

Prudhoe uplands sales bidding set Sept. 2, 3

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources will hold public meetings in Barrow on Sept. 2 and in Kaktovik on Sept. 3 to discuss proposed competitive oil and gas lease sales for Prudhoe Bay Uplands Sale (no. 34) and the Second Beaufort Sea Sale (No. 36).

Industry interest in the lease sales is expected to be moderate to high. The sales are tentatively scheduled for May 26, 1982 and will involve submerged lands and uplands.

The Barrow meeting on Sept. 2 will be in the Borough Assembly Chambers from 2:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with a break from 5 to 7 p.m. On September 3, the Kaktovik meeting is scheduled for the Community Hall from 7 to 10 p.m.

A representative from the Governor's Office of Policy Development and Planning will be present at each meeting to receive comments on a draft document on each sale. The docu-

ments are titled "A Social, Economic and Environmental Analysis of the Proposed Prudhoe Bay Uplands Oil and Gas Lease Sale No. 34" and "A Social, Economic and Environmental Analysis of the Proposed Second Beaufort Oil and Gas Lease Sale No. 36." Comments received at the public meeting will be considered when final decisions are made on the lease sale and environmental terms.

Archie Brower, Mayor of Kaktovik, serves as an ex officio member of the Governor's Agency Advisory Committee on Leasing. Brower was appointed by Gov. Jay Hammond to represent residents in the lease sale area. The Governor's Agency Advisory Committee is charged with responsibility for developing the social, economic and environmental analysis, even though responsibility for preparing, conducting and implementing state lease sales lies within the Alaska Department of

Natural Resources' Division of Minerals and Energy Management.

The Governor's Advisory Committee is co-chaired by John Katz, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources and James Souby, Director of the Division of Policy Development and Planning. Other mem-

bers of the Committee, in addition to Brower, are the State Attorney General and Commissioners of the Departments of Community and Regional Affairs, Environmental Conservation, Fish and Game, Labor, Revenue and Transportation and Public Facilities.

Copies of the draft docu-

ments, which will be discussed at the meeting, will be available at the Division of Minerals and Energy Management, 703 W. Northern Lights Boulevard, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. For more information about the public meetings or the lease sale, the public may contact Bob Butts in Anchorage at 276-5113.