

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE FOR THE SURFACE COAL MINE PERMIT

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources has been requested to hold an informal conference to allow additional public comment on an application for a surface coal mining permit submitted by Diamond Shamrock Chuitna Coal Joint Venture. The informal conference was requested by the Trustees For Alaska and the Tyonek Native Corporation as provided for under AS 27.21.140 and 11 AAC 90.115.

The informal conference will be held at 7:00 pm, November 24, 1986 in the Assembly Chambers of the Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. The informal conference is open to the general public and any person who is or may be adversely affected by the issuance of the permit may give a statement. Oral or written statements will be accepted until the close of the conference. A statement may also be filed by writing to Mr. Samuel M. Dunaway, Jr., Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining and Geology, P.O. Box 7016, Anchorage, Alaska 99510; but the statement must be received before the close of the conference.

Diamond Shamrock Chuitna Coal Joint Venture proposes to develop a surface coal mine in the Beluga region of upper Cook Inlet. The project area is located on the northwest side of Cook Inlet, approximately 45 miles west of Anchorage, Alaska. The proposed permit area includes the following lands:

TOWNSHIP	RANGE	SECTIONS	MERIDIAN
12N	12W	4, 14, 15	Seward
13N	12W	22-27, 34, 36	Seward

The applicant has requested a ten year permit and intends to start production in 1989. The coal will be strip mined using large shovels and draglines, transported to a mine service area by conveyor and then crushed and loaded onto an eleven mile conveyor for transport to a port facility on Cook Inlet. The eleven mile conveyor system and port facility will not be part of the mine permit but will be covered by other state and federal permits. The permit area consists of approximately 3,596 acres. A maximum of 600 acres would be disturbed at any one time.

All disturbed areas will be restored to their approximate original contour and reclaimed as wildlife habitat. The applicant has requested a variance from the requirements under 11 AAC 90.311 to separately remove and salvage topsoil.

The applicant is subject to the requirements of the Alaska Surface Mining Program, AS 27.21 and 11 AAC Chapter 90. The application was found to be complete and is currently being reviewed to determine if it meets the technical requirements of the Alaska Surface Coal Mining Program. Revised application materials were submitted after the initial public review period and will be considered in the state's decision.

Copies of the 23-volume permit application are available for review at:

State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Mining and Geology
3601 "C" St., Suite 1360
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
Phone No. (907) 762-4210
Contact: Brian McMillen

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 10
1200 6th Avenue
Seattle, Wa. 98101
Phone No. (206) 442-8510
Contact: Fredrick Seaborn

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Planning Department
Borough Administration Building
148 N. Binkley St.
Soldotna, Alaska 99559
Phone No. (907) 262-4441
Contact: Frank McIlhargey

Alaska Resources Library
U.S. Dept. of the Interior
701 "C" Street, Rm D-114
Anchorage, Alaska 99513
Phone No. (907) 271-5025
Contact: Reference Librarian

Questions relating to the informal conference should be addressed to Samuel M. Dunaway, Jr. Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining and Geology, P.O. Box 7016, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; or phone (907) 762-4210.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Coastal Policy Council Meeting
November 24, 1986
Anchorage

The Coastal Policy Council will meet on November 24, 1986, in Anchorage at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel, Kuskokwim Room, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The street address for the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel is 401 East Sixth Avenue. The public is invited to attend.

The major agenda item will be action on the Valdez Coastal Management Program. A public hearing will be held on this item.

Meeting packets and the final agenda will be available in early November. For further information, contact Jan Mills, Coastal Program Coordinator, at the Division of Governmental Coordination, P.O. Box AW, Juneau, AK, 99811, telephone 465-3562.

SELAWIK National Wildlife Refuge

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Draft

- Comprehensive Conservation Plan
- Environmental Impact Statement
- Wilderness Review
- Wild River Plan



- The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has scheduled village public meetings to take comments on the draft plan.
- You can give us written comments at each meeting or they can be sent to the address given below.
- All comments must be postmarked by December 21, 1986 to receive consideration in writing the final plan.

Shungnak Tuesday November 4 Old Cafe 7:00 p.m.
Ambler Wednesday November 5 City Office 7:00 p.m.
Kiana Tuesday November 11 City Office 7:00 p.m.
Selawik Wednesday November 12 High School 8:30 p.m.
Noorvik Thursday November 13 Community Building 7:00 p.m.
Buckland Friday November 14 City Office 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: Be sure to listen to KOTZ for any changes in the schedule or call Jerry Stroebele 142-3799 (Refuge headquarters in Kotzebue).

For Additional Information, Contact:



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1011 E. Tudor Road
Anchorage, AK 99503
Bill Knauer
Phone (907) 786-3499