

State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry Kenai-Kodiak Area Office
Notice of Timber Sale under AS 38.05.945
Notice of Final Finding under AS 38.05.035

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, as part of its forest management program will offer the following commercial timber sales for competitive sealed bid. The proposed timber sales are located within the Kenai Peninsula Borough and are in the vicinity of Anchor Point. Locations of the sale areas are as follows:

	Legal Descriptions	General Location
Pothole # 8	Section 31 Township 5 South, Range 14 West, and Section 6 Township 6 South Range 14 West, Seward Meridian.	South of Anchor Point. Access to view the sale is by snowmobile or All Terrain Vehicle from Old Sterling Highway via Dusty Avenue
Pothole # 12	Section 31 Township 5 South, Range 14 West, Seward Meridian	South of Anchor Point, with access the same as the Pothole #8 Timber Sale.
Old Pioneer Lane	Section 26 Township 4 South Range 15 West Seward Meridian.	North of Anchor Point. Access at the end of Old Pioneer Lane via Cape Ninilchik Avenue

The silvicultural prescription selected for spruce in all sales is salvage cut, partial overstory removal with reserves All dead spruce—standing or down—over eight inches in diameter will be harvested. Live spruce trees over 10 inches in diameter will be harvested. Pockets of advanced regeneration and pole sized green trees will be retained and protected during harvest. Birch may be harvested at the discretion of the State; details are in the timber sale contracts. The Pothole #8 and Pothole #12 timber sales will require winter ice roads. The Old Pioneer Lane timber sale may be accessed year round. The State may suspend log hauling of this sale during spring breakup or when there are otherwise saturated ground conditions. Performance deposits are required for all sales as detailed in the contracts.

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945 this notice is intended to inform the public that the Department of Natural Resources is issuing a final written finding under AS 38.05.035(e) that these timber sales are in the best interest of the State and the Division has decided to initiate these forest management actions. Further, all of the Timber Sales listed above have been specifically reviewed as pertains to the Alaska Coastal Management Program; and the Division of Forestry has made a final determination that the sales are consistent with the Coastal Zone Management Program. Copies of the decision documents may be viewed at the Division of Forestry, 42499 Sterling Highway/ Soldotna, AK 99669. The Final Finding Forest Land Use Plan for the Old Pioneer Lane Timber Sale may be viewed on the Division of Forestry's website: "<http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/timber/kenaikodiak.htm>".

A person affected by this decision who provided timely written comment or public hearing testimony on this decision may appeal it, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received by April 6, 2010, and may be mailed or delivered to Tom Irwin, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; or

faxed to (907) 269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr_appeals@dnr.state.ak.us. If no appeal is filed by April 6, 2010, this decision goes into effect as a final order and decision on April 6, 2010. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

The minimum bid prices, performance bonds, and contact periods are as follows:

Sale Name	Harvest	Minimum Bid	Performance Bond	Contract Expiration
	Unit Acres			
Pothole #8 (SC-3221 K)	35	\$525.00	\$1,500.00	July 15, 2012
Pothole #12 (SC-3240 K)	24	\$360.00	\$1,500.00	July 15, 2012
Old Pioneer Lane (SC-3182 K)	37	\$560.00	\$2,000.00	September 30, 2011

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources hereby gives notice that the State will accept **sealed bids of these timber sales by 2:00 p.m. on April 22, 2010** at the Kenai-Kodiak Area Forestry Office at Mile 92.5 Sterling Highway. To qualify for bidding all bidders must, prior to the bid opening, submit a copy of their current Alaska Business License. The business license copy may accompany the sealed bid. Sealed bids, submitted in duplicate, on forms provided by the Division of Forestry, marked on the outside with the timber sale name and number, and addressed to the Kenai-Kodiak Area Office, 42499 Sterling Hwy., Soldotna, Alaska 99669, will be accepted until 2:00 P.M. prevailing time, April 22, 2010. Sealed bids may also be presented in person to the Kenai-Kodiak Area Forester before the bid opening. All bids must be in the physical possession of the Kenai-Kodiak Area Forester before the bid opening. Prospective bidders are required to submit a 10% bid deposit for the total bid amount, for each sale they are bidding on with their bid form. The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Unless all bids are rejected, the sale will be awarded to the responsible qualified bidder offering the highest total bid value for the timber on each sale. The State also reserves the right to waive technical defects in this advertisement in the best interest of the State.

Prior to executing the contract, the timber sale purchasers must visit the timber sale with a representative of the State to verify access and ensure that expectations of the contract are clear.

Persons interested in these timber sales are encouraged to visit the sale areas, review the contracts, logging and road construction standards prior to bidding. More detailed information pertinent to the sales, prospectus and a sample contracts may be obtained at the following web site, <http://forestry.alaska.gov/timber> or at Division of Forestry office in Soldotna or by calling 260-4200.

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need help with bidding should contact John Winters at 260-4212 (john.winters@alaska.gov) no later than **2:00 PM, April 16, 2010** to make any necessary arrangements.

Hans Rinke—Area Forester