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BACKGROUND

- **B.A. Claremont McKenna College (2004).**
 - **Dual Major - Government and Economics**
- **Jury Consultant - Vinson & Company, Los Angeles, CA.**
- **J.D. Villanova University School of Law (2009).**
- **Licensed in PA, NJ, MA, CA, and AK.**
- **Started Career at Cozen O'Connor, Philadelphia, PA.**
- **Moved to Alaska Early 2016; joined Oil & Gas Section at Dept. of Law.**
- **Regulatory & Legal Affairs Manager - AOGA.**
- **Senior Legal & Policy Advisor - DNR Commissioner's Office.**





Hello



**Yes, I would
like to science
please**

FOLLOWS GOVERNOR'S PRIORITIES

- **Open for Business / Economy.**
- Public safety.
- Budget / Government Efficiency.
- **Natural Resource Development.**
- **Restoring the Trust.**



DNR'S APPEAL PROCESS

- **130+ Active Appeals.**
- **50 adjudications in 2019 alone.**
- **All appellants / parties are treated equally.**
- **First In, First out (with exceptions):**
 - Appeal is causing a cloud on a project / inhibiting investment.
 - Permit is stayed.
 - Royalty obligations that are accruing statutory interest.
 - Appeal is affecting the property rights of individual Alaskans.
 - Let us know.



REFORM EFFORTS MOVING FORWARD

-APPEALS-



- **Recently completed AO 266 scoping for changes to appeal regulations.**
- **Idea is to streamline processes and hasten adjudication of appeals.**
- **Full complement of staffing.**
 - Appeals team at DNR and AG's office.
- **Similar Efforts on Regulatory Reform occurring Department-wide.**

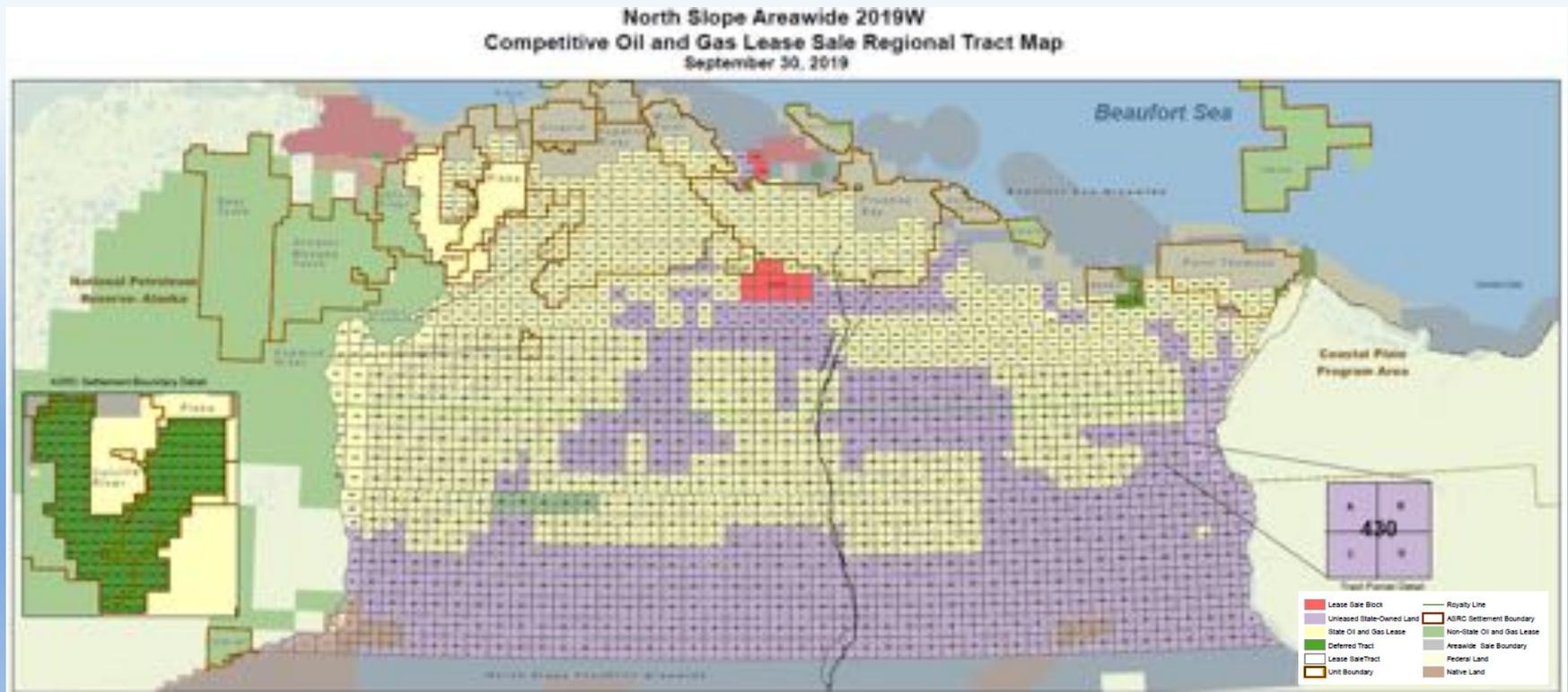
DNR'S LITIGATION

- **Currently: 38 open cases in state and federal court.**
- **Cases involve:**
 - Defending State's interests in royalty obligations.
 - Protecting State's rights against federal actions.
 - Pursuing access for mineral development.
 - Enforcing proper land use under State ownership.



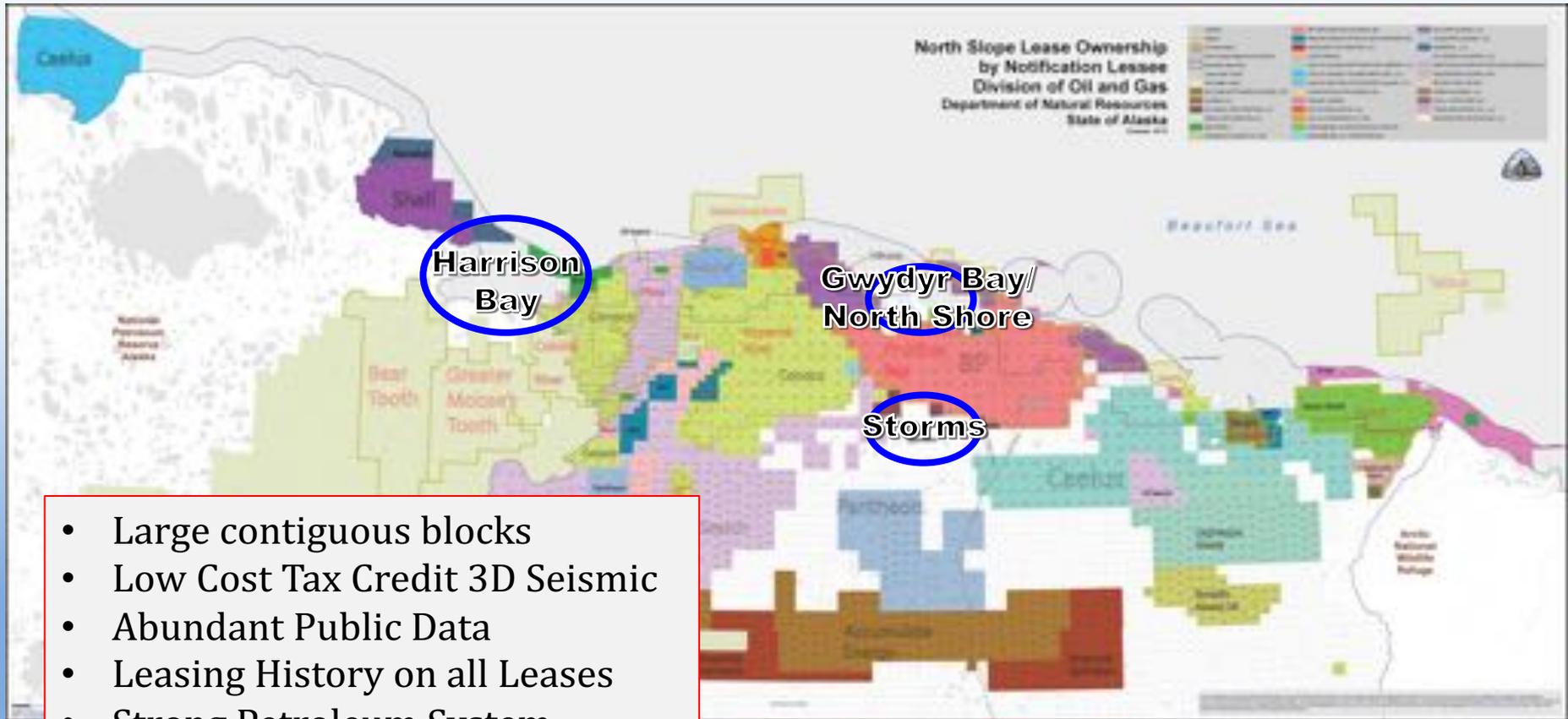
2019 FALL COMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE

- **December 11, 2019 at 9am in the Dena'ina Center**
- **Offerings in the North Slope, North Slope Foothills and Beaufort Sea Areawide, as well as SALSA Blocks**
- **For more information go to the Division of Oil and Gas website:
<http://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Services/BIFAndLeaseSale>**



SALSA BLOCK

SALSA Blocks being offered in North Slope Fall 2019 Areawide Lease sale



- Large contiguous blocks
- Low Cost Tax Credit 3D Seismic
- Abundant Public Data
- Leasing History on all Leases
- Strong Petroleum System
- 8-year Primary Lease Term
- Well Commitment w/in 7 years

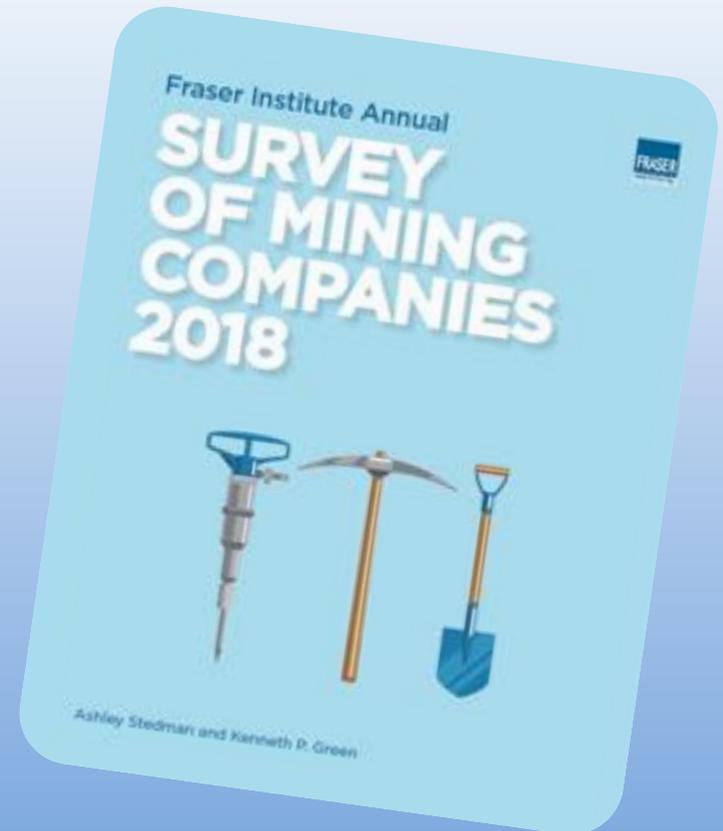
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DEDICATED TO ALASKA MINING



2018 FRASER INSTITUTE REPORT

- World's 5th most attractive development area (10th in 2017).
- Top U.S. state to invest in mineral exploration.
- Top U.S. state for mining-friendly regulatory & fiscal policies.
- U.S. state best able to meet its own permit timelines.



COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES



REGULATORY MILESTONES

Oil and Gas

- Nanushuk Development Project – Record of Decision (May 2019).
- Willow Master Development Plan – Draft EIS.

Mining

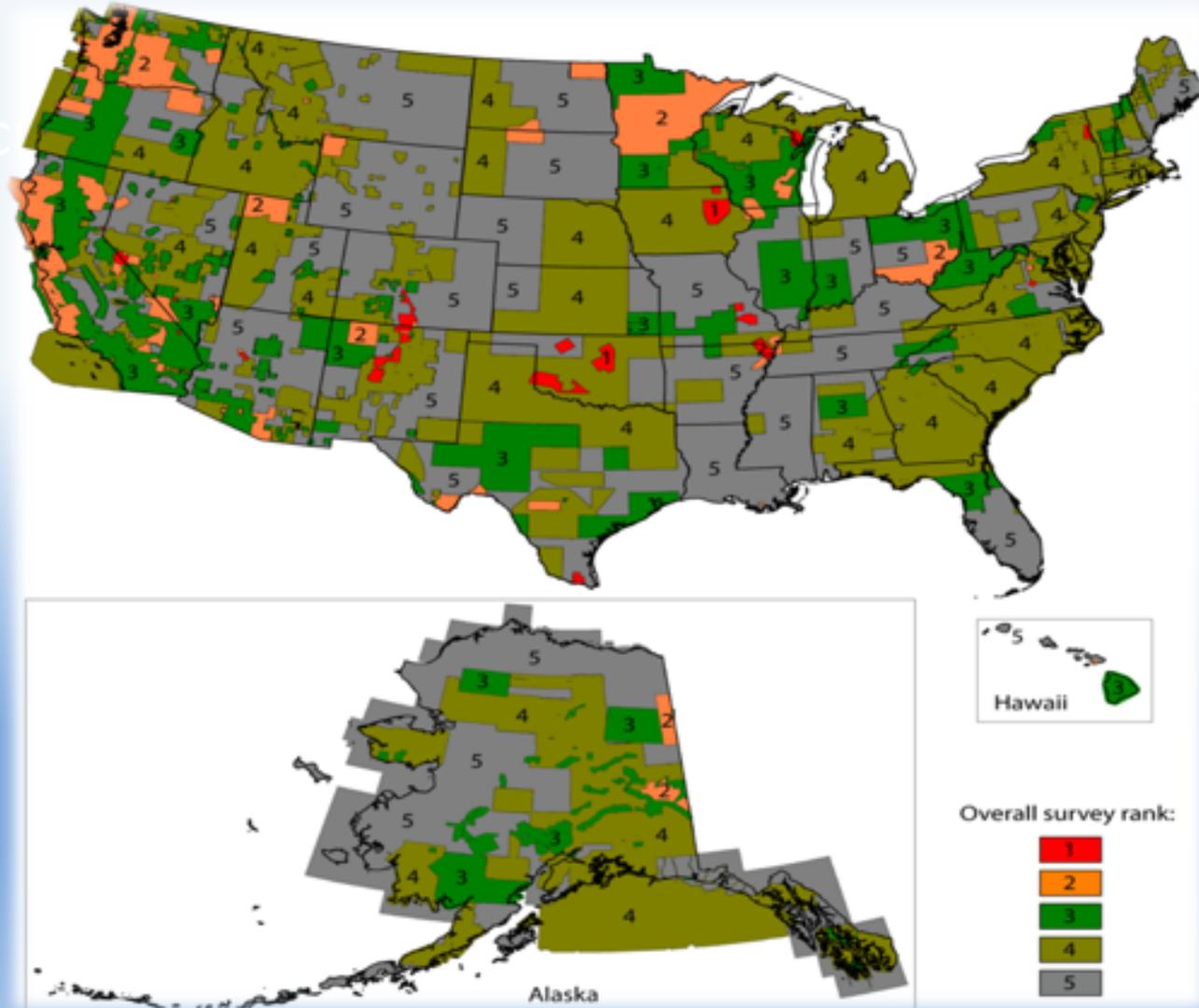
- Pebble Project –Draft EIS, Technical Work Sessions in Progress.
- Donlin Mine – DNR Issuance of AS 38.35 Pipeline ROW (Jan 2019).

Transportation

- Ambler Mining Industrial Access Project – Working to preserve Congressional intent of ANILCA 201(4).

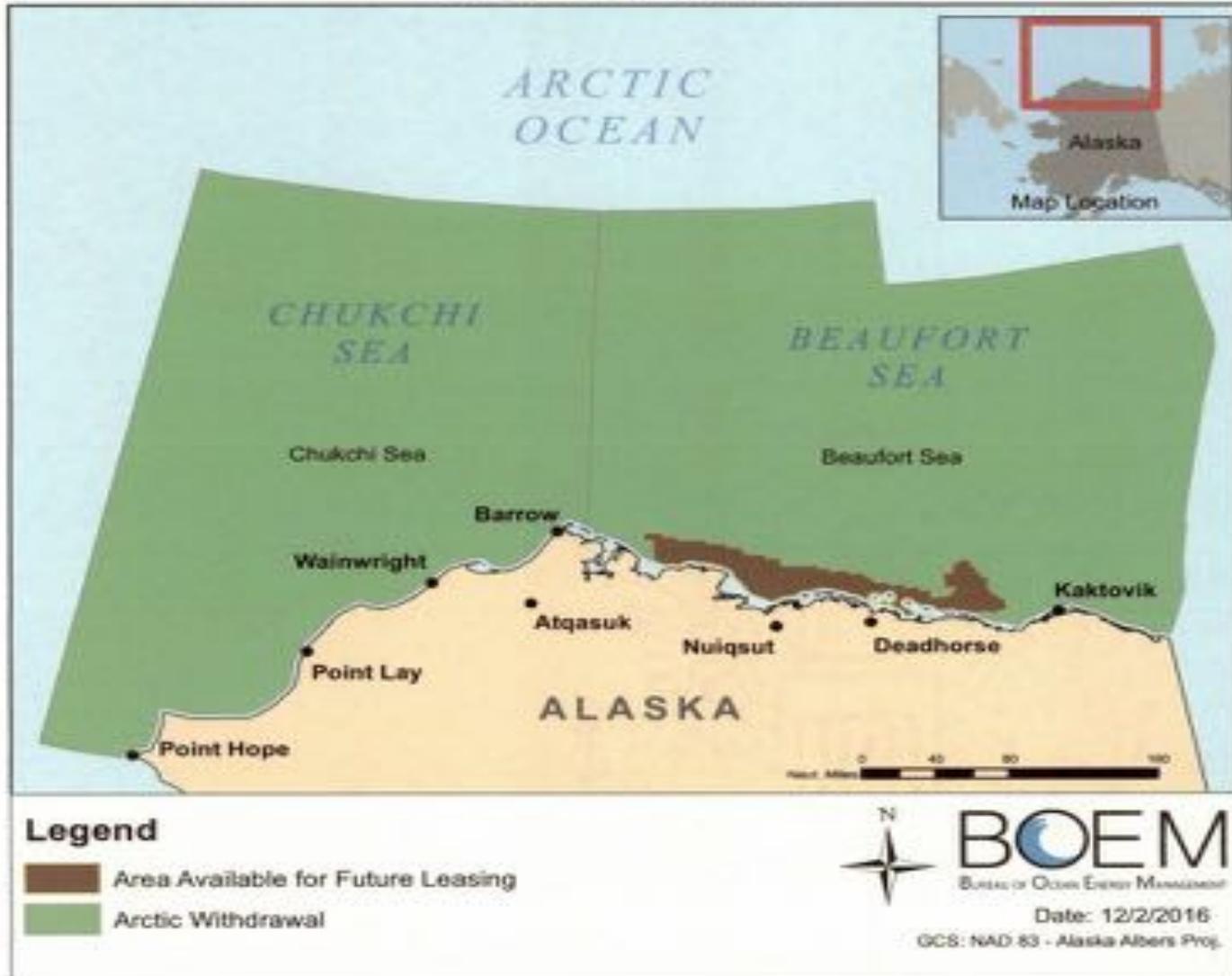
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OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

Arctic Withdrawal



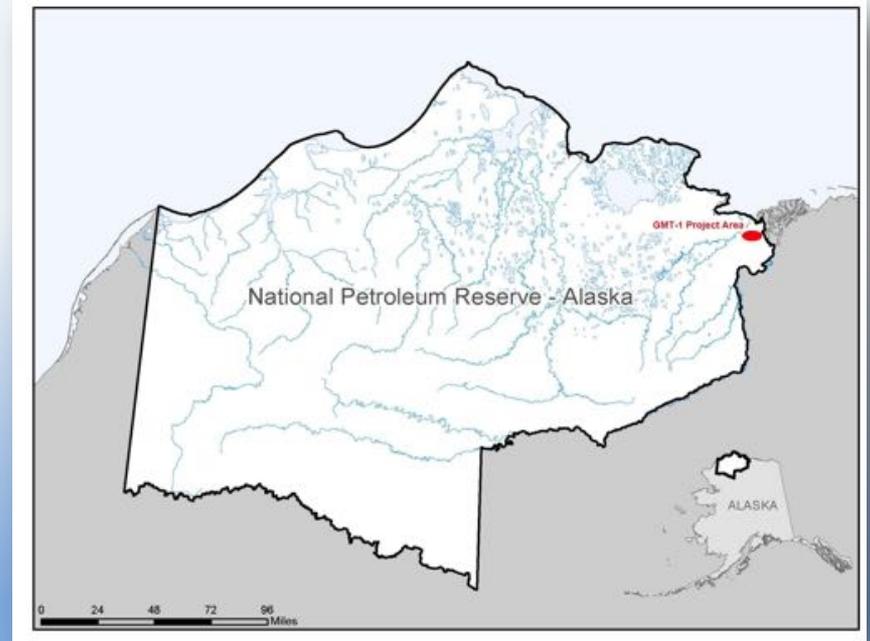
STATE-FEDERAL ENGAGEMENT



- **Management of Alaska's Polar Bears.**
 - DNR coordinates with ADF&G, USFWS.
 - Kept pressure on USFWS to release model and methodology for calculation of incidental takes.
 - Has implications for N.S. Activity, as well as leasing and necessary seismic work for 1002 development.

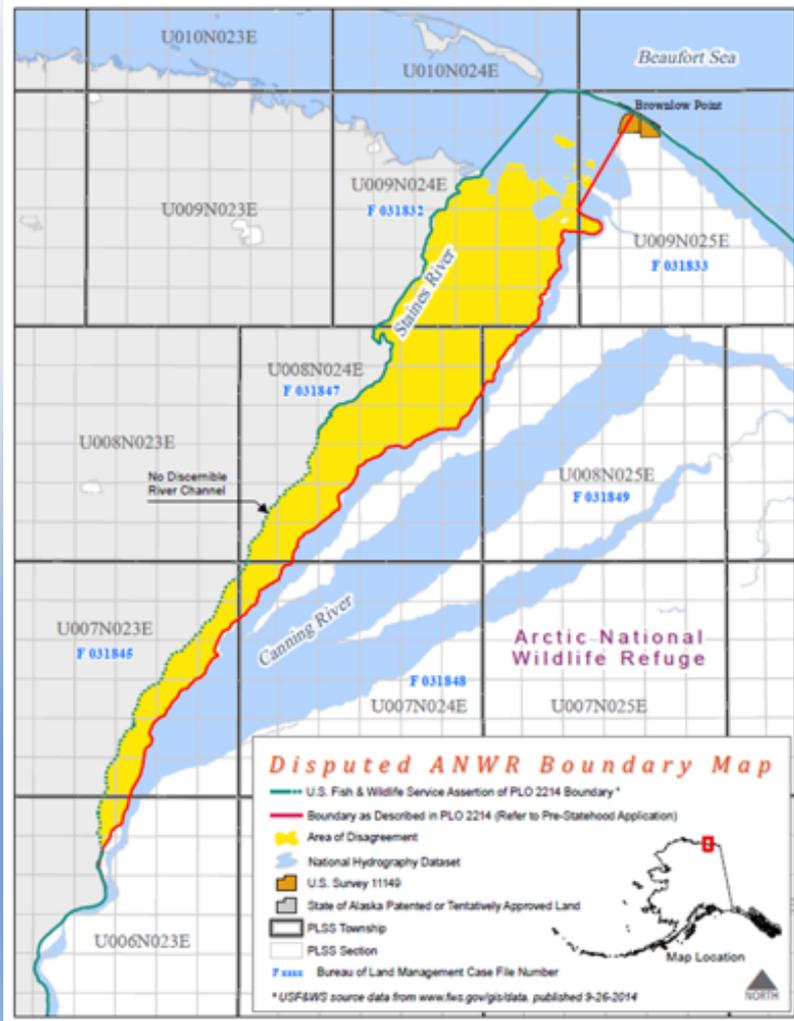
NPR-A: IAP REVISION

- **NPR-A: A petroleum reserve where oil and gas are... off limits?**
 - The 2012 NPR-A Integrated Activity Plan and 2013 Record of Decision locked up the reserve's highest resource development potential areas by designating significant acreage as unavailable for oil and gas leasing.
 - Throughout the revision process undertaken by BLM, the State of Alaska has pushed to open additional areas for oil and gas leasing, eliminate unreasonable mitigation measures, and provide for new infrastructure.



STATE-FEDERAL ENGAGEMENT

- **Asserting a Proper ANWR Boundary.**



- State has consolidated challenges to Dept. of Interior's border of ANWR.
- ~20,000 Acres at issue between Canning and Staines Rivers.
- Case is fully briefed, awaiting decision from Interior Board of Land Appeals.
- If unsuccessful, may appeal to Federal Court.

FULL EXEMPTION - ROADLESS RULE



Alaska Roadless: Only one road in the Tongass.

- For nearly twenty years, the 2001 Roadless Rule has limited economic opportunities for Alaskans who live and work in the Tongass National Forest and S.E. Alaska.
- The State of Alaska recently testified to the House Natural Resources Committee to support full exemption of the Tongass from the national rule, which would allow USFS to evaluate mineral exploration and mine development under the predictable process defined in 36 CFR Part 228.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

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