

# Unlocking ANWR



## What's At Stake

Energy exploration will be limited to just 0.01% of the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve's (ANWR) total acreage.

The Energy Information Agency (EIA) estimate of technically recoverable oil in ANWR is 10.4 billion barrels—all of which is now economically recoverable. 10.4 billion barrels equals:

- More than twice the proven oil reserves in all of Texas.
- Nearly half of the total U.S. proven reserve of 21 billion barrels.

EIA estimates ANWR would provide 1 million barrels per day for 30 years. This is the equivalent to replacing the daily oil imports from Venezuela, a country led by radical Hugo Chavez.



Coastal plain in the summer

Opponents of ANWR would have you believe the north slope area (location of proposed drilling) is full of wildlife with pristine valleys and beautiful mountains. Rep. Culberson has been there. There are villages, roads, houses, schools, military installations and miles of barren land.



Coastal plain in the winter

## Economic Impact

The non-partisan Congressional Research Service estimates that, at \$125 per barrel, ANWR would deliver \$191.1 billion in corporate income tax and royalty revenue to the federal government. Bonus bids alone would deliver close to \$4 billion to the federal treasury.

The National Defense Council Foundation says ANWR could create as many as 1 million new jobs for Americans in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The photos at right and below illustrate how wildlife around current drilling sites in Alaska are flourishing.



This is a picture of caribou thriving near the current drilling site at Prudhoe Bay.

## Environmentally Friendly

Three-dimensional seismic technology enables exploration while protecting sensitive environments, producing subsurface images *without* exploration by sending vibrating acoustical signals into the earth's strata, reducing the number of wells and drilling waste.

Directional and multi-lateral exploration enables producers to reach multiple sources of energy miles away from the exploration site, reducing the needed footprint in ANWR to less than 2,000 acres.

ANWR's leasing plan will meet strict environmental standards. The Interior Department must administer the leasing program to result in *no significant adverse effect* on fish and wildlife, their habitat, subsistence, or the environment.

Since being elected to Congress in 2000, Rep. Culberson has always supported oil and gas exploration in ANWR. He is a current co-sponsor of H.R. 6107, the American Energy Independence and Price Reduction Act, and H.R. 3089, the No More Excuses Energy Act. Both bills would open oil and gas leasing within the Coastal Plain of Alaska.