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

AMENDMENT to the FINAL FINDING AND DECISION
CONVEYANCE OF STATE LAND UNDER AS 29.65

HAINES BOROUGH
MUNICIPAL LAND ENTITLEMENT SELECTIONS
ADL 106590

This Amended Final Finding and Decision is based on the Final Finding and Decision (FFD) issued on August 15, 2007, and the Preliminary Decision (PD) issued on June 28, 2007, regarding lands selected by the Haines Borough (Borough) in partial fulfillment of its general grant land entitlement under AS 29.65.010 Determination of Entitlement for Boroughs and Unified Municipalities.

The PD provided that Parcel 6 would remain in selected status until the Borough completed the necessary surveys and its remaining entitlement acreage was known. The PD further provides that the FFD would then be amended, without additional public notice, to identify the acreage to be conveyed from Parcel 6, change that acreage to approved status, and transfer management authority to the Borough. The FFD affirmed the PD as proposed. Accordingly, additional public notice is not required for this amendment.

SUMMARY OF THE DECISION
The PD proposed conveying six parcels of State land to the Haines Borough in partial fulfillment of its remaining municipal land entitlement. At that time, the Borough had received approval for approximately 2,757 acres of its 2,800-acre entitlement, leaving an estimated balance of approximately 43 acres. As the exact acreage previously approved for conveyance could not be determined until the necessary surveys were completed, the parcels were prioritized for conveyance. The PD proposed approving Parcels 1 through 5, totaling approximately 36 acres, while retaining Parcel 6, containing approximately 20 acres, in selected status as a source of acreage to satisfy the Borough's remaining entitlement.

The FFD, signed on August 15, 2007, affirmed the PD, signed on June 28, 2007, and approved the conveyance of Parcels 1 through 5. The PD provided that Parcel 6 would remain in selected status to avoid conveying land in excess of the Borough's entitlement. After completion of the necessary surveys and determination of the Borough's remaining entitlement balance, the FFD would be amended to identify the acreage to be conveyed from Parcel 6, change that acreage from selected to approved status, and transfer management authority to the Borough.

In May 2026, the Haines Borough relinquished its municipal entitlement selections on approximately 1,563 acres that the State had top filed, increasing the Borough's remaining entitlement balance and requiring additional land selections. Following the relinquishment, the Borough's remaining entitlement is approximately 930 acres. As this balance exceeds the approximately 20 acres contained within Parcel 6, the entire parcel may be approved without conveying acreage in excess of the Borough's entitlement. Applying Parcel 6 toward the Haines Borough's entitlement is consistent with the purpose established in the PD and affirmed in the

FFD, and would reduce the amount of additional acreage the Borough must select. The Borough agreed to apply the parcel toward its remaining entitlement.

Although the PD anticipated amending the FFD after completion of the necessary surveys, the 2026 relinquishment established that the Borough's remaining entitlement balance exceeds the entirety of Parcel 6. Approval of the entire parcel therefore will not result in approval of acreage exceeding the Borough's entitlement.

The State retains management authority over land in selected status. Changing Parcel 6 from selected to approved would transfer management authority to the Haines Borough and allow the approximately 20 acres to be applied toward its remaining entitlement. This amendment implements the process established in the PD and affirmed by the FFD.

DECISION
Parcel 6 consists of the NE1/4SE1/4SW1/4 and the NW1/4SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 2, Township 31 South, Range 59 East, Copper River Meridian, consisting of approximately 20 acres as depicted on the attached map. This amendment changes the land status of Parcel 6 from selected to approved for conveyance to the Haines Borough.

Upon the effective date of this decision, management authority for Parcel 6 transfers to the Haines Borough and the acreage will be applied toward the Borough's remaining municipal land entitlement. As this amendment approves all of Parcel 6 and the State will not retain land within the parcel, the access and parcel-configuration conditions in Alternative 3 and Recommendation 2 of the PD that were intended to provide access to retained State land are not applicable.

All other terms and conditions of the PD dated June 28, 2007, and the FFD dated August 15, 2007, remain as written and approved.

11/19/2026

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Date

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11/19/2026

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Date

Attachment: Map of Parcels 2 – 6 for ADL 106590

APPEAL PROVISION

A person affected by this decision may appeal it, in accordance with *11 AAC 02*. Any appeal must be received in writing within 20 calendar days after the date of the 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 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to 907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. Under 11 AAC 02.030, appeals filed under 11 AAC 02 must be accompanied by the fee established in 11 AAC 05.160(d)(1)(F), which has been set at $200 under the provisions of 11 AAC 05.160(a) and (b).

If no appeal is filed by the appeal deadline, this decision goes into effect as a final administrative order and decision of the department on the 31st day after issuance. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to the Superior Court (11 AAC 02.020(a) and (b)). A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional office of the Department of Natural Resources or at: http://www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp.

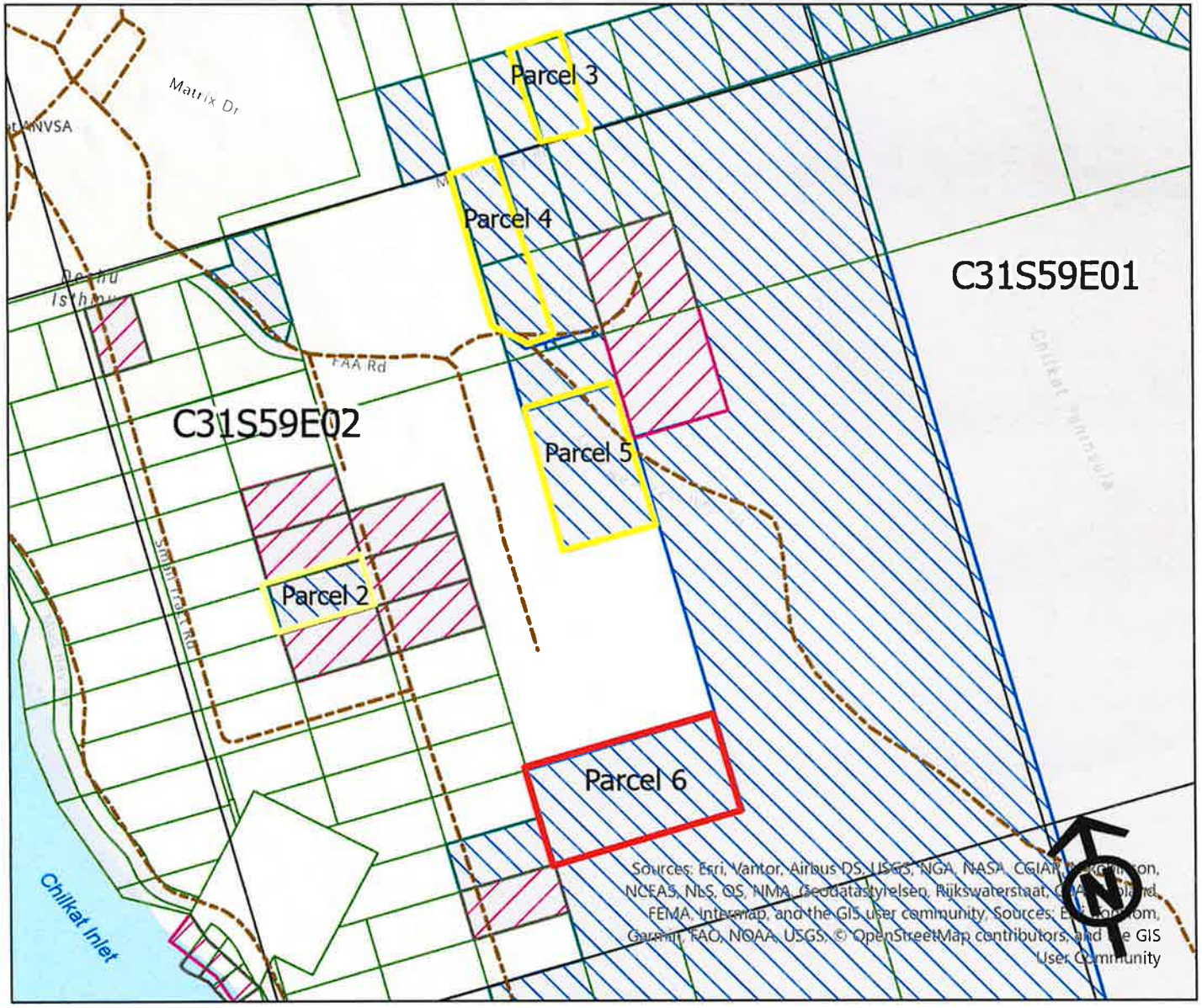
ATTACHMENT A

Haines Borough

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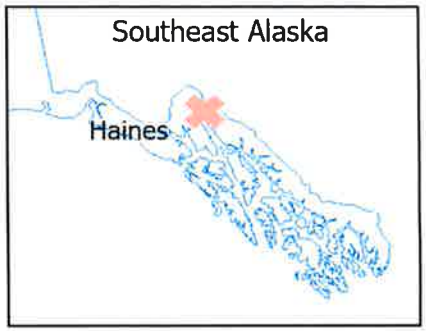
Municipal Entitlement

Amended Final Finding and Decision



Legend

- Local Roads
- Parcel 6
- Decision Parcels
- Haines Borough Land
- Surveyed lines
- Private, conveyed
- Section line



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This map is for representation only. It is intended to be used as a guide only and may not show exact location or existing surveyed parcels or show all easements and reservations.
Source documents remain the official record.