

TUNDRA TIMES

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Department of Community and Regional Affairs, has decided to accept the offer in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 14(c)(3) of ANCSA. This decision was reached after consultation with the village of Evansville, Alaska, through the recognized appropriate village entity; upon weighing the best interests of those residents and any future city that might be established; and upon an application of the standards in 19 AAC 90.020.

This notice is being posted and published in accordance with the requirements of 19 AAC 90.015(3) and .910. The decision becomes final upon the expiration of 30 days after the date of its receipt by the village corporation or the recognized village entity, the date of publication, or the date of posting, whichever is latest, unless the decision is appealed to the Commissioner in accordance with 19 AAC 90.940.

Further inquiry may be directed to:
Municipal Land Trust Officer
Department of Community and Regional Affairs
333 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 220
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Phone: (907) 269-4500

Date: June 9, 1993
Patrick Poland
Municipal Land Trust Officer
Date of Posting: June 30, 1993

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND
REGIONAL AFFAIRS
POTENTIAL RECOGNITION OF
"APPROPRIATE VILLAGE ENTITY"
for NINILCHIK, ALASKA
Under Municipal Lands Trustee Program

Notice is hereby given that the Ninilchik Traditional Council has petitioned for recognition as the "appropriate village entity" to provide advice and direction to this department under AS 44.47.150(b) and 19 AAC 90 in connection with municipal trust land administered by the State in trust for a future municipality in Ninilchik, Alaska, under Section 14(c)(3) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Any other entity wishing to be considered for recognition as the appropriate village entity to represent the views of Ninilchik residents, in lieu of the above named entity, must file a petition for such recognition in accordance with 19 AAC 90.140. If there are any substantial and particularized objections by bona fide residents of Ninilchik to the above named entity representing the collective views of the residents of Ninilchik respecting municipal trust land, or if there are other comments, they should be made known. Any petitions, objections or comments must be filed with the Municipal Lands Trustee Program, Department of Community and Regional Affairs, 333 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 220, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2341, within thirty (30) days after publication and/or thirty (30) days after posting of this notice, whichever is later. The matter of entity recognition will be considered further following this period, and additional public notice will be given in accordance with 19 AAC 90.140(c) or (d).

Dated: 6/15/93
/s/ Patrick K. Poland
Municipal Land Trust Officer
Date of Publication: 6/30/93

KOOTZNOOWOO INCORPORATED, the Native village corporation for Angoon, Alaska, has begun its reconveyance program under Section 14(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act ("ANCSA"), 43 U.S.C. § 1613(c). The reconveyance will be for land around the community of Angoon. A valid claim may exist if persons, businesses or nonprofit organizations used or occupied the land on December 18, 1971 as: (1) a primary place of residence, (2) a primary place of business, (3) a subsistence campsite, or (4) the site of a nonprofit organization. The lands covered by this notice are all within the following townships:

Angoon Area Lands
T50S R67E, T50S R68E
T51S R67E, T51S R68E
Copper River Meridian

The deadline for the filing of claims affecting the above-described lands under Section 14(c) of ANCSA is July 31, 1993. Application forms must be received at the Corporation's office no later than this date.

Application forms and further information are available from:

Bartha Jack
Kootznoowoo Incorporated
P.O. Box 118
Angoon, Alaska 99820
(907) 786-3553 or
1-800-478-9653

NOTE

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION IS JULY 31, 1993.

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NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF ALASKA COMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE 57 (North Slope Foothills) and COMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE 75A (Colville River Exempt)

The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G), gives formal notice under AS 38.05.945(A)(4) of its intention to offer lands for competitive oil and gas lease in two lease sales. Both sales are located entirely within the North Slope Borough. Sale 57 includes 196 tracts with an area of approximately 1,033,248 acres. The sale area consists of state owned uplands located on the North Slope and in the northern foothills of the Brooks Range. The sale area is located between the Trans-Alaska Pipeline corridor and the Killik River, approximately 20 miles north of Anaktuvuk Pass. The communities of Anaktuvuk Pass and Nuiqsut may be affected by lease operations resulting from the sale. Sale 57 was first added to the oil and gas leasing program in 1985 but dropped from the schedule in 1989. Sale 57 was again placed on the leasing program in 1990.

Sale 75A includes 11 tracts with an area of approximately 16,903 acres and is located entirely within the North Slope Borough. The sale area consists of uplands located within the area of the Colville River Delta, approximately 65 miles west of Deadhorse. Lease operations resulting from the sale may affect the community of Nuiqsut. Sale 75A was added to the leasing program in 1992 as an exempt sale under AS 38.05.180(d)(2).

The State-ASRC Agreement Area

All of the subsurface estate within Sale 75A is jointly owned by the state of Alaska and the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, (ASRC). The joint ownership is established by the "1991 Settlement Agreement between the state of Alaska and ASRC," ratified by the legislature in Chapter 41 SLA 1992.

The jointly owned tracts are located in the Colville River Delta and will be offered and leased by DO&G under the statutes and regulations of the state of Alaska. Once leased, each party will independently administer its individual interest under the lease. The percentage ownership between the state and ASRC is given in the Settlement Agreement for each tract and is available from the division. Annual rentals, fees and royalties will be apportioned and paid by the lessee to each of the lessors in proportion to this percentage ownership. Lessees will be responsible for the satisfaction of the state's bonding requirements regardless of the percentage of the state's ownership.

The surface estate of the tracts in Sale 75A is owned by the Kuukpik Village Corporation. Should these tracts be leased, rights may not be exercised by the lessees until the lessees make provisions to compensate the village corporation for all damages to the surface estate by reason of entering upon the land, as required by AS 38.05.130 and a 1974 agreement between the state of Alaska and the Kuukpik Corporation. Copies of this Agreement and the 1991 state-ASRC Settlement Agreement are available from DO&G, Frontier Building, 3601 "C" Street, Room 1398, in Anchorage or by writing DO&G at P.O. Box 107034, Anchorage, Alaska 99510-7034.

Sale Terms

Sale 57

The bidding method will be cash bonus bidding with a minimum bid of \$5 per acre. All leases issued as a result of Sale 57 will have a fixed royalty rate of 12 and 1/2 percent (12.5%). All leases issued as a result of Sale 57 will be executed on Form DO&G No. 9208 (COMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS LEASE), revised May 1993.

Sale 75A

The bidding method for Sale 75A will also be cash bonus bidding, however, the minimum bid will be \$10 per acre. All leases issued as a result of Sale 75A will have a fixed royalty rate of 16 and 2/3 percent (16.66%). All leases issued as a result of Sale 75A will be executed on Form DO&G No. 9208AS (COMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS LEASE), revised May 1993.

Sales 57 and 75A

All leases issued as a result of either sale will have an initial primary term of ten (10) years. Annual rental for each lease will be at a rate of \$1.00 per acre for the first year, \$1.50 per acre for the second year, \$2.00 per acre for the third year, \$2.50 per acre for the fourth year, and \$3.00 per acre for the fifth and following years.

Bidding Procedures

Sales 57 and 75A are both scheduled to be held on September 21, 1993, in the Wilda Marston Theater, in the Loussac Public Library, 3600 Denali Street, in Anchorage. Bids for both Sales 57 and 75A will be received only from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on September 20, 1993 in DO&G's offices in Room 1380 (Thirteenth Floor) of the Frontier Building, 3601 "C" Street, Anchorage, Alaska.

In order to bid at these sales, bidders must pre-qualify no later than 4:00 p.m., September 20, 1993. Potential bidders should consult DO&G for pre-qualification requirements and procedures. Under 11 AAC 82.445, a bid will not be considered unless supported by the bid deposit and the information required, unless any omission is determined by the commissioner or his designee to be immaterial or due to excusable inadvertence, and the omission is corrected within one week after receipt of a notice of deficiency.

Tract Deletions and Acreage Adjustments

Sale 75A

The surface estate of the land within Sale 75A is owned by the Kuukpik Village Corporation. The village corporation is entitled under section 1431(o) of ANILCA and the 1987 agreement between ASRC and the Kuukpik Village Corporation to determine whether leasing activities occur on that land the village corporation owns within the National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska. DO&G and ASRC have been unable to secure the approval required to lease lands from the Kuukpik Corporation. As a result, Tracts 75A-001, 75A-008 and 75A-013 have been deleted from the sale in their entirety. In addition, substantial acreage within Tracts 75A-003, 75A-005 and 75A-009 has also been deleted. In total, approximately 9,509 acres have been removed from the sale because of this issue.

Two native allotments applications are located within Tracts 75A-003 and 75A-005. The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management is in the process of adjudicating these claims and should determine their validity before the date of the sale. Should final decisions and certifications not be issued by September 10, 1993, then these allotments and the entire sections containing them may be deleted from the sale. If an acreage deletion occurs, a supplemental notice will be issued notifying the public, potential bidders and interested individuals of these deletions.

In addition, Tract 75A-007 and a portion of Tract 75A-006 has also been deleted from Sale 75A. This acreage will not be conveyed to ASRC by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management in time to be included in Sale 75A. This action removes a total of 2,523 acres from the sale.

The state reserves the right to delete or revise acreage contained within any tract at any time up to 10 days prior to the sale and to withdraw or delete whole tracts from the sale at any time up to the issuance of the lease. Bidders are advised that they are solely responsible for assuring that the per acre bonus bid submitted for each tract accurately reflects the total acreage within the tract at the time of the sale.

Best Interest Finding and ACMP Consistency Determination

In support of Lease Sale 57 and Sale 75A, the director of DO&G has prepared written final findings and decisions under AS 38.05.035(e) and (g) which sets forth the facts, policies, and applicable laws upon which he has based his determinations that these sales will best serve the interests of the state. In addition, conclusive coastal zone consistency determinations have been made that these sales are consistent with the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) and the North Slope Borough Coastal Management Program.

AS 38.05.035(e) and the departmental delegation of authority give the director, DO&G, the authority to impose conditions or limitations, in addition to those imposed by law, to ensure that the disposal best serves the interests of the state. To meet this requirement, the director has adopted environmental and social terms and conditions, which may include limits on surface entry, for tracts leased in Sale 57 and 75A. These stipulations and mitigating measures are part of the lease and will be enforced throughout the term of the lease. These lease terms will be imposed through approval of plans of operations, exploration and development and other permits to mitigate potential adverse social and environmental effects of lease-related activities. Copies of these documents are also available for public review at the following locations: Tuzzy Consortium Library in Barrow, the Public Library in Nuiqsut and the Loussac Public Library in Anchorage.

Additional Information

Potential bidders and interested individuals may obtain complete details regarding Sale 57 or 75A, including copies of this Notice, the Sale Announcement, Instructions to Bidders, Tract Maps, Final Legal Descriptions, Final Findings and other information upon request from DO&G, during regular office hours in Room 1398 of the Frontier Building, 3601 "C" Street, Anchorage, Alaska. Inquiries may be mailed to DO&G, P.O. Box 107034, Anchorage, Alaska 99510-7034, or made by phone to (907) 762-2585. The cost for each set of tract maps is \$50.00 plus \$3.00 for postage. Please make checks payable to: state of Alaska, Department of Revenue.

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