# **FRONTIER BASINS OVERVIEW**

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Due to the confidential nature of the tax credit information, discussion of project details is limited.

# FRONTIER BASINS OVERVIEW

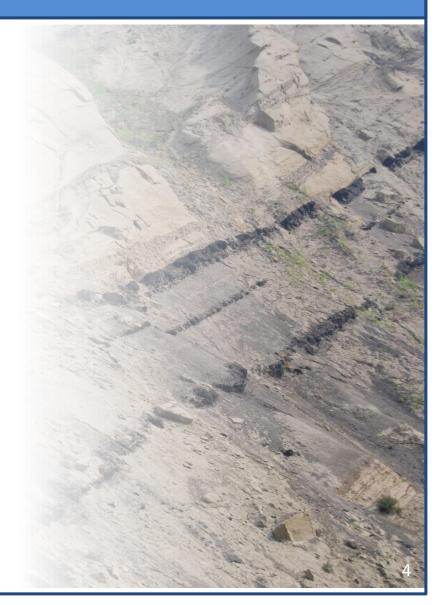
- Resources and Reserves
- Current Activity & New Developments
- Who's Working the Frontier Basins?
- Exploration Licensing Program
- Exploration Incentives & Tax Credit Applications

## SEDIMENTARY BASINS IN ALASKA - Schematic Rendering-

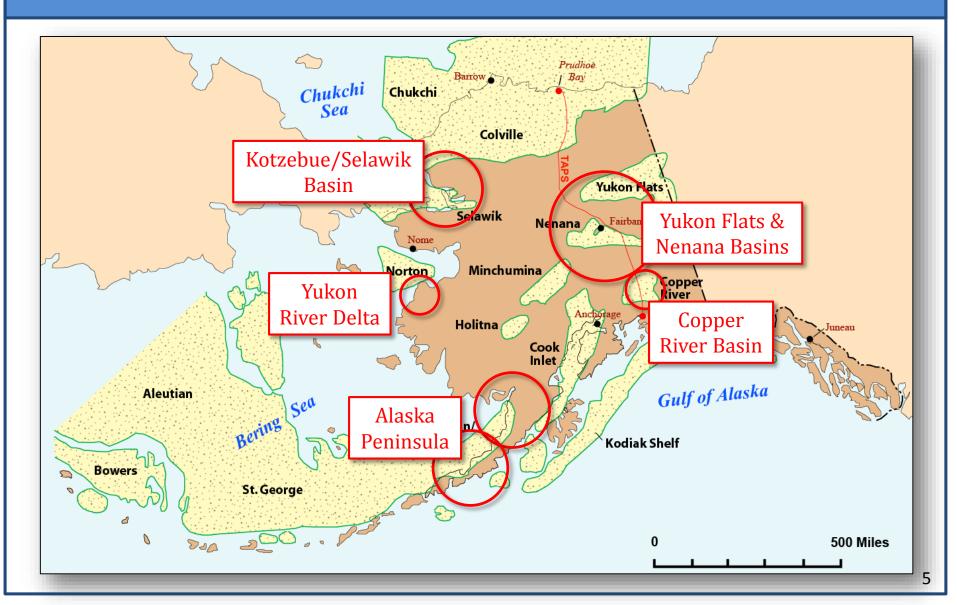


## FRONTIER BASINS - Area Overview-

- Sedimentary basins other than Northern Alaska and Cook Inlet
- No significant oil or gas discoveries to date
- Non-producing
- Underexplored
- Lack <u>proven</u> petroleum systems with discovered, economically producible oil and gas



## FRONTIER BASIN TAX CREDIT AREAS - Sedimentary Basins in Alaska -



### STATEWIDE RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS - Undiscovered, Technically Recoverable -

Region	<b>Mean Oil Estimate</b> (Million Barrels)		<b>Mean Gas Estimate</b> (Billion Cubic Feet)		
Onshore Arctic	15,908		98,960		
Offshore Arctic	23,750		108,180		
Interior Basins	Includes Yukon Flats and Kandik basins (Nenana, Kotzebue, Copper River, Holitna, & Susitna basins not assessed)		5,641		
Upper Cook Inlet		599	19,037		
Other Southern Alaska   Mainly federal OCS waters, minor AK Peninsula onshore		2,859	23,458		
TOTAL	43	BBO	255 TCF		

# EXPLORATION LICENSE PROGRAM

- The program supplements the state's oil and gas leasing efforts & encourages exploration outside of known oil & gas provinces.
- Every April, applicants may submit a proposal to conduct exploratory activity.
- The commissioner can issue a notice requesting proposals to explore a designated area.
- The applicant has up to 90 days to submit their proposal.

# EXPLORATION LICENSE PROGRAM

- 580,802 acres licensed & 605,915 acres leased
- Seven exploration licenses have been issued
- Three exploration licenses have been converted to lease: Susitna II, Copper River, & Nenana

# WHO IS WORKING THE FRONTIER BASINS?

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- <u>Nenana Basin</u>: Drilled Nunivak #1 and #2 exploratory wells in 2009-2013, acquired 2-D and 3-D seismic, gravity, magnetics, and lakebed geochemical surveys & converted exploration license to lease
- <u>Yukon Flats Basin</u>: Acquired 2-D seismic, gravity, magnetics, and lakebed geochemical surveys

#### Ahtna

- <u>Copper River Basin, Tolsona exploration license</u>: Reprocessing 2-D seismic data & acquired new Tolsona 2-D seismic in Spring of 2014.
- Currently permitting a new exploration well for early 2016 to follow up on Rutter & Wilbanks Ahtna #1-19 well drilled in 2007-2009

#### NANA

<u>Kotzebue Basin</u>: Evaluating and marketing prospects based on legacy industry seismic

# WHO IS WORKING THE FRONTIER BASINS?

#### Usibelli Coal Mine Inc.

• <u>Healy Basin gas-only Exploration License</u>: Drilled one well in 2014 to total depth of 1,279 feet, still confidential, but Plugged and Abandoned.

#### Cook Inlet Energy

 <u>Susitna Basin</u>: Formerly held multiple Susitna Basin and SW Cook Inlet exploration licenses, converted much of one exploration license to lease; no wells drilled, relinquishing all non-producing assets (bankruptcy).

#### Cassandra Energy

 <u>Gulf of Alaska</u>: Exploration License application submitted in 2015 and currently under review.

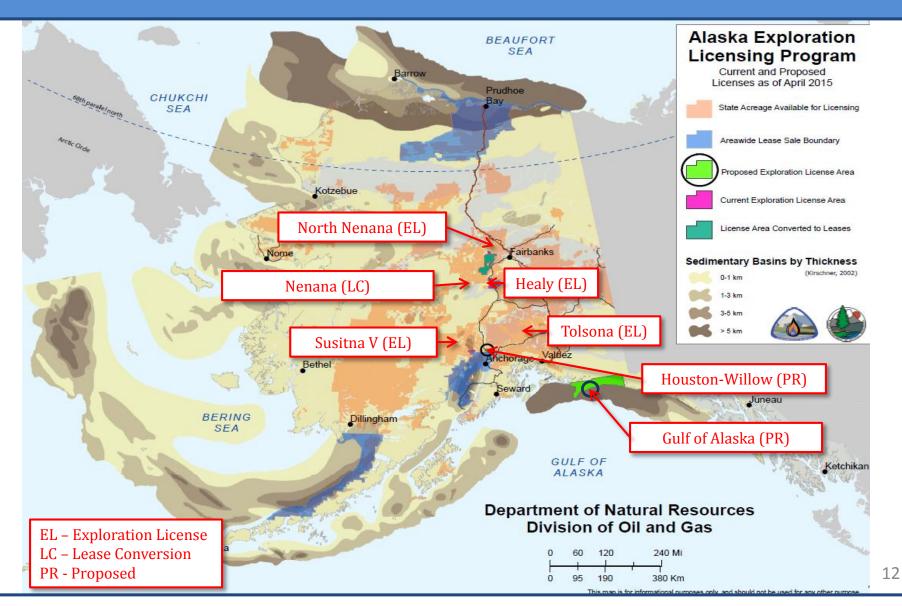
#### Samuel Cade and Daniel Donkel

 <u>Houston-Willow Basin</u>: Exploration License application submitted and under review.

## EXPLORATION LICENSES - CURRENT STATUS -

LOCATION	ADL FILE NUMBER	LICENSEE	ACRES	COMMITMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	TERM
Gulf of Alaska	Application	Cassandra Energy	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
Healy Basin	390606	Usibelli Coal Mine Inc.	204,883	\$500,000	January 1, 2011	10 years
Houston-Willow Basin	Applicaton	Samuel Cade and Daniel Donkel	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
North Nenana	392535	Rocky Riley	25,294	\$500,000	July 1, 2015	5 years
<del>Susitna Basin V</del>	-391794	- Gook-Inlet-Energy-LLC	- <del>45,</del> 7 <del>6</del> 4- ·	-\$250;000	-April 4, 2012	• <del>5 yea</del> r <del>s</del> ·
Tolsona	392209	Ahtna, Inc.	43,492	\$415,000	December 1, 2013	5 years

# EXPLORATION LICENSES - CURRENT, PROPOSED, AND CONVERTED TO LEASE -

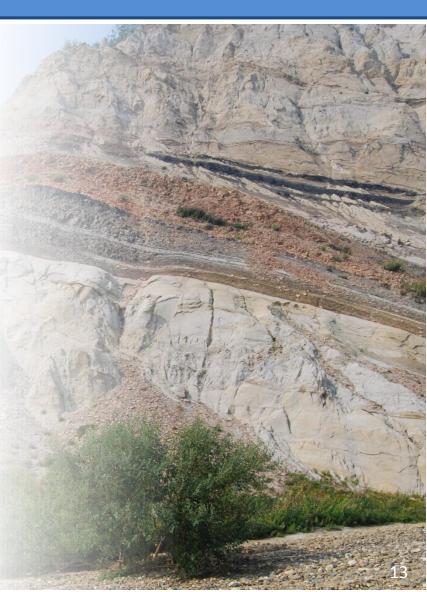


## FRONTIER BASINS TAX CREDITS - Overview-

- Tax credits went into effect on 06/01/2012 & are scheduled to sunset on 07/01/2016
- Credit Types:
  - AS 43.55.025(a)(6) credit for drilling the first 4 exploration wells in frontier basin areas defined in (o)

80% up to \$25 Million per well

 AS 43.55.025(a)(7) – credit for acquiring the first 4 seismic surveys in frontier basin areas defined in (o)
75% up to \$10 Million per survey



## FRONTIER BASINS TAX CREDITS - OVERVIEW-

- Since 6/1/2012 two of the areas have had wells spud and seismic acquired:
  - Fairbanks Yukon Flats & Nenana Basins:
    - 2 wells plus a sidetrack
    - 107 line miles & 55 square miles of seismic data
  - Glennallen Copper River Basin:
    - 39 line miles of seismic data
- A credit for seismic exploration in the Yukon Flats & Nenana Basins circle has been issued
- At least one exploration license has been sought in conjunction with Frontier Basin tax credits





# THANK YOU!





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