

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

**DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1277**

  X   **Closing Lands to Mineral Entry**                      \_\_\_\_\_ Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

I. Name of Mineral Order: Proposed Noncompetitive Sale to Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) – ADL 109249

II. Reason for Mineral Order: This Mineral Order is based upon the attached *Commissioner's Administrative Finding*, applicable statutes, and the written justification contained in the following:

Northern Southeast Area Plan, adopted 2002  
Preliminary Decision, Proposed Noncompetitive Sale to SEARHC – ADL 109249, August 3, 2023, and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same.

III. Authority: *AS 38.05.185 Mining* and *AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land*.

IV. Location and Legal Description: The subject parcel is located within DNR's Southeast Region on Japonski Island within City and Borough of Sitka, within Section 35, Township 55 South, Range 63 East Copper River Meridian, and Section 2, Township 56 South, Range 63 East, Copper River Meridian, more accurately described as:

Alaska State Land Survey No. 97-63, according to the plat recorded in the Sitka Recording District on July 15, 1998 as Plat No. 98-18, containing 1.89 acres, more or less.

V. Mineral Order: This order is subject to valid existing rights and is issued under the authority granted by *AS 38.05.185 – AS 38.05.275 Mining* and *AS 38.05.300* to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. In accordance with *AS 38.05.185(a)*, I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land described in this mineral order to entry under mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska. The above-described lands are hereby **closed** to entry under the locatable mineral and mining laws of the State of Alaska.

Concur:

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Christianna Colles, Director  
Division of Mining, Land and Water  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date

Approved:

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John Boyle, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date

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**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING**  
**MINERAL ORDER NO. 1277**  
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**Proposed Noncompetitive Sale to Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC)**  
**ADL 109249**

Pursuant to *AS 38.05.035 Powers and Duties of the Director*, the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW) proposes to issue a Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land into private ownership through a noncompetitive sale to Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) (ADL 109249). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed noncompetitive sale to SEARHC – ADL 109249, issued August 3, 2023, the project area is within Unit B-22 of the Northern Southeast Area Plan. In accordance with the area plan, DMLW proposes to close the land surveyed through Alaska State Land Survey No. 97-63 to mineral entry. This land includes the ADL 109249 subject parcel and Taku Court. The attached mineral order includes the legal description of the area to be closed to mineral entry.

DMLW requests that the mineral estate of approximately 1.89 acres, identified in the attached mineral order, be closed to mineral entry and location in accordance with *AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land* for a land disposal. Mining activity on the parcel would be incompatible with the current and proposed land estate use. The land does not contain any known mineral deposits and was not selected for mineral values. There are no mining claims on the land.

Public notice of the comment period for the proposed mineral order was conducted in accordance with *AS 38.05.945 Public Notice*. Review of comments will be addressed in the final document.

In accordance with *AS 38.05.185(a) Mining 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. 1277.

Approved:

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John Boyle, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date