# Carbon Management Legislation and Opportunities House Finance Committee



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# Outline



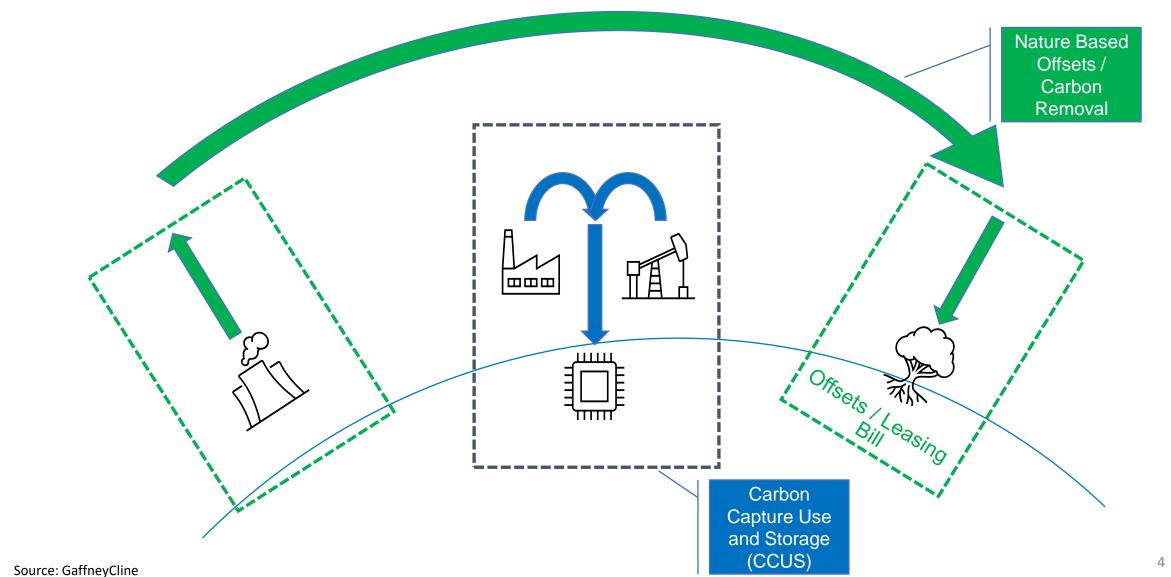
- Alaska's Opportunities in Carbon Management
  - What is carbon management?
  - What are Alaska's opportunities?
- HB 49 Carbon Offset Projects on State Land
- HB 50 Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage



# Alaska's Opportunities in Carbon Management

# Carbon Management - simplified





# Carbon Management



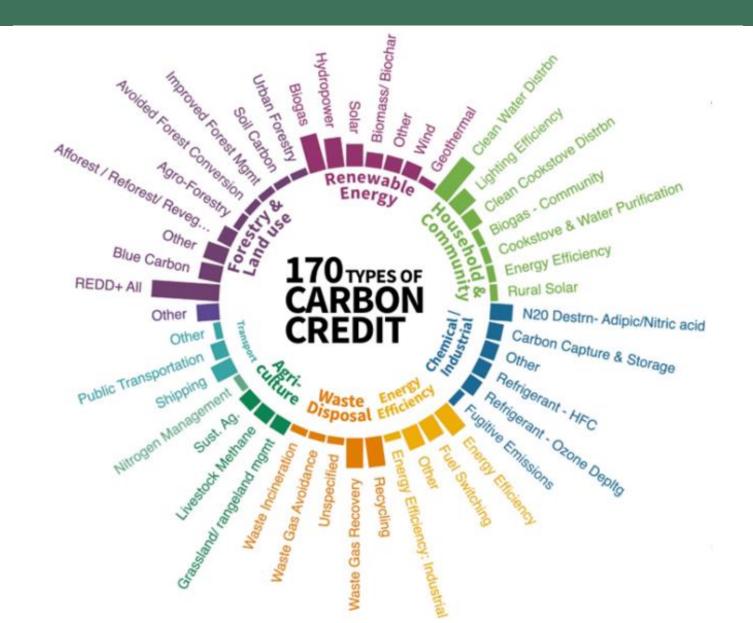
Different emissions, different carbon management tools:

- **Scope 1**: Emissions made directly, such as running a power plant or vehicles
- **Scope 2**: Emissions made indirectly, such as buying electricity to power an office building
- **Scope 3:** Emissions associated with a business's value chain

# Carbon Management - not so simple!

Source: GaffneyCline





### HB 49 and HB 50



### Frameworks for Alaska to engage in two areas of carbon management:

- 1) Carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) 'the below-ground'
- 2) Carbon offset programs on state land 'the above-ground'

### **Bills are NOT:**

- New taxes on industry or Alaskans
- Emissions limits
- A "cap and trade" system
- Locking up land

# Carbon offsets markets



"The voluntary carbon market: 2022 insights and trends" report by Shell and BGC

2021

Compliance market soared to



~\$850bn in value

2.5x value of 2020

~15 GtCO₂ transacted volume

The voluntary market reached



~\$2bn in value

4x value of 2020

~500 MtCo<sub>2</sub> transacted volume

was a record-breaking year for both compliance and voluntary carbon markets

During which, approximately of carbon emissions were covered by retirements

Voluntary markets expected to be

bigger by 2030

Reaching a market size of

\$10-40 bn in value

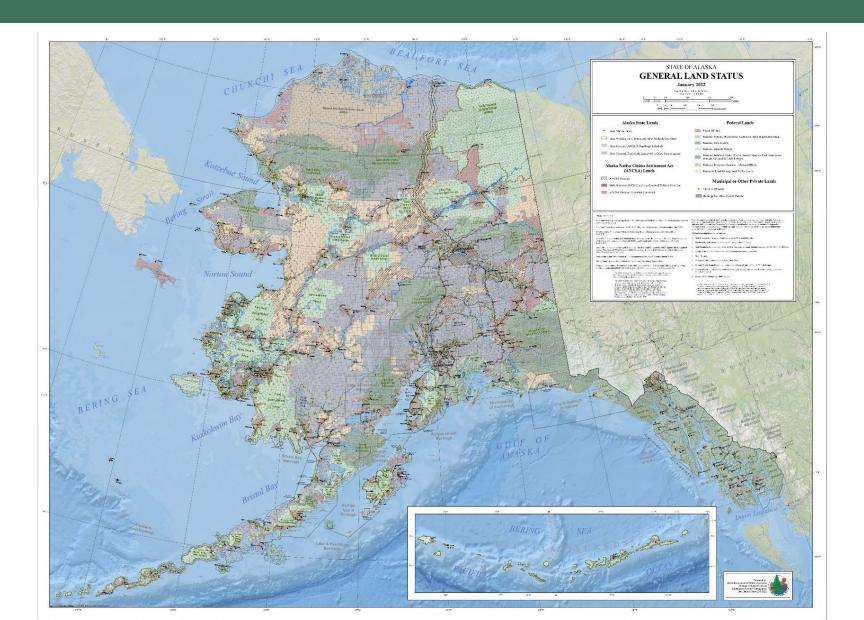
and **0.5-1.5** GtCO<sub>2</sub> in scale<sup>4</sup>

That is comparable to the emissions of the aviation industry, which reached ~1 GtCO<sub>2</sub> in 2019<sup>5</sup>.

Future Size of the VCM, Trove Research, 2021
 Aviation report, IFA, 2022

# Carbon offsets - State resource base





# Carbon offsets - opportunities



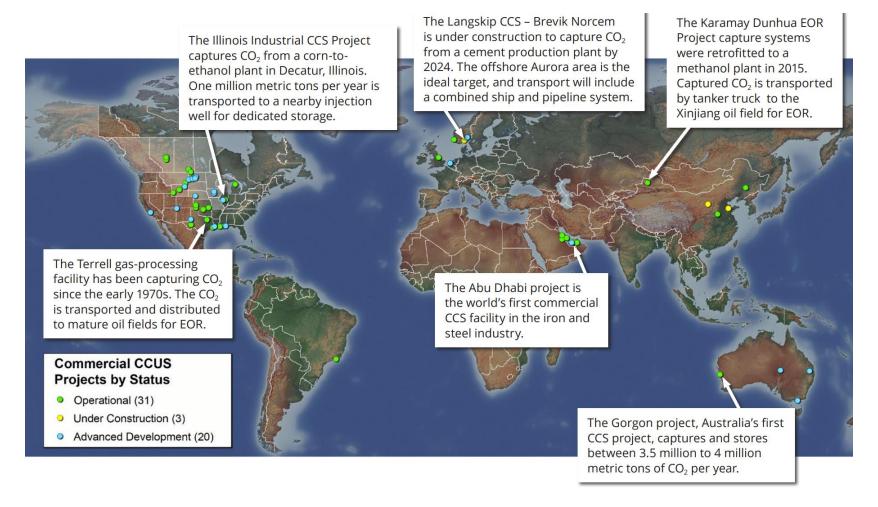
- Alaska has the resources
  - Forest carbon potential:
    - 100 million acres of uplands
    - Tens of millions of acres of forested State lands
  - Kelp potential:
    - 60 million acres of tide and submerged lands
- New source of State revenue
- Constitutional responsibility for maximum use



# CCUS - global demand



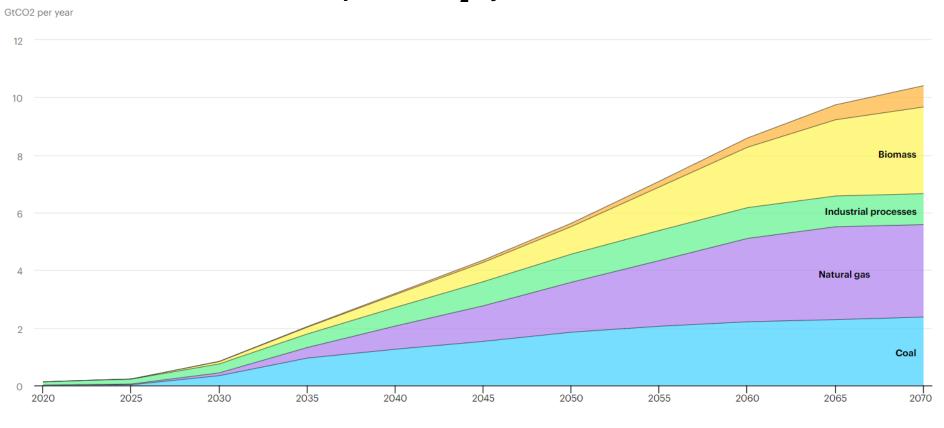
There is a growing trend of CCUS projects around the world as companies compete to provide oil and gas to competitive markets in foreign jurisdictions that have implemented carbon taxation, and more companies include environmental targets in their corporate goals and performance.



# Carbon markets



### World captured CO<sub>2</sub> by source, 2020-2070



- Approximately 35
   commercial
   CCUS facilities today
   globally
- Targeted growth:

   2,500 facilities to
   reach International
   Energy Agency (IEA)
   scenario of net zero
   carbon emissions by

IEA. Lic

# Net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) initiatives of North Slope companies



### **ConocoPhillips Emissions Reductions Targets and Performance**

- Reduce methane intensity by 10% and routine flaring to zero by 2025.
- Reduce Scope 1 and Scope 2 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) intensity by 40–50% (gross operated and net equity) by 2030
- Net zero Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions by 2050

**Emissions Reduction Targets | ConocoPhillips** 

### **ENI's Strategy Against Climate Change**

- 35% reduction in net Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions by 2030
- 55% reduction in net Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions by 2035
- 80% reduction in net Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions by 2040
- Net zero Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions by 2050

Net Zero al 2050 | Eni

### Exxon 2030 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Reduction Plans:

(Relative to 2016 level and apply to Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions from operated assets)

- 20–30% reduction in corporate-wide GHG intensity
- 40–50% reduction in upstream GHG intensity
- 70–80% reduction in corporate-wide methane intensity
- 60–70% reduction in corporate-wide flaring intensity

Advancing climate solutions | ExxonMobil

### Hilcorp

"We have to operate to the same high standards as everyone else. We may be private, but we have capital providers, we have partners, we have lots of other people involved in business with us. They're feeling those pressures (i.e. ESG, emissions reductions), and we have to be responsive to those as well." — Greg Lalicker, Hilcorp CEO.

How America's Biggest Privately Owned Oil Company Takes A Divergent Approach To The Energy Transition (forbes.com)

### **Repsol Path Towards Decarbonization**

- 55% reduction in scope 1 and scope 2 emissions in operated assets by 2025
- 30% reduction in scope 1, 2, and 3 net emissions by 2030
- Net zero by 2050

Net zero emissions by 2050 commitment | Repsol

#### Santos Path to Net Zero

- 26–30% reduction in scope 1 and scope 2 absolute emissions (from 2020 baseline) by 2030
- Actively work with customers to reduce scope 1 and scope 2 emissions by > 1 million tons of carbon dioxide per year by 2030
- Scope 1 and scope 2 absolute emissions at net zero by 2040.
- Santos has committed to net-zero emissions (scope 1 and scope 2) for the Pikka Project

Santos to be net-zero emissions by 2040 | Santos

Santos Announces Pikka FID | Santos



# HB 49 – Carbon Offset Projects on State Land

# HB 49 - overview



- Tasks DNR with exploring carbon offset opportunities that align with Alaska's resource and land interests, responsibilities
- Enables carbon offset projects on state land and shorelines

 Caps project terms at 55 years, protects existing land use by Alaskans

# HB 49 - overview



- Provides a process for third parties to lease state land for carbon management purposes (Section 4)
- Establishes the Carbon Offset Program at DNR to undertake state projects (Section 6)
- Authorizes the use of the 3 state forests for statesponsored projects (Sections 7, 10)

# Carbon offsets - potential affirmed



### Anew report affirms potential:

- Identifies 3 'pilot' projects
- Improved Forest Management protocols – timber harvest continues
- Revenue potential of all three:
  - approx. \$81.6 million over 10 years
  - approx. \$311 million over 40 years

### ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Carbon Offset Opportunity Evaluation August 2022 Report



The Haines/SE State Forests contain some of the highest per-acre carbon levels in this analysis at 141 standing live trees per acre (t/ac). These lands are highly accessible, and operability is evidenced by the many past and planned harvests. Due to their size and proximity, combining these two management areas into a single carbon project is recommended. The Haines State Forest is used for multiple purposes, so it is recommended to constrain the project to those acres deemed accessible and operable in the inventory Report (those acres managed by Haines State Forest). These areas also appear to be good candidates for near-term pre-commercial thins, which may be advantageous when developing an aggressive yet justifiable baseline harvesting scenario. Note that some of these "inoperable" areas are included in the Haines/SE Project Map (Figure 3) as shapefiles were not available for all units, but the acres were constrained in the

Figure 3: Map of Haines/SE Carbon Project Area



According to management plans/inventory reports for these two areas, they could combine for approximately 76,900 acres of forested project area, with the potential to produce 1,384,000

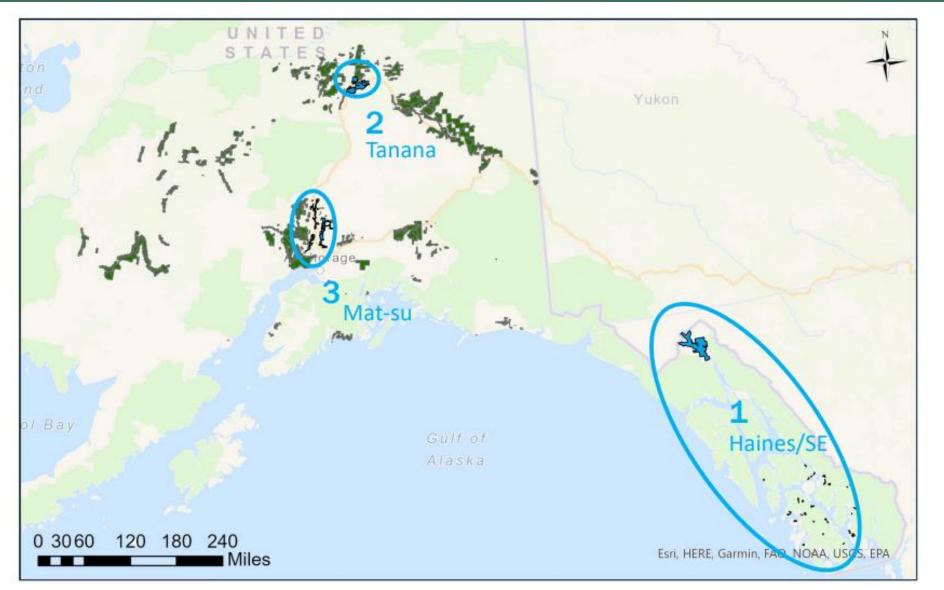


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<sup>\*</sup>Revenue potential as estimated by Anew at time of report; an actual project may have different potential depending on design, costs

# Carbon offsets - potential pilot projects





Source:

# Carbon offsets - state project parties



# Project Proponent

Registry

Buyers

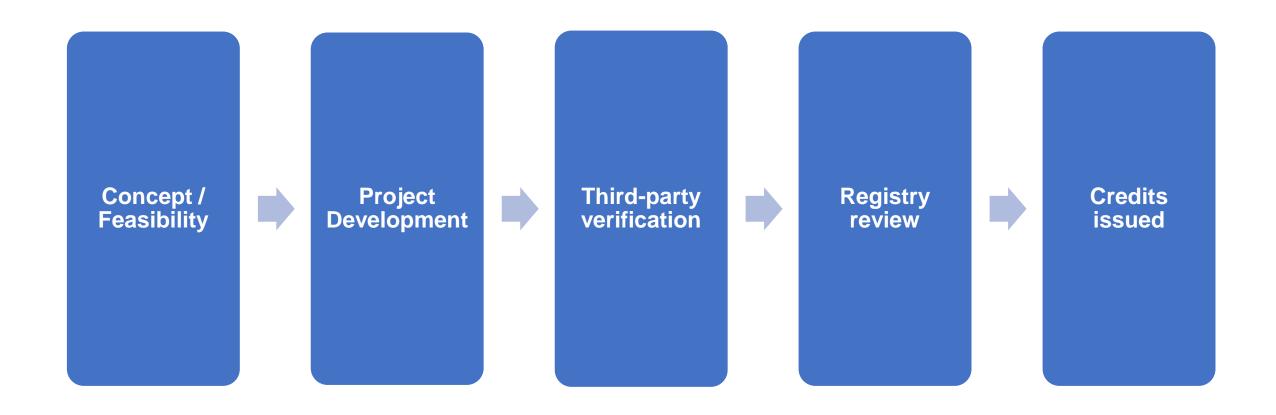
State of Alaska

Nonprofit 'quality control' ensuring project, credit integrity through scientifically based project protocols

Companies with voluntary emission reduction targets

# Carbon offsets - state project process





(\*Ongoing monitoring reports, inventory updates required through project term)



# HB 50 – Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS)

# **CCUS** - introduction



### What is it?

Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS) is a process to capture carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), either from
industrial processes or directly from the atmosphere, for the purpose of utilizing it for other activities or storing it
underground in geologic formations

### Why Now?

- The CCUS market is rapidly expanding, both within the U.S. and worldwide
- Federal legislation in the prior 18 months has included direct grants and tax incentives for CCUS, increasing
  industry interest, including outreach to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Federal funds are available for states seeking Class VI well permitting, showing federal support for state primacy
- Protracted project timelines and milestone requirements in the tax credit structure necessitate prompt action
- Sets the stage for potentiating continued development of Alaska's oil resources, and potential major gas development

### What is the potential in Alaska?

- Alaska's depleted oil & gas fields, saline aquifers, and deep coal seams have significant CO<sub>2</sub> storage potential
- Alaska has important competitive advantages we own the pore space & we know the reservoirs
- Fifteen other states have passed CCUS omnibus legislation that we have learned from

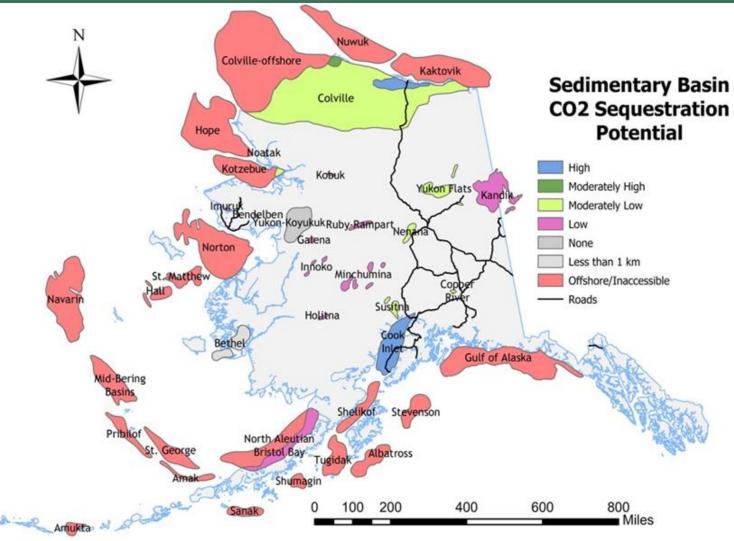
# CCUS - where

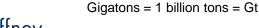


Geologic Storage
Potential: 1600+ Gt

- 2021 Global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions = 36.3 Gt
- Storage Targets:
  - Depleted Oil & Gas Fields
  - Saline Aquifers
  - Unmineable CoalSeams

12.4 billions barrels through CO<sub>2</sub> enhanced oil recovery (EOR)







# CCUS - federal incentives

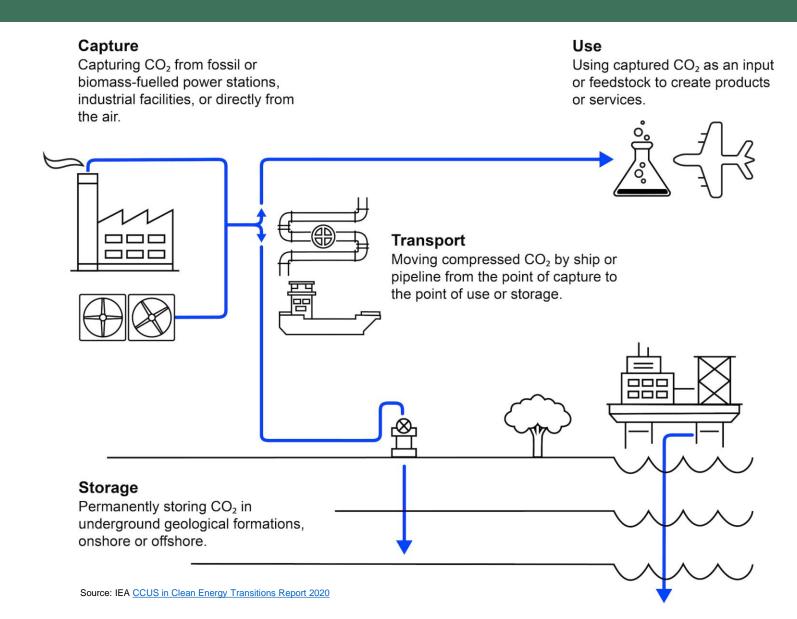


### 45Q (CCS) Tax Credit - Inflation Reduction Act Enhancements

- Deadline to start construction 1/1/2033
- \$85/ton for CCUS from industrial facilities and power plants stored in geologic formations
- \$60/ton for utilization of captured CO<sub>2</sub>/CO for enhanced oil recovery (EOR) or to produce low and zero-carbon fuels, chemicals, and building materials
- \$180/ton for direct air capture (DAC) carbon stored in geologic formations and \$130/ton for DAC carbon used in EOR

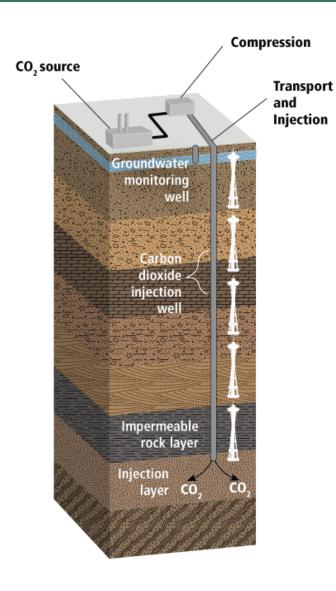
# CCUS - explained



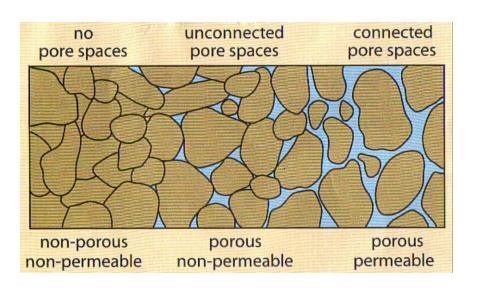


# CCUS - storage as primary focus of HB 50





- 1. Depleted oil and gas reservoirs
- 2. Saline aquifers
- 3. Unmineable coal seams

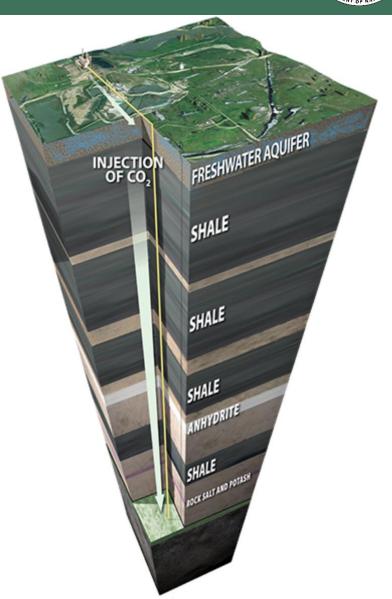


# CCUS - regulatory framework



### **How HB 50 enables carbon storage:**

- Provides for the use of public lands for CCUS
- Accounts for the amalgamation of property interests and protection of correlative rights
- Outlines relationship between other commercial minerals and reservoirs to be used for storage
- Enables permitting for CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines
- Defines ownership of carbon dioxide and ascription of liability
- Addresses authority for Safe Drinking Water Act SDWA Class
   VI well primacy



# CCUS - project process



### **Exploration & Delineation**

Sec. 16: AS 38.05.705-710

Exploratory Permits (seismic, wells)

## AOGCC to seek Class VI Well Primacy

Sec. 3: AS 31.05.030(h) (if not, US EPA permits wells)

### **Well & Facility Permitting**

Sec. 33: AS 41.06.120-160

Issuance of Facility Permit, Amalgamation of Storage Rights, Permit to Drill Wells, Permit to Inject

### **Facility Closure**

Sec. 33: AS 41.06.170

Well Plugging and Facility Closure 10+ yrs

### Leasing

Sec. 16: AS 38.05.715-725

Area delineated for storage converted into lease

### **Storage Operations**

Sec. 16: AS 38.05.725 Sec. 33: AS 41.06.150

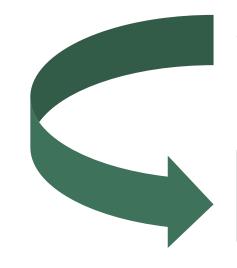
**Injection Well Operations** 

### Post-Closure (Long-Term)

Sec. 39: AS 44.37.020(d)

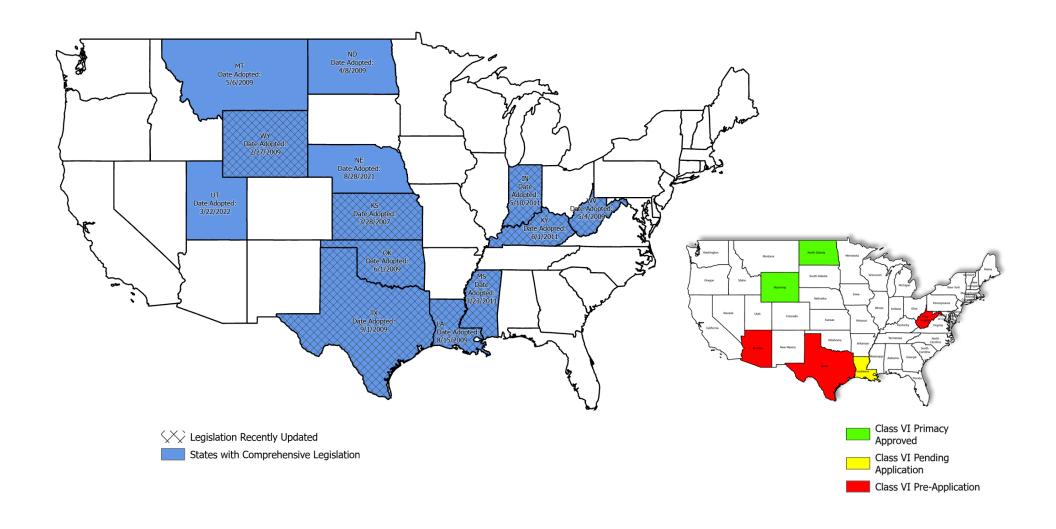
DNR/DOG assumes long-term monitoring and caretaker function after AOGCC issues closure certificate.

Federal government may eventually create pathway to assume long-term title and liability.



# CCUS - states advancing programs



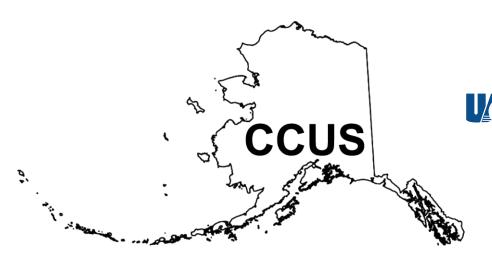


# CCUS - statewide workgroup



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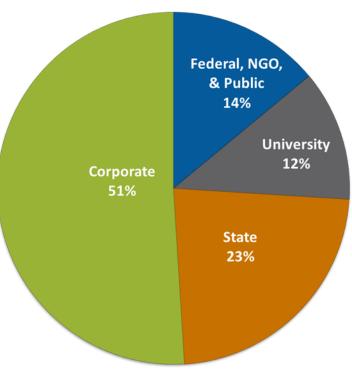
- 1. Regulatory framework
  - 1. Stakeholder white paper
- 2. Government engagement and funding opportunities
- 3. CCUS Roadmap
- 4. Public outreach and education











# CCUS - opportunities



- Bolster development of Alaska's abundant oil and gas
- Federal incentives are driving investment in peer states
- Environmental goals are driving capital to projects with carbon management options
- Alaska should participate in global uptick in CCUS projects
- Project timelines require the state to act promptly because of the federal incentives' deadlines
- Additional state revenue

# Thank you!



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