

State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
Southern Southeast Area Office

Preliminary Written Finding under AS 38.05.035(e) and AS 38.05.945

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, gives formal notice under AS 38.05.945 that the Division has made a preliminary decision under AS 38.05.035(e) regarding the sale of the following commercial timber sale: Odyssey Timber Sale (SSE-1391-K).

Before this sale may be held, the Commissioner will make a written final decision that the sale is in the best interest of the State. This decision will set out the facts and applicable policies upon which the Commissioner bases his determination that the proposed timber sale will or will not best serve the interest of the State. The final decision is expected to be available to the public after **February 17, 2025**.

The area of the sale is proximate to the community of Whale Pass and the El Capitan Passage on Prince of Wales Island. More Specifically it is legally referenced as: El Capitan North and South Subunits: Section 36, T65S, R78E; Section 31, T65S, R79E; Sections 1, 12, T66S, R78E; Sections 6, 7, T66S, R79E; Sections 13, 24, 25, T66S, R78E all in Copper River Meridian (CRM). Whale Pass Addition Subunit 5a: Sections 1,12, T67S, R79E, CRM. Exchange Cove Subunit 1b: Sections 29, 32, T65S, R80E, CRM.

The sale area is found within the Petersburg A-4 USGS quadrangle. The main access for this sale area is from the existing Prince of Wales Island Road System, specifically off the 2000, 2500, and 3000 Roads.

The area of harvest totals approximately 600 acres of timbered land and contains approximately 6,000 MBF of timber. This volume will be negotiated and sold under provisions of AS 38.05.118, in the form of one or multiple sales. The sale(s) will be a negotiated contract requiring purchaser layout and in-state manufacture.

The public is invited to comment on any aspect of the preliminary decision. Comments should be mailed to the Alaska Division of Forestry, 2417 Tongass Avenue, Suite 213, Ketchikan, AK 99901. Comments must be received at the Division of Forestry office no later than **February 17, 2025**, in order to be considered in the final best interest finding decision of whether or not this sale will be held in whole or in part. To be eligible to appeal the final decision a person must have provided written comment by **February 17, 2025**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:

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Copies of the preliminary decision are available for review at the Division of Forestry at the above address and at the Ketchikan, Craig, Petersburg and Wrangell Public Libraries and the State Online Public Notice System at: <http://notice.alaska.gov/218174>.

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