## Marine Protected Areas and Oil & Gas Offshore Alaska

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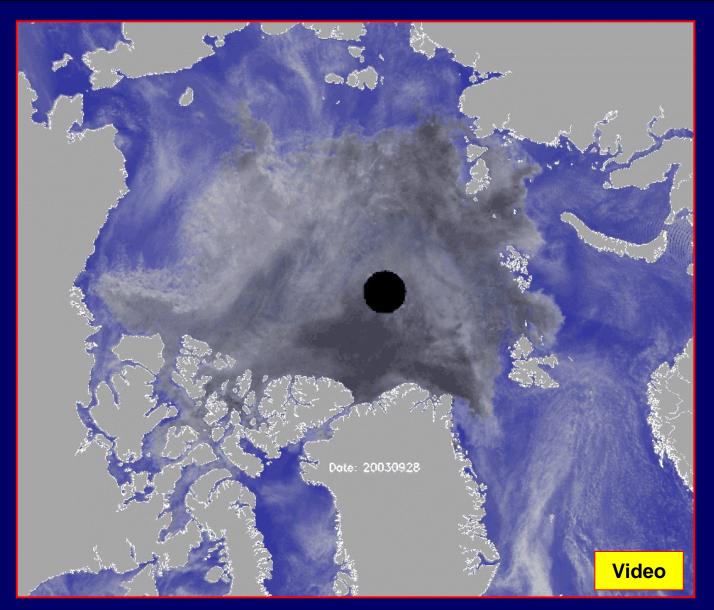
- Glimpse of the Arctic offshore
- Global perspective on the Oil & Gas Industry's offshore experience
- Possible scope of development in the offshore
- Relationship between the two concepts
  - Marine Protected Areas
  - Oil & Gas development

#### **Alaska Offshore**

#### Beaufort Sea Sea Ice Break-up



#### **Satellite Monitoring of Polar Pack**



#### **Grounded Compression Ridges**



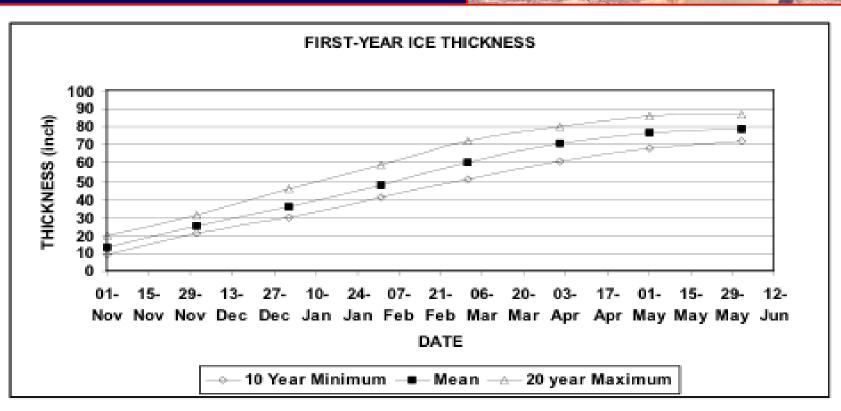
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#### Chukchi Sea – March, 2009



#### **Landfast Ice Growth**





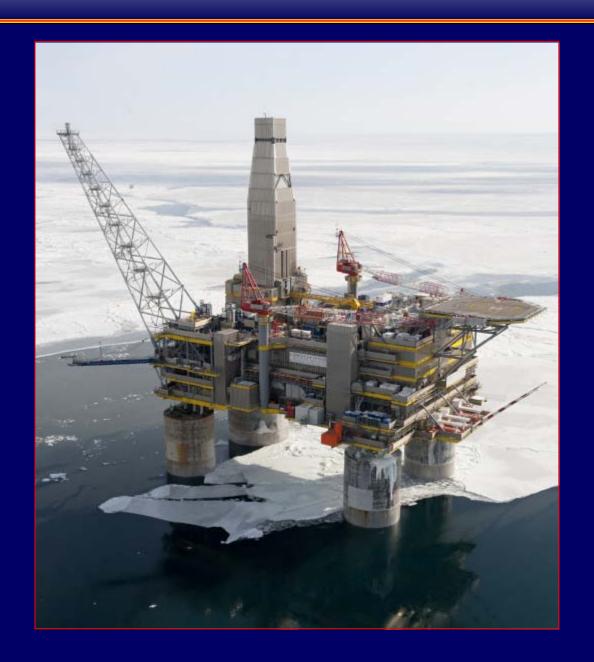
#### Global Perspective on Offshore Cold Region Experience

- Caspian Sea
- Sea of Okhotsk
- Alaska Timeline

#### Kashagan Drilling Island

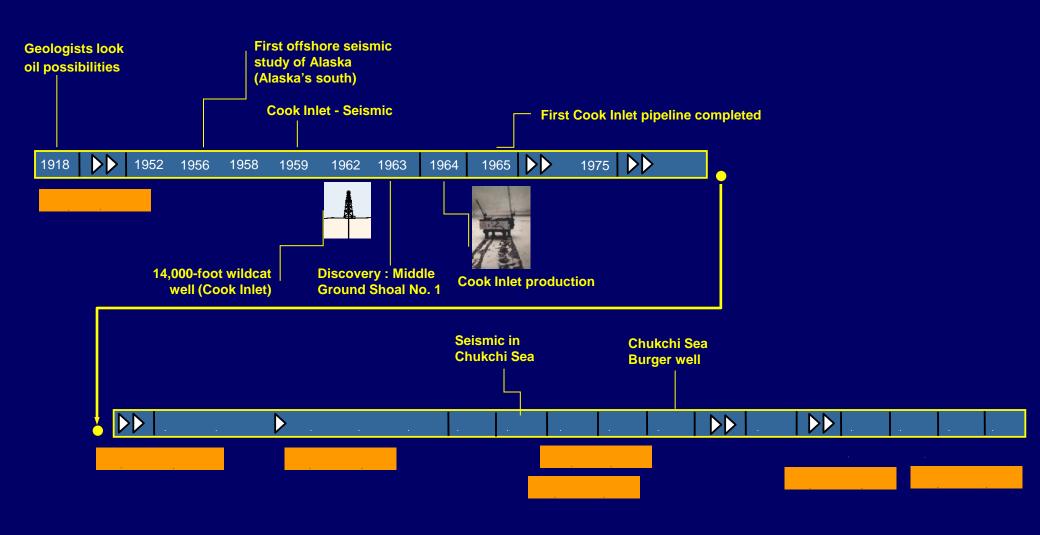


#### **Sakhalin Structure**





### Industry Interest and Activity Spans the Last 100 years Alaska

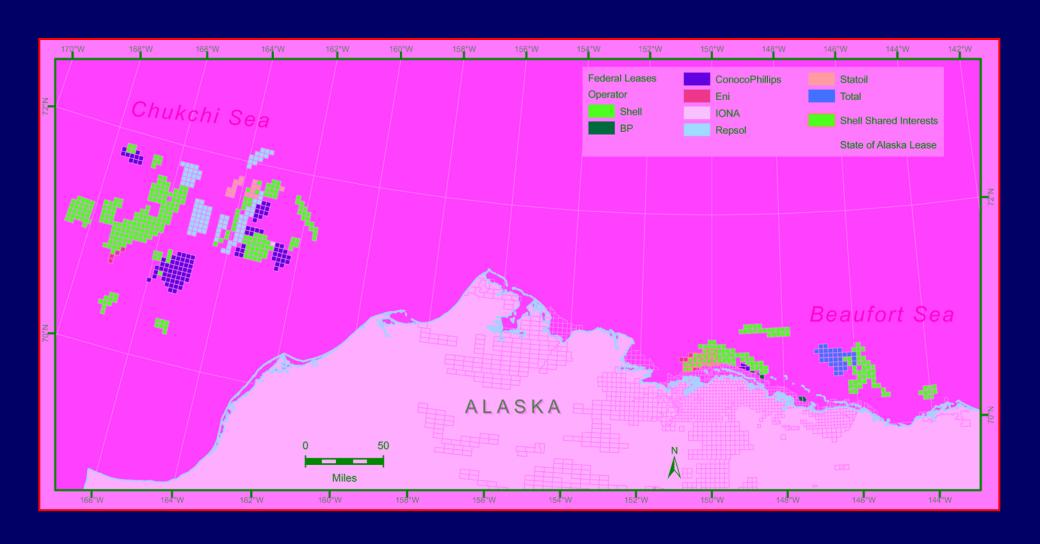


# Offshore Development Success Case 2010 - 2040

#### **Northstar Production Island**



#### **Beaufort / Chukchi Lease Blocks**



#### **Arctic Structure - Artist's Rendition**



#### **Systematic Approach to Development**

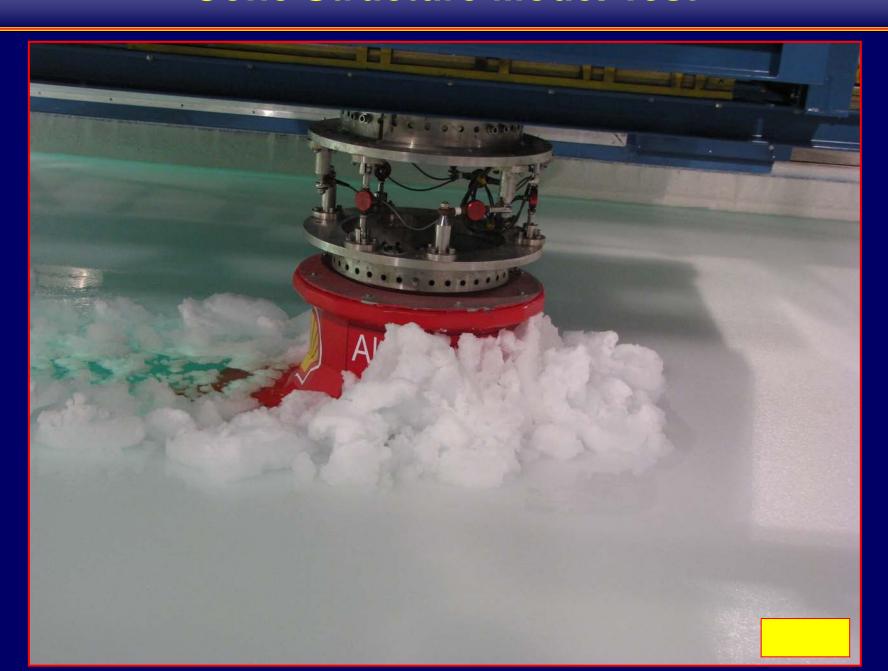
#### The Industry is technology based

- Technology informs business decisions as well as technical choices in day-to-day operations
- Technical evolution and new capabilities enable new businesses
- There is a structure to how technology progresses a development
  - Learn what is needed
  - Develop knowledge and capability to address these needs
  - Deploy the new capability in engineered products
- Technical performance criteria must be achieved in prime areas
  - Safety
  - Environment
  - Engineering

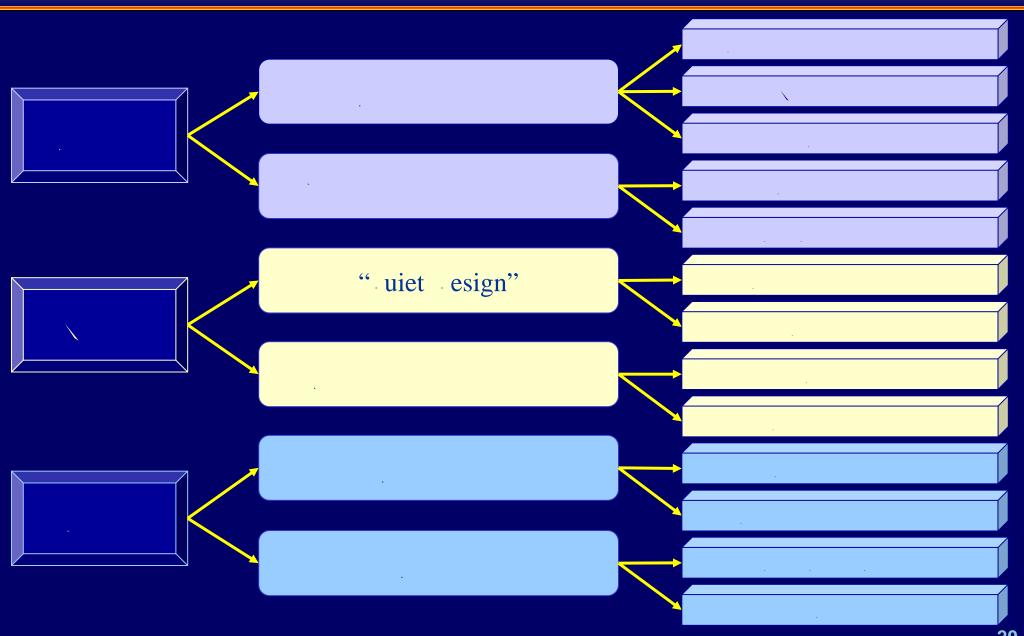
#### **Arctic Technology Areas**

Circum Arctic Plate Reconstruction
Alternative Seismic Methods
Ice Management
Autonomous Underwater Vehicle
Oil Spill Prevention and Response
Emergency Evacuation and Rescue
Sound Reduction
Ice & Ice Effects
Pipeline Placement
Climate Effects on Ice and Operations
Sea Ice and Weather Forecasting
Unmanned Aircraft Systems
Year Round Jack Up

#### **Cone Structure Model Test**



#### **Marine Sound Project**



#### **Marine Sound Mitigation**

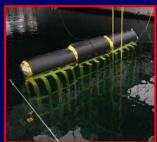
#### **Mitigation Mechanisms**

- Acoustic Barriers
  - Bubble Curtain
  - Sound Attenuation Blanket
- Equipment Isolation
  - Isolation Devices
  - Insulation
  - Structural Acoustic Damping
- Structural / Vessel Design
- Operation Control

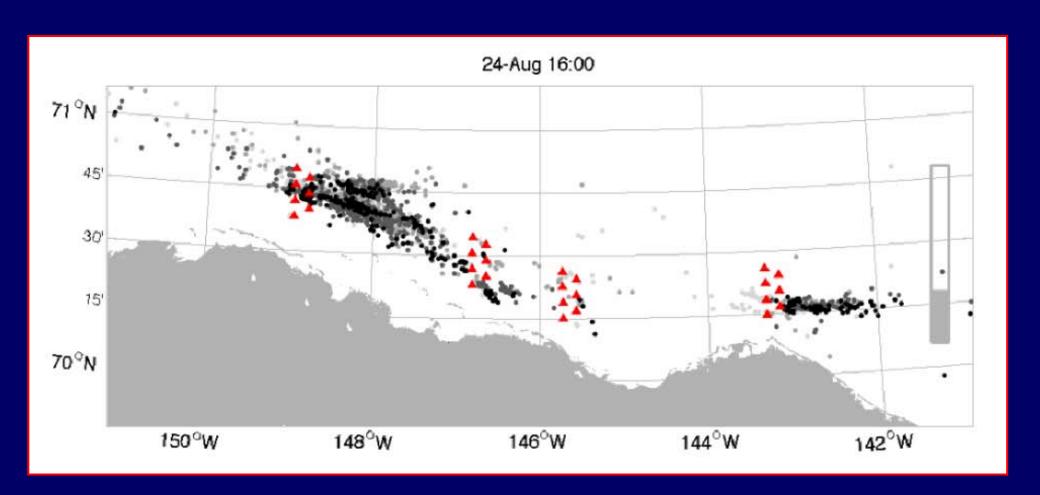








#### **Whale Locating**



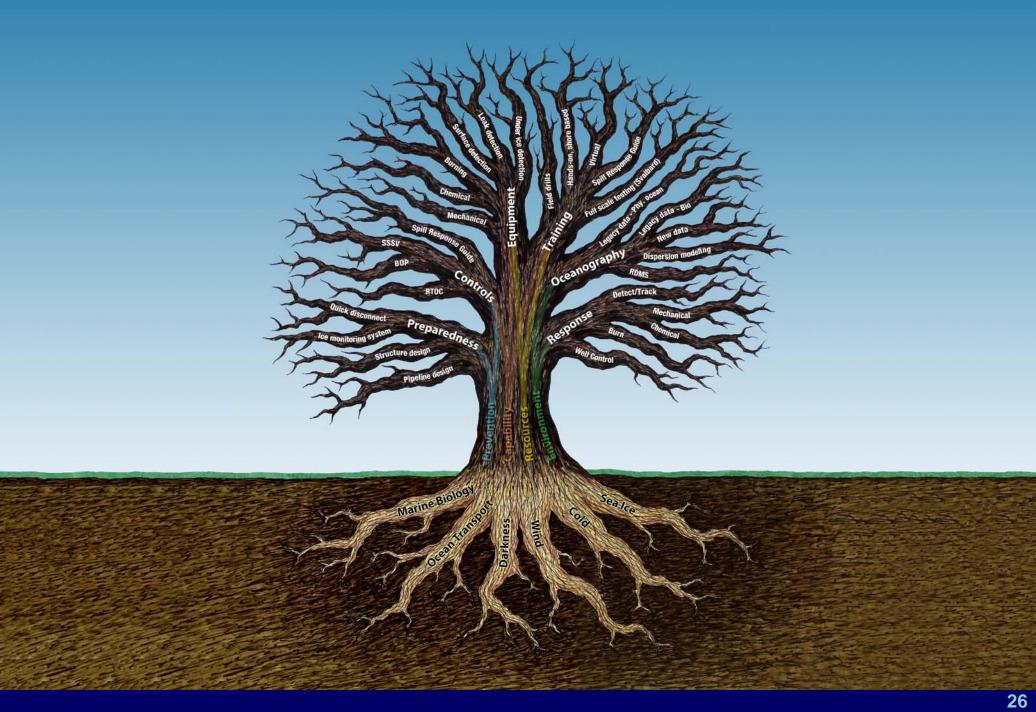
#### Marine Protected Areas + Oil & Gas Development

- Potential offshore energy reserves in the Arctic are large and will be integral to near-term National prosperity
- The Industry is a significant Stakeholder in planning for the offshore
- The Industry regulatory structure uses the best available scientific information and science-based management to ensure that oil and gas extraction is carried out at low risk and in the public's interest
- Industry is committed to gathering and interpreting new data to add to the very significant body of research that exists
- Industry has a full awareness of subsistence issues, and is continuing efforts to address Alaska Native concerns
- The Industry would be concerned about establishment of MPAs that blanket vast areas and are not rigorously justified by scientific results

#### Marine Protected Areas + Oil & Gas Development

- The two concepts are not mutually exclusive and they can do much more than coexist
- The two concepts can be supportive of each other
- Tangible achievements can likely be accelerated by establishing engagement and linking goals
- Both Oil and Gas development and formation of MPAs must be rooted in science based activities
  - The science enables both
  - The science work should be coupled and optimized

#### **End of Presentation**



#### **Data Acquisition**

