

Material Sites

Goal

Land for State-Owned Materials Sites. Maintain in state ownership¹³ and make available to public and private users sufficient, suitably located materials sites to meet long-term economic needs of the area for material resources.

Management Guidelines

A. Preferred Material Sites. When responding to a request for a material sale or identifying a source for materials, the highest priority should be given to using existing upland material sources. Using materials from wetlands, lakes, tidelands, and active or inactive floodplain rivers or streams should be avoided unless no feasible public upland alternative exists. As a general policy, sales or permits for gravel extraction will not be permitted in known fish spawning areas. Material sites shall be maintained in public ownership. Units K-20, K-42, K-43, and portions of K-73 are designated 'Materials' (Ma) in the Resource Allocation Table.

B. Maintaining Other Uses and Resources When Siting and Operating Material Sites. Before materials are extracted, the manager will ensure that the requirements of the permit or lease adequately protect other important resources and uses. The disposal of materials should be consistent with the applicable management intent statement and management guidelines of the plan.

C. Land Sales in Areas of High Material Potential. Generally, if a settlement area contains sand and gravel deposits, rock sources or other similar high value material resources, a pit area should be identified during subdivision design and retained in state ownership for future use.

D. Screening and Rehabilitation. Material sites should be screened from roads, residential areas, recreational areas, and other areas of significant human use. Sufficient land should be allocated to the material site to allow for such screening. Rehabilitation of the site shall follow the requirements of AS 27.19.020 and 11 AAC 97.250.

E. Coordination with Kodiak Island Borough. Prior to granting authorizations for material sales, the DNR should coordinate with the Kodiak Island Borough to determine applicable zoning requirements. Much of the undeveloped parts of the Borough are zoned 'Conservation' and non-recreational resource extraction is a conditional use in this zoning district. There are specific local land use requirements for gravel extraction that are included in the Borough's Pasagshak Area Land Use Plan, which affects management units K-45 and K-73.

¹³ Management units K-42 and K-43 occupy sites that are affected by a management agreement between the state and federal government for materials extraction. When the management agreements terminates, the land used for materials extraction is to be reclaimed and returned to federal ownership.

F. Other Guidelines Affecting Materials. Other guidelines will affect the use of material resources. See in particular the following sections of this chapter:

- Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Harvest Areas
- Coordination and Public Notice
- Recreation, Tourism, and Scenic Resources
- Subsurface Resources