

House Finance Committee Comments on SB 21

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Why Consider Our Company's Perspectives?



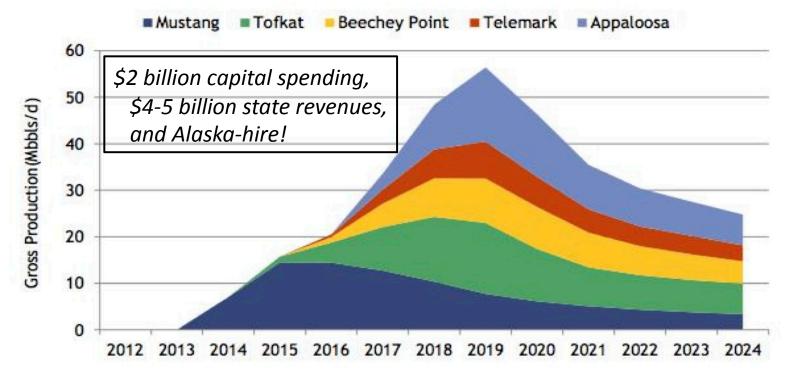
- 1) Most active exploration company exploring and developing solely on North Slope state lands
 - a) Drilled 10 of 36 exploration wells on state lands in 2007-12 (more than COP, BP, XOM, ENI, Repsol, Armstrong combined)
 - b) 105,000 leased acres in 3 core areas in JV partnership with Ramshorn Exploration (affiliate of large Nabors Industries)
- 2) ~ \$200 MM invested to date in Alaska North Slope projects...3 discoveries, acquired discovery
- 3) Mustang development project under construction...\$577 MM capital, 44 MMBO, 15,000 BOPD... future level of capital spending/yr same as Pioneer Natural Resources and one-third the level of COP capital spending
- 4) Three other development projects in permitting/conceptual engineering stages...> \$1.5 B capital
- 5) First production and cash flow to state and our companies...startup of Mustang in 3Q 2014
- 6) On investment of \$200 MM, received refunded tax credits totaling \$69 MM but State will receive back this amount+ in the first year of Mustang production...and \$1.2 billion over field life
 - a) All credits have been redeployed on the North Slope for new drilling or seismic to find, develop oil...none sent Outside
 - b) Credits redeployed has allowed in some years the drilling of 3 exploration wells instead of 2...or 2 wells instead of only 1
 - c) Payment of credits in cash versus just an allowance against taxes critical to AVCG which has no current production
- 7) Experience in bringing other independents to Alaska and in raising capital for Alaska
 - a) Seeking additional capital for Mustang and 3-5 year exploration program...started fundraising 18 months ago, Sept 2011
 - b) Sent materials to 210 firms, but only 19 wanted to consider Alaska...and after further review, only 2 firms remain interested
 - c) Biggest hurdles we heard: 1) complex and high gov't take of AK fiscal regime, 2) flow of capital to Lower 48 source rocks
 - d) Two firms remain and we hope to finalize deal...belief in our confidence that Legislature will make positive change in 2013

What Difference Can Our Company Make?



Production Profile (Mbbls/d)

"New work in existing fields to increase production above their existing declines will not – by itself – level AK's oil production. Production from exploration discoveries are needed also. Alaska still needs E&P...not just P!"



Between 2012 and 2011, North Slope oil production declined 50,768 BOPD. Developments such as the above, if repeated, could help in replacing production fall off...AND ACHIEVE "NO DECLINE!"

We See Positives In SB 21 To Make Alaska More Competitive



- 1) Eliminates progressivity factor, increases base tax rate from 25% to 33% but provides \$5/bbl produced bbl credit
 - ✓ POSITIVE: Eliminating progressivity simplifies tax calculation and will be a public relations plus for AK
 - ✓ NEGATIVE to POSITIVE: Base tax rate went from 25% to 35% not expected...a balance at 33% now in bill is reasonable
 - ✓ POSITIVE: \$5 produced bbl credit better balances relative state/producer takes at low oil prices and flat take at higher prices
- 2) Increases "Carry Forward Loss Credit (CFL)" from 25% to 33% and is monetizable and transferrable
 - ✓ POSITIVE: incrementally more future cash flow to re-deploy into facilities & drilling
- 3) SB 21 originally extended "Small Producers Credits" from 2016 to 2022...reduces small producers' tax bill by \$12 MM/yr...and latest version keeps the SPC extension to 2022 which is very positive for new players
 - ✓ NEGATIVE TO POSITIVE: **SPC REINSTATED TO 2022**...more cash flow for small producers to re-deploy into facilities & drilling
- 4) Specifies 20% QCE tax credit certificate payment in 1 year vs. 2 but does eliminate QCE on 12/31/13 on NS only
 - X NEGATIVE: goes away 12/31/13 on North Slope...for BRPC, no QCE thru 2015 to redeploy into Mustang development project
 - ✓ POSITIVE: **IF EXTENDED** to 12/31/15 for at least small producers...Mustang project was sanctioned assuming QCE...but OK to limit QCE per company per year to \$50MM in order to control impact on state treasury. Been helpful to CI small producers!
- 5) For new oil, introduces "20% Gross Value Reduction (GVR)" and amends definition of leases that can be included for this GVR 43.55.160...
 - ✓ POSITIVE: Should incentivize and rewards new oil production on more leases, also helps during low oil price cycles
- 6) SB 21 originally had a 30% "Exploration Incentive Credit" for NS exploration wells drilled that target new oil discoveries regardless of location...similar to Cook Inlet...please re-instate this through 12/31/18 but OK to cap
 - X HUGE NEGATIVE: Doesn't matter to legacy field owners, but a huge negative for small exploration companies like ours
 - ✓ HUGE POTENTIAL POSITIVE: **REINSTATE THIS CREDIT**, but to minimize impact on state treasury, limit to \$25 MM credit per year per company...and limit the time for five years through 2018 then "retest" if incentive has generated more exploration

Photos: Mustang Development Project Underway - \$1.2 B State Revenues











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BRPC North Slope Drilling Results And Success



