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North Slope and Cook Inlet Oil & Gas Lease Sales Open in November

New lease terms being offered for Cook Inlet to incentivize production

(Anchorage, AK) – Today, the Alaska Division of Oil and Gas is issuing formal notice for oil and gas lease sales on all available State acreage, including in the North Slope and Cook Inlet regions. Bidding will open Nov. 20, 2023, and bid results will be announced on Dec. 13, 2023. This annual sale includes five areas: Beaufort Sea, North Slope, and North Slope Foothills on (all on Alaska’s Arctic Slope); Cook Inlet; and the Alaska Peninsula.

The Division is offering Cook Inlet leases with a previously unused bid variable and lease terms to help incentivize production of natural gas for Alaskans in the region. A fixed royalty with a per-acre cash bonus bid variable has been the normal practice, and the only option used for over 25 years. This year, the cash bonus per acre is fixed and a net profit share is the bid variable—and no royalty.

“These new lease terms and bid variable offering in Cook Inlet is an innovative approach that we hope will attract additional investment,” **said DNR Commissioner John Boyle.** “Most importantly, our goal is bringing new gas production online quickly to meet our domestic energy needs.”

State revenue generated by net profit share instead of royalty share enables a producer to recover costs more quickly, which could make marginal projects more economically viable.

Public notice of the sale will be posted today to give prospective bidders time to review available tracts and the terms of the sale. Details are available on the [Division of Oil & Gas website](#).

The Department of Natural Resources' mission is to develop, conserve, and maximize the use of Alaska's natural resources consistent with the public interest.

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