Habitat and Harvest" section in Chapter 2 for additional management intent.	Potential for grazing. The CHA Plan in 1989 noted that there are several long-term grazing leases in the area.
311	Materials site west side of Sterling Highway, 3.5 miles north of Happy Valley	ma	12.4	7B	The pit may be exhausted and, since the coastline is receding, there may be little land left between the highway and bluff that is useable. / This unit may be conveyable to a municipality if it is no longer needed for materials.	DOTPF owns this site through merger of title (acquired at statehood). It also has a free and charitable use permit for the use of this site with an indefinite term (issued in 1966, ADL 27910).
312	Whiskey Gulch access site, MP 153 Sterling Highway	rp	16	7B	Provides public access to beach for fishing, hiking, use of beach / Management right has been issued to ADFG.	May have value as an historic site: former sawmill site.
313	Stariski Creek State Recreation Site	rp	23	7B	DPOR-managed campground and day use area. / Existing ILMT (ADL 42295) for the uplands and adjacent tidelands to DPOR. Manage as unit of the State Park System.	

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314	Chakok Rd., 6 miles northeast of Anchor Point	gu	160	7C	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use. / Chakok Creek corridor is protected by Chapter 2 shoreline and stream corridor guidelines.	Fifty percent wetlands. This section of Chakok Creek contains king and silver salmon, Dolly Varden and steelhead trout.
315	3 miles south of Ninilchik, east of Sterling Highway	rh	300	7B	The Hillside timber sale is scheduled for 2002 in this unit. Because of access and drainage, has development potential. / Allow timber harvest and grazing. Unit may be conveyable to a municipality (subject to AS 29.65.060(g)).	This unit was conveyed to the state as School Trust Land. See the "School Trust Lands" section in Chapter 4. Moose, general distribution; ducks and geese, general distribution. 80 percent timber, 20 percent wetlands.
316	Lower Clam Creek, 4 miles south of Ninilchik	fo ha	920	7B	Timber values. Clam Creek is an anadromous fish stream; moose, general distribution; ducks and geese, general distribution. Surrounded by private and Native land. / Allow timber harvest, but protect riparian corridors for bear habitat.	
320A	Upper Happy Creek West, 9 miles south of Ninilchik	se	80	7B	There are small areas of well-drained spruce-forested land adjacent to existing subdivisions with good access that could be developed/subdivided in the future. / Allow timber harvest prior to sale or conveyance.	Moose, general distribution; ducks and geese, general distribution; anadromous stream. Harvest of timber in the Happy sale was completed in this unit in 2000.
320B	Upper Happy Creek East, 9 miles south of Ninilchik	gu	1,000	7B	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use. / Allow salvage timber harvest.	Eighty percent wetlands. Some potential for development on small parcels. Moose, general distribution; ducks and geese, general distribution. Anadromous Stream. Harvest of timber in the Happy sale was completed in this unit in 2000.
321A	Upper Stariski Creek, west	gu	680	7B	Mixed wetlands and spruce.	
321B	Upper Stariski Creek, east	ha	320	7B	All wetlands. Moose, general distribution; ducks and geese, general distribution. Anadromous stream.	School Trust Land. See the "School Trust Lands" section in Chapter 4
322	Lower Stariski Creek	rh	20	7B	Documented gravel extraction from the creek to build the road in 1992 (ADL 225921). Anadromous stream, moose general distribution. / Retain in state ownership.	Sixty-five percent wetland and Stariski Creek riparian area.

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323	DOTPF site south of Happy Valley Rd. junction on Sterling Highway	ma	40	7B	Free and charitable use permit issued to DOTPF in 1970 (ADL 51317) for an indefinite term of use for maintenance of the Sterling Highway.	
324A	Sterling Highway just south of Cape Starichkof	se	70	7B	Low density residential on adjacent private lands. / Retain or manage buffer along Stariski Creek tributary (anadromous) for fish habitat.	Moose, general distribution; ducks and geese, general distribution. Anadromous Stream. This unit was conveyed to the state as School Trust Land. See the "School Trust Lands" section in Chapter 4. The borough recently selected the parcel (ADL 227552) and DNR found that it was an invalid selection under AS 29.65.060(G) because of the parcel's School Trust status. DNR offered an .810 conveyance in which the borough would pay fair market value. The borough intended to contact the School Trust to determine if the parcel can be acquired for less than fair market value since the land is proposed to be used for "education purposes."
324B	Lower Stariski Creek and tributary wetlands near Cape Starichkof	ha rd	50	7B	Views across wetlands from the Sterling Highway into this unit. Anadromous tributary of Stariski Creek.	This unit was conveyed to the state as School Trust Land. See the "School Trust Lands" section in Chapter 4. The borough recently selected the parcel (ADL 227552) and DNR found that it was an invalid selection under AS 29.65.060(G) because of the parcel's School Trust status.
325	Middle Stariski Creek	rh	40	7B	Anadromous fish stream; moose, general distribution; ducks and geese, general distribution. Seventy-five percent wetland associated with Stariski Creek and tributary. / Retain in state ownership.	Surrounded by private land.
326	Whiskey Gulch at MP 152 Sterling Highway	gu	80	7B	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use.	This unit is on the opposite side of the road from the Stariski State Recreation Site; mostly wetlands (perhaps 20 acres are developable). Moose, general distribution; ducks and geese, general distribution.

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327	One mile north of Nahodka / Nikolaevska, Upper Chakok watershed	gu	1,120	7B	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use.	Borough selected. 25-35 percent wetlands. Moose, general distribution; ducks and geese, general distribution. Anadromous Stream. Some wetlands in area. Grazing lease application (ADL 218785) that covers all lands in T4S R13W. The Chakok Hills timber sale is scheduled for 2003 in the eastern portion of this unit.
328	Middle Chakok River, 3 miles east of Whiskey Gulch	gu	520	7B	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use. / May be conveyed to borough subject to AS 29.65.060(g).	Borough selected (ADL 206346). This unit was conveyed to the state as School Trust Land. See the "School Trust Lands" section in Chapter 4. Spawning and rearing for several species of salmon, steelhead trout, and Dolly Varden. The Chakok timber sale is scheduled for 2002 in this unit.
329	North Fork Hill Rd. (3 tributaries of north Fork Anchor River)	rh	640	7B	Moose, general distribution. May have grazing potential based on similar areas. Potential for agriculture. Scattered timberland and grassland. / May be conveyed to a municipality subject to AS 29.65.060(g).	Borough selected (ADL 206348). School Trust Land. See the "School Trust Lands" section in Chapter 4. Although the unit was selected by the borough in 1980 (prior to 1985 as specified in AS 29.65.060(g)), laws, regulations, and litigation may affect the conveyance.
330	Pioneer Lane, 2 miles north of Anchor Point	gu	160	7B	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use. / If creek passing through unit is anadromous, retain in state ownership (or make patent "subject to" habitat protection buffer).	Sixty percent wetland. Moose, winter concentration area; ducks and geese, general distribution. May be an anadromous stream.
331	Laida Spit, south of Whiskey Gulch	rp	50	7B	DPOR has expressed interest in managing the Whiskey Gulch beach just north of Anchor River to provide public recreation access to Whiskey Gulch beach and Laida Spit. Area popular for clamming, fishing, and beach combing./ Recommended for addition to the State Park System.	Moose, general distribution; ducks and geese, general distribution
332	Gillman Lane off North Fork Anchor River Rd.	gu	40	7B	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use.	Fifty percent wetlands. Surrounded by private land. Moose, winter concentration area; ducks and geese, general distribution. Cultural sites present.

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333A	MP 5 to 9 North Fork Anchor River Rd.; several tributaries	wa	3,613	7C	/ Unit may be used as a future community drinking water source and is currently an aquifer recharge area. This unit may be considered for an authorization for a community shooting center. The center may also be built on borough land to the west of this unit or in Unit 344B. If the center is authorized and this unit is downrange, uses within this unit may be restricted in order to protect public safety. Also see the "Management Intent for Multiple Units" section "Proposed Community Shooting Center" guideline for additional management intent for this unit.	Ninety percent wetlands. Low public use. Visible from the Sterling Highway. Two tributaries to South Fork Anchor River ( anadromous fish stream) flow through land; moose, winter concentration area; ducks and geese, general distribution. There may be trespass residences in this unit. The Pioneer timber sale is scheduled for 2005 in the western portion of this unit.
333B	Sterling Highway MP 160.5	se	15	7C	Direct access off Sterling Highway. / This unit may be considered for an authorization for a community shooting center. The center may also be built on adjoining Unit 333A to the east of this unit. If the center is authorized and this unit is downrange, uses within this unit may be restricted in order to protect public safety. Also see the "Management Intent for Multiple Units" section "Proposed Community Shooting Center" guideline for additional management intent for this unit.	Visible from the Sterling Highway. Sterling Highway adjacent to this unit gets the highest number of moose road kills every year on the entire Kenai Peninsula. Important moose habitat. Some squatters may live in this unit or in adjacent ones. They access the site by an unmapped road between 333A and 333B off the Sterling Highway. Adjacent stream is anadromous. Cultural sites present.
333C	Lichen Street off North Fork Anchor River Rd.	se	360	7C	Developable for a mile along section line that connects with Lichen Street which accesses the North Fork Anchor River Road. / This unit may be considered for an authorization for a community shooting center. In addition, a shooting center may be built on borough land to the west of this unit or in Unit 344B. If the center is authorized and this unit is downrange, uses within this unit may be restricted in order to protect public safety. Also see the "Management Intent for Multiple Units" section "Proposed Community Shooting Center" guideline for additional management intent for this unit.	Low public use. Visible from the Sterling Highway. The Pioneer timber sale is scheduled for 2005 in the south portion of this unit.

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Unit Number	Unit Name	Designations	Acres	Map Number	Resource or use for which unit is designated / Management intent	Other resources and uses
334A	Junction of North Fork Hill Rd. and North Fork Anchor River Rd.	se	640	7C	Road-accessible. / If DNR makes conveyances, the management intent is to convey larger parcels (10-20 acres) that would be suitable for agricultural uses. Any authorizations in this unit are subject to a 700- foot-wide buffer along the North Fork of the Anchor River. If parcels are conveyed, a riparian corridor for habitat will be retained in state ownership or subject to management for fish and wildlife habitat purposes.	This unit was conveyed to the state as School Trust Land. See the "School Trust Lands" section in Chapter 4. Visible from the Sterling Highway. North Fork Anchor River ( anadromous fish stream supports king salmon, rainbow trout, and Dolly Varden) flows through it; moose, winter concentration area.
334B	Anchor River tributary riparian corridor	ha	6	7C	King salmon and silver salmon use this section of the river. The adjacent unit, 344B, and the borough land to the east may be used at some point in the future as a community shooting center. An ILMT has been issued to DOTPF for most of the land within this unit (ADL 34901) / If the center is authorized and this unit is downrange, uses within this unit may be restricted in order to protect public safety. Also see the "Management Intent for Multiple Units" section "Proposed Community Shooting Center" guideline for additional management intent for this unit.	The borough received title to land in the NE 1/4SE1/4 Section 11 and land in Section 12 in T5SR15W (patent 4483) which borders this unit to the south. These borough lands are subject to an ILMA to DOTPF to extract materials.
335A	North bank of North Fork Anchor River	ha rd	30	7C	King salmon, Dolly Varden, rainbow trout. This is one of the few road accessible stretches of the N. Fork of the Anchor River still in public ownership. Anchor River is one the best road-accessible, wild-stock, steelhead streams left in the United States.	
335B	Two miles southeast of Nikolaevsk	se	30	7C	NW corner of unit adjacent to Nikolaevsk Road system. / If conveyed, reserve developable access easement to 335A through this unit.	
336	Knob Hill Rd. gravel pit (north Fork Anchor River)	ma	80	7C	This unit was ILMA'd to DOTPF in 1969 for a material site	Anadromous Stream

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337A	Lot adjacent to Marysville subdivisions in Anchor Point	rd	2.5	7C	/ Available for conveyance to a municipality. To allow pedestrian access from Marysville Ave. to the Anchor River (and to the switchback trail proposed in Unit 337B), DNR shall reserve a 33-foot-wide easement along the eastern boundary of the unit. If this unit is not selected and conveyed to a municipality, it will be retained in state ownership and be recommended for addition to the State Park System.	Surrounded by subdivision.
337B	North bank of the Anchor River	ha rd	2.5	7C	This unit's north boundary is a line that parallels and is approximately fifty feet north of the top of the slope break. High public use/sport fishing along the river. Anchor River supports king, silver, and pink salmon, Dolly Varden, rainbow trout, and steelhead trout. / There is the potential to build a switchback trail down the slope to provide access to the Anchor River. Recommended for addition to the State Park System.	Cultural sites present.
338	MP 159 Sterling Highway	rh	200	7C	/ If borough selects this unit, portions that are no longer needed for materials or airport purposes may be conveyed after amending or revoking the ILMA to DOTPF.	Moose, general distribution; ducks and geese, general distribution. In 1962 DOTPF received an ILMA for the E½W½ of Section 2 (ADL 19515) to be used for the construction of an airstrip. In 1994 DOTPF comments on ADL 226390 indicate they had no plans to build the airstrip. There is a 1994 pending ROW application (ADL 19515) for a 60' road that crosses this unit that will be used to access a material sale on state land.
339A	MP 158 Sterling Highway wetlands	gu	110	7C	Potential material source. / All or portions of this unit may be retained in state ownership based on DOTPF- identified needs for materials. Vegetative buffer/berm is required to screen material extraction from highway.	Sixty percent wetlands. Potential direct access off the Sterling Highway. High visibility from the Sterling Highway because of its location and lack of trees. Opposite side of South Fork Anchor River from the Sterling Highway; no fisheries values.

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339B	MP 158 Sterling Highway, Anchor River riparian habitat	ha hv	35	7C	Anchor River supports king salmon, silver salmon, pink salmon, Dolly Varden, rainbow trout, and steelhead trout. This section of river is used by sport anglers. Moose winter concentration area. / Retain in state ownership and manage for moose winter habitat, anadromous fishery and public access to the river.	Just downriver in Section 4 is the Anchor River State Recreation Area. Visible from the Sterling Highway.
340	Between north and south Fork Anchor River, 2.5 miles west of Epperson Knob	gu	240	7C	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use.	Borough selected. Eighty percent wetlands, 20 percent spruce forest. Tributary of the Anchor River (anadromous portion) passes through unit.
343	MP 159 Sterling Highway, Anchor River riparian habitat	ha hv	40	7C	Anchor River supports king salmon, silver salmon, pink salmon, Dolly Varden, rainbow trout, and steelhead trout. This section of river is used by sport anglers. Moose winter concentration area. / ILMA to DPOR for inclusion in the Anchor River State Recreation Area.	Although some materials potential, the unit is mostly riparian habitat and provides access to the most heavily used section of the Anchor River. It is unlikely that this unit can be used for materials.
344A	MP 160.5 Sterling Highway, Anchor River tributary riparian corridor	ha hv	200	7C	King salmon, silver salmon, and steelhead trout use this section of the river. This section of river is used by sport anglers. / This unit may be considered for an authorization for a community shooting center. Also, a community shooting center may be built on state lands adjacent to this unit. If the center is authorized and this unit is downrange, uses within this unit may be restricted in order to protect public safety. Also see the "Management Intent for Multiple Units" section "Proposed Community Shooting Center" guideline for additional management intent for this unit.	Gravel pit may already extend into this unit. Some squatters may live in this unit or in adjacent ones. Unit is accessed by an unmapped road between 333A and 333B off the Sterling Highway. The Pioneer timber sale is scheduled for 2005 in the northern portion of this unit.

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344B	MP 160 Sterling Highway, DOTPF material site north of Highway near Anchor Point	ma	40	7C	Southwest and northwest corner of this unit have been used for a gravel pit. An ILMT has been issued to DOTPF for the west half of this unit (ADL 34901). / This unit may be considered for an authorization for a community shooting center. Also, a community shooting center may be built on the borough land to the east of this unit. If the center is authorized and this unit is downrange, uses within this unit may be restricted in order to protect public safety. Also see the "Management Intent for Multiple Units" section "Proposed Community Shooting Center" guideline for additional management intent for this unit.	The borough received title to land in the NE 1/4SE1/4 Section 11 and land in Section 12 in T5SR15W (patent 4483) which borders this unit to the south and east. These borough lands are subject to an ILMA to DOTPF to extract materials.
345	MP 160 Sterling Highway, riparian habitat south of highway.	ha hv	10	7C	Anchor River supports king salmon, silver salmon, pink salmon, Dolly Varden, rainbow trout, and steelhead trout. This section of river is used by sport anglers. Moose winter concentration area.	Road to gravel pit and bridge over Anchor River. Visible from the Sterling Highway. Likely to have materials potential because of large gravel pits to north and south on private and borough-owned lands.
347	Anchor River tributary south of Knob Hill Rd., riparian retention corridor	ha rd	320	7C	Anadromous fish stream runs through narrow stream corridor shaped tract; moose, rutting concentration area. Identified as important for access by the Anchor Point Trails Plan.	Fifty-seven acre grazing lease includes portions of the unit (ADL 63239), expires in 2001.
348	Upper Stariski Creek, south side 4 miles east of Sterling Highway	rh	120	7B	Stariski Creek tributary (anadromous stream) passes through northeast corner of this unit. / May be considered for conveyance to municipality except for Stariski Creek corridor. See Chapter 2 "Shorelines, Stream Corridors, and wetlands" section in Chapter 2.	Borough selected (ADL 64632).
419	Baycrest Hill	ha rd	53	7C	Visible from the Sterling Highway. / Manage consistent with EVOS acquisition purposes. Recommended addition to the State Park System.	

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431	Diamond Gulch on the shore of Cook Inlet, Homer approximately 5 miles to southeast.	rp	220	7C	The Homer Connecting Trail would pass through the middle of this unit paralleling Diamond Creek to tidewater. Visible from the Sterling Highway. / ILMA request has been submitted by DPOR for this unit. This parcel will be/ has been acquired with Exxon Valdez Oil Spill funds. Manage consistent with EVOS acquisition purposes. Coordinate management with Unit 230, which DPOR wants to consider for developed public recreation, such as a rural campground (as an alternative to the commercial/industrial setting of camping on the Homer Spit). See the "Management Intent for Multiple Units in Region 7" section for additional management intent for the Homer Connecting Trail. Recommended addition to the State Park System.	Cultural sites present.
432	Overlook parcel shoreline at mouth of Kachemak Bay	ha rd	97	7C	/ Manage consistent with EVOS acquisition purposes. Recommended addition to the State Park System.	
434	"Chinook Park" on lower Ninilchik River	ha hv rd	16.1	7A	This parcel is adjacent to DPOR's Ninilchik SRA, and located between DPOR land and ADFG land that is heavily used by sport fishermen during the king salmon season. This parcel was purchased to provide the link needed to provide the public access throughout the state-owned parcels along the Ninilchik River. It is characterized by low floodplain river bottom land vegetated by willow and cottonwoods and is an important wintering area for moose. / Manage consistent with EVOS acquisition purposes. Manage the property so as to ensure public access for hunting, fishing, and other recreational uses. Recommended addition to the State Park System.	
435	Ninilchik River at approximately Mile 2.5	ha rd	60	7A	/ Manage consistent with EVOS acquisition purposes. Manage the property so as to ensure public access for hunting, fishing, and other recreational uses. Recommended for addition to the State Park System.	

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453A	DOTPF Ninilchik Maintenance Station	pr	6	7A	/Manage as a DOTPF maintenance facility. This unit may be conveyable to a municipality if no longer needed for state purposes.	DOTPF acquired the parcel at statehood through the Omnibus Act, Schedule E.
453B	Area south of DOTPF Ninilchik Maintenance Station	ma	9.7	7A	This unit is forested, has been tested, and has good potential for materials. / This unit may be conveyable to a municipality if no longer needed for state purposes.	DOTPF acquired the parcel at statehood through the Omnibus Act, Schedule E.
458	Upper Bridge Creek, just below the Homer reservoir	se	160	7C	Well drained and relatively accessible. Anadromous stream. / The unit may be considered for conveyance to a municipality except for the 700-foot-wide riparian corridor along Bridge Creek that will be retained in state ownership and be managed for dispersed recreation and fish and wildlife habitat (or the conveyance will be "subject to" such provisions).	
463	Mouth of Anchor River, submerged lands	ha rd	53	7C	Angling, camping, walking on adjacent tidelands. Anchor river is a heavily used sport fishing and also contributes to the commercial fishery. / Recommended addition to the State Park System or the Anchor River State Recreation Area.	
473	Upper Anchor River, agricultural homestead	ag	160	7C	This is an agricultural homestead where a contract has been issued with an option to purchase. Parcel contains dwellings and has a farm conservation plan.	Anadromous Stream. This area is important to moose and bear travel and feeding.
486	Steep canyons north of Homer	ha rp wa	80	7C	Adjacent to the Wynn Nature Center that is owned and operated by the Center of Alaskan Coastal Studies. Steep canyon provides moose browse, watershed protection for local wells, and open space. / Also see the "Management Intent for Multiple Units" "Canyons above Homer" guideline for additional management intent for this unit.	State selected.
497	Anchor Point materials site, old school site	ma	15.5	7C	Materials site.	Purchased by DOTPF in 1969: MS 21-1-293-1 and OSL 1180. DOTPF holds the deed of trust.

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526A	Tidelands at Ninilchik, adjacent to Clam Gulch Critical Habitat Area	rp	1,248	7A	Most of the development in this area is in the lower river on Unit 526B tidelands, not in this unit. Intensive sport fishing. / Tidelands adjacent to Ninilchik Beach Campground and Deep Creek Beach Campground are recommended for addition to the State Park System.	Salmon, halibut, and shorebirds. Cultural sites present. Early run king salmon sportfishing area.
526B	Ninilchik Harbor tidelands	wd	20	7A	The Ninilchik Harbor has been considered for expansion. The river mouth itself has been improved to create a small boat harbor and adjacent lands on either side cleared and filled for marine-related development. The harbor is accessible at high tides and is used by the local commercial fishing fleet. Seward Fisheries operates a fish offloading facility here.	Intensive sport fishing. Important clam resource, anadromous stream. The Ninilchik River mouth includes a wide beach area and flat low lying areas adjacent to the river and is separated from the uplands by a vegetation-covered bluff approximately 75 feet in height. The Ninilchik River (outside this unit) supports a strong salmon run. Important migratory corridor/fisheries. Cultural sites present.
528	Anchor Point tidelands	ha rp	79	7C	State owned Anchor River Recreation Area is south of this unit. Salmon, steelhead trout, dolly varden, halibut, wildlife and seabirds; early run king salmon sportfishing area. The privately owned uplands are generally undeveloped. Heavy camping near Anchor River estuary on lower river, sportfishing and beachcombing use. Boat launching area which supports salt-water sportfishing activities.	Cultural sites present.
529	Region 7 General Use tidelands	gu	233,922	7B	No identified resource values that warrant a primary designation other than General Use.	Salmon migration corridor/fishery. Beluga whale habitat.

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530	Homer Spit tidelands (adjacent to wood chip loading facility and ferry dock)	ha wd	270	7C	Resources and uses are documented in the Management Plan for Kachemak Bay State Critical Habitat Area (ADFG, 1993). The City of Homer holds a lease (ADL 224560) to build a pier to load and unload seafood and other general cargo (ADL 224560). The City is also requesting that 9 acres be added to this lease to facilitate the construction and operation of a wood chip transfer operation. A new mooring buoy and a breasting dolphin are also proposed. The City is working toward the construction of a deep water cargo dock which will support the bottomfish industry, additional cargo, cruise ships and other deep draft vessels. The City has also applied for authorization to expand the ferry terminal facilities (ADL 227517) on to state tidelands.	The small boat harbor, which has moorage for 774 commercial fishing, charter, and recreational vessels is not part of this unit. Cultural sites present.
552	Deep Creek to Anchor Point tidelands	ha hv rd	12,229	7B	Important salmon migratory corridor and fishery, anadromous fish stream mouths at Anchor River and Stariski Creek, near shore area borders Clam Gulch Critical Habitat Area (Unit 501), outstanding scenic and recreation values, clam digging, beach combing. Early run king salmon sportfishing area. Beluga whale habitat. / Protect the viewshed in this unit for the planned North Pacific Volcano Learning Center.	The results of the April 1999 Cook Inlet Lease Sale indicate that there is a high industry interest in the tracts that are within and just offshore of this unit. Cape Starichkof area has been identified by the Borough Coastal Management Plan as a proposed AMSA. The mouth of Stariski Creek offers the potential for future development of a small boat harbor. This is the only location along the eastern coast of Cook Inlet south of Kenai and north of Homer with deep water close offshore. Cultural sites present
601	Lower Peninsula high public use rivers	ha hv rd		7A	This unit includes only those portions of shorelands of these rivers that are not in other management units. It includes: Anchor River, Deep Creek, Stariski Creek, and Ninilchik River. For management intent for this waterbody, see the "Management Intent for Navigable Waterbodies" section "Navigable Waterbodies" guideline at the end of this chapter. / Also see the "Specific Management Intent for Units" section in this region for additional management intent for this unit.	