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To: Claudia Dolfi; George R; Jim Tapley; Roberta Mason; Sandra Myers; Sierra Alcantra-Hansen
Subject: Letter to DNR Commissioner
Attachments: letter to DNR Jonesville.docx

Hi Folks,

Attached is a draft letter to DNR Commissioner Mark Myers along with the Cc contacts. Please read and offer any constructive information, edits or suggestions. My objective when writing this letter was not to include all the detailed idiosyncrasies such as boundaries or chronology but more to make a point of expediency.

George, I included Jim Colver as a supporter *knowing* Mike Dunleavy notably offered his help first. Mike's keen sense of procedure and Senate office will be instrumental to make this happen - but Jim needs to be in the loop too.

Claudia, I didn't research the Cc contact emails. I'm not even sure who the current Jonesville coal lease-holder is. We'll work on that.

Your personal contact should be added to the letter. Please make sure Frank Buzby receives this message and send me his email to add to my SCC list. Thanks.

This planning process may develop into a long term event. I'll share a few more ideas at our next meeting.

Thanks everyone,

Mark

State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources
Commissioner Mark Myers
October 21, 2015

DRAFT

Dear Commissioner Myers,

The community of Sutton is under siege. A situation exists that threatens the health and safety of local residents and the general public caused by the ongoing reckless behavior of visitors on state owned land encompassing the Jonesville Mine area.

Sutton residents and the Sutton Community Council recognize the value of access and recreational opportunities on State land for public use. Historically, the majority of Sutton residents have also supported and encouraged responsible resource development. We welcome visitors and users that help to perpetuate DNR's overall management directive as defined in AS 41.23.130-230 (HB307). However, there is no current management obligation to mitigate the negative impacts citizens are experiencing in our community due to irresponsible and criminal activities on specifically, but not limited to, state owned land in the Jonesville Mine area.

This has been a progressive problem concurrent with the various stages of reclamation of the Jonesville Mine area over the years resulting in significant improvements for access and appealing to growing numbers of recreational users. During the summer Sutton receives several hundred visitors on a weekend. Most of them are motorized users and campers. While many of these folks are responsible families or groups, too many are not, jeopardizing public safety and desecrating public use land.

It is not uncommon to visit the Jonesville Mine area and observe scores of ATV riders racing near camps and pedestrians or up and down Jonesville road. There are no designated shooting ranges so there is rampant gunfire in different directions at multiple locations - day and night. The targets they leave turn into piles of trash. There are property owners on Jonesville road that are subject to bullets flying through the air from Jonesville Mine. In addition, there are indiscriminate explosions and cannon-fire the residents of Sutton are exposed to under the management guise of 'multiple use land'.

The area has increasingly become a dumping zone for people who have no respect for the law, or more accurately, have no management oversight or enforcement to even acknowledge. Vandals have destroyed old mining equipment, the Coyote Lake campground and the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department quick-fill plumbing at Slipper Lake. There are no restrooms or dumpsters for the hundreds of people that use this area. Drug related parties are prevalent adding hypodermic needles to the current landscape of biohazards. The limited budget and resources of the Alaska State Troopers is strained. Unfortunately, locals don't even use this area anymore. There is no management, no rules, not even a sign coming from the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources.

This condition has developed beyond the caricature of a "Wild West Show". Jonesville Mine public use land has transgressed into a freaking zoo with all the gates open. It has become dangerous and trashed, diminishing the safety and beauty for local residents and the public at large.

It is generally understood that Sutton is hosting the same bad elements and behavior patterns that was regulated (to a large extent) out of the Knik River Public Use Area. More than ever the community of Sutton realizes the need for a similar plan to provide management direction and enforcement for the Jonesville Mine area. This process will be challenging given the circumstances of our current State budget, but required by Alaska statute and more importantly an opportunity to sustain a healthy community environment.

Mr. Commissioner, with your office this plan will come to fruition. Senator Mike Dunleavy District E and Representative Jim Colver District 9 are willing to commit their efforts to help us achieve this goal. The Sutton Community Council is in the process of contacting other stakeholders and looks forward to working with DNR's Southcentral Regional Office. Together, we will plan ahead.

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Communication Secretary - Claudia Dolfi
(contact:)

Cc: Governor Bill Walker, Senator Mike Dunleavy, Representative Jim Colver, Mayor Vern Halter, Assemblyman Jim Sykes, Alaska Department of Public Safety - Division of State Troopers, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Department of Community Development, (Jonesville coal lease holder)

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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 8:40 AM
To: Mark Bertels
Cc: Sierra Alcantra-Hansen; Roberta Mason; Sandra Myers; George R; Jim Tapley; Claudia Dolfi
Subject: Re: Fw:

Hi Mark,

Thanks for getting back to me. This all sounds like a good plan. I have written to Jim Sykes about this too.

I guess it was the automatic weapons fire and explosions last weekend that prompted me to contact someone other than the troopers.

thanks for your time.

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From: JOSHUA ROCKEY <Joshua.Rockey@matsuk12.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 4:34 PM
To: Nancy Bertels (Nancy.Bertels@matsugov.us); Sutton.Library@matsugov.us; suttoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com; Bobbie Mason (imskool@mtaonline.net)
Cc: JOSHUA ROCKEY
Subject: written report update from Sutton Elementary School for Council Meeting 10-28

Greetings Sutton Community Council,

I had intentions of attending the meeting tonight, but will be unable to make it. I have one of my children who is sick.

Below is a list of updates and upcoming events:

- We are awaiting test scores from the state. They have been delayed. I was expecting to share them with you at the meeting. I will let you know when they arrive.
- Numbers are a 55 total Sutton Elementary students
 - Our biggest class is K/1 at 26
 - I have actually had to put a student on a wait list who wants to attend here as a boundary exempt because we are getting so large
- Our participation in the after school programs continues to be strong
- Some highlights include
 - Our PTA sponsored Halloween carnival will be tomorrow, October 29th from 2-5 pm
 - We had a top 25 runner at the District XC meet
 - We have 10 basketball players (5 more than last year)
 - We have regular attendees in our HW Help and tutoring club
 - We have between 6-10 regular attendees of our art club
 - More when it is relocated to the public library
 - We kick off our LEGO program next week on Tues and Thurs until Christmas break
 - Coffee/Lunch with the principal will be Nov 10th (I will also do some basic volunteer/helper training at the lunch)
 - Breakfast with a loved one will be the last Wed before thanksgiving in the morning, Nov 25th

There are occasional hiccups, but things continue to run very well.

I will make arrangements to be there for the November meeting. I should have state results for test scores by then. ☺

Thanks,

JR

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"THE SECRET TO GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED."

MARK TWAIN

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It's a Halloween Costume Party

Who: You and your family!

What: An evening of Halloween fun. Halloween Photo Booth, Halloween Movie, Popcorn, Games and Crafts.

Where: Sutton Public Library

When: Friday, October 30
5-7 p.m.

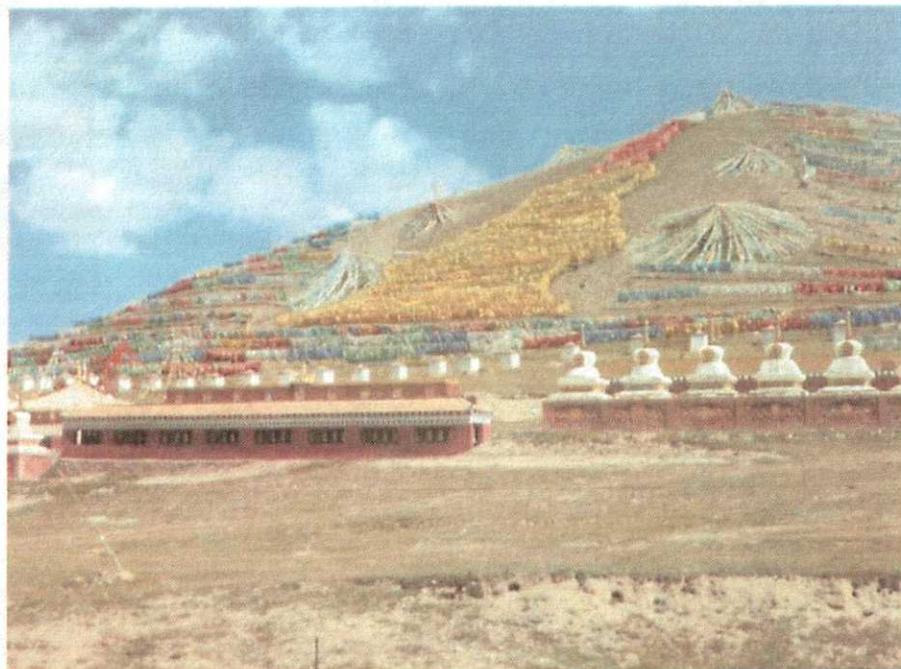
Need more info: Call the Library at 861-7640.





The Armchair Traveler

Goes to Tibet



The Armchair Traveler brings local residents together to share their unique travel experiences. Visit your local library and take a quick trip to Tibet without leaving home!

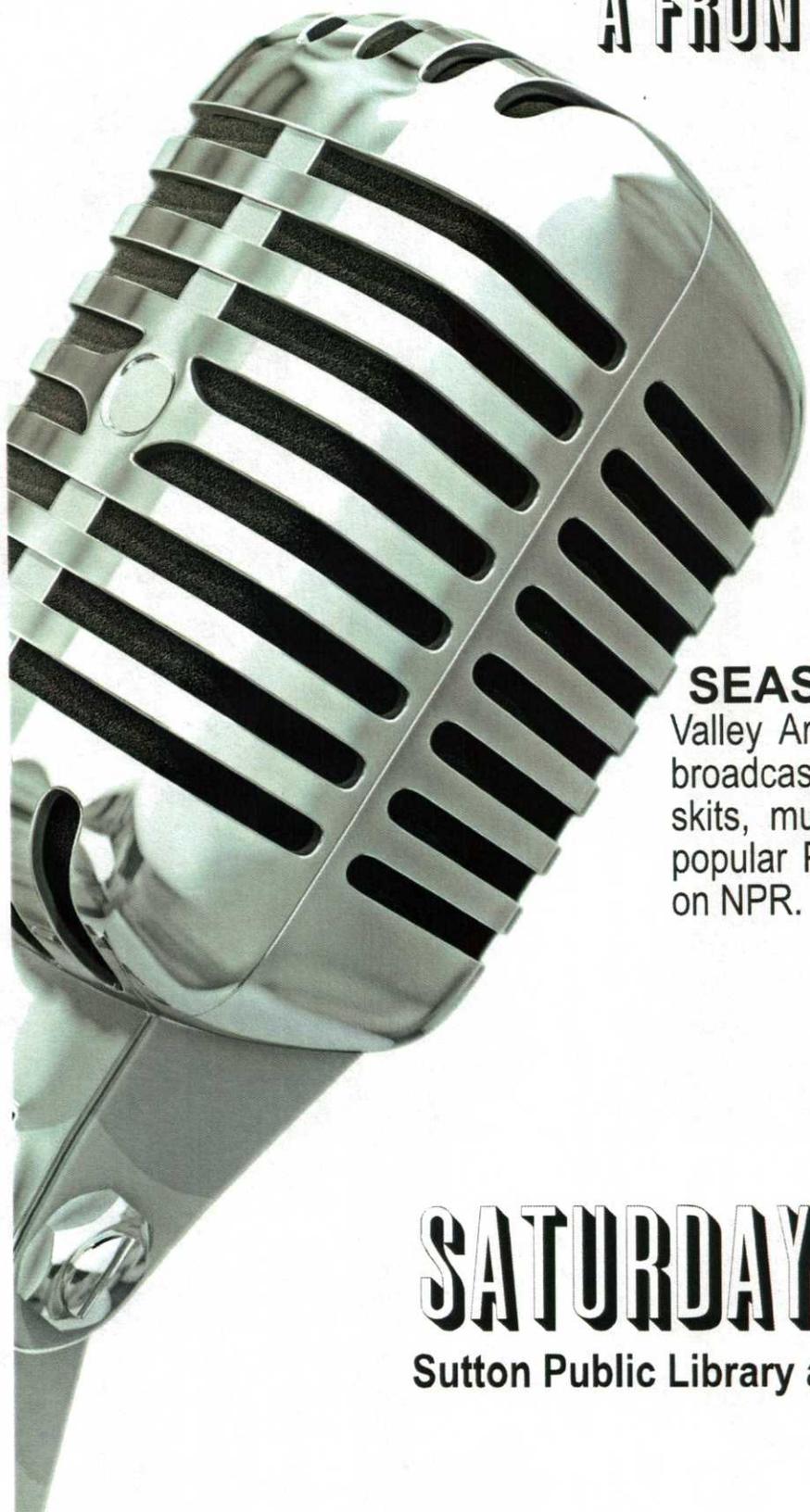
**Thursday, November 5 @ 6 p.m.
at the Sutton Public Library,**

Mark Clark shares photos and stories about his travel to Tibet this summer.

For more information call the library at 861-7640.

THE ALASKA HOME COMPANION

A FRONTIER VARIETY SHOW



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SEASON 4 SUTTON EPISODE

Valley Arts Alliance rendition of a live radio broadcast from the golden age of radio, with skits, music, and dance acts, similar to the popular Prairie Home Companion radio show on NPR.

\$15 SUGGESTED
DONATION

SATURDAY, NOV. 7TH 7PM

Sutton Public Library and Community Resource Center
11301 N. Chickaloon Way in Sutton



DINNER - ALPINE INN - SUTTON
WED - NOV 11 - 6 PM

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SCC - ACCB

Presentations:

Colony High R.O.T.C.
Sutton Cub Scout Troop

Honoring:

All Veterans
Paul Johnson, WWII, 95 years old

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CALL FOR NEW INFORMATION

State of Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sales

2016 Cook Inlet and Alaska Peninsula Areawides



Alaska Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil and Gas

September 30, 2015

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G), will offer all available state acreage in the Cook Inlet Areawide and the Alaska Peninsula Areawide oil and gas lease sales areas, tentatively scheduled for Spring 2016. DO&G requests substantial new information concerning these areas that has become available over the past year.

Based on the information received, DO&G will either issue supplements to the findings or decisions of no substantial new information for these lease sales (AS 38.05.035(e)(6)(F)).

The most recent Cook Inlet Areawide final best interest finding was issued in 2009. The most recent Alaska Peninsula Areawide final best interest finding was issued in 2014. The latest supplement to the Cook Inlet best interest finding was issued February 8, 2011. The findings and supplement are located at:

dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Leasing/BestInterestFindings.htm

What Are the Alaska Oil and Gas Areawide Lease Sale Program and the Best Interest Finding?

Alaska holds annual competitive oil and gas lease sales in five defined geographic areas, called "areawide lease sales". Before DO&G may hold an areawide lease sale in any of the five geographic areas, Alaska law requires a written best interest finding that it is in the state's best interests to have a lease sale (AS 38.05.035(e)). A best interest finding is valid for 10 years. It describes facts and relevant laws pertaining to the proposed lease sale area and discusses the potential effects of oil and gas exploration, development, production, and transportation. It also contains mitigation measures that lessees must follow. Mitigation measures are designed to reduce or eliminate potential negative effects and are included in leases sold during the 10-year life of the findings. Mitigation measures may be modified through supplements.

What Areas are Included in the Oil and Gas Lease Sales?

The **Cook Inlet** Areawide lease sale area encompasses about 4.2 million gross acres divided into 815 tracts currently ranging in size from 640 to 5,760 acres. These tracts are located within the Matanuska-Susitna, Anchorage, and Kenai Boroughs, and consist of state-owned uplands located in the Matanuska and Susitna river valleys generally south and west of Houston and Wasilla, the Anchorage bowl, and the western shore of Cook Inlet from Beluga River to Harriet Point. The lease sale area also includes the tide and submerged lands in upper Cook Inlet from Knik Arm and Turnagain Arm south to Anchor Point and Tuxedni Bay. The area is bounded on the east by the Chugach and Kenai mountains and on the west by the Aleutian Range. A map of this lease sale area is attached.

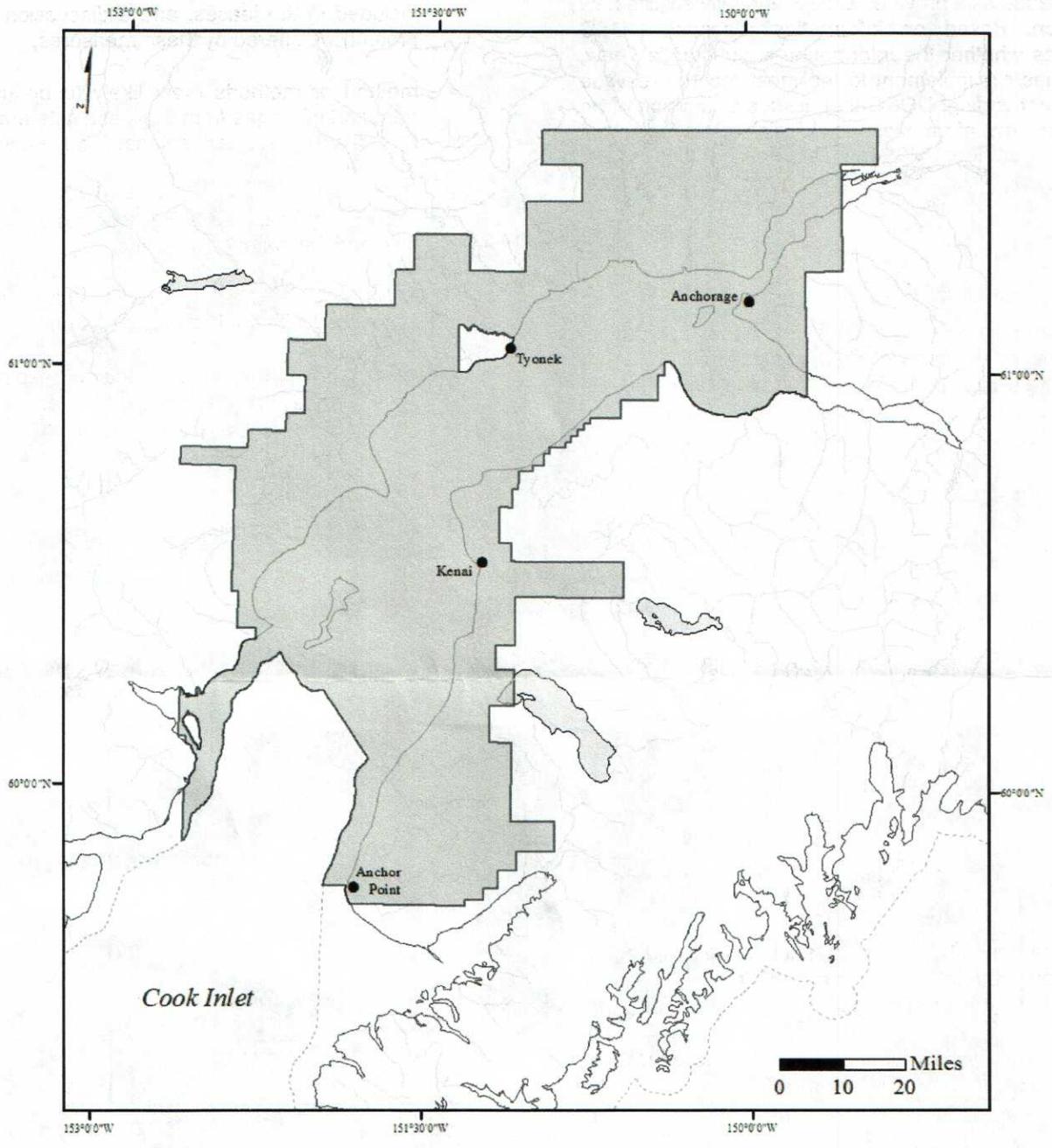
The **Alaska Peninsula** Areawide lease sale area encompasses about 4 million gross acres onshore and 1.75 million gross acres in offshore state waters divided into 1,047 tracts currently ranging in size from 640 to 5,760 acres. These tracts are located from the Nushagak Peninsula in the north, down the north side of the Alaska Peninsula to the vicinity of Cold Bay. The proposed sale area lies within the Lake and Peninsula Borough, Bristol Bay Borough, Aleutians East Borough, and the Dillingham Census Area. A map of this lease sale area is attached.

The land estate on these tracts may be owned by the state, a municipality, or a private entity. Only those tracts in which the mineral estate is free and unencumbered are included in any issued lease.

Deadline for receiving information:

November 6, 2015, 5:00 pm

Tentative lease sales: Spring 2016



Map Location

Cook Inlet Lease Sale Area

How Do I Submit Information to DO&G?

Substantial new information must be received by November 6, 5:00 pm, to be considered. Submit information only pertaining to the Cook Inlet or Alaska Peninsula lease sales areas. When providing information, please be as specific as possible. For example, if the information is from a published study, please provide a copy of the study or a complete reference citation so DO&G staff can obtain a copy for consideration. Send substantial new information to Best Interest Findings Manager:

By mail: Alaska Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil & Gas
550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 1100
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3560

By fax: 907-269-8938

By e-mail: dog.bif@alaska.gov

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation to participate in this process, please contact the Division of Oil & Gas at 907-269-8800 no later than October 15, 2015, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A person is eligible to file a request for reconsideration of the commissioner's decision and file any subsequent appeal to the Superior Court only if the person has meaningfully participated in this process by submitting written comment during the period for receipt of new information, and is affected by the final written best interest finding (AS 38.05.035(i)).

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