

SENATE BILL NO. 266

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/14/04

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act approving an interim classification by the commissioner of natural resources**
2 **closing certain land within the area of the proposed Bristol Bay (Alaska Peninsula)**
3 **competitive oil and gas areawide lease sale to oil and gas exploration licensing and**
4 **shallow natural gas leasing; and providing for an effective date."**

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
7 to read:

8 PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to approve the interim classification contained
9 in mineral order no. 791, issued by the commissioner of natural resources to close state land
10 in the proposed Bristol Bay (Alaska Peninsula) competitive oil and gas areawide lease sale
11 area to oil and gas exploration licensing under AS 38.05.131 - 38.05.134 and shallow natural
12 gas leasing under AS 38.05.177. The legislature finds that closure of this area to oil and gas
13 exploration licensing and shallow natural gas leasing is necessary to prevent conflicts between
14 those programs and oil and gas leasing under AS 38.05.180.

1 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
2 read:

3 MINERAL ENTRY CLOSURE. Under AS 38.05.300(c), and subject to existing
4 valid rights, the following described state-owned land in the proposed Bristol Bay (Alaska
5 Peninsula) competitive oil and gas areawide lease sale area is closed to oil and gas exploration
6 licensing under AS 38.05.131 - 38.05.134 and shallow natural gas leasing under
7 AS 38.05.177:

- 8 (1) Township 17 South, Ranges 44 West - 58 West, Seward Meridian;
- 9 (2) Township 18 South, Ranges 44 West - 58 West, Seward Meridian;
- 10 (3) Township 19 South, Ranges 44 West - 58 West, Seward Meridian;
- 11 (4) Township 20 South, Ranges 45 West - 61 West, Seward Meridian;
- 12 (5) Township 21 South, Ranges 46 West - 54 West, Seward Meridian;
- 13 (6) Township 21 South, Ranges 57 West - 61 West, Seward Meridian;
- 14 (7) Township 22 South, Ranges 47 West - 53 West, Seward Meridian;
- 15 (8) Township 22 South, Ranges 58 West - 61 West, Seward Meridian;
- 16 (9) Township 23 South, Ranges 47 West - 52 West, Seward Meridian;
- 17 (10) Township 24 South, Ranges 47 West - 52 West, Seward Meridian;
- 18 (11) Township 25 South, Ranges 47 West - 52 West, Seward Meridian;
- 19 (12) Township 26 South, Ranges 47 West - 53 West, Seward Meridian;
- 20 (13) Township 27 South, Ranges 47 West - 53 West, Seward Meridian;
- 21 (14) Township 28 South, Ranges 48 West - 53 West, Seward Meridian;
- 22 (15) Township 29 South, Ranges 48 West - 54 West, Seward Meridian;
- 23 (16) Township 30 South, Ranges 48 West - 55 West, Seward Meridian;
- 24 (17) Township 31 South, Ranges 49 West - 56 West, Seward Meridian;
- 25 (18) Township 32 South, Ranges 51 West - 57 West, Seward Meridian;
- 26 (19) Township 33 South, Ranges 52 West - 58 West, Seward Meridian;
- 27 (20) Township 34 South, Ranges 53 West - 59 West, Seward Meridian;
- 28 (21) Township 35 South, Ranges 51 West - 59 West, Seward Meridian;
- 29 (22) Township 36 South, Ranges 51 West - 52 West, Seward Meridian;
- 30 (23) Township 36 South, Ranges 55 West - 60 West, Seward Meridian;
- 31 (24) Township 37 South, Ranges 57 West - 62 West, Seward Meridian;

- 1 (25) Township 38 South, Ranges 58 West - 63 West, Seward Meridian;
- 2 (26) Township 39 South, Ranges 59 West - 64 West, Seward Meridian;
- 3 (27) Township 40 South, Ranges 59 West - 65 West, Seward Meridian;
- 4 (28) Township 41 South, Ranges 63 West - 68 West, Seward Meridian;
- 5 (29) Township 42 South, Ranges 63 West - 69 West, Seward Meridian;
- 6 (30) Township 43 South, Ranges 65 West - 70 West, Seward Meridian;
- 7 (31) Township 44 South, Ranges 65 West - 71 West, Seward Meridian;
- 8 (32) Township 45 South, Ranges 67 West - 72 West, Seward Meridian;
- 9 (33) Township 46 South, Ranges 68 West - 73 West, Seward Meridian;
- 10 (34) Township 47 South, Ranges 69 West - 78 West, Seward Meridian;
- 11 (35) Township 48 South, Ranges 70 West - 81 West, Seward Meridian;
- 12 (36) Township 49 South, Ranges 70 West - 83 West, Seward Meridian;
- 13 (37) Township 50 South, Ranges 71 West - 84 West, Seward Meridian;
- 14 (38) Township 51 South, Ranges 71 West - 85 West, Seward Meridian;
- 15 (39) Township 52 South, Ranges 74 West - 75 West, Seward Meridian;
- 16 (40) Township 52 South, Ranges 79 West - 86 West, Seward Meridian;
- 17 (41) Township 53 South, Ranges 85 West - 87 West, Seward Meridian;
- 18 (42) Township 54 South, Ranges 85 West - 87 West, Seward Meridian.

19 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).