

Faces of ANWR

Caribou

Arctic oil development is not new in Alaska. The oil industry has four decades of experience in this unique environment having produced over 13 billion barrels of oil to meet our nation's energy needs.

Environmentalists argue that we should not allow responsible development on the Coastal Plain of ANWR because it will have a negative impact on the caribou and other wildlife in the area. The truth is that the industry and the environment can coexist. Recent surveys of the Central Arctic caribou herd near the Prudhoe Bay oil field shows the herd population at its highest level ever recorded in the past quarter century. The herd has grown more than seven-fold since Prudhoe Bay development began in the mid-1970s.



In addition to the caribou, other species have been able to coexist with industry. There are no scientific studies by regulatory agencies, academic institutions or industry that document population declines of any species in the arctic related to oil industry activity.

New oil development technology will allow companies to tap underground producing reservoirs with a much smaller "footprint" on the surface. Development in ANWR will impact only 2,000 acres of the 19.6 million acre Refuge.

**Development can Occur in an Environmentally Sensitive Manner.
Listen to the Facts: OPEN ANWR.**

Safe Development of ANWR
Environmentally Responsible