

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

MINERAL ORDER No. 1259

 X Closing Lands to Mineral Entry Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

- I. Name of Mineral Order: Anchors Aweigh North Subdivision – ADL 233192
- II. Reason for Mineral Order: This Mineral Order is based upon the attached *Commissioner's Administrative Finding*, applicable statutes, and the written justification contained in the following:

Kenai Area Plan, adopted (2001)
Preliminary Decision, Anchors Aweigh North Subdivision – ADL 233192, October 21, 2022 and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same

- III. Authority: AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300.

IV. Location and Legal Description: That portion of W1/2 SW1/4 of Section 36 excluding the Sterling Highway Right-of-Way and that portion of the NE1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4 east of the Sterling Right-of-Way; Township 3 South, Range 15 West, Seward Meridian according to the plat approved by the U.S. Surveyor General's Office on April 6, 1921 containing 60-acres more or less.

V. Mineral Order: This order is subject to valid existing rights and is issued under the authority granted by AS 38.05.185 – AS 38.05.275 and AS 38.05.300 to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. In accordance with AS 38.05.185(a), I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land described in this mineral order to entry under mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska. The above described lands are hereby **closed** to entry under the locatable mineral and mining laws of the State of Alaska.

Concur:	/S/ <u>Christianna Colles</u>	<u>03/10/2023</u>
	Christianna Colles, Director Division of Mining, Land and Water Department of Natural Resources	Date

Approved:	/S/ <u>John Boyle</u>	<u>03/17/2023</u>
	John Boyle, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources	Date

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**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
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ANCHORS AWEIGH NORTH SUBDIVISION

Pursuant to AS 38.05.035, the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water proposes to issue a Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land into private ownership within the Anchors Aweigh North project area (ADL 233192). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering Anchors Aweigh North Subdivision – ADL 233192, issued October 21, 2022, the project area is within Region 7, Unit 324A of the *Kenai Area Plan*. DMLW proposes to close the entire project area to mineral entry. The attached mineral order includes the legal description of area to be closed to mineral entry.

The Division of Mining, Land, and Water requests the mineral estate of approximately 60 acres, identified in the attached mineral order, be closed to mineral entry and location, in accordance with AS 38.05.300 for a land disposal. Mining activity on the project area would be incompatible with the current and proposed land estate uses. The land does not contain any known mineral deposits and was not selected for mineral values. There are no mining claims on the land.

Public notice of the comment period for the proposed mineral order was conducted in accordance with AS 38.05.945. The Department did not receive objections or comments regarding the proposed mineral order from the public or agencies during the comment period.

In accordance with AS 38.05.185 (a) and AS 38.05.300, I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land to entry under the mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska as described by Mineral Order (Closing) No. 1259.

Approved: /S/ John Boyle 03/17/2023
John Boyle, Commissioner Date
Department of Natural Resources