

# Alaskans Agree:

Labor, Native Communities, and Businesses  
Want Offshore Areas Open for Safe Development



Fifteen statewide Alaskan organizations — from labor unions, native corporations, and businesses — wrote to the Obama administration this month urging the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to retain future leases for safe development in the Arctic and the Cook Inlet.

Today, 72% of Alaskans support responsible and environmentally safe offshore development of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).<sup>1</sup> Alaska has benefited for generations from responsible development and environmental stewardship.

- Alaska's Arctic OCS will constitute the eighth largest oil resource in the world. Denying Alaska and America of these resources would further increase our reliance of foreign energy sources in a geopolitically volatile environment.

Source: Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2011 Study

- Alaska's OCS contains one-third of U.S. reserves and is one of the world's largest untapped resources, with as much as 26.5 billion barrels of oil and over 131 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

Source: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Assessment of Undiscovered Technically Recoverable Oil and Gas Resources of the Nation's Outer Continental Shelf, 2016

- More than one third of Alaskan jobs are tied to the oil and gas industry, supporting 110,000 jobs and \$6 billion in wages.

Source: Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2011 Study

- More than 54,000 statewide jobs could be created from OCS development through 2057, with more than 68,500 jobs made during OCS production and as many as 91,500 during its peak.

Source: Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2009 Study

## WE AGREE:

**Tell the Obama administration keeping the Arctic OCS in the proposed 5-year leasing plan is the right thing to do.  
All Americans benefit when the U.S. leads the way in safe and responsible resource development.**

<sup>1</sup> Consumer Energy Alliance, "Poll Finds Strong Support for Offshore Energy," October 2014: <http://consumerenergyalliance.org/2014/10/offshore-energy-poll/>