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Public Land Order 5704

Withdrawal for Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204(c) and (j) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), 43 U.S.C. 1714(c) and (j), and by the National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act of 1966 as amended, 16 U.S.C. 668dd, it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights and except as explicitly provided in paragraph 4 of this Order, federally owned or controlled lands (including submerged lands), interests in lands, and waters within the boundaries set forth in paragraph 3 of this Order are withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, entry or selection under the operation of the public land laws, including but not limited to the mining laws (30 U.S.C. Chap. 2), Section 6 of the Alaska

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Statehood Act (72 Stat. 339), and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (43 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et sec.).

2. Subject to valid existing rights and except as explicitly provided in paragraph 4 of this Order, federally owned or controlled lands (including submerged lands), interests in lands, and waters within the boundaries set forth in paragraph 3 of this Order are furthermore reserved, including the reservation of appurtenant water reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes of the reservation, as the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge and transferred to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for administration in accordance with laws and regulations applicable to the National Wildlife Refuge System. The Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge is reserved for the purposes of conserving fish and wildlife resources and their habitats and the ecological systems of which they form a constituent element; supporting the intent and purposes of international

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treaty obligations of the United States with respect to fish and wildlife and their habitats; ensuring water quality; and protecting and maintaining special values of the refuge such as archeological, geological, historical, paleontological or other scientific or educational values. Consistent with the above stated purposes and applicable state and federal law, it is the continued policy of the Department of the Interior to provide the opportunity for the continuation of subsistence uses by local rural residents. Such subsistence uses shall be the first priority consumptive use of the wild renewable resources within the area withdrawn and reserved by this Order.

3. Except as explicitly provided in paragraph 4 of this Order, the lands (including submerged lands), interests in lands and waters withdrawn, reserved and transferred by paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Order consist of all areas owned or controlled by the United States within the following boundaries:

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YUKON DELTA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Beginning at the meander corner of sections 16 and 21, T. 4 S.,
R. 74 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence northwesterly, along the line of mean high tide of Kuskokwim
Bay, approximately 15 miles to to the meander corner of sections
16 and 21, T. 2 S., R. 75 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, closing the mouth of Kuskokwim Bay, approxi-
mately 11 miles to the meander corner of sections 15 and 22, T. 2
S., R. 77 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southwesterly, westerly and northerly, along the line of
mean high tide of Kuskokwim Bay closing the mouth of Ishkowiak
River, Kugukilk and Kinak River, approximately 100 miles to an
intersection with the boundary of Clarence Rhode National Wildlife
Range Area #2, at the most southerly tip of section 19 on the
right bank of the Kinak River, T. 2 S., R. 86 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence northeasterly, northerly, westerly and southwesterly,
following the boundary of Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Range
Area #2 to the meander corner of sections 1 and 12, at the line
of mean high tide of Etolin Strait, T. 2 N., R. 89 W., Seward
Meridian;

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Thence northwesterly, closing the mouth of Kolavinarak River, approximately 1 1/2 miles to the meander corner of sections 2 and 3, at the line of mean high tide of Etolin Strait, T. 2 N. R. 89 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence northwesterly, following the line of mean high tide of Etolin Strait, approximately 21 miles to the most northwesterly point of Chinigwak Cape located in section 3, T. 4 N., R. 91 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence northwesterly, closing the mouth of Kangialvar Bay, approximately 5 miles to the most southeasterly tip of Atnuak Point, located in section 28, T. 5 N., R. 91 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence northwesterly and northeasterly, along the line of mean high tide of Etolin Strait and Hazen Bay, approximately 35 miles to the most southwesterly tip of Kigigak Islands in section 2, T. 3 N., R. 90 W., Seward Meridian, closing a portion of the mouth of the Ninglick River on the seaward side of all islands;

Thence northeasterly and northwesterly, following the boundary of the Hazen Bay Migratory Waterfowl Refuge to the most northwesterly tip of Kigigak Island, located in section 14, T. 9 N., R. 89 W., Seward Meridian;

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Thence northwesterly, closing the remainder of the mouth of the Ninglick River on the seaward side of all islands, approximately 2 1/4 miles to the intersection with the boundary of Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Range Area #1, at the most southeasterly tip of Naskonat Peninsula, located in section 2, T. 9 N., R. 89 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence northeasterly, easterly, northerly, westerly and southerly, following the boundary of Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Range Area #1 to the meander corner of sections 2 and 3, T. 15 N., R. 93 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence northwesterly, closing the mouth of Hooper Bay, on the seaward side of all islands approximately 8 miles to the meander corner of sections 10 and 11, at the line of mean high tide, T. 16 N., R. 94 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence northwesterly and northerly, following the line of mean high tide of the Bering Sea to the most northerly point of Panowat Spit, located in section 22, T. 19 N., R. 93 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence northerly, closing the mouth of Kokechik Bay, on the seaward side of all islands to the most westerly point of Cape Romanzof, located in section 23, T. 20 N., R. 93 W., Seward Meridian;

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Thence easterly, northwesterly and northeasterly, following the line of mean high tide of the Bering Sea, closing the mouth of all rivers, inlets and bays, except Scammon Bay, and including the islands located in sections 3, 9 and 10, T. 24 N., R. 89 W., Seward Meridian, to the meander corner of sections 4 and 9, T. 28 N., R. 85 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence northerly, closing the mouth of all bays, inlets, rivers and all passes and channels of the Yukon River, on the seaward side of all islands and following the line of mean high tide to an intersection with the Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Range at the most westerly tip of section 28, T. 27 S., R. 31 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence southeasterly, easterly and northeasterly, following the boundary of Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Range to the meander corner of sections 19 and 24, T. 27 S., Rs. 25 and 26 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence southeasterly, easterly and northeasterly, along the line of mean high tide of Norton Sound, closing the mouths of all bays, inlets and rivers, and on the seaward side of all islands, to the meander corner of sections 14 and 23, T. 23 S., R. 19 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence easterly, between sections 14 and 23, 13 and 24, approxi-

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approximately 1 1/4 miles to the corner of sections 13, 18, 19 and 24,
T. 23 S., Rs. 18 and 19 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence southerly, between Rs. 18 and 19 W., approximately 2 miles
to the corner of sections 25, 30, 31 and 36, T. 23 S., Rs. 18 and
19 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence easterly, between sections 30 and 31, approximately 1 mile
to the corner of sections 29, 30, 31 and 32, T. 23 S., R. 18 W.,
Kateel River Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 31 and 32, 5 and 6, approxi-
mately 2 miles to the corner of sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, T. 24 S.,
R. 18 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence easterly, between sections 5 and 8, 4 and 9, approximately
2 miles to the corner of sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, T. 24 S., R. 18
W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 9 and 10, 15 and 16, 21 and
22, approximately 3 miles to the corner of sections 21, 22, 27
and 28, T. 24 S., R. 18 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence easterly, between sections 22 and 27, approximately 1 mile
to the corner of sections 22, 23, 26 and 27, T. 24 S., R. 18 W.,

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Kateel River Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 26 and 27, 34 and 35, approximately 2 miles to the standard corner of sections 34 and 35, T. 24 S., R. 18 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence easterly, on the Sixth Standard Parallel South, approximately 1 1/4 miles to the closing corner of sections 2 and 3, T. 25 S., R. 18 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 2 and 3, 10 and 11, 14 and 15, approximately 3 miles to the corner of sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, T. 25 S., R. 18 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence easterly, between sections 14 and 23, 13 and 24, approximately 2 miles to the corner of sections 13, 18, 19, and 24, T. 25 S., R. 17 and 18 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence southerly, between R. 17 and 18 W., approximately 1 mile to the corner of sections 19, 24, 25 and 30, T. 25 S., R. 17 and 18 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence easterly, between sections 19 and 30, approximately 1 mile to the corner of sections 19, 20, 29 and 30, T. 25 S., R. 17 W., Kateel River Meridian;

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Thence southerly, between sections 29 and 30, approximately 1 mile to the corner of sections 29, 30, 31 and 32, T. 25 S., R. 17 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence easterly, between sections 29 and 32, 28 and 33, approximately 2 miles to the corner of sections 27, 28, 33 and 34, T. 25 S., R. 17 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 33 and 34, approximately 1 mile to the corner of sections 3, 4, 33 and 34, Tps. 25 and 26 S., R. 17 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence easterly, between Tps. 25 and 26 S., approximately 1 mile to the corner of sections 2, 3, 34 and 35, Tps. 25 and 26 S., R. 17 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 2 and 3, 10 and 11, approximately 2 miles to the corner of sections 10, 11, 14 and 15, T. 26 S. R. 17 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence easterly, between sections 11 and 14, 12 and 13, 7 and 18, 8 and 17, approximately 4 miles to the corner of sections 8, 9, 16 and 17, T. 26 S., R. 16 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 16 and 17, 20 and 21, 28 and 29, approximately 3 miles to the corner of sections 28, 29, 32

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and 33, T. 26 S., R. 16 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence easterly, between sections 23 and 33, approximately 1 mile to the corner of sections 27, 28, 33 and 34, T. 26 S., R. 16 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 33 and 34, approximately 1 mile to the corner of sections 3, 4, 33 and 34, Tps. 26 and 27 S., R. 16 W. Kateel River Meridian;

Thence easterly, between Tps. 26 and 27 S., approximately 2 miles to the corner of sections 1, 2, 35 and 36, Tps. 26 and 27 S., R. 16 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 1 and 2, approximately 1 mile to the corner of sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, T. 27 S., R. 16 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence easterly, between sections 1 and 12, 6 and 7, 5 and 3, 4 and 9, approximately 4 miles to the corner of 3, 4, 9 and 10, T. 27 S., R. 15 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 9 and 10, 15 and 16, approximately 2 miles to the corner of sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, T. 27 S., R. 15 W., Kateel River Meridian;

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Thence easterly, between sections 15 and 22, 14 and 23, approximately 2 miles to the corner of sections 13, 14, 23 and 24, T. 27 S., R. 15 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 23 and 24, 25 and 26, 35 and 36; 1 and 2, 11 and 12, 13 and 14, 23 and 24, 25 and 26, 35 and 36, 1 and 2, approximately 10 miles to the corner of sections 1 and 2, T. 29 S., R. 15 W., Kateel River Meridian;

Thence easterly, on the South Boundary of the Kateel River Meridian, and the North Boundary of the Seward Meridian, approximately 1/4 mile to the corner of sections 32 and 33, T. 34 N., R. 64 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 32 and 33, 4 and 5, 8 and 9, 16 and 17, 20 and 21, 28 and 29, 32 and 33 approximately 7 miles to the standard corner of sections 32 and 33, T. 33 N., R. 64 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence easterly, on the Eighth Standard Parallel North approximately 1/2 mile to the closing corner of sections 2 and 3, T. 32 N., R. 65 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 2 and 3, 10 and 11, 14 and 15, 22 and 23, 26 and 27, 34 and 35, 2 and 3, 10 and 11, 14 and 15,

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22 and 23, 26 and 27, 34 and 35, 2 and 3, 10 and 11, 14 and 15,
22 and 23, 26 and 27, 34 and 35, approximately 13 miles, to the
corner of sections 2, 3, 34 and 35, Tps. 29 and 30 N., R. 65 W.,
Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between Tps. 29 and 30 N., approximately 4 miles
to the corner of Tps. 29 and 30 N., Rs. 65 and 66 W., Seward
Meridian;

Thence southerly, between Rs. 65 and 66 W., approximately 6 miles
to the standard corner of T. 29 N., Rs. 65 and 66 W., Seward
Meridian;

Thence westerly, on the Seventh Standard Parallel North, approximately
1 1/2 miles to the closing corner of T. 28 N., Rs. 66 and 67 W.,
Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between Rs. 66 and 67 W., approximately 24
miles to the standard corner of T. 25 N., Rs. 66 and 67 W.,
Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, on the Sixth Standard Parallel North, approximately
1 1/2 miles to the closing corner of T. 24 N., Rs. 67 and 68 W.,
Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between Rs. 67 and 68 W., approximately 6 miles

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to the corner of Tps. 23 and 24 N., Rs. 67 and 68 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between Tps. 23 and 24 N., approximately 9 miles to the corner of sections 3, 4, 33 and 34, Tps. 23 and 24 N., R. 69 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 3 and 4, 9 and 10, 15 and 16, 21 and 22, 27 and 28, 33 and 34, 3 and 4, 9 and 10, 15 and 16, 21 and 22, 27 and 28, 33 and 34, approximately 12 miles to the corner of sections 3, 4, 33 and 34, Tps. 21 and 22 N., R. 69 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between Tps. 21 and 22 N., approximately 7 3/4 miles to the meander corner between sections 5 and 32, at the line of mean high water on the right bank of Poltes Slough of the Yukon River, Tps. 21 and 22 N., R. 70 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southeasterly and northeasterly, along the line of mean high water of the right banks of Poltes Slough, Wilson Creek Slough, Cross Slough, Thirty-two Kazyga Slough, Circle Slough, Tuckers Slough, Summer Slough and the Yukon River to the meander corner of sections 13 and 14, at the line of mean high water on the right bank of the Yukon River, T. 22 N., R. 59 W., Seward

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Meridian;

Thence East, on a forward bearing, approximately 2 miles to an intersection with the line between sections 17 and 18, T. 22 N., R. 58 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 17 and 18, 19 and 20, 29 and 30, 31 and 32, approximately 3.1/2 miles to the corner of sections 5, 6, 31 and 32, Tps. 21 and 22 N., R. 58 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence easterly, between Tps. 21 and 22 N., approximately 1 mile to the corner of sections 4, 5, 32 and 33, Tps. 21 and 22 N., R. 58 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 4 and 5, 8 and 9, 16 and 17, approximately 3 miles to the corner of sections 16, 17, 20 and 21, T. 21 N., R. 58 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence easterly, between sections 16 and 21, 15 and 22, approximately 2 miles to the corner of sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, T. 21 N., R. 58 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 22 and 23, 26 and 27, 34 and 35; approximately 3 miles to the standard corner of sections 34 and 35, T. 21 N., R. 58 W., Seward Meridian;

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Thence westerly, on the Fifth Standard Parallel North, approximately 1/4 mile to the closing corner of T. 20 N., Rs. 58 and 59 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between Rs. 58 and 59 W., approximately 3 miles to the corner of sections 13, 18, 19 and 24, T. 20 N., Rs. 58 and 59 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between sections 13 and 24, 14 and 23, approximately 2 miles to the corner of sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, T. 20 N., R. 59 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 22 and 23, 26 and 27, approximately 2 miles to the corner of sections 26, 27, 34 and 35, T. 20 N., R. 59 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between sections 27 and 34, 28 and 33, 29 and 32, 30 and 31, approximately 4 miles to the corner of sections 25, 30, 31 and 36, T. 20 N., Rs. 59 and 60 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence northerly, between Rs. 59 and 60 W., approximately 1 mile to the corner of sections 19, 24, 25 and 30, T. 20 N., Rs. 59 and 60 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between sections 24 and 25, 23 and 26, approxi-

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approximately 2 miles to the corner of sections 22, 23, 26 and 27, T. 20 N., R. 60 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 26 and 27, approximately 1 mile to the corner of sections 26, 27, 34 and 35, T. 20 N., R. 60 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between sections 27 and 34, approximately 1 mile to the corner of sections 27, 28, 33 and 34, T. 20 N., R. 60 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 33 and 34, 3 and 4, approximately 2 miles to the corner of sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, T. 19 N., R. 60 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between sections 4 and 9, approximately 1 mile to the corner of sections 4, 5, 8 and 9, T. 19 N., R. 60 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 3 and 9, 16 and 17, 20 and 21, 28 and 29, 32 and 33, 4 and 5, 8 and 9, 16 and 17, 20 and 21, 28 and 29, 32 and 33, 4 and 5, approximately 12 miles to the corner of sections 4, 5, 8 and 9, T. 17 N., R. 60 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence easterly, between sections 4 and 9, 8 and 10, 2 and 11, 1

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and 12, 6 and 7, 5 and 8, 4 and 9, 3 and 10, 2 and 11, 1 and 12,
approximately 10 miles to the corner of sections 1, 6, 7 and 12,
T. 17 N., Rs. 58 and 59 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence northerly, between Rs. 58 and 59 W., approximately 1 mile
to the corner of Tps. 17 and 18 N., Rs. 58 and 59 W., Seward
Meridian;

Thence easterly, between Tps. 17 and 18 N., approximately 4 miles
to the corner of sections 2, 3, 34 and 35, Tps. 17 and 18 N., R.
58 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence northerly, between sections 34 and 35, approximately 1
mile to the corner of sections 26, 27, 34 and 35, T. 18 N., R. 58
W., Seward Meridian;

Thence easterly, between sections 26 and 35, approximately 1 mile
to the corner of sections 25, 26, 35 and 36, T. 18 N., R. 58 W.,
Seward Meridian;

Thence northerly, between sections 25 and 26, approximately 1/2
mile to the 1/4 section corner of sections 25 and 26, T. 18 N.,
R. 58 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence easterly, on the E-W centerlines of sections 25, 30, 29,
28 and 27, approximately 5 miles to the 1/4 section corner of

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sections 26 and 27, T. 18 N., R. 57 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 26 and 27, approximately 1/2 mile to the corner of sections 26, 27, 34 and 35, T. 18 N., R. 57 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence easterly, between sections 26 and 35; 25 and 36, approximately 2 miles to the corner of sections 25, 30, 31 and 36, T. 18 N., Rs. 56 and 57 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between Rs. 56 and 57 W., approximately 7 miles to the standard corner of T. 17 N., Rs. 56 and 57 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence easterly, on the Fourth Standard Parallel North, approximately 3 1/2 miles to the closing corner of T. 16 N., Rs. 56 and 57 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between Rs. 56 and 57 W., approximately 6 miles to the corner of Tps. 15 and 16 N., Rs. 56 and 57 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between Tps. 15 and 16 N., approximately 6 miles to the corner of Tps. 15 and 16 N., Rs. 57 and 58 W., Seward Meridian;

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Thence southerly, between Rs. 57 and 58 W., approximately 3 miles to the corner of sections 13, 18, 19 and 24, T. 15 N., Rs. 57 and 58 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between sections 13 and 24, 14 and 23, 15 and 22, 16 and 21, 17 and 20, 18 and 19, approximately 6 miles to the corner of sections 13, 18, 19 and 24, T. 15 N., Rs. 58 and 59 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between Rs. 58 and 59 W., approximately 3 miles to the corner of Tps. 14 and 15 N., Rs. 58 and 59 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between Tps. 14 and 15 N., approximately 6 miles to the corner of Tps. 14 and 15 N., Rs. 59 and 60 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between Rs. 59 and 60 W., approximately 3 miles to the corner of sections 13, 18, 19 and 24 T. 14 N., Rs. 59 and 60 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between sections 13 and 24, 14 and 23, 15 and 22, 16 and 21, 17 and 20, 18 and 19, approximately 6 miles to the corner of sections 13, 18, 19 and 24 T. 14 N., Rs. 60 and 61 W., Seward Meridian;

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Thence southerly, between Rs. 60 and 61 W., approximately 3 miles to the corner of Tps. 13 and 14 N., Rs. 60 and 61 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between Tps. 13 and 14 N., approximately 3 miles to the corner of sections 3, 4, 33 and 34, Tps. 13 and 14 N., R. 61 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 3 and 4, 9 and 10, 15 and 16, 21 and 22, 27 and 28, 33 and 34, approximately 6 miles to the standard corner of sections 33 and 34, T. 13 N., R. 61 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, on the Third Standard Parallel North, approximately 5 miles to the closing corner of T. 12 N., Rs. 62 and 63 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between Rs. 62 and 63 W., approximately 6 miles to the corner of Tps. 11 and 12 N., Rs. 62 and 63 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between Tps. 11 and 12 N., approximately 6 miles to the corner of Tps. 11 and 12 N., Rs. 63 and 64 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between Rs. 63 and 64 W., approximately 12

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miles to the corner of Tps. 9 and 10 N., Rs. 63 and 64 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between Tps. 9 and 10 N., approximately 3 miles to the corner of sections 3, 4, 33 and 34, Tps. 9 and 10 N., R. 64 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 3 and 4, 9 and 10, 15 and 16, 21 and 22, 27 and 28, 33 and 34, approximately 6 miles to the standard corner of sections 33 and 34, T. 9 N., R. 64 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, on the Second Standard Parallel North, approximately 2 miles to the closing corner of sections 3 and 4, T. 8 N., R. 65 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 3 and 4, 9 and 10, 15 and 16, approximately 3 miles to the corner of sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, T. 8 N., R. 65 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between sections 16 and 21, 17 and 20, 18 and 19, approximately 3 miles to the corner of sections 13, 18, 19 and 24, T. 8 N., Rs. 65 and 66 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between Rs. 65 and 66 W., approximately 3 miles

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to the corner of Tps. 7 and 8 N., Rs. 65 and 66 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between Tps. 7 and 8 N., approximately 3 miles
to the corner of sections 3, 4, 33 and 34, Tps. 7 and 8 N., R. 66
W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 3 and 4, 9 and 10, 15 and 16,
21 and 22, 27 and 28, 33 and 34, approximately 6 miles to the
corner of sections 3, 4, 33 and 34 Tps. 6 and 7 N., R. 66 W.,
Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between Tps. 6 and 7 N., approximately 9 miles
to the corner of Tps. 6 and 7 N., Rs. 67 and 68 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between Rs. 67 and 68 W., approximately 6 miles
to the corner of Tps. 5 and 6 N., Rs. 67 and 68 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between Tps. 5 and 6 N., approximately 3 miles
to the corner of sections 3, 4, 33 and 34, Tps. 5 and 6 N., R. 68
W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 3 and 4, 9 and 10, 15 and 16,
21 and 22, 27 and 28, 33 and 34, approximately 6 miles to the
standard corner of sections 33 and 34, T. 5 N., R. 68 W., Seward
Meridian;

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Thence westerly, on the First Standard Parallel North, approximately 1 3/4 miles to the closing corner of sections 3 and 4, T. 4 N., R. 69 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between sections 3 and 4, 9 and 10, 15 and 16, 21 and 22, 27 and 28, 33 and 34, 3 and 4, 9 and 10, 15 and 16, 21 and 22, 27 and 28, 33 and 34, approximately 12 miles to the corner of sections 3, 4, 33 and 34, Tps. 2 and 3 N., R. 69 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between Tps. 2 and 3 N., approximately 3 miles to the corner of Tps. 2 and 3 N., Rs. 69 and 70 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between Rs. 69 and 70 W., approximately 12 miles to the corner of T. 1 N., on the Base Line, Rs. 69 and 70 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, on the Base Line, approximately 1 1/2 miles to the closing corner of T. 1 S., Rs. 70 and 71 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between Rs. 70 and 71 W., approximately 19 miles to the corner of sections 1, 6, 7 and 12, T. 4 S., Rs. 70 and 71 W., Seward Meridian;

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Thence westerly, between sections 1 and 12, 2 and 11, 3 and 10, 4 and 9, 5 and 8, 6 and 7, 1 and 12, 2 and 11, 3 and 10, 4 and 9, 5 and 8, 6 and 7, approximately 12 miles to the corner of sections 1, 6, 7 and 12, T. 4 S., Rs. 72 and 73 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence southerly, between Rs. 72 and 73 W., approximately 2 miles to the corner of sections 13, 18, 19 and 24, T. 4S., Rs. 72 and 73 W., Seward Meridian;

Thence westerly, between sections 13 and 24, 14 and 23, 15 and 22, 16 and 21, 17 and 20, 18 and 19, 13 and 24, 14 and 23, 15 and 22, 16 and 21, approximately 9 1/2 miles to the meander corner of sections 16 and 21, T. 4 S., R. 74 W., Seward Meridian, the point of the beginning.

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4. Federal owned or controlled lands (including submerged lands), interests in lands, and waters within the boundaries set forth in paragraph 3 of this Order which have been previously withdrawn for other federal agency purposes are not currently subject to the withdrawal and reservation set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Order.

5. Lands (including submerged lands), interests in lands or waters within the boundaries set forth in paragraph 3 of this Order which are not now owned or controlled by the United States but which become the property of the United States in the future are hereby withdrawn and reserved, as set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Order, as of the date when such lands, interests in lands or waters become the property of the United States. Federally owned or controlled lands (including submerged lands), interests in lands or waters within the boundaries set forth in paragraph 3 of this Order which are not now "public lands", as that term is defined in FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1702(e)), are

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hereby withdrawn, reserved and transferred, as set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Order, as of the date when the lands, interests in lands, or waters become "public lands" as defined in FLPMA. It is the intent of this Order that "public lands", as that term is defined in FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1702(e)), within the boundaries set forth in paragraph 3 of this Order and which are subject to valid existing rights are hereby withdrawn, reserved and transferred as set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Order; Provided that, if that valid existing right should be construed as presently forbidding United States Fish and Wildlife Service administration in accordance with this Order, the affected lands (including submerged lands), interests in lands or waters are hereby withdrawn, reserved and transferred, as set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Order, as of the date when the valid existing right is relinquished or otherwise extinguished.

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6. The withdrawal and reservation made herein is in addition to any existing withdrawals made under Section 17(d)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1616(d)(1), Section 204(e) of FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1714(e), or other authorities, but the withdrawal and reservation made herein shall be the dominant withdrawal and reservation; Provided that, previous Public Land orders affecting the lands covered by this Order are hereby amended to the extent necessary to give the Secretary discretion to allow oil and gas leasing under the Mineral leasing Act of 1920 as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 et. seq.) when the Secretary determines such leasing to be compatible with the purposes of the Refuge.

7. This order shall be effective February 11, 1980.

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8. In the event of a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction invalidating any paragraph of this Order or portion thereof, or invalidating any geographical area or land use from the operation of this Order, the remainder of this Order shall not be affected thereby.



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CECIL D. ANDRUS

Secretary of the Interior

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