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January 27, 2023

Honorable Mark Jensen, Borough Mayor
Petersburg Borough
PO Box 329.
Petersburg, Alaska 99833

RE: Proposed Petersburg Borough Municipal Land Entitlement in within Regions 1 and 3
(Central Southern Southeast Area Plan) for portions to be conveyed and rejected.

Dear Honorable Jensen,

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice to the Mayor's Office of proposed conveyances, postponement and rejection of state-owned land to the Petersburg Borough, properly posted, in accordance with AS 38.05.945.

Enclosed is a copy of the public notice that explains the proposed actions. Please distribute this letter to those within your organization that may have an interest and submit your comments, if any, by **March 3, 2023**.

If you should have any questions concerning these actions, you may contact me at (907) 269-6546, or email at mary.hermon@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Hermon".

Mary Hermon
Natural Resource Specialist II
Land Conveyance Section, Municipal Entitlements

Cc: Debbie Thompson, Borough Clerk
Stephen Giesbrecht, Borough Manager

Enclosure: 1

STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER
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Attachment G: PUBLIC NOTICE

Requesting Input for a Proposed Conveyance Under AS 29.65
Petersburg Borough Municipal Land Entitlement Selections – ADL 108982, 108983, and 108984

COMMENT PERIOD ENDS: 4:30 PM, FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023

The Department of Natural Resource (DNR), Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW), Land Conveyance Section (LCS) has prepared a Preliminary Decision (PD) for a proposal to convey approximately 2,737 acres of state owned vacant, unappropriated, unreserved (VUU) general grant land to Petersburg Borough (Borough), in order to partially fulfill their municipal land entitlement under AS 29.65.010. Located within DNR's Southeast Region, these land selections are in regions of the Central Southern Southeast Area Plan (Region 1. Sumdum-Stephans Passage and Region 3. Petersburg). LCS finds that the proposed conveyance is consistent with the requirements of AS 29.65, and that the Borough's interest in obtaining these state lands outweigh the State's interest in retaining them. And postpone adjudication on approximately 23 acres.

LCS proposes to reject approximately 523 acres of borough selections where the CSSAP states the land will be retained by the State.

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945 Notice, the public is invited to comment on this PD which proposes to transfer ownership of state land to the Petersburg Borough. **The deadline for submitting public comment is 4:30 PM, Friday, March 3, 2023.** Only persons from whom LCS receives timely written comment during the identified comment period will be eligible to file and appeal of the Final Finding and Decision (FFD). Comments must be received in writing to the Division of Mining, Land and Water, Attention: Mary Hermon, at 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 640, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, by fax at (907) 269-8916, or by email at mary.hermon@alaska.gov. If you have questions, call Mary Hermon at (907) 269-6546.

The public notice is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/pubnotfrm.htm>. The Preliminary Decision is available on the DMLW Municipal Entitlement web site at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/muni/> and on the DMLW Land Sales website at: <http://landsales.alaska.gov>.

Following the comment deadline, those written responses received will be considered and the decision may be modified to incorporate public comments in a Final Finding and Decision (FFD). Only persons who comment during this public comment period will be eligible to file an administrative appeal of the FFD. A copy of the FFD will be sent to any person who comments on the PD. The FFD will include the appeal instructions. Please direct all inquiries or questions to Mary Hermon, at the above address, electronic mail, phone or by fax.

DNR is prepared to accommodate individuals with disabilities by providing auxiliary aids or services when requested. Individuals with audio impairments who wish to respond to this decision by telephone may call the DNR, Public Information Center in Anchorage between the hours of operation: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday at TTY: 711 for Alaska relay or 800-770-8973 or go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/>

If no significant change is required, the PD, including any minor changes and a summary of comments and responses, will be issued as the FFD, without further notice. A copy of the FFD will be sent to any persons who commented timely on the PD.

DNR reserves the right to waive technical defects in this notice.

ATTACHMENT A

PETERSBURG BOROUGH

Municipal Selections

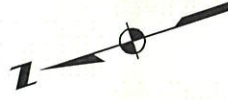
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Preliminary Decision

ADLs 108982, 108983, 108984

Legend

- Anadromous Streams
- Borough Boundary
- LDA (State Forest, PUA, etc)
- State Land, TA or Patented
- Mental Health Trust Land
- US Forest Service Land
- Private Owned Land



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