

Coordination and Public Notice

Goals

Coordination with Non-state Landowners. Coordinate the use of state land with that of private and other public landowners to provide for the optimal use, development, and protection of area resources.

Public Participation. Provide local governments, state and federal agencies, adjacent landowners, and the general public with meaningful opportunities to participate in the process of making significant land use decisions.

Management Guidelines

A. Notice for Decisions Requiring Public Notice (Under AS 38.05.945). As required by statute, public notice will be given for decisions involving the sale, lease, or disposal of (or interests in) land, property, or resources. Actions not involving a disposal of interest will require public notice in accordance with Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) procedures. Notice will be given to parties known or likely to be affected by an action proposed by the state or an applicant to the state, including upland property owners adjoining state tidelands or submerged lands.

B. Coordination with Local Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The comprehensive plan, coastal zone plan, and zoning map/ordinance of the Northwest Arctic and North Slope Boroughs are to be reviewed by DNR prior to issuing permits, leases, or other forms of use authorizations. The boroughs should also be consulted when such authorizations may affect subsistence activities². Note: also see discussion of Alaska Coastal Management Program, p. 4-8. Uses authorized on state land by DNR must, in addition to the management guidelines in this Chapter, also conform to the ACMP enforceable policies of the program, including the statewide standards under 11 AAC 112 and the enforceable policies of approved district plans.

C. Avoiding Conflicts with Adjacent Upland Owners. Before DNR issues a land use authorization on shorelands, DNR will require applicants to use areas that will reduce the likelihood of possible land use disagreements with upland owners. DNR will consider comments from private landowners and others before making a decision. DNR will retain the right to issue a land use authorization over the objection of adjacent landowners.

² Note: Both boroughs maintain information on a variety of cultural, environmental, social, as well as other considerations related to DNR authorizations and should be reviewed prior to issuing a decision. Consultation with the Borough may also be appropriate.

D. Other Guidelines Affecting Coordination or Public Notice. Other guidelines may affect coordination or public notice. See other sections of this chapter.