

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1186
Closing Lands to Mineral Entry**

EXISTING DELTA AREA SUBDIVISIONS

Pursuant to AS 38.05.185(a) and AS 38.05.300, this proposed action closes to mineral entry subdivisions in the Delta area in which parcels are being made available for reoffer or which have already been sold. The attached Mineral Order identifies these areas through legal descriptions and associated survey numbers. This mineral order supersedes Mineral Closing Order 290 and Mineral Order 1042 for the described areas only.

Mining activity within the defined subdivisions would be incompatible with the current and proposed land estate uses. Mining may adversely affect the sale of these parcels or the ability for current property owners to use their land and have the potential to affect the natural attributes that make the parcels desirable settlement offerings. The land does not contain any known mineral deposits and was not selected for mineral values; there are no known mining claims within the subdivisions. Valid and existing rights will not be affected by this action.

The amount of land closed under this order is approximately 240 acres. In accordance with AS 38.05.185 (a) and AS 38.05.300, I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land to entry under the mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska as described by Mineral Order (Closing) No. 1186.

Concur: _____
Brent Goodrum, Director
Division of Mining, Land & Water
Date _____

Approved: _____
Mark D. Myers, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources
Date _____

RECONSIDERATION PROVISION

A person affected by this decision who provided timely written comment or public hearing testimony on this decision may request reconsideration, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any reconsideration request must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of issuance of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02.040(c) and (d), and may be mailed or delivered to the Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to 1-907-269-8918; or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. If reconsideration is not requested by that date or the commissioner does not order reconsideration on his own motion, this decision goes into effect as a final order and decision on the 31st calendar day after issuance. Failure of the commissioner to act on a request for reconsideration within 31 calendar days after issuance of this decision is a denial of reconsideration and is a final administrative order and decision for purposes of an appeal to Superior Court. The decision may then be appealed to Superior Court within a further 30 days in accordance with the rules of the court, and to the extent permitted by applicable law. An eligible person must first request reconsideration of this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.