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

DRAFT KENAI AREA PLAN AMENDMENT

Region 7, Management Unit 237,

related to the
Old Sterling Hwy Subdivision – ADL 232300

The Commissioner of the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) finds that the following amendment to the Kenai Area Plan, described more fully in the Attachment, meets the requirements of AS 38.04.065 Land Use Planning and Classification and 11 AAC 55.010-030 Land Planning and Classification for land use plans and hereby adopts the amendment. The Department of Natural Resources will manage state lands within the area of the revision consistent with this designation and management intent.

 <u>Designation</u>: approximately 10 acres of Unit 237 removed from Unit 237 and merged into Unit 226 with a designation of Settlement

Management Intent: Same as Unit 226, Settlement

Commissioner

State of Alaska

Department of Natural Resources

Concurrence by: Brent Goodrum
Director
Division of Mining, Land, and Water
Department of Natural Resources
State of Alaska

Approved by: Andrew T. Mack

Date

ATTACHMENT

to the DRAFT KENAI AREA PLAN AMENDMENT

Region 7, Management Unit 237

related to the Proposed Old Sterling Hwy Subdivision – ADL 232300

<u>Location</u>: NW1/4SE1/4NE1/4 Section 24, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Seward Meridian, approximately 6 miles south of Anchor Point, Alaska

<u>Authority</u>: The authority to revise plans derives from AS 38.04.065(b) Land Use Planning and Classification. 11 AAC 55.030(f) Land Use Plan defines when a revision constitutes a plan amendment.

Current Plan: Resource Management - High Value; covers 5,308 acres

<u>Proposed Plan Amendment</u>: remove approximately 10 acres from Unit 237 and add to Unit 226 with a designation of Settlement;

<u>Explanation</u>: The Kenai Area Plan was adopted in 2000 and has not been updated since. There is a demand from the public to obtain Settlement-classified land in the area. The parcels are appropriate for offering as provided in the Preliminary Decision dated August 31, 2017.

<u>Assessment</u>: The following alternatives are being considered:

- (Preferred) Amend the Kenai Area Plan as described above to remove limitation, change designation to Settlement. Amending the plan is the preferred alternative as it will allow the sale of settlement-classified land, providing the public an opportunity to obtain property in a desirable area.
- 2. (Status Quo) Do not amend the Kenai Area Plan. This alternative is not preferred as it would disallow the offering of settlement-classified land and deny Alaskans the opportunity to obtain land in this area.

Requirements of AS 38.04.065 (b): The factors identified in this section of statute have been considered in the Preliminary Decision for the proposed Old Sterling Hwy Subdivision – ADL 232300 issued on August 31, 2017 and the proposed action is consistent with that portion of the statute.