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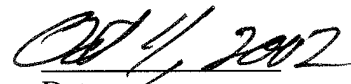
**NORTHERN SOUTHEAST AREA PLAN
FINDING OF THE COMMISSIONER
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MINERAL CLOSING ORDER #770
AS 38.05.185(a)**

The Northern Southeast Area Plan, developed in accordance with AS 38.04.065, proposes closing areas recommended for settlement, public recreation or facilities, and areas recommended for inclusion in the state marine park system. Approximately 1,060 acres in areas recommended as Legislatively Designated Areas (marine parks), 790 acres in areas designated for public recreation and public facilities, and 451 acres in areas recommended for residential settlement are to be closed to mineral entry. A total of 2,301 acres are recommended to be closed under this mineral closing order.

Mineral development is inconsistent with the use of the surface for residential settlement public recreation, or park use. Mineral development within settlement, public recreation, or park areas may produce noise; interfere with settlement, recreation, or park activities; conflict with other types of land uses; and may create unsafe conditions for residential, recreation, or park use.

Therefore, it is my finding, in accordance with AS 38.05.185(a), that the best interests of the state and its residents are served by this closure of the above areas to entry under the locatable mineral and mining laws of the state of Alaska, more particularly described in Mineral Closing Order #770. This order is subject to valid existing rights.


Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources


Date

MINERAL CLOSING ORDER #770
Attachment A

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Recommended State Marine Parks - Ru		
B-02	T. 052S., R. 060E., Copper River Meridian Section 33: E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4 *	200.00
	Total Acres	200.00
B-03	T. 053S., R. 061E., Copper River Meridian Section 6: NW1/4 *	120.00
	Total Acres	120.00
B-04	T. 053S., R. 060E., Copper River Meridian Section 1: S1/2N1/2, N1/2SW1/4 Section 2: N1/2SE1/4 *	240.00 60.00
	Total Acres	300.00
C-27	T. 046S., R. 064E., Copper River Meridian Section 27: S1/2SW1/4 * Section 28: S1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4 * Section 33: NE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4 * Section 34: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4 *	60.00 120.00 100.00 160.00
	Total Acres	440.00
	<i>Subtotal of Recommended State Marine Parks</i>	1060.00
Public Recreation - Ru		
B-09	T. 055S., R. 063E., Copper River Meridian Sections 2 and 3: Lot 2 of U.S. Survey 3670	51.30
	Total Acres	51.30

B-10	T. 054S., R. 063E., Copper River Meridian	
	Section 34: all state uplands within E1/2	120.00
	Section 35: all state land within SW1/4	20.00
	T. 055S., R. 063E., Copper River Meridian	
	Section 3: all state uplands within NE1/4NE1/4	20.00
	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>160.00</u>
H-21	T. 031S., R. 059E., Copper River Meridian	
	Section 10: state uplands on Pyramid Island	12.05
	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>12.05</u>
H-23	T. 031S., R. 059E., Copper River Meridian	
	Sections 25 and 36: state uplands on Kochu Island	53.30
	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>53.30</u>
H-30	T. 039S., R. 062E., Copper River Meridian	
	Section 11: W1/2, SW1/4SE1/4 *	240.00
	Section 14: W1/2, N1/2NE1/4 *	220.00
	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>460.00</u>
	<i>Subtotal of Public Recreation Areas</i>	736.65

Public Facilities - Pr

G-06	T. 040S., R. 059E., Copper River Meridian	
	Section 7: Tract 8, ASLS 850082	21.60
	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>21.60</u>
G-07	T. 040S., R. 059E., Copper River Meridian	
	Section 18: NW1/4SE1/4 *	31.70
	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>31.70</u>
	<i>Subtotal of Public Facilities</i>	53.30

Settlement - S

H-15	T. 030S., R. 059E., Copper River Meridian	
	Section 35: Tract 14	4.97
	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>4.97</u>

H-17	T. 031S., R. 059E., Copper River Meridian <u>Section 2: W1/2NW1/4NE1/4</u>	20.00
	Total Acres	20.00
H-18	T. 031S., R. 059E., Copper River Meridian <u>Section 2: SW1/4SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4SW1/3NE1/4</u>	15.00
	Total Acres	15.00
H-19	T. 031S., R. 059E., Copper River Meridian <u>Section 2: NW1/4SW1/4SE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4SW1/4</u>	20.00
	Total Acres	20.00
H-33	T. 040S., R. 061E., Copper River Meridian <u>Section 6: NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4</u>	193.30
	Total Acres	193.30
H-35	T. 040S., R. 061E., Copper River Meridian <u>Section 7: S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, W1/2SE1/4</u>	195.50
	Total Acres	195.50
S-21	T.027s., R.059e., Copper River Meridian Section 12; Lot 7, Block 60, Escheat 56; Lots 2-5, Block 75, <u>OSL 820</u>	2.0
		2.0
	<i>Subtotal of Settlement Areas</i>	450.77
TOTAL ACREAGE OF ALL AREAS		2300.72

* state uplands within this section