

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

**DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1275**

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

I. Name of Mineral Order: Mabel Bay East Subdivision – ADL 109250, Mabel Bay West RRCS – ADL 109317

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:

Prince of Wales Island Area Plan, adopted (1985, updated 1998, amended 2008) Preliminary Decision, Mabel Bay East Subdivision & Mabel Bay West Remote Recreational Cabin Sites – ADL 109250 and 109317, January 2025 and the subsequent Final Findings and Decisions for same

III. Authority: AS 38.05.185 – 38.05.275 and AS 38.05.300.

IV. Location and Legal Description:

Township 79 South, Range 85 East, Copper River Meridian, Alaska

- Section 27: Government Lots 2 and 3.
- Section 28: Government Lots 3 thru 7, and the S1/2SE1/4.
- Section 33: Government Lots 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 31, 32, N1/2NE1/4, and the E1/2SE1/4.
- Section 34: Government Lots 3, 4, 12, and 13; that portion of Government Lots 1, 5, 9, and 10 located within approximately 500 feet of mean-high-water of Mabel Bay.
- Section 35: That Portion of Government Lots 1 thru 6, and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  located within approximately 500 feet of mean-high-water of Mabel Bay.

According to the plat accepted by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management on February 23, 2016.

Township 80 South, Range 85 East, Copper River Meridian, Alaska

- Section 3: Government Lot 2.
- Section 4: Government Lot 1 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

According to the plat accepted by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management on February 23, 2016.

Containing 882 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 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. 1275  
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**MABEL BAY EAST SUBDIVISION & MABEL BAY WEST  
REMOTE RECREATIONAL CABIN SITES**

Pursuant to AS 38.05.035, the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water proposes to issue a Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land into private ownership within the Mabel Bay East Subdivision and Mabel Bay West Remote Recreational Cabin Sites project areas (ADL 109250 and 109317). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering Mabel Bay East Subdivision, ADL 109250, and Mabel Bay West Remote Recreational Cabin Sites, ADL 109317, issued January 2025, the project areas are within Unit H-03 (Mabel Bay), Region 19 (Hydaburg/Cordova Bay) of the *Prince of Wales Island Area Plan*. In accordance with the area plan, DMLW proposes to close the entire project areas to mineral entry. The attached mineral order includes the legal description of area to be closed to mineral entry.

The Division of Mining, Land, and Water requests the mineral estate of approximately 882 acres, identified in the attached mineral order, be closed to mineral entry and location, in accordance with AS 38.05.300 for a land disposal. Mining activity on the project area would be incompatible with the current and proposed land estate uses. 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. Review of comments will be addressed in the final document.

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. 1275.

Approved:

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John Boyle, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date