

# State of Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sales

## *North Slope Areawide 2009*

## *North Slope Foothills Areawide 2009*

Call for New Information

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Alaska Department of Natural Resources

Division of Oil and Gas

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR), Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G), is requesting new information regarding its proposal to offer all available state acreage in the North Slope and North Slope Foothills Areawide 2009 oil and gas lease sales. Through this request for new information, DO&G provides an opportunity for interested parties to submit new information to DO&G that has become available since the issuance of the most recent best interest findings for these areas. The current North Slope Areawide final best interest finding was issued on July 15, 2008. The current North Slope Foothills Areawide final best interest finding was issued on February 7, 2001. A supplement to this finding was issued in January of 2002. These documents are available on DO&G's website: [www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us](http://www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us). ADNR will either issue a supplement to the findings or a decision of no substantial new information for these sales.

### What is a Call for New Information?

Before an oil and gas lease sale, ADNR issues a call for new information that has become available since the most recent best interest finding for the sale area. Agencies and the public are given an opportunity for comment. Based on the comments received, ADNR will determine whether there is "substantial new information" that justifies a supplement to the finding. Either a supplement to the finding, or a "decision of no substantial new information," will be issued not later than 90 days before the sale. Any person that has commented during the comment period will have the reconsideration and appeal rights as described in AS 38.05.035.

North Slope Areawide 2009	opens	closes
North Slope Foothills Areawide 2009		
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Supplement to the best interest finding or decision of no substantial new information	July 2009	
Proposed Sale	October 2009	

Mitigation measures developed in the current North Slope and North Slope Foothills Areawide best interest findings will be carried on leases sold during the 10-year life of the findings unless, as a result of substantial new information, ADNR deems it necessary to change or add measures through a supplement to the finding. A new coastal management consistency review is done whenever the commissioner determines that new information or conditions suggest the proposed lease sale may no longer be consistent with ACMP standards.

#### **DO&G is requesting new information concerning:**

- fish and wildlife species and their habitats in the area;
- current and projected uses in the area, including uses and value of fish and wildlife such as subsistence and recreation;
- potential geophysical hazards within the proposed sale area;
- reasonably foreseeable cumulative effects of exploration, development, production, and transportation for oil and gas on the sale area, including effects on subsistence uses, fish and wildlife habitat and populations and their uses, and historic and cultural resources;
- lease stipulations and mitigation measures, including any measures to prevent and mitigate releases of oil and hazardous substances, to be included in the leases, and a discussion of the protections offered by these measures;
- reasonably foreseeable fiscal effects of the lease sale and the subsequent activity on the state and affected municipalities and communities, including the explicit and implicit subsidies associated with the lease sale, if any;
- air and water quality;
- reasonably foreseeable effects of exploration, development, production, and transportation involving oil and gas on municipalities and communities within or adjacent to the lease sale area.