

**State of Alaska**  
**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Division of Mining, Land and Water**

*Public Notice Under AS 38.05.945*

**2020 Nome Offshore Lease Sale for Locatable Minerals**

In accordance with AS 38.05.035 and AS 38.05.250 in 2011, the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) produced the Final Finding and Decision to hold an offshore lease sale for locatable minerals for tide and submerged lands offshore of Nome, Alaska. The conclusion of the finding and decision found that it was in the best interest for the State of Alaska and its residents to offer a portion of the proposed area for competitive bidding, providing time to monitor the environmental effects of mining and reserving portions of the sale area for possible future lease sales. As a result, 83 leases were offered for just over 23,000 acres of land. A total of 10 established leases and one modified lease with a total of about 1060 acres were never given or have since been terminated. Therefore, DNR will be having a lease sale for the already established offshore lease tracts that currently do not have a lessee. The proposed lease sale will include lands in the table listed below, and are referenced in our Land Administrative System (LAS) at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/landrecords/>.

The 2020 Nome Lease Sale will be a sealed bid process, with a live, open to the public reading of the sealed bids on March 23, 2020. Miners will be able to make and send their sealed bids to the State of Alaska starting on January 1, 2020 until 5:00pm (AKST) on February 28, 2020. The minimum bid for each tract is indicated in in the bidding packet available on our website at: (<http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/nome/>). Additional information including a map, bidder Statement of Qualifications, bidding instructions and forms, and lessee's responsibilities are also available in the packet online.

Successful bidders in the lease sale will receive an offshore mining lease which grants exclusive right to the locatable minerals in the offshore leased boundaries on state-owned tide and submerged land. The lease tracts which range in size from 34 to 375 acres will be issued for a term of 10 years subject to renewal. Before mining operations are conducted on the leases, the operator or lessee will be required to acquire all necessary permits from the regulating agencies having jurisdiction.

Tract	ADL	Acreage	Legal Description
1	603853	40	That portion of the E 1/2 SE 1/4 of Section 3, T12S, R33W, KRM that is below mean high water.
4	603056	36	Those portions of the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 3 that are below mean high water, T12S, R33W, KRM.
5	603057	50	NE 1/4 SE 1/4, and those portions of the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 that are below mean high water, section 4, T12S, R33W, KRM.
13	603865	45	That portion of the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 section 32 below mean high water, T11S, R33W, KRM; N 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 section 5, T12S, R33W, KRM. Excluding East Nome Beach Public Mining Area
16	603868	201	That portion of the NW 1/4 excluding the Port of Nome and NE 1/4 of section 35 T11S, R34W, KRM that is below mean high water, containing approximately 201 acres.

21	603058	113	SW 1/4 excluding the East Offshore Mining Lease Tract of ADL 17867; S 1/2 SW 1/4 NW 1/4, S 1/2 S 1/2 N 1/2 SW 1/4 NW 1/4, section 29, T11S, R34W, KRM. Containing approximately 113 acres.
24	603059	75	SW 1/4 NE 1/4, S 1/2 S 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4, S 1/2 SE 1/4 NE 1/4, S 1/2 S 1/2 N 1/2 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 section 30, T11S, R34W, KRM. Containing approximately 75 acres.
26	603060	34	That portion of the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of section 19 below mean high water; N 1/2 N 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 section 30, T11S, R34W, KRM. Containing approximately 34 acres.
28	603880	41	That portion of the E 1/2 SE 1/4 section 24 below mean high water, T11S, R35W, KRM.
36	603888	50	That portion of the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 section 23 below mean high water and excluding the West Offshore Mining Lease Tract of ADL 17867; NW 1/4 SE 1/4 section 23 excluding the West Offshore Mining Lease Tract of ADL 17867; NE 1/4 SW 1/4 section 23 excluding the West Offshore Mining Lease Tract of ADL 17867, T11S, R35W, KRM.
56	603937	375	Kateel River Meridian, Township 11 South, Range 33 West, Section 31: S1/2 S1/2; Kateel River Meridian, Township 12 South, Range 33 West, Section 6: N1/2, excluding portions within the public beach mining area.

If you have any questions about the 2020 Nome Offshore Lease sale, please contact the Project Coordinator:

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