

North Slope Management Plan Information



Why Do a Plan

- Comprehensive land use plan for the state lands in the area has never been developed
 - Previous planning has been done on a site-specific basis and been project driven
- Provides a way to sort through the numerous possibilities of using state land; determining those uses with the greatest benefits to all Alaskans
- Opportunity for the public to participate in the decision-making process

What Will the Plan Do

- DNR uses plans as the basis for the long-term management of state land, water and resources within the planning area
- Recognize the statewide significance of the oil and gas resources in the area
- Increase permitting efficiency and predictability for the public, DNR and the oil & gas industry
 - Bring consistency to decisions made by DNR adjudicators
- Facilitate municipal entitlement conveyance decisions to the North Slope Borough
- Identify important community use areas

What the Plan Does Not Do

- Address oil and gas leasing
- Address allocation, regulation or harvest of fish and wildlife stock
- Apply to private, borough, federal or native corporation lands

Upcoming Public Scoping Meetings*

Community	Date	Time	Location
Nuiqsut	April 21 st	5:30 – 7:30pm	Kisik Community Center
Anaktuvuk Pass	April 28 th	5:30 – 7:30pm	Anaktuvuk Pass Community Center
Kaktovik	May 6 th	5:30 – 7:30pm	City of Kaktovik Community Center

*Additional meetings will be scheduled as the scoping process progresses, check our website for updates to this schedule

The Planning Process

1. **Identify Issues - Current Stage**
Hold public meetings to identify issues and concerns in the planning area.
2. **Gather Information - Throughout**
Collect information about natural resources, present and past land use, land ownership, and the local economy. A great deal of this is done in the beginning, but it occurs throughout the planning process.
3. **Prepare and Evaluate Land Use Alternative - December 2015**
Describe possible choices for managing state land based on public interests, local resources, and state policies. Describe the effects of each choice on goals for the management of an area.
4. **Prepare Draft Plan - Winter 2016**
Create a draft plan that reflects resource values and public and agency goals. The agencies review the first draft and settle any land use conflicts that remain, or propose the best alternatives for public review.
5. **Public Review of Draft Plan. Spring 2016**
Hold public meetings to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the draft plan and to identify parts that need to be changed.
6. **Prepare Final Plan**
Review agency and public comments and revise the plan. Prepare the plan for publication.
7. **Approve Plan**
The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources approves and signs the plan.
8. **Implement Plan**
The plan guides management decisions for state lands in the planning area.

How to Provide Comments

- Your written comments are encouraged during this scoping phase and must be submitted on or before July 31st, 2015 by hand delivery, mail, email, fax or online through our website:
<http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/mgtplans/nsmp/comments/>

Send written comments to:

Attn: NSMP Scoping Comments
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Updates and additional project information can be found at:
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