

MINING OR PANNING AND SITNASUAK NATIVE CORPORATION LAND

Part of the Sitnasuak Native Corporation's mission is to preserve and protect our most valuable resource, Sitnasuak land. The lands within the outlined and shaded area on the map below are predominantly privately owned by Sitnasuak Native Corporation (SNC).

Mining is strictly prohibited on Sitnasuak lands. SNC lands are posted with signs in various locations and the public is reminded to comply with any posted notices.

For information on other allowable land uses, please contact the SNC Land Department.

When unauthorized use of SNC land is brought to the corporation's attention, the SNC Land Use Policy and the appropriate laws will be referenced to form a statement to the parties involved. Any persons violating SNC's Land Use Policy will be fined and may be subject to future land use restrictions.

NEED TO KNOW FACTS:

- The beaches surrounding Nome are privately owned, and any mining activity on the beach requires permission from the respective landowner(s).
- Mining and/or taking of minerals is **PROHIBITED** on Sitnasuak Native Corporation and Bering Straits Native Corporation-owned beach property.
- Permits can be revoked for failure to follow stipulations or for aggressive behavior.
- All mining is **PROHIBITED** year-round within a 0.5-mile distance (radius) of any anadromous river mouth to protect our fish. Additionally, for 10-inch and larger suction dredge or mechanical placer mining operations, mining within a 1-mile distance (radius) of any anadromous river mouth between the annual dates of June 1 – July 15 is **PROHIBITED**.

PERMIT STIPULATIONS FOR NOME EAST AND WEST PUBLIC BEACH MINING AREAS (PER DNR)

State land begins at the mean high tide level. Since the average tide at Nome is 1.04 feet, this means that to be on state land, the miner must effectively be in the water. Since all uplands at Nome are privately owned, other recreational mining apparatus (such as a rocker box or high banker or sluice box or gold pan) must be used in the surf below mean high tide, but not higher up on the beach.

Because the uplands are all privately owned, any miner mining or camping on the beach or tundra above the beach will be in trespass unless they have permission from the land owner. Trespass is not allowed and is grounds for revocation of the miners' permit.

Suction dredges are only allowed in the West Public Offshore mining area (ADL 233171) and East Public Offshore mining area (ADL 21872) when occupied by the miner. Conditions and limitations apply and vary.

more info: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/nome/>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Where is SNC Land?

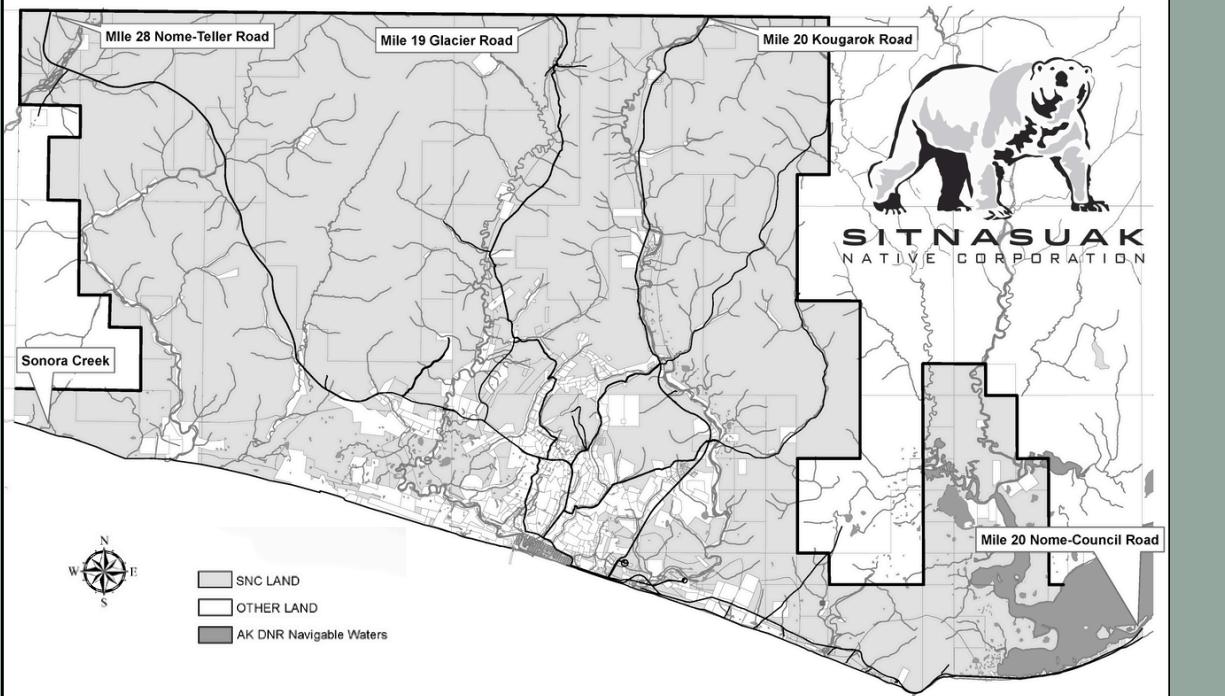
Generally, land owned by SNC is on the local road system:
to mile 20 on the Nome-Council Road;
to mile 20 on the Nome-Kougarok Road;
to mile 19 on the Glacier Creek Road;
and to mile 28 on the Nome-Teller Highway.

Q: Do I need a permit to enter SNC Land?

Yes, a permit is required for any activity on SNC Lands.

Q: Am I allowed to practice "day mining"?

Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) owns the subsurface estate to SNC lands. BSNC does not allow any Shareholder mining activities; therefore, SNC cannot offer any permits.



PROTECTION OF SHORE FISH NETS: DREDGING

During the summer months (mid-June to mid-September), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game issues shore fish set net permits for the coastal areas of northern Norton Sound. The permits are issued, with exceptions, for areas the fishermen are interested in. Many fishermen residing in western Alaska obtain these shore fish permits for sites along the southern coast of the Seward Peninsula. The set nets are up to 50 fathoms (300 feet) in length, and are anchored at both ends just offshore. Adjacent set nets are required to be 300 feet apart. Offshore mining operators using suction dredge and mechanical placer mining equipment must implement the following buffer around these set nets:

- A 300-foot separation distance from any part of a set net.
- If an 8-inch or larger suction dredge or a mechanical placer mining operation (eg. excavator with a wash plant on a barge or vessel) create any turbidity during mining, the separation distance must be 500 feet.

If a mining operator damages a set net, they will immediately report the damage to the Department of Fish and Game at 907-443-5167 and DNR at 907-269-8648.

Please remember to show respect for our land and its resources. If you are unsure if you are on SNC land, contact the SNC Land Department.

The information in this brochure is compiled by SNC to address common issues, concerns, and questions regarding Sitnasuak Land. Reach out to DNR for additional information.



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**When you are on SNC land,
please act responsibly.**



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