

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

DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1344

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

I. Name of Mineral Order: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Noncompetitive Public and Charitable Use Sale – ADL 234807

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:

- Kenai Area Plan (adopted 2000);
- Preliminary Decision, Proposed Noncompetitive Sale to Public and Charitable Use Applicant – ADL 234807, July 30, 2026, and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same.

III. Authority: AS 38.05.185 Generally and AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land.

IV. Location and Legal Description: Located within DNR's Southcentral Region, approximately 3.5 miles northeast of the city of Seward, more specifically described as:

ADL 234807: An unsurveyed portion of land north and west of Sawmill Creek and excluding the Iditarod Trail in the E1/2NE1/4 of Section 36, Township 1 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, according to the plat accepted by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, in Anchorage, Alaska on April 28, 2022, containing approximately 22 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 the closure of the lands 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:

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

Date

Approved:

John Crowther, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date

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**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1344
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**Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Noncompetitive Public and
Charitable Use Sale – ADL 234807**

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 to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) through a Noncompetitive Sale to Public and Charitable Use Applicant (ADL 234807). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – AHFC Noncompetitive Public and Charitable Use Applicant, issued July 30, 2026, the subject parcel is within Unit 450 of Region 3 (Seward and Resurrection Bay) of the *Kenai Area Plan*. In accordance with the area plan, DMLW proposes to close the entirety of the subject parcel to mineral entry. The attached mineral order includes the legal description of the area to be closed to mineral entry.

DMLW requests the mineral estate of approximately 22 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 land disposal. Mining activity on the subject parcel would be incompatible with the current and proposed land estate use. The land contains no 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 Notice. Review of comments will be addressed in the final documents.

In accordance with AS 38.05.185(a) Generally, and AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land, I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by the closure of the lands to entry under the mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska as described by Mineral Order (Closing) No. 1344.

Approved:

John Crowther, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date