

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

KENAI AREA PLAN AMENDMENT
No. SC-99-002A14

Region 5, Management Unit 164A

related to the
Captain Cook North Subdivision – ADL 233106

The Commissioner of the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) finds that the following amendment to the Kenai Area Plan, described more fully in the Attachment, meets the requirements of *AS 38.04.065 Land Use Planning and Classification* and *11 AAC 55.010-030 Land Planning and Classification* for land use plans and hereby adopts the amendment. The Department of Natural Resources will manage state lands within the area of the revision consistent with this designation and management intent.

- Designation: Change Unit 164A from Public Recreation and Tourism - public use site, to Settlement.
- Management Intent: Revise Unit 164A management intent to read: The state owns only limited coastline along upper Cook Inlet, so this parcel provides potential coastal recreation and other public access. Recreationists walking beaches and traveling along the Nikiski pipeline pass through unit. Excellent scenic view potential. / This unit is appropriate for land sale offering.

Concur: [signature on file] 04/22/2020
Martin W. Parsons, Director Date
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

Approved: [signature on file] 4/27/2020
Corri A. Feige, Commissioner Date
Department of Natural Resources

ATTACHMENT

to the
**KENAI AREA PLAN AMENDMENT
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Region 5, Management Unit 164A

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Location and legal description: Approximately 1.5 miles north of Captain Cook State Recreation Area (SRA) and approximately 30 miles north of Kenai, the project area is within Section 36, Township 9 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian.

Authority: The authority to revise plans derives from *AS 38.04.065(b) Land Use Planning and Classification*. *11 AAC 55.030(f) Land Use Plan* defines when a revision constitutes a plan amendment.

Current Plan: Designated rp, Public Recreation and Tourism – public use site, and classified Public Recreation Land. The Resource Allocation Summary Table states: “The state owns only limited coastline along upper Cook Inlet, so this parcel provides potential coastal recreation and other public access. Recreationists walking beaches and traveling along the Nikiski pipeline pass through unit. Excellent scenic view potential. / Recommend addition to the Captain Cook State Recreation Area.”

Proposed Plan Amendment: Change the designation of Unit 164A to Settlement. Management intent will be amended by removing “Recommend addition to the Captain Cook State Recreation Area,” and replacing it with “This unit is appropriate for land sale offering.” The statement “School Trust Land. See the “School Trust Land” section in Chapter 4” will be removed from the “Other resources and uses” section for this unit. All other Unit information remains unchanged.

Explanation: The Kenai Area Plan was adopted in 2001 and has not been revised since. There is a demand from the public to obtain Settlement-classified land in the area. As provided in the Preliminary Decision dated February 20, 2020, the area has good access via the Kenai Spur Extension, portions of the area are well drained, the area is near existing settlement, and the area is appropriate for subdivision prior to offering. Portions of the unit, including the pipeline corridor, will be retained in State-ownership through subdivision design, and will allow for recreational use. Unit 164A is not contiguous with Captain Cook SRA and DNR Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation has indicated they do not wish to pursue including Unit 164A in the Captain Cook SRA as recommended in the management intent.

Other Resources and Uses information notes that the unit is borough selected (ADL 206352), and that the unit is School Trust Land. The Kenai Peninsula Borough relinquished this parcel from their selection on December 29, 2000. Department Order 143 has been rescinded and the School Trust Land designation no longer applies. All other resources and uses information remains unchanged.

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Assessment: The following alternatives are being considered:

1. (Preferred) Amend the Kenai Area Plan as described above to change designation to Settlement. Amending the plan is the preferred alternative as it will allow the sale of settlement-designated land, providing the public an opportunity to obtain property in a desirable area.
2. (No-Action) Do not amend the Kenai Area Plan. This alternative is not preferred as it would disallow the offering of settlement-designated land and deny many Alaskans the opportunity to obtain land in this area.

Requirements of AS 38.04.065 (b): The factors identified in this section of statute have been considered and the proposed action is consistent with that portion of the statute.