Cook Inlet Oil & Gas Development:

Lessons learned from 40 years of development in offshore Alaska

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LESSON 1: Public dialogue means little if leasing and development are presumed.

MMS Lease Sale 191, Homer
LESSON 2: Government agencies often fall prey to industry pressure

- Repeated Clean Water Act violations
- New NPDES Permit – increases allowable dumping
- 2007: Fishermen, Tribes forced to sue EPA to protect commercial and subsistence fisheries
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Seabulk Pride, January 2006
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- Reported Cook Inlet watershed pipeline spills occur on average once each month
- The total reported volume spilled from oil pipelines was over 50,000 gallons per year on average.
LESSON 4: The risks of transportation extend far beyond the area of production.
LESSON 5: Oil & gas resources are finite

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