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SJR 17:

Securing a Fair Share for Alaska of Offshore Oil Revenues

SJR 17 urges Congress to provide Alaska with a share of federal revenue from oil and gas leasing and development off Alaska's coast.

Under current law, Alaska receives virtually no revenue from oil and gas leasing and development that occurs more than six miles off our coast. This contrasts with how other states, including Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas, are treated. Under the 2006 Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act, these states receive 37.5 percent of revenues from newly leased federal waters off their coasts. This new law is expected to direct more than \$13 billion to Louisiana alone over the next three decades.

Alaska deserves to be treated in the same way as other states that contribute to our nation's energy security. Like other energy-producing states, Alaska bears the costs of infrastructure in support of offshore development, and our coastal resources and residents bear the impacts of offshore development. Alaskans deserve to share in the benefits of production, just as we do its costs.

The federal Minerals Management Service estimates that there could be as much as 55 billion barrels of technically recoverable oil and 280 trillion cubic feet of technically recoverable gas off Alaska's coast.

Recently companies bid \$2.6 billion for access to tracts in the Chukchi Sea. More than 1.4 million acres off Alaska's coast have already been leased by the federal government. The Chukchi Sea sale could result in the leasing of an additional 2.7 million acres.

As more lands off Alaska's coast are leased for offshore oil production, we need to ensure that Alaska gets its fair share of the benefits of that leasing and production. It's time Congress treated all coastal states equally and fairly. Please join me in supporting SJR 17.

Ted Stevens: Time to divvy up OCS

Alaska's senior U.S. senator, governor want state to get share of outer continental shelf oil and gas royalties

By KRISTEN NELSON
Petroleum News

The State of Alaska should share in royalties from outer continental shelf production on its borders, says U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, predicting that such sharing will take place as a condition of OCS production off Alaska.

The senator, in June to give his annual update to the Legislature, told members of the press Feb. 19 that the bill passed in 2006 which allocated OCS monies to Gulf of Mexico states originally included Alaska.

"We had a provision in the bill as it went through and it was the people opposed to ANWR who took that out of there. They thought it was an incentive to drill in Alaska and would not let us enact it."

Stevens said North Slope residents oppose drilling "until they get a percentage of it — that's what we're facing right now."

Both the state and federal governments "have to wake up," Stevens said.

People on the North Slope are not going to put up with oil and gas drilling and the risk to their resources from a spill. "I don't think it's a great risk," Stevens said, but calling it a "potential risk to their resources."

Alaska is not included in OCS offshore royalty sharing, he said, "because of the opposition of the extreme environmental people."

Alaska has two-thirds of the outer continental shelf "and we don't get any money from any production that comes from the outer continental shelf."

"I predict there's not going to be any production until we get it. Both the state and the Native people oppose any real production until we get the same kind of share that others get from production off our shore," Stevens said.

Governor: time Alaska starts promoting OCS share

Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin agreed with

Stevens on OCS royalty share.

"It's going to become much brighter on everyone's radar screen. I think, once Alaskans realize that these other coastal states do receive OCS revenue shares. Alaska doesn't; we're exempt from that," the governor told reporters Feb. 21.

She said she would like to see that changed and thinks it's time Alaska started pushing for that change, and anticipates that the state's congressional delegation would support that move.

Stevens helped the Gulf of Mexico states get a share of OCS royalties, Palin said, adding that she hopes delegations



SEN. TED STEVENS



GOV. SARAH PALIN

from those states would, in return, assist Alaska in getting royalties off its shores.

Alaska's share \$21.7 million

Alaska does earn royalties from production from federal lands onshore and

from offshore lands adjacent to state waters.

Alaska was one of 34 states which earned a share of almost \$2 billion during fiscal year 2007 as part of federal revenues collected by the Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service, MMS said late last year.

Alaska's share, \$21.7 million, represents its share of revenues collected from oil, gas and coal production.

MMS said for the majority of onshore federal lands, states receive 50 percent of the revenues while the other 50 percent goes to various funds of the U.S.

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Treasury, including the Reclamation Fund for water projects. Alaska receives a 90 percent share of revenues from onshore production as prescribed in the Alaska Statehood Act.

"In addition, Texas, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi with producing federal offshore tracts adjacent to state waters receive 27 percent of those mineral royalties," while remaining offshore revenues MMS collects go into various accounts of the U.S. Treasury, the majority into the general fund.

U.S. coastal waters are divided into three zones: from zero to three miles is state waters; in federal waters from three

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"OCS impact assistance program moves ahead" in March 11, 2007, issue at www.petroleumnews.com/pnads/829616050.shtml

to six miles from shore, states get a 27 percent cut of royalties from production; there is no state cut beyond six miles, except for those Gulf Coast states receiving OCS royalties as a result of the 2006 federal legislation. ●

Alaska Reported Revenue 1982 to 2007

Year	Alaska Revenues Reported by MMS 8(g) and Non 8(g)				Year Subtotal	State Disbursement	Comments
	Bonus	Rent	Royalty <i>Published by Calendar Year</i>	Other			
1982	\$2,055,632,336	\$1,965,516	None	\$0	\$2,057,597,852		Sale RS-2 and Sale 71
1983	\$744,332,202	\$4,248,241	\$0	\$0	\$748,580,443	N/A	Sale 57 and 70
1984	\$1,388,281,658	\$4,601,574	\$39,934	\$0	\$1,392,923,166	N/A	Sale 83 and 87
1985	\$0	\$11,503,554	\$112,088	\$0	\$11,715,642	N/A	
1986	\$0	\$7,561,960	\$56,792	\$0	\$7,618,752	\$51,438,090	Disbursement included Section 8(g) Escrow
1987	\$0	\$7,677,314	\$71,320	\$0	\$7,748,634	\$4,420,730	
1988	\$688,733,767	\$16,915,379	\$130,696	\$0	\$705,779,842	\$329,000,638	Disbursement included Section 8(g) Escrow - Sale 97, 109, and 92
1989	\$0	\$18,708,334	\$102,480	\$0	\$18,810,814	\$4,467,427	
1990	\$0	\$15,255,133	\$84,048	\$0	\$15,339,181	\$4,402,935	
1991	\$23,924,239	\$19,243,423	\$67,568	\$0	\$39,235,230	\$4,678,515	Sale 124 and 126
1992	\$0	\$7,374,262	\$67,568	\$0	\$7,441,830	\$9,676,943	
1993	\$0	\$4,392,274	\$67,568	\$0	\$4,459,842	\$9,550,625	
Total by CY	\$4,900,904,202	\$115,546,964	\$801,062	\$0	\$5,017,251,228	\$417,635,903	

New report format introduced - Published by Fiscal Year				New report format introduced - Fiscal Year			
Year	Bonus	Rent	Royalty	Other	Year Subtotal	State Disbursement	Comments
1994	\$0	\$1,515,389	\$0	\$86,000	\$1,601,389	\$9,518,125	Disbursement included 9,380,000 settlement payment
1995	\$0	\$546,752	\$0	\$104,432	\$651,184	\$9,444,493	Disbursement included 9,380,000 settlement payment
1996	\$14,429,363	\$1,182,292	\$0	\$67,568	\$15,679,223	\$9,528,054	Sale 144 - Disbursement included 9,380,000 settlement payment
1997	\$253,965	\$1,267,699	\$3,981	\$38,945	\$1,624,590	\$17,330,950	Sale 149 - Disbursement included 13,400,000 settlement payment
1998	\$5,327,093	\$1,549,768	\$0	\$86,000	\$6,962,861	\$13,560,186	Sale 170 - Disbursement included 13,400,000 settlement payment
1999	\$0	\$1,360,324	\$0	\$75,746	\$1,436,070	\$14,714,847	Disbursement included 13,400,000 settlement payment
2000	\$0	\$1,319,235	\$0	\$49,405	\$1,368,640	\$13,669,265	Disbursement included 13,400,000 settlement payment
Total	\$20,010,421	\$8,741,459	\$3,981	\$563,096	\$29,323,957	\$87,765,920	

New report format introduced breakout of 8(g) Reported Revenues

Offshore 8(g)						Alaska Offshore Non 8(g)						
Year	Bonus	Rent	Royalty	Other	Year Subtotal	State Disbursement	Year	Bonus	Rent	Royalty	Other	Year Subtotal
2001	\$0	\$1,068,331	None	\$49,136	\$1,117,467	\$13,613,543	2001					
2002	\$0	\$457,948	\$4,296,269	\$32,160	\$4,786,377	\$1,068,091	2002		\$179,101			\$179,101
2003	\$0	\$575,721	\$14,926,866	\$0	\$15,502,607	\$7,732,698	2003		\$180,013			\$180,013
2004	\$5,653,912	\$572,022	\$2,727,462	\$0	\$8,953,396	\$7,245,906	2004	\$3,249,626	\$337,180			\$3,586,806
2005	\$12,441,435	\$992,687	\$33,029,581	\$0	\$46,463,703	\$10,871,901	2005	\$34,068,294	\$766,028			\$34,834,322
2006	\$0	\$880,218	\$41,994,748	\$0	\$42,874,965	\$11,294,551	2006		\$1,169,300			\$1,169,300
2007	\$107,556	\$183,963	\$26,385,860	\$0	\$27,477,379	\$7,767,182	2007	\$41,872,577	\$1,699,032			\$43,571,609
Total	\$18,202,903	\$5,530,889	\$145,360,806	\$81,296	\$189,175,894	\$55,593,871		\$79,190,497	\$4,330,653			\$83,521,150

Total Offshore Non 8(g) since 2001

Year	Gulf	Pacific	Alaska	Total OCS Non 8(g)
2001	6,690,023,792.43	170,426,086.89	-	6,860,449,879.32
2002	3,869,331,822.58	77,314,628.83	179,101.00	3,946,825,552.41
2003	5,413,897,337.79	117,820,719.16	180,013.00	5,531,898,069.95
2004	4,789,694,250.28	143,169,899.96	3,586,806.00	4,936,450,956.24
2005	5,705,953,872.26	155,396,266.58	34,834,321.50	5,896,184,460.34
2006	6,928,423,150.25	216,086,449.67	1,169,300.00	7,145,678,899.92
2007	6,416,606,350.22	193,319,031.38	43,571,608.50	6,653,496,990.10
Total	39,813,930,575.81	1,073,533,082.47	63,521,150.00	40,970,984,808.28

Total Reported Revenue for Alaska offshore 8(g) and Non 8(g) \$5,299,272,229

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Source: MMS Accounting Year Statistical Reports, FY94-FY07 and Mineral Revenue Report for Calendar Year 1993

Actual dollars unless:

Royalties pre 2001 were for oil

Royalties post 2001 were for oil and gas only for Alaska 8(g) revenues

Pre 2001, published statistics were not broken out by 8(g) vs. Non 8(g)

Pre 2001, published statistics were reported on a CY not fiscal Year

Royalties, Rents and Bonuses prior to 1994: http://www.mmm.mms.gov/Stats/pdfs/Alas_off.pdf

Royalties, Rents and Bonuses from 1994 through 2000: <http://www.mmm.mms.gov/Stats/pdfs/ocf.pdf>

Disbursements prior to 2001: <http://www.mmm.mms.gov/Stats/pdfs/dsbuff.pdf>

All Data from 2001 forward: <http://www.mmm.mms.gov/MMSWebStatsHome.aspx>



Shell Oil in the United States
President John Hofmeister
(Rich Jordan/KTUU-TV)

by Steve Mac Donald
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ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- A unique conversation between 32 people took place Tuesday. Representatives from big oil, environmental groups, government and labor tied to the Alaska's oil industry gathered around a table to discuss the state's future.



North Slope Borough Mayor
Ed Itta (Rich Jordan/KTUU-
TV)

The U.S. uses 10,000 gallons of oil a second every day and Shell Oil in the United States, which sponsored the summit, made that point very clear.

The company's president, John Hofmeister, is on a kind of goodwill tour around Alaska. He faced his fair share of questions from participants, many of which questioned him about finances.



University of Alaska
Anchorage Chancellor Fran
Ulmer (Rich Jordan/KTUU-
TV)

North Slope Borough Mayor Ed Itta says the federal government isn't sharing revenues from off-shore lease sales with coastal communities like his.

"We believe it's reasonable and fair. While monetary gains is not the issue, of course, it's always nice to have revenues and continue to fund our government," he said. "We as a people are being asked to take a whole bunch of risk without any reward."



Alaska AFL-CIO President
Vince Beltrami (Rich
Jordan/KTUU-TV)

Perhaps the most compelling question posed at the roundtable had to do with jobs. Who, exactly, is going to retrieve all that oil and gas in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas and on the North Slope?

"We've got about a 20,000 workers shortage so we have our work cut out for us just to even meet current demands," said Alaska Vocational Technical Centers director Fred Esposito.

With the possibility of a natural gas pipeline in Alaska's future, along