

**NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF THE FINAL BEST INTEREST FINDING  
NORTH SLOPE AREA WIDE**

On July 15, 2008, the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil & Gas, issued the final best interest finding under AS 38.05.035 (e). This final best interest finding addresses North Slope Areawide oil and gas lease sales from 2008-2017.

Once a finding has been written for an areawide sale, ADNRC can conduct a lease sale in that same area each year for up to 10 years without repeating the entire finding process, unless the commissioner determines that substantial new information has become available that justifies a supplement to the most recent best interest finding.

The director found and the commissioner concurred, that the potential benefits of the North Slope Areawide Oil and Gas Lease Sale, as conditioned, outweigh the possible adverse impacts, and that the sale will best serve the interests of the state of Alaska.

The final finding is available on the Division of Oil and Gas web site:

<http://www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us>