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I. INTRODUCTION

Background

The progressive depletion of U.S. domestic petroleum reserves and increased concern over the reliability of foreign supplies have led to growing concern in the United States about future energy sources. The federal government has begun to establish policies aimed at increasing domestic energy supplies. The U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) has drawn considerable attention as a future source of petroleum supplies. These areas, because of their high potential as a source of oil and gas, figure importantly in the future energy program of the United States.

Historically, the role of Alaska in supplying energy has been small; total cumulative production in **Alaska** through 1974 was less than 1 percent of the U.S. total. Alaska has played a more important part in OCS production; petroleum production in the Upper Cook Inlet accounted for about 7.6 percent of cumulative U.S. Outer Continental Shelf oil production by the end of 1978 (U.S. Geological Survey, 1979).

Alaska accounts for over one-fourth of the identified oil and gas reserves in the United States. The search for new domestic reserves will center importantly on Alaska since it is estimated that more than one-third of all undiscovered recoverable domestic oil reserves are in the state. Alaska's importance in the OCS program is a result of the fact that over 60 percent of the undiscovered **OCS** reserves are expected to be found in the Alaska OCS (U.S. Geological Survey, 1975). Alaska's new role as a major U.S. energy supplier has already brought significant changes to the Alaska economy and society. The prospect of even further transformation looms large in the state's future as planned deve"lopment extends to Alaska coastal waters. The first steps toward **development** of Alaska's coastal resources have already been taken with past federal lease sales in the Northern Gulf of Alaska, Lower Cook Inlet, and the **Beaufort** Sea.

Changes produced by past petroleum development in the state have been major. The rapid changes in the Alaska economy and **population associ**ated with the development in Upper Cook Inlet and **Prudhoe Bay** have created strains on the Alaska society and environment. At the same time, these petroleum developments generated the most prosperous economic period in the state's history and produced prospects of continued prosperity throughout the next decade.

The nature of the changes induced by prospective new developments, however, will not necessarily resemble those characteristic of developments of the recent past. The technology, resource levels, and institutional arrangements surrounding Bering Sea developments are subject to a wide range of uncertainty. Consequently, the implications of Bering Sea development for Alaskan economic and demographic processes can be accurately assessed only by an analysis which incorporates both these unique institutional and technological features, as well as the uncertainty surrounding them.

The objective of this report is to provide the information needed to anticipate the major dimensions of the economic and social impacts of proposed oil and gas developments in the Bering Sea-Norton Sound Basin. The Institute of Social and Economic Research, as part of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) OCS Studies Program, has provided a series of economic and population forecasts through the year 2000 under several alternative scenarios for Bering Sea/Norton Sound petroleum development. By contrasting these forecasts with a base case forecast, which does not include the proposed developments, it is possible to assess four major dimensions of the impacts of OCS development--population, employment, income, and state government fiscal impacts. This report will provide an assessment of these impacts.

Scope

This study consists of three major components. First, a baseline study examines the existing and historical structure of economic and demographic change within the regions most directly affected by the proposal, the Norton Sound and Anchorage regions, as well as in the state as a whole. Second, a set of forecasts are developed through the year 2000, based on the assumption that the proposed development does not occur. This base case then serves as a benchmark for comparison with an alternative set of forecasts premised on the occurrence of the proposed Bering-Norton **OCS** development. The final section presents an analysis of the impacts of these developments, measured as the difference between base case and OCS case forecast values.

Methodology for OCS Impact Assessment

The methodology to be used in assessing the impacts of the proposed federal OCS developments in the Bering Sea-Norton Sound area involves comparing two sets of economic and demographic projections--one contingent on the occurrence of the proposed development, and a second based on assumptions which omit the development. The impact of the development is measured as the difference between the two projections.

Because these projections arelong range, there is a considerable degree of uncertainty associated with them. The specific future value of each and every forecast variable is unknown. However, certain such variables may be estimated from their statistical relationships to other such variables during the historical period. An econometric model is used to summarize these estimated structural relationships. Other variables, on the other hand, may not be estimated from historical data, either because they are determined by factors outside of the scope of the system under study or because they represent unique new situations not captured by While such variables (called exogenous) are neither historical data. known nor estimable with any degree of precision, the plausible range of values for such variables is guite often known. As a consequence, it is then feasible to develop a set of alternative forecasts, each contingent on assumed values of the exogenous variables, which span the plausible range of such variables and thus bracket the range of forecast variables. This section describes the models and exogenous assumptions required to develop a set of contingent forecasts, and it describes a methodology for utilizing such forecasts in assessing the impact of OCS development.

THE ECONOMETRIC MODELS

Two econometric models--a statewide model and a regional model designed to disaggregate the statewide results--are utilized in the analysis.

The Statewide Model

The principal model being utilized in the analysis of the proposed federal OCS development is the statwide econometric model developed by the Man-in-the-Arctic Program (MAP) at the University of Alaska Institute of Social and Economic Research. The model consists of three interrelated components: an economic model, a fiscal model, and a demographic model. The basic structure of the model is as shown in Figure 1.

The economic model is divided into exogenous or basic sectors and endogenous or nonbasic sectors. The level of output in the exogenous sectors is determined outside the state's economy. The primary reason for the nonbasic sector is to serve local Alaskan markets, so the level of output is determined within the Alaskan economy. The basic industries in the model are mining, agricul ture-forestry-fisheries, manufacturing, federal government, and the export component of construction. The nonbasic industries are transportation-communication-utilities, wholesale and retail trade, finance-insurance-real estate, services, and the remainder of construction.

Industrial production in nonbasic industries determines the demand for labor and employment; employment is that level needed to produce the



required output. The product of employment and the wage rate determine wages and salaries by industry. Aggregate wages and salaries are the major component of personal income. By assumption, the Alaska labor market is open to in- or out-migration from the Lower 49. In either case, labor demand is always satisfied. Wage rates in Alaska are determined in part by U.S. wage rates. Thus, both the supply and price of labor are linked to economic activity in the Lower 49. An estimate of disposable personal income is made by adding an estimate of nonwage income to wages and salaries and adjusting this by deducting income taxes. The level of real disposable income is found by deflating disposable personal income by a relative price index; the major determinants of Alaskan prices are U.S. prices, the size of the economy, and the growth rate of the economy. Incomes determine the demand for local production; incomes and output are simultaneously determined.

Population is determined based upon a projection of each of its components--births, deaths, and migration. The model uses **age-sex-race**specific survival rates and age-race-specific fertility rates to project births and deaths of the civilian population. Total civilian population is found by adding civilian net migration to the natural increase. Net migration is determined by the relative economic opportunities in Alaska. In the model, these are described by employment changes and the Alaskan real per capita income relative to the real per capita income of the United States. An exogenous estimate of military population is added to determine total population. The fiscal model, which provides important pieces of information for the economic model, also provides a framework for analyzing the effects of alternate fiscal policies. The fiscal model calculates personal tax payments in order to derive disposable personal income. The fiscal model , based on an assumed state spending rule, also calculates personnel expenditures, state government employment, and the amount spent on capital improvements which determines a portion of employment in the construction industry. All three submodels are linked through their requirement for information produced by the other submodels.

The Regional Model

The regional model provides an allocation of employment, income, and population in the state to seven regions of the state. These regions are shown in Figure 2. The economic component is similar in each region to that of the state model. The major difference is that some regional economies are influenced by economic activity in other regions; the most notable of these is Anchorage. The demographic component of the regional model is much simpler than that component of the state model. Regional population is estimated as a function of employment. Regional population is estimated in two components--enclave and nonenclave population. A weighted average of the nonenclave population to nonenclave employment ratio for the state and the lagged value in the region is multiplied by the nonenclave employment to estimate nonenclave population in the The weights are based on the proportion of state population current year. in the region. Eric" ave employment is added to **nonenclave** to determine Enclave employment includes the military and total regional **popul**ation.



major construction projects such as the **trans-Alaska** pipeline. Estimates of the regional model are constrained to total to equivalent state model results.

USE OF THE MODELS FOR IMPACT ASSESSMENT

In order to properly assess the impact of proposed federal OCS development, a plausible range of **OCS** development scenarios should be used to produce a set of contingent forecasts, each of which should then be compared to a plausible range of corresponding base case forecasts, to bracket a range of potential impacts. However, insofar as such an approach leads to a proliferation of cases which planners are seldom prepared to evaluate, an alternative approach is utilized. Each of a range of plausible **OCS** development scenarios serves as the basis for a set of forecasts, each to be compared to a **single** mid-range base case forecast. This gives a single impact for each development scenario, rather than the range of impacts which would be preferable in principle. Then, by varying the key base case assumptions, the sensitivity of this measure to those assumptions is tested to gauge the reliability of the measured impact.

LIMITATIONS OF THE PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The methodology suggested above is designed to extract a maximum amount of information from historical data using accepted econometric techniques. As such, it can reasonably be expected to reduce the uncertainty associated with the impacts of the proposed developments. However, to suggest that it can completely eliminate such uncertainty or in some cases even

significantly reduce it may be to exaggerate the capabilities of the technique, the information contained in historical data, or both. For example, no such model can possibly capture radical structural change, and any such model is limited by the qua" ity and reliability of the data used in its specification and estimation

At the state level, the major sources of uncertainty which place limitations on such a method are twofold: first, there is a great deal of speculation built into the development of a base case scenario, as will be seen below; and second, the state policy response to the OCS **development** is both unpredictable and a potentially major determinant of the impact of such development. On the other hand, a reasonably sized data base such as that used in the estimation of the state model can be expected **to** result in accurate <u>contingent</u> forecasts; and in those cases where measured impacts prove insensitive to base case assumptions, to reliable uncontingent impact measures.

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The regional results are subject to far greater limitations and possess far fewer strengths for several reasons. First, the available data is far sparser than on a statewide basis, and the potential specifications are far more complex. As a consequence, estimated relationships in the regional model are less reliable than their statewide counterparts. Furthermore, especially in remote regions such as those analyzed here, the susceptibility of the region to major structural change as a consequence of **OCS** development is far greater than that encountered at a statewide level. As a consequence, while the techniques proposed here

extract the maximum information **likely** to be gained econometrically, such results necessarily must be interpreted as only a first approximation rather than a detailed analysis of the regional economies. An accurate assessment must incorporate detailed **microlevel** analysis of such economies. Econometric techniques cannot and should not replace such analysis.

II. HISTORICAL STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL GROWTH PATTERNS: THE BASELINE STUDY

The Alaskan Economy, 1965-1978

The period from 1965 to 1978 witnessed rapid changes in the Alaskan economy, largely induced by the introduction and maturation of the petroleum industry within the state and a changing role of state government in the economy. By 1965, oil and gas developments in the area of Upper Cook Inlet were getting underway, developments which would supply about 2 percent of domestic oil in the United States by the turn of the decade. But far more significantly, the exploration activity also begun in the mid-1960s in the state would, in 1968, yield the largest oil and gas discovery in North America. The Prudhoe Bay discovery, accounting for nearly a fourth of domestic oil reserves, promised to make Alaska a dominant domestic oil supplier by the onset of 1980. The discovery had two major effects, one short-term and one long-term. In the short term, development of the Prudhoe resources required construction of a major This construction effort, peaking in 1976, raised employment pipeline. by 42 percent and income by nearly 75 percent during a span of three years, only to be followed by the most precipitous drop in basic sector employment since statehood, as construction was completed in 1977. The onset of production from Prudhoe in 1977, however, began to reveal the nature of the true long-term significance of oil and gas development in Because of the capital intensive nature of petroleum developthe state. ment, this significance was not to be found in the generation of any substantial long-term direct employment. Rather, the long-term effect would be to alter radically the role of state government in the economy. The

Prudhoe discovery occurred on state-owned **lands.** Revenues from the initial sale of drilling rights and prospective royalty and production taxes broadly expanded the set of policy options available to state government, placing the Alaskan government in a role unique among the American states in its ability to control its own future development.

This section attempts to map out the major development patterns which have emerged during this period and which promise to shape the course of future economic growth within the state.

DIMENSIONS OF GROWTH

Alaskan Population, 1965-1978

Figure 3 presents the growth of Alaskan population during the period 1965-1978. As is apparent from the figure, there have been three distinct **sub**periods in which population growth varied dramatically. From <u>1965 to</u> <u>1973</u>, population growth proceeded at a relatively **stable** rate, averaging 2.8 percent annually. The pipeline buildup from <u>1973 to 1975</u> produced an explosion in state population which expanded over 22 percent in the two-year period. As the construction effort peaked n 1976, and fe^{rr} 1 off abruptly thereafter, population began dropping **s** ightly in 1977 and again in 1978 for an average rate of decline of less than 1 percent annually in the 1976-78 period.

Population growth is composed of two components: **natura** increase (the excess of births over deaths) and net migration (total n-migration less



(thousands of persons)



total out-migration). Figure 4 breaks down the changes in Alaskan population since 1965 into its two components.

Historically, Alaska has exhibited a rate of natural increase (excess of births over deaths per 1,000 persons) higher than any other state. This reflects both the highest birth rate and the lowest death rate among the states. Both features stem from the youthfulness of the Alaskan population, with the bulk of that population falling into the 14-to-30-year-age brackets, the area of both highest fertility and lowest death rates. Because of the high rate of turnover of the Alaskan population, this somewhat abnormal age distribution has remained fairly stab" e over time, as shown in Table 1. Natural increase has accounted for s1 ghtly under half of total population growth since 1965 and has occurred at a relatively stable rate, growing at an average rate of 1.5 percent annually.

The major source of population growth since 1965, however, has been net migration. While the stability of the age distribution reflects a rapid turnover among the population, on balance there has historically been a tendency for in-migration to more than offset out-migration, as seen in Figure 4. Only the precipitous construction employment drop following completion of the **p**·**peline** has been of sufficient magnitude to generate negative net migrat⁻ on (from 1977 to 1978).

Net migration has been found empirically to increase with the rate of employment growth in Alaska and with the differential between Alaskan and U.S. average real per capita incomes. This observation can best



TABLE 1. ALASKA POPULATION AGE-SEX DI STRI BUTION 1970, 1976

		1970			1976				
	Mal es	Fema les	Total	Mal es	Femal es	Total			
Age									
All Ages	54.2	45.7		51.6	48.4				
0-13	16. 5	15.7	32. 2	14.1	13. 2	27.3			
14-19	5.7	5.2	10. 9	6.6	6.0	12.6			
20-29	12.4	8.7	21.1	11. 2	10.4	21.6			
30-39	7.7	6.5	14.2	7.8	7.8	15.6			
40-54	8. 1	6.6	14.7	7.7	7.2	14.9			
55-64	2.5	2.0	4.5	3.1	2.6	5.7			
65 -!-	1.3	1.0	2.3	1.1	1.2	2.3			

SOURCES: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, <u>1970 Census</u> <u>of Population.</u>

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1976 Survey of Income and Education Microdata Tape.

be understood by viewing the migration decision as a choice made by an individual in the face of uncertainty. The probability that any individual will choose to move will depend on the expected gain to be realized by such a move. As the expected gain rises, the individual becomes more **likely** to migrate. The expected gain from a move is simply the product of the wage differential to be realized as a consequence of the move and the probability of actually securing employment at that higher wage. Thus, either a change in the rate **of** employment growth in Alaska (by increasing the probability of being hired) or an increase in the absolute income differential between Alaska and the United States will, by raising the expected gain from in-migration, attract increasing numbers of new migrants to the state.

Unlike natural increase, however, migration into Alaska has created a great deal of volatility in the dynamics of statewide population growth. Net migration reached over +47,000 in 1975 and as low as nearly -9,000 in 1977. Of the total contribution of nearly 78,000 made by net migration to population growth over the period, over 72 percent occurred since 1973.

This volatility of population can create major strains on **local** infrastructure when the growth occurs at too rapid a rate for adjustment. Such strains produce adverse effects on prices and unemployment, as will be discussed below. Further, it creates a somewhat characteristic Alaskan policy problem--namely that state policies aimed at the promotion of growth objectives may be doomed to failure by their own success. That is, any policy producing substantial, rapid growth in the Alaskan economy

may also, by its attraction of temporary migrants, have benefits which flow disproportionately to non-Alaskans. Thus, a major concern over growth-oriented policies **mus**[•] be the sustainability of such policies. As will be seen later, this 's of particular concern when the state's major wealth is a depletable resource.

Alaskan Employment, 1965-1978

Figure 5 presents the growth of Alaskan employment during the period 1965 to 1978. As in the case of population growth, three distinct subperiods are clearly discernible. In the **pre-pipeline** period from 965 to 1973, employment grew steadily at an average rate of 3.6 **percen**[•]. During the buildup and construction of the pipeline between 1973 and 1976, total employment expanded over 42 percent, an annual average rate of over 12.5 percent. After the 1976 peak, total employment **fell** off, but much less radically than the decline in construction employment. While 1978 construction employment dropped by nearly 60 percent from its 1976 peak, **total** employment fell by less than **4** percent.

Total wage and salary employment in the state can be divided into three major categories: government, basic employment, and support sectors. Basic employment will be defined as those private sectors in which production is aimed primarily at the satisfaction of export demands. In Alaska, such sectors include agriculture, forestry, and fisheries; mining (primarily petroleum); construction; and manufacturing. Support sector employment is engaged in activity aimed primarily at the satisfaction of local demands and includes utilities, transportation, communications, trade, finance, and services.

FIGURE 5. STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT, 1965-1978

(thousands of persons)



SOURCE: Alaska Department of Labor, Statistical Quarterly, various issues.

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One of the most significant historical trends identifiable from the data is the changing role of government in the Alaskan economy. As shown in Figure 6, the share of government employment in total Alaskan wage and salary employment has fallen from over 60 percent in 1965 to about 40 percent in 1978. In addition, there has been a fairly dramatic shift in the composition of such employment. Historically, federal employment has been the mainstay of the Alaskan economy. In 1965, nearly 49 percent of Alaskan employment consisted of federal employees, over 65 percent of whom were military. By 1978, the federal share of employment was more than cut in half, and the military share of that employment had fallen Nonetheless, total government. employment in Alaska has to 52 percent. risen, due to a steadily growing state and local government sector which has more than offset the declining military presence in Alaska. As seen in Figure 7, by 1969 state and local employment had exceeded federa] civilian employment. By 1975, it exceeded military employment; and by 1978, it had reached a level approaching 84 percent of total federa employment.

Basic employment in A'l aska consists primarily of construction and manufacturing (primarily food processing) employment, as shown in Figure 8. Pipeline construction caused employment in the Alaskan construction industry to **nearly** quadruple between 1973 and 1976. Interestingly, however, despite the 60 percent drop by 1978 from the 1976 peak, 1978 construction employment remained over 64 percent higher than its 1973 level . In addition, **deve** opment and production employment at Prudhoe Bay, North Slope **explorat** on, oil industry administration employment in



(proportion of total employment)



SOURCE: Alaska Department of Labor, Statistical Quarterly, various issues.



FIGURE 8. COMPOSITION OF BASIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT, 1965-1978

(thousands of persons)



SOURCE: Alaska Department of Labor, Statistical Quarterly, various issues.

Anchorage, and a vigorous growth in manufacturing have at least partially offset the **decl**ine in basic sector employment during the post-pipeline period.

Growth in the Alaskan support sector since **1965** is shown in Figure 9. In the stable growth **period** before the pipeline (1965-1973), the support sector grew at well over twice the rate (7.6 percent) of total employment (3.6 percent). Services employment led this growth, at a rate of 9.1 **per**cent. Finance and trade followed closely behind (8.7 percent and 7.9 **per**cent, respectively), while transportation, communications, and **publi**C utilities grew at only 4.6 percent annually. Services employment **re**sponded most vigorously to pipeline construction, growing over 37 percent between 1974 and 1975. As a whole, the support sector expanded by over 62 percent between 1973 and the peak of pipeline construction. Interestingly, however, employment in the support sector did not decline with completion of the pipeline, but rather has continued to grow, although at a rate (3.7 percent) below that of the pre-pipel ine period (4.6 percent).

Alaskan Personal Income

Alaskan personal income growth, as employment and population, can be divided into the same three subperiods. As shown in Figure 10, in the **pre-pipeline** years from 1965 to 1974, income grew steadily, averaging about 12.3 percent annually. Accompanied by inflation and population growth, however, this represented only about a 4.4 percent average annual growth in real per capita income, as shown "in Figure 11. From 1974 to the peak of pipeline construction in 1976, income rose by



FIGURE10. STATEWIDE PERSONAL INCOME, 965-1978

(millions of current do" ars)



FIGURE 11. REAL PER CAPITA INCOME, 1965-1978

(thousands of 1979 dollars)

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72 percent in **nominal** terms and 46 percent in real per **capita** terms. After the peak of pipeline construction, between 1976 and **1978**, personal income continued to rise modestly, about 2.6 percent annually. However, these gains were more than offset by inflation and population, with real per capita incomes falling about 5.6 percent annually after the 1976 peak.

These figures, however, do not capture the full magnitude of the pipeline and post-pipeline experience, **nasmuch** as they are adjusted by the Bureau of Economic Analysis to reflect the incomes of resident Alaskans A substantial share of 'ncome during pipeline construction was only. earned by nonresidents. As shown in Figure 12, the growth of wages and salary payments grew roughly parallel to personal income in the 1965-to-1974 period. (More precisely, personal income growth followed wage and salary growth, inasmuch as such payments are the major component of personal income--between 80 and 90 percent, historically). Because of wages and salaries earned by nonresidents, the growth of wages and salaries during pipeline construction was more dramatic than resident personal income growth, with wages and salaries more than doubling between 1974 Furthermore, unlike resident personal income, which continued and 1976. to rise modestly even after the peak of pipeline construction, wage and salary payments actually declined by 16 percent in the 1976-to-1978 period.

Because wages and salaries dominate the personal income received by Alaskans, **the** sources of such payments reveal the underlying structure of income growth **during** the period, as shown in Figure 12. Wages and



SOURCE: Alaska Department of Labor, Statistical Quarterly, various issues.

salaries were composed primarily of government wages (50.3 percent) in 1965. By 1978, the government share had fallen to 36 percent, although generally government wages and salaries grew steadily throughout the period at about 10 percent annually. The income "explosion" in 1975 and 1976 was due primarily to wage and salary payments in construction and to a lesser extent in the support sector, primarily transportation. However, the "explosion" was due as much to an increase in wage rates as to increased employment. Between 1974 and 1976, basic sector employment rose 65 percent, while wages and salaries in the basic sector nearly tripled, due to a more than 80 percent increase in average wage rates in the sector, as shown in Figure 13. In the support sector, wages and salaries more than doubled in the two-year period, reflecting a 38 percent rise in employment and a 47 percent increase in wage rates. However, while both basic employment and wage rates dropped in the period following the peak of pipeline construction, causing over a 50 percent decline in basic sector wages and salaries, neither employment nor wage rates in the support sector fell significantly during the 1976-to- 978 period. Thus, by 1978, the support sector had become the dominant source of both ncome (39 percent of wages and salaries) and employment (49.5 percent in the Alaskan economy.

Special Features

The Alaskan economy exhibits several major characteristics unique among the states. We now turn to consider each of the four major distinguishing characteristics of the Alaskan economy: its typica'ly high unemp' ment levels, the seasonality of employment, its price evel, and the unique role of state government.

FIGURE 13. ALASKAN WAGE RATES, 1965-1978

(thousands of current dollars)



Unemployment has traditionally been a serious problem Unemployment. in Alaska. Despite generally vigorous growth since 1975, unemployment rates have remained considerably above the national level, as shown in Figure 14. In only a single year, 1975, did Alaskan unemployment dip below that of the United States. Unemployment rates can be a misleading indicator of economic conditions, however, for the following reason. Defined as the ratio of unemployed persons seeking employment to the total labor force, it may fall due to either of two reasons -- an increase in employment or a decrease in search by unemployed workers. In the first case, a decrease in unemployment indicates rising employment levels; but in the second, it may indicate precisely the opposite since it is precisely at times of falling employment when workers get discouraged from searching and leave the labor force (by definition). For example, as shown in Figure 15, generally unemployment rates move opposite the direction of employment growth, as would be expected. However, on occasion such as in 1977, the year following the peak of pipeline construction, the unemployment rate fell despite falling employ-The reason for the apparent anomaly is made clear by the labor ment. force participation rate behavior, **also** depicted. In 1977, labor force participation fell drastically, by about 20 percent, sufficient to reduce the unemployment rate despite a falling employment level. Nonetheless, despite its peculiarities in use as an economic indicator, its high level does illustrate a unique Alaskan dilemma. Even at the peak of pipeline hiring, Alaskan unemployment dipped only slightly below the national rate, and then only because the national" economy was in the depths of a particularly severe recession. By 1976, at the peak of





SOURCE: Alaska Department of Labor.

pipeline construction, unemployment in Alaska had surged to over 10.5 percent. The problem is a fundamental feature of the Alaskan economy which stems largely from the volatility of migration discussed above. As employment rises, the attraction of migrants from the Lower 48 raises the **labor** force by even more, forcing a rise in the unemployment rate. Furthermore, rising employment has typically resulted in increased labor force participation rates, reducing still further any tendency of employment increases to lower unemployment rates significantly.

Seasonality. A second feature characteristic of Alaskan employment and also closely related to the unusually high Alaskan unemployment rate is the seasonality of employment in certain sectors of the economy. Economies dependent on natural resources often have seasonal cycles, but the effect is particularly accentuated by the severity and length of Alaskan winters. One measure of seasonality is the ratio of fourth-tothird-quarter employment. The closer the index to one, the less seasonal the industry. Table 2 shows the seasonality of Alaskan industries. Seasonality has decreased in importance over time, owing to several First, the shifting structure of the economy toward the supfactors. port sectors has resulted in increasing concentration in nonseasonal employment such as services and trade. Second, technology became available during the period to permit winter construction activity, and market conditions made it profitable to employ these technologies in Al aska.

SECTOR	<u>1950</u>	1960	1965	1970	1975	1976	1977	1978
Mi ni ng	. 6267	. 7143	. 7949	. 8556	.9009	. 9690	.9190	. 9459
Constructi on	. 79	. 5862	. 6460	. 7279	. 8374	. 6906	. 720	. 766
Manufacturi ng	. 2440	. 5137	. 6531	. 5457	. 6886	. 6714	. 650	. 596
Transportation, Communication, Public Utilities	s . 8248	. 9683	. 9125	. 8851	. 9887	. 8871	1.035	. 908
Trade	. 9226	. 9718	. 9905	. 9733	1.0048	. 9120	. 985	.961
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1. 0	1.0	. 9706	. 8942	1.0	. 927	1. 040	. 979
Servi ces	. 9583	. 9123	. 9664	. 9716	. 9812	. 9387	. 936	. 923
Government	. 9632	. 9815	.9617	. 9810	1.0049	. 9689	1.005	1. 112
Total	. 7505	. 8313	. 8718	. 88	.9402	. 8733	. 935	. 940

TABLE 2.SEASONALITY OF EMPLOYMENT IN ALASKA
SELECTED YEARS, 1950 TO 1978

SOURCE: State of Alaska, <u>Alaska Labor Force Estimates</u>, various years.

<u>Price Levels and Inflation.</u> Perhaps the most commonly recognized characteristic of the Alaskan economy is **its** high price **level** relative to the United States. Cost-of-living differences have been estimated at between 37 and 66 percent between Anchorage residents and U.S. urban dwellers on average. Price differences are much more accentuated in rural areas, possibly as high as 70 percent more than Anchorage (see Scott, 1978). This price differential is attributable to a wide variety of causes including high transport costs to and within Alaska, high construction costs, uncertainties and delays in shipping, and rapid fluctuations in both private and government activity **that** create shortages and bottlenecks within the state.

What is less commonly recognized than the high level of Alaskan prices is their tendency to increase at a rate less than that of the United Figure 16 shows the rate of inflation in Alaska and the United States. States as a whole. Generally, there has been an historical tendency of Alaskan inflation to remain below the U.S. level. This effect is to be expected in a developing economy, as expansion of markets permits realization of economies of scale in transportation and distribution and improved infrastructure generally reduces the costs of market transactions. There is a notable exception to this principle, however, namely when the growth occurs at a rate so fast as to create bottlenecks and shortages before the existing infrastructure can adjust to the new capacity requirement. Price increases then serve as the adjustment mechanism; and in such cases, Alaskan inflation has actually run ahead of that in the United States. However, as seen in the figure, this has



happened in only four of the years since 1965; and three of these years (1975 to 1977) reflected the effects of the pipeline construction. Thus, while periods of rapid expansion may generate adverse price effects, the general tendency of stable growth is characterized by rates of increase lower than the United States, implying a long-term tendency toward equalization of price levels.

<u>The Role of State Government.</u> Probably the most significant **ong-term** structural change induced by Alaskan petroleum development w⁻ 1 be the alteration in the role of state government in the economy. Part of this, change had already been realized during the historical period, but much of the change will occur in the future.

As shown in Figure 17, the state's annual general fund revenues by 1978 had risen to more than seven times their 1965 levels. These revenues can be divided into three broad groups: petroleum revenues such as production taxes, royalties, and property taxes; federal grants; and revenues from a variety of **nonpetroleum** state taxes such as income and corporate taxes.

Federal grants in aid were the major source of state revenues through most of the 1960s, **accounting** for over 55 percent of general fund revenues in 1965. After 1970, growth in such grants expanded rapidly, growing at over 15 percent annually. Because they are tied closely to population, such grants are likely to continue to grow into the future. However, as a share of total revenues, their contribution has fallen over time, to about a fifth of total revenues by 1978.

FIGURE 17. STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUES, 1965-1978

(millions of current dollars)



SOURCE: Alaska Department of Revenue, Revenue Sources, various issues.

A variety of **nonpetroleum-related** state revenues such as the corporate and personal income taxes, interest earnings, and a variety of license and various other fees contributed greatly to the growth of state revenues over the period. Between 1970 and 1979, such revenues grew at an annual rate of 14.5 percent, contributing nearly a third of state revenues by 1979.

However, the major structural change in the pattern of state revenues is the growing dominance o petroleum revenues due to the development of **Prudhoe** Bay. The first major impact of such development occurred in fiscal 1970 when the **sa** e of drilling rights brought the state over 900 million dollars in revenue, over 4.5 times the level of revenues from all other sources in 1970. This surplus was used largely to finance expanded services through the mid-seventies, before production from **Prud**hoe would initiate the flow of royalty and severance tax revenues. Production began in 1977, and by 1979 associated revenues were contributing over 48 percent of total general fund revenues.

State government expenditures, as shown in Figure 18, also grew nearly sevenfold between 1965 and 1978. Generally, three distinct subperiods can be identified during the period--the **pre-Prudhoe** sale period from 1965 until 1970, the **pre-production** period in the interim between the sale and the onset of Prudhoe production (1971-76), and the production period from 1977 to 1978. Before the **Prudhoe** sale, expenditure growth was constrained by the availability of revenues. Expenditure growth between 1965 and 1970 averaged 12.6 percent annually. Between 1970 and

FIGURE 18. STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES, 1965-1978

(mill ions of current dollars)



SOURCE: Alaska Office of the Governor, The Executive Budget, various issues.

1976, the growth of expenditures accelerated to nearly 22 percent annually, spurred by increased demands for public services throughout the pipeline construction and financed by the surplus from the Prudhoe sale and later by a tax on reserves in place at **Prudhoe**. Since 1976, expenditure growth has stabilized at an average 7.3 percent annual rate of increase.

As shown in Figure 18, wages and salaries paid to state workers maintained a stable share of total expenditures, varying only between a third and a fourth of total expenditures during the period. Growth in such wage and **salary** payments averaged 15 percent annually over the period, although employment grew at only about 8 percent until peaking in 1975, then actually declined until 1978 when it began to grow modestly again. The more rapid growth in wages financed a growth in real wages at over 7 percent annually. While real wages for the civilian sector as a **whole** fluctuated wildly during the period immediately prior to and after the peak of pipeline construction, by 1978 real civilian wage rates generally were only 21 percent higher than their 1965 levels. Real wage rates in state government, on the other hand, were 48 percent higher by 1978.

Limiting the analysis to state employees, however, understates the full impact of the expansion of state expenditures on the economy. As shown in Figure 18, while state government wages and salaries occupied a fairly stable share of state expenditures, total operating expenditures did not. In fact, operating expenditures rose from less than half (46 percent) of the budget in 1965 **to over 87** percent of the budget in 1978, reflect ng largely the transfer of functions to a rapidly expanding

local government sector. Largely financed by state transfers, local employment nearly quadrupled during the period, growing at an average 10.8 percent annual rate.

Over the period, combined state and local government grew from 11.8 percent to 18.4 percent of total wage and salary employment and raised its share of total wage and salary payments from 12.7 percent to 19 percent. Even more significantly, the revenue claims on future production at **Prudhoe** alone promise to accelerate the state government **role** in the economy, both as an **employer** and as a provider of direct investment. The overtaking of expenditures by state revenues and their expected rapid growth provide the state with a wide range of future expenditure options, which will be discussed below.

The Regional Economies of Anchorage and the Norton Sound Area

The impacts of proposed federal OCS developments in the Norton Sound area are likely to be concentrated in two areas of the state: Anchorage, because of its role as a statewide support center; and the area surrounding Norton Sound, because of its proximity to production operations. Consequently, this section examines the historical development of these two local economies in order to provide a point of reference for development of the base case forecasts to be presented below.

ANCHORAGE

At least in recent history, Anchorage has occupied a central **role** in Alaskan economic growth, as a transportation and support center for the state. Because of its size relative to the statewide economy, statewide activity both mirrors and is mirrored by economic activity in Anchorage. Consequently, the development process of Anchorage has generally been quite similar to the growth of the state as a whole. However, there have been some significant differences in growth patterns which have led to an increasing concentration of state activity in Anchorage. We now turn to an examination of the major features of this process.

Dimensions of Growth

Figure 19 presents the growth of Anchorage population since Popul ati on. In 1965, 38.6 percent of Alaskan population was located in Anchor-1965. By 1978, over 45.6 percent of statewide population was located in age. Anchorage. Between 1965 and 1969, Anchorage population grew at almost exactly the rate of statewide population increase (2.7 percent). From 1969 **until** the start of the pipeline buildup, however, the average growth rate of Anchorage population more than doubled, to 6 percent; while the statewide rate rose, but to only 3.6 percent. The population response to the pipeline construction effort was somewhat different in Anchorage Between 1974 and the peak of construction in 1976, than statewide. statewide population expanded 17.7 percent, while Anchorage population grew 20.1 percent. However, while statewide population declined after

FIGURE 19. ANCHORAGE POPULATION, 1965-1978 (thousands of persons)



1976, Anchorage population did not peak until 1977, reflecting a greater concentration of production-oriented activities in Anchorage.

Figure 20 presents the growth of Anchorage employment since Employment. 1965. Total employment in the period 1965-1978 grew at an average annual rate of 5.2 percent, higher than the statewide average (4.4 percent). Basic sector employment, as shown in Figure 21, grew at a 6.9 percent annual average rate, compared to 6.1 percent statewide. This growth was driven by an increasing concentration of petroleum industry headquarters in Anchorage, as well as by rapid growth in construction employment associated with the location of new support facilities in Anchorage. The support sector grew even more rapidly, at an average annual rate of over 10.1 percent, compared to 8.9 percent statewide. As shown in Figure 22, trade and services comprise over 70 percent of support sector employment throughout the period. The greatest growth came in the service sector, which grew at an average annual rate of 11.5 percent, while trade lagged at 9.3 percent. Within the government sector, as shown in Figure 23, there were dramatic structural changes during the period, with state and local government rising from 14 percent of total government employment in 1965 to over 34 percent of the total by 1978.

The overall structural composition of Anchorage employment differs significantly from the rest of the state, insofar as over half of the Anchorage workforce is employed in the support sector; while outside of Anchorage only 37 percent of total employment is in that sector. This structural difference explains a great deal of the resiliency of the Anchorage economy

FIGURE 20s ANCHORAGE EMPLOYMENT; 1965-1978

(thousands of persons)



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SOURCE:	Al aska	Department	of	Labor
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93.046 88.478



FIGURE 22. ANCHORAGE SUPPORT SECTOR EMPLOYMENT 1965-1978

(thousands of persons)



SOURCE: Alaska Department of Labor



in the wake of construction employment declines following pipeline completion. Because Anchorage is much more dominated by support sector activities than the rest of the state and because such activities appear to have fallen off very modestly in the post-pipeline years, Anchorage has been less hard hit by the decline than other regions more dependent on basic sector employment.

In the period 1965-' 974, Anchorage income growth closely fol-Income. lowed that of the state. As shown in Figures 24 and 25, personal income grew steadily during the 1965-1974 period, averaging nearly 13 percent annually, slightly higher than the statewide rate (12.6 percent). From the beginning of the pipeline buildup to the peak of construction in 1976, Anchorage income grew 69.3 percent, as opposed to a statewide growth of In real per capita terms, Anchorage income expanded 13.5 per-72 percent. cent during the two-year buildup from 1974 to 1976; while statewide income expanded 18.6 percent during the same two years. On the other hand, the Anchorage income behavior in the post-pipeline period has been far different from the statewide response. In nominal terms, statewide personal income growth slowed to 2.6 percent annually; and although 1978 data for Anchorage is not yet available, the 1977 income figure registers a ?6.6 percent growth over the 1976 level. As in the case of employment, this difference is due to two structural features of the Anchorage First, the concentration of petroleum industry administrative economy. personnel in Anchorage maintained basic sector incomes even as the pipeline was completed; and second, the concentration of the more resilient support sector in Anchorage maintained support sector incomes in the face of the construction decline.



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FIGURE 25. ANCHORAGE **REAL** PER CAPITA INCOME, 1965-1977

(thousands of 1979 dollars)



Summary of the Growth Process

The Anchorage economy, like the state as a whole, has undergone a period of rapid growth since 1965. Generally, during the pre-pipeline period, this growth mirrored statewide growth, although a significant structural difference--the concentration of support sector employment in Anchorage-kept Anchorage growth slightly ahead of the statewide average in the pre-pipeline years, increasing the concentration of Alaskan economic activity in the Anchorage area. The concentration of support sector activity in Anchorage led to different economic responses to the pipeline boom and its aftermath in Anchorage than in the state as a whole. Generally, the boom in Anchorage during the 1974-1976 period was slightly less pronounced than in the state as a whole, largely because support sector income variation during the boom was less variable than that of the basic sectors, especially construction. Furthermore, and perhaps of greater significance, the decline of economic activity in the state since 1976 has been much less severe in Anchorage than elsewhere for two The portion of basic sector employment located in Anchorage reasons. is largely administrative, and such employment has declined much less drastically than field construction employment since 1976. Second, the statewide support sector has maintained its peak level, at least through 1978, and the concentration of the sector in Anchorage has limited the post-pipeline decline in the region.

NORTON SOUND

Two census **di**visions, Nome and Wade Hampton, comprise the area **along** the perimeter of Norton Sound. Unlike the Anchorage economy, whose growth

is d statewide activity, the Norton Sound region is a very largely isolated from the bulk of statewide activ ty.

Dimensions of Growth

<u>Population.</u> Figure 26 presents the growth of Norton Sound population during the 1965-1978 period. Population fluctuates substantially throughout the period, although such fluctuations are due at least in **part to measurement error.** The Alaska Department of Labor acknowledges such problems and cautions users that such problems are most serious for the smaller census divisions. The census years, however, are thought to be reliable, as is the 1978 value, calculated as a change from the 1970 census. Using these points, the 1978 population in the area reflects an average growth of 2.3 percent **annually** since 1970, **wel**⁻ above the 0.4 percent average annual growth experienced in the **reg** on between 1960 and 1970. Because of its slow growth relative to the state as a whole, the region declined from approximately 4 percent **of** Alaskan population in 1960 to less than 3 percent in 1978.

<u>Employment.</u> The growth and composition of Norton Sound employment is presented in Figure 27. While employment fluctuation has been much less than population (possibly due to better quality data than to any real behavioral phenomenon), there has been some fluctuation, with three periods clearly identifiable. From 1965 to **1971**, total employment was relatively stable. Within the basic sector, there were wide fluctuations in construction and manufacturing employment, but these fluctuations



FIGURE 27. NORTON SOUND EMPLOYMENT, 1965-1978

(thousands of persons)



SOURCE: Alaska Department of Labor
acted to at least partially offset one another, as shown in Figure 28. Support sector employment remained somewhat stable at about 500 persons, as shown in Figure 29. Government sector employment was undergoing substantial structural change, with state and local employment growth largely offsetting a substantial decline in federal (primarily military) employment, as shown in Figure 30. By 1971, growth in state and local government and a mild construction boom spurred a round of growth and structural change which continued through 1975. Between 1971 and 1975, support sector employment grew by over 120 percent, with most of this growth occurring in services and finance. By 1975, the support sector comprised 44 percent of total employment, compared to 39 percent in 1971. By 1976, support sector growth had moderated and actually declined in 1977. By 1978, however, a large increase in state and local government employment, as well as more modest growth in manufacturing, acted to more than offset a sharp construction decline to trigger new growth in the support sector, almost wholly in services. By 1978, tota" employment had reached a level 78 percent higher than in 1965, and a **sub: tantia** amount of structural change had occurred within and between the major sectors of the economy. Basic sector employment by 1978 was much more heavily composed of mining and construction activity than in the earlier years when manufacturing dominated the basic industries. Services now dominated the support sector, and state and local government had completely reversed roles with the federal government as a source of government sector employment. The support sector had risen to nearly 39 percent of total employment, as opposed to 26 perc(nt in 1965, making the local economy resemble more closely the **statew** de economy by the end of the period.

FIGURE 28. NORTON SOUND BASIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT 1965-1978

(thousands of persons)



SOURCE: Alaska Department of Labor

FIGURE 29. NORTON SOUND SUPPORT SECTOR EMPLOYMENT 1965-1978

(thousands of persons)



SOURCE: Alaska Department of Labor

FIGURE 30. NORTON SOUND GOVERNMENT SECTOR EMPLOYMENT 1965-1978



SOURCE: Alaska Department of Labor

<u>Income.</u> Figures 31 and 32 present the growth of Norton Sound personal income in nominal and real per capita terms, respectively. In nominal terms, income grew steadily throughout the period, at an average **annual** rate of 13 percent. **Rea**['] per capita ncome grew at an average rate of 8.8 percent annually.

Summary of the Growth Process

The Norton Sound area, while having undergone substantial growth during the 1965-1978 period, has followed a development pattern quite different from that of Anchorage or the state as a whole. Unlike the rest of the state, in which the major driving force of the growth process has been growth of basic sector employment, the source of growth in Norton Sound has been growth of the support sector itself, fueled in part by **payments** made under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and a variety of other **income** transfer programs, but primarily by a rapid increase in government employment toward the end of the period. This development has altered the structure of the regional economy radically over **the** period, creating an increased dominance of support sector employment which, by 1978, much more closely resembled the structure of the statewide economy.

FIGURE 31. NORTON SOUND PERSONAL INCOME

(millions of current dollars)



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.



SOURCE: Population from Alaska Department of Labor; personal income from U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Summary

The period from 1965 to 1978 was one of significant growth and structural change within both the statewide economy and the regional economies of Anchorage and the Norton Sound.

Statewide, the period was characterized by stable growth stimulated largely by a growing petroleum industry and state and local government prior to 1974, after which an "explosion" in incomes, wages, employment, and population accompanied the construction buildup during the building of the trans-Alaska pipeline. Following the peak of pipeline construction in 1976, despite a precipitous drop in construction employment, support sector employment and incomes remained at near their peak levels. This, combined with maintained growth in government incomes, served to dampen greatly the severity of the economic decline following pipeline completion. Furthermore, the onset of production from Prudhoe Bay by the end of the period was providing the state government with a new and rapidly growing revenue source with which it could control its future growth.

Anchorage came increasingly to be the center of economic activity within the state over the historical period. Furthermore, much of the growth in the support sector was concentrated in Anchorage along with the administrative component of basic sector employment. As a consequence, the Anchorage economy showed a much more stable response to the pipeline boom than any other region of the state.

The Norton Sound area underwent structural changes during the period somewhat different from those of the state as a whole. Personal income transfers and later government sector growth triggered a substantial growth in the support sector, so that by 1978 the regional economy was altered to a structure much more closely resembling that of the state as a whole.

III. STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL GROWTH WITHOUT THE PROPOSAL: THE BASE CASE

Background

Having examined the historical patterns of growth in the statewide and regional economies, it is now necessary to utilize the above information in developing a set of forecasts of statewide and regional activity through the year 2000. Generally, this information has been incorporated into the calibration of statewide and regional econometric models, as described in Chapter I. However, such **models require** the development of scenarios--sets of assumptions about exogenous activity-upon which contingent forecasts may be made. This section has two purposes: first, to present the scenario upon which the forecasts are contingent; and second, to present the forecasts of the major economic variables through the year 2000 in the absence of the proposed Bering-Norton OCS development. This forecast will then serve as a benchmark from which to measure the impacts of the proposal in a later section.

Assumptions: The Base Case Scenario

The base case scenario consists of three sets of assumptions--those concerned with national variables which directly or indirectly affect Alaskan **econom** c activity, those describing development in the exogenous sectors of the Alaskan economy, and those affecting state fiscal policy.

NATIONAL VARIABLES ASSUMPTIONS

Inasmuch as Alaska is an open economy, it is affected by changes in the national economy. Consequently, several assumptions about the future growth of the U.S. economy are required. The assumptions needed are threefold. First, a forecast of average weekly earnings in the United States is required as an input into the estimation of Alaskan wage rates. Second, the Alaskan price **level** is tied in part to the national price level so that a forecast of the U.S. consumer price index is needed. Finally, inasmuch as a major determinant of migration to Alaska is the income differential between Alaska and the lower 48, a forecast is required of real per capita disposable income in the United States.

The long-run assumptions for these national variables are based on longterm forecasts prepared by Data Resources, Inc., in their September 1979 forecast of U.S. economic activity (TRENDLONG0979). This forecast predicts a long-run average rate of increase in the U.S. consumer price index of 7.56 percent. Real disposable per capita income is forecast to increase at a 2.12 percent average annual rate. **Hourly** earnings are forecast to increase at 8.73 percent, while average hours worked are forecast to decline slowly at -0.23 percent.

Consequently, average weekly earnings may be expected to grow at an annual **rate of** 8.5 percent (i.e. 8.73 percent minus 0.23 percent). These long-term average growth rates were adopted as the three national variable assumptions utilized in the analysis.

EXOGENOUS INDUSTRY ASSUMPTIONS

Several industries in the Alaskan economy grow largely or entirely in response to forces external to the Alaskan economy. These sectors include the federal government, mining, manufacturing, agriculture-forestry-fisheries, and portions of the construction and transportation industries. The assumptions affecting these sectors are of two types: industry-wide assumptions as to growth in federal government, agriculture-forestry-fisheries, and manufacturing; and special project assumptions affecting mining, construction, manufacturing, and transportation.

Industry-Wide Assumptions

<u>Federal Employment.</u> In 1978, federal employment in Alaska was 40,691, consisting of 55 percent military and 45 percent civilian personnel. Since 1972, civilian employment has increased at about 1 percent annually, while military employment has fallen at an annual rate of over 5 percent, reflecting an acceleration of a long-term downward trend. In the next several years, increased employment required to implement new federal land-use legislation is expected to accelerate the growth rate of civilian employment, at least temporarily; while military employment is expected to remain constant, as shown in Table 3.

<u>Agriculture-Forestry-Fisheries.</u> About a thousand persons statewide make up the sector which is designated agriculture-forestry-fisheries. New proposals for dramatic increases in **bottomfishing** have been suggested as a means to shift the Alaskan economy toward renewable resource industries. Thus, employment in agriculture, forestry, and fisheries during the

TABLE 3. FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT, BASE CASE

(Thousands of Workers)

Year	<u>Civilian</u> ¹	<u>Military</u> 2	<u>Total</u>
1977	17. 734	24. 984	42.718
1978	18. 19	22. 501	40.691
1979	18. 955	22. 501	41.456
1980	19. 345	22. 501	41.846
1981	19. 535	22. 501	42. 036
1982	19. 712	22. 501	42. 213
1983	19. 891	22. 501	42. 392
1984	20. 072	22. 501	42. 573
1985	20. 254	22. 501	42. 755
1986	20. 438	22. 501	42. 939
1987	20. 623	22. 501	43. 124
1988	20. 81	22. 501	43. 311
1989	20. 999	22. 501	43. 5
1989	21. 19	22. 501	43. 691
1991	21. 382	22. 501	43.883
1992	21. 576	22. 501	44.077
1993	21. 772	22. 501	44.273
1994	21. 970	22. 501	44.471
1995	22. 169	22. 501	44.67
1996	22. 37	22. 501	44.871
1 997	22. 574	22. 501	45.075
1998	22. 778	22. 501	45.279
1 999	22. 985	22. 501	45.486
2000	23. 193	22. 501	45.694

¹1977 actual value from Alaska Department of Labor, <u>Statistical</u> <u>Quarterly</u>, Second Quarter, 1978.

1978 value from Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development, <u>The Alaska Economy: Year End Performance Report, 1978</u>, p. 43.

1979 to 1981 forecasts from Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development, <u>The Alaska Information and Reporting System</u>, <u>Quarterly Report</u>, <u>July 1979</u>, Table I.

1981 to 2000 forecasts based on historical rate of increase over the 1961 to 1978 period.

²1977 to 1978 values from Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development, <u>The Alaska Economy: Year End Performance Report, 1978</u>, p. 43. Assumed to remain at 1978 value throughout forecast period. forecast period consists of two components--those persons engaged in bottomfishing and those persons engaged in activities which have historically characterized the sector (primarily also fishing activities). The Southcentral Water Study (Scott, 1979) estimated a 15 percent growth in conventional fisheries employment by the year 2000 over its 1978 level (implying an annual rate of growth of .637 percent). Thus, the conventional agriculture-forestry-fisheries employment was assumed to expand by 15 percent by the end of the forecast period. Bottomfishing by Alaskans, on the other hand, is assumed to replace foreign bottomfishing entirely by the year 2000 so that a growing employment begins in 1980 and accelerates throughout the forecast period, requiring over 2,000 persons by the year 2000 (see Table 4).

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The manufacturing sector consists of four components: Manufacturing. food manufacturing (primarily seafood processing), lumber and wood products manufacturing, pulp and paper manufacturing, and other manufacturing. The assumed increase in **bottomfishing** would result in an increase of 11,061 in food manufacturing employment by the year 2000. In addition, existing fisheries are expected to require a 15 percent increase in food processing employment by 2000 (see Report of Economics Task Force, Southcentral Alaska Water Resources Study, p. AD-4, 1/31/79). The remaining components of manufacturing are forecast to grow through 1981 at rates forecast by the Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development (see The Alaska Economic Information and Reporting System, Quarterly Report, July 1979, Table 1). After 1981, these components grow at the historical growth rate of the manufacturing sector, or 4 percent.

TABLE 4.	AGRI CULTURE-	-FORESTRY-FI SHERI ES	EMPLOYMENT	FORECAST
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Year	Bottomfishing ¹	<u>Other</u> *	Total
1977	0	. 1	1.1
1978	0	. 1	1.1
1979	0	. 107	1.107
1980	. 015	. 114	1.129
1981	. 018	. 121	1. 139
1982	. 021	. 128	1. 149
1983	. 026	. 136	1. 162
1984	. 032	1. 143	1. 175
1985	. 039	1. 150	1. 189
1986	.049	1. 157	1.206
1987	.062	1. 165	1.227
1988	.079	1. 172	1.251
1989	.102	1. 180	1.282
1990	.132	1. 187	1.319
1991	. 171	1. 195	1. 366
1 992	. 223	1.202	1. 425
1993	. 292	1. 210	1. 502
1994	. 383	1. 218	1. 601
1995	. 505	1. 225	1. 730
1996	. 667	1.233	1.900
1997	. 882	1.241	2.123
1998	1.169	1.249	2.418
19! ?9	1.551	1.257	2.808
2000	2.060	1.265	3.325

¹Alaska **OCS** Office.

 $^{^2\}mbox{Actual}$ 1978 value, increasing thereafter at .637 percent annually (see text).

			Food		
Year	Lumber ¹	Paper ¹	$\underline{\texttt{Bottomfishing}}^2$	<u>Other</u> ³	<u>Other</u> ¹
1977	2.081	1. 248	o	5. 447	1. 943
1978	1.684	1. 076	0	5. 983	2. 852
1979	2.079	1. 135	0	5. 906	2. 683
1980	1.808	1. 146	.055	6. 129	2. 791
1981	1.742	1.245	. 067	6. 234	2. 818
1982	1.812	1.295	. 081	6. 267	2. 931
1983	1.884	1.347	. 101	6. 299	3. 048
1984	1.960	1.400	. 126	6. 332	3. 170
1985	2.038	1.456	. 159	6. 365	3. 297
1986	2. 119	1.515	. 203	6. 398	3. 429
1987	2. 204	1.575	. 261	6. 431	3. 566
1988	2. 292	1.638	. 339	6. 465	3. 708
1989	2. 384	1.704	. 443	6. 498	3. 857
1990	2. 479	1.772	. 583	6. 532	4. 011
1991	2.579	1.843	.772	6.566	4. 171
1992	2.682	1.917	1.026	6.6	4. 338
1993	2.789	1.993	1.369	6.635	4. 512
1994	2.901	2.073	1.834	6.669	4. 692
1995	3.017	2.156	2.463	6.704	4. 880
1996	3. 137	2. 242	3. 315	6. 739	5. 075
1997	3. 263	2. 332	4. 471	6. 774	5. 278
1998	3. 393	2. 425	6. 039	6. 809	5. 489
1999	3. 529	2. 522	8. 168	6. 844	5. 709
2000	3. 670	2. 623	11. 061	6. 880	5. 937

TABLE 5. MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT FORECAST

 $^{\prime}$ Actual 1978 value, AELRS forecast through 1981 (see text), historical 4 percent growth thereafter.

²Alaska **OCS** Office.

³AELRS forecast through 1981. After 1981, constant growth rate of 0.52 percent annually (constant rate producing a 15 percent rise in year 2000 employment over 1978 level [see text]).

Special Project Assumptions

<u>Upper Cook Inlet</u>. Petroleum sector employment in the Kenai-Cook Inlet Census Division was 705 in 1977 (4 quarter average employment, taken from Alaska Department of Labor, <u>Statistical Quarterly</u>, 1977 issues), consisting of exploration, development, and production employment surrounding the Kenai oil and gas fields. While oil production is expected to decline drastically over the forecast period in the absence of new discoveries, gas production is expected to rise even without new discoveries. It is assumed that these increases, coupled with continued exploration activity and enhanced recovery generated by rising prices, will be sufficient to keep Upper Cook Inlet employment constant over the forecast period, as shown in Table 6.

<u>Prudhoe Bay.</u> **Prudhoe** Bay developments include employment associated with primary recovery operations from the **Sadlerochit** formation, secondary recovery operations using water flooding of that formation, new developments of the Kuparuk formation west of Prudhoe Bay, and the permanent work force of ARCO and BP at the main Prudhoe base headquarters. The key assumptions serving as the basis for the forecasts in Table 7 are as follows:

- Five rigs (3 ARCO, 2 BP) continue development drilling at a rate of 10 wells per year per rig through 1985 (based on estimated activity presented in **OGJ** 2/26/79).
- The proposed Prudhoe water flooding project begins in 1982. Employment from 1982-84 is 2231, 2917, and 2467 on the project (estimates provided by Phillips, Alaska Division of Minerals and Energy Management, 3/6/79).

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Year	Petroleum ¹
1977	705
1978	705
1979	705
1980	705
1981	705
1982	705
1983	705
1984	705
1985	705
1986	705
1987	705
1988	705
1989	705
1990	705
1991	705
1992	705
1993	705
1994	705
1995	705
1996	705
1997	705
1998	705
1999	705
2000	705

¹1977 value from Alaska Department of Labor, <u>Statistical Quarterly</u>, 1977 issues.

Assumption of constant employment based on Alaska Consultants, Inc., Baseline Conditions and Non-OCS Forecast Lower Cook Inlet Socioeconomic Systems, OCS Studies program Technical Memorandum LCI-17.

TABLE 7. PRUDHOE BAY EMPLOYMENT FORECAST

Year	Petrol eum
1979	1772
1980	2044
1981	2155
1982	4337
1983	5134
1984	4684
1985	2217
1986	1802
1987	1802
1988	1802
1989	1802
1990	1802
1991	1802
1992	1802
1993	1802
1994	1802
1 995	1802
1996	1802
1997	1802
1998	1802
1999	1802
2000 ,	1802

¹Includes development of **Sadlerochit** and **Kuparuk** formations. See text for assumptions.

- The Kuparuk formation west of **Prudhoe** is developed, with drilling of production wells beginning in 1980. Production at a rate of 60,000 barrels per day begins in 1982, rising to 120,000 barrels per day by 1984 (OGJ, 4/2/79).
- Permanent ARCO and BP employment on the North Slope rises from 1,000 in 1977 to 1,667 in 1983, then remains constant throughout the period (based on information contained in <u>Prudhoe Bay Case Study</u>, OCS Studies Program Technical Report No. 4).

<u>Trans-Alaska Pipeline Service (TAPS).</u> TAPS employment through 1977 included only the exogenous construction employment engaged in the initial construction of the pipeline. After completion of the line in 1977, employment is of two types. First, there is additional construction of four pump stations; and second, there is exogenous transportation **sector** employment associated with the operation of the line. These employment schedules are given in Table 8.

<u>ALCAN Natural Gas Pipeline.</u> ALCAN pipeline construction is assumed to begin in **1981**, with construction of an associated gas conditioning facility located on the North Slope beginning in 1980. Both facilities are assumed to be completed by 1985, when a staff of 400 petroleum and 200 transportation workers takes over operation of the facility, as shown in Table 9.

Lower Cook Inlet OCS Sale CI. For purposes of scenario development, BLM recommended that in its analysis of the second proposed lease sale in Lower Cook Inlet (Sale 60)', Dames and Moore should assume that two-thirds of existing Lower Cook Inlet resources are located on tracts

TABLE 8. EMPLOYMENT FORECASTS, TAPS PROJECT

Year	<u>Construction</u> ¹	<u>Transportation</u>
1977	5, 300	1,500
1978	0	1 ,500
1979	90	1,500
1980	90	1 ,500
1981 1982 1983 1984 1985	90 90 0 0	1,500 1,500 1,500 1,500 1,500
1986	0	1, 500
1987	0	1, 500
1988	0	1, 500
1989	0	1, 500
1990	0	1, 500
1991	0	1,500
1992	0	1,500
1993	0	1,500
1994	0	1,500
1995	0	1,500
1996	0	1,500
1997	0	1,500
1998	0	1,500
1999	0	1,500
2000	0	1,500

¹1977 construction estimate by Alaska Department of Labor 1979 to 1982 construction employment based on addition of four pump stations adding capacity of .15 million barrels per day each, from <u>Beaufort</u> OCS Development Scenarios, Dames and Moore, 1978.

²Operations employment from <u>Alaska Economic Trends</u>, Alaska Department of Labor, October 1978.

Year	Construction (Pipeline)	Construction ^z (Plant)	Petrol eum	Transportation
1977	0	0	0	0
1978	Ő	0	0 0	Ő
1979	Ő	Õ	Ő	Ő
1980	0	500	0	0
1981	1, 795	1,000	0	0
1982	6, 823	1,000	0	0
1983	6, 038	1,000	0	0
1984	563	1,000	0	0
1985	0	0	400	200
1986	0	0	400	200
1987	0	0	400	200
1988	0	0	400	200
1989	0	0	400	200
1990	0	0	400	200
1991	0	0	400	200
1992	0	0	400	200
1993	0	0	400	200
1994	0	0	400	200
1995	0	0	400	200
1996	0	0	400	200
1997	0	0	400	200
1998	0	0	400	200
1999	0	0	400	200
2000	0	0	400	200

TABLE 9. EMPLOYMENT FORECASTS, ALCAN PROJECT

'From <u>Alaska Economic Outlook to 1985</u>, Alaska Department of Labor, **July** 1978.

² From <u>Prudhoe Bay Project: Draft ELS</u>, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, July 1979.

³Same as note 2.

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⁴Informal estimate by N.W. Alaska Pipeline Company, August 15, 1979.

leased in Sale CL. Based on this recommendation, 400 mmb of oil and 400 bcf of gas are assumed to be discovered on tracts leased in Sale CL. For their Sale 60 analysis, Dames and Moore have developed a scenario close to these assumptions (400 mmb oil, 363 bcf gas); and it is this scenario which is utilized here. The employment estimates associated with this scenario are shown in Table 10.

<u>Beaufort Sea Federal/State Lease Sale</u>. Development of oil and gas resources in the Beaufort Sea are assumed to follow the development scenario described as the "intermediate case" in the Beaufort Sea Final Environmental Impact Statement. Such a scenario assumes the discovery of 750 million barrels of oil and 1.625 trillion cubic feet of gas, with employment requirements as shown in Table 11.

<u>Northern Gulf of Alaska OCS Sale 55.</u> A second sale of federal OCS oil and gas leases in the Northern Gulf of Alaska has been proposed for late 1980. The mean development scenario is taken **from** employment estimates supplied by the **BLM-Alaska OCS Off** ce for use in the **simul** at- ons done for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Sale 55 and is shown in **Table** 12.

<u>Western Gulf of Alaska OCS Sale 46.</u> In preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed federal **OCS** lease sale near Kodiak in 1980, the **BLM-Alaska** OCS Office has developed a moderate development scenario assuming the discovery of 176 million barrels of oil and 5,350 billion cubic feet of gas in the Western Gulf of Alaska. The

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LOWER COOK OCS SALE CI EMPLOYMENT FORECASTS

Year	Construction'	<u>Petroleum</u> ^z	<u>Transportati on</u>	Headquarters
1978	0	196	62	21
1979	0	160	103	37
1980	0	169	103	32
1981	0	166	108	37
1982	136	132	87	24
1983	72	61	128	24
1984	309	226	182	37
1985	351	898	251	77
1986	57	1, 224	196	134
1987	0	1, 239	144	153
1988	0	1, 103	165	141
1989	0	963	165	135
1990	0	923	165	133
1991 1992 1993 1994 1995	0 0 0 0	936 974 974 913 860	165 165 165 151 137	133 133 133 133 133
1996 1997 1998 1999 2000	0 0 0 0 0	825 825 825 825 825 825	135 135 135 135 135 135	133 133 133 133 133 133

'Based on "High-Find Scenario" in <u>Lower Cook Inlet and Shelikof</u> <u>Strait OCS Lease Sale No. 60 Petroleum Development Scenarios, Draft</u> <u>Report.</u>, Dames and Moore. March. 1979.

 $^2\,\mbox{Includes}$ drilling, operations, some support, and headquarters personnel.

 $^{3}\,\text{Includes}$ boat and helicopter support personnel.

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TABLE	11.	BEAUFORT	SEA	EMPLOYMENT	FORECASTS'

Year	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Petroleum</u>
1977	0	0
1978	0	0
1979	0	0
1980	0	0
1981	62	66
1982	188	1 97
1983	135	197
1984	211	230
1985	150	66
1986	305	112
1987	383	276
1988	466	479
1989	466	616
1990	155	595
1991 1992 1993 1994 1995	155 1;; 155 77	524 503 432 435 438
1996	22	440
1997	0	417
1998	0	393
1999	0	394
2000	0	394

^IFrom <u>Beaufort Sea</u>, Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Year	<u>Construction</u>	Petroleum	<u>Transportation</u>
1981 1982 1983 1984 1985	0 0 0 38 12	45 90 90 83 38	17 35 35 26 9
1986 1987 1988 1989 1990	93 98 37 0 0	0 90 179 340 333	0 86 86 100 107
1991 1992 1993 1994 1995	0 0 0 0 0	343 292 305 307 310	107 42 42 42 42 42
1996 1997 1998 1999 2000	0 0 0 0	310 310 310 310 310 310	42 42 42 42 42 42

TABLE 12. NORTHERN GULF OF ALASKA OCS SALE 55¹ EMPLOYMENT FORECASTS

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'From BLM-Alaska OCS Office.

direct employment requirements for such a development program are shown in Table 13.

Lower Cook Inlet OCS Sale 60. Dames and Moore have developed scenarios for use in the OCS Studies Program to describe a moderate level of development in which 198 million barrels of oil are found in Lower Cook Inlet and 500 million barrels of oil are found in Shelifkof Strait. The employment required for such a development program is shown in Table 14.

<u>Alpetco.</u> On June 18, 1978, Alaska Petrochemical Company entered into a contract with the State of Alaska to purchase a portion of the state's royalty oil for use in a proposed 150,000 barrel a day petrochemical facility near Valdez. According to the terms of the contract, construction is to begin by the end of 1981. Since the contract has been in effect, several changes have been made in the initial proposal, which has been modified to a configuration primarily intended for refinery rather than petrochemical operations (Progress Report from Alpetco to Commissioner Robert LeResche, March 15, 1979). Once completed in 1983, current plans call for the employment of a permanent work force of 518, as shown in Table 15.

<u>Pacific Alaska LNG.</u> Pacific Alaska LNG Associates, a partnership consisting of Pacific Lighting Company and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, has proposed an LNG facility on the Kenai Peninsula to liquify gas from the Cook Inlet for shipment to Southern California markets. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 1980, with the plant in operation by 1984. Direct employment requirements are as shown in Table 16.

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Year	<u>Construction</u>	Petrol eum	<u>Transportation</u>
1981	0	42	8
1982	0	4	59
1983 1084	310	1;;	224
1984 1085	13	110	128
1985	231	98	62
1986	254	57	
1987	52	233	1; !
1988	6	304	217
1989	6	407	261
1990	0	113	192
1991	0	103	192
1992	0	89	192
1993	0	89	192
1994	0	89	192
1995	0	89	192
1996	0	89	192
1997	0 0	89	192
1998	Õ	89	192
1999	0	89	192
2000	0	89	192

TABLE 13.WESTERN GULF OF ALASKA OCSSALE 461EMPLOYMENT FORECASTS

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'Scenarios provided by **BLM-Alaska OCS** Office.

TABLE 14. LOWER COOK INLET OCS SALE 60¹. EMPLOYMENT FORECASTS

Year	<u>Construction</u>	Petrol eum	<u>Transportation</u>
1981 1982 1983 1984 1985	0 0 0 10!	0 120 151 164 83	0 62 82 82 43
1986 1987 1988 1989 1990	33 92 166 0 0	16 95 228 455 502	12: 74 19 55
1 991 1992 1993 1994 1995	0 0 0 0 0	504 351 330 406 406	55 55 55 55 55
1996 1997 1998 1999 2000	0 0 0 0	406 406 406 406 406	55 55 55 55 55

Based on "medium-find scenario" in Lower Cook Inlet and Shelikof Strait OCS Lease Sale No. .60 Petroleum Development Scenarios, Draft Report, Dames and Moore, March 1979.

TABLE 15. ALPETCO PROJECT. EMPLOYMENT FORECAST

Year	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Manufacturing</u> ²
1979 1980	0 900	0 0
1981 1982 1983 1984 1985	900 900 0 0 0	0 0 518 518 518
1986 1987 1988 1989 1990	0 0 0 0 0	518 518 518 518 518 518
1991 1992 1993 1994 1995	0 0 0 0 0	518 518 518 518 518 518
1996 1997 1998 1999 2000	0 0 0 0 0	518 518 518 518 518 518

'Construction employment estimates are not currently available for the new Alpetco proposal. However, the new configuration resembles a proposed facility found in <u>Alaska Petrofining Corp Proposal for</u> <u>Utilization of Alaskan State Royalty Oil</u>, Vol. I, from which the construction estimates are taken.

 $^2\,\text{Operations}$ employment estimated by <code>Alpetco</code> in personal <code>communica-tion</code> dated 9/17/79.

TABLE 16.PACIFIC ALASKA LNG PROJECT
EMPLOYMENT FORECASTS

Year	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Manufacturi ng</u> ²	<u>Transportati o</u> n
1980	146	0	0
1981	844	0	0
1982	1, 323	0	0
1983	420	0	0
1984	0	60	40
1985	0	60	40
7986	0	60	40
1987	0	60	40
1988	0	60	40
1989	0	60	40
1990	0	60	40
1991 1992 1993 1994 1995	0 0 0 0 0	60 60 60 60 60	40 40 40 40
1996	0	60	40
1997	0	60	40
1998	0	60	40
1999	0	60	40
2000	0	60	40

[']Construction employment estimates based on letter to Alaska Department of Natural Resources from Southern California Gas, dated 3/17/78.

²Plant operation employment from <u>Western LNG Project: Final EIS,</u> Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, October 1978.

³Pipeline operation employment, also from <u>Western LNG Project:</u> <u>Final ELS</u>, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10/78.

<u>Susitna Hydroelectric.</u> A major hydroelectric project has been proposed by the Corps of Engineers for the Susitna Valley, consisting of two dams (Watana and Devil's Canyon) construction of which is expected to begin in 1984. Table 17 presents construction and operations employment for the project.

<u>Bradley Lake Hydroelectric.</u> The Corps of Engineers plans soon to begin the award of contracts for engineering and environmental studies for a \$156 million dollar hydroelectric installation near Homer. Table 18 presents employment requirements for the project.

PETROLEUM REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS

Petroleum revenues to the state consist of royalties, production taxes, property taxes, the corporate income tax, and miscellaneous revenues.

Royalties and Production Taxes

Royalties and production taxes arise from three sources--those associated with production of **oil** and gas from Upper Cook Inlet, those associated with existing and planned production at Prudhoe Bay and vicinity, and the revenues expected from state-owned properties in the Beaufort Sea. Royalties are calculated as 12.5 percent of **wellhead** value (net of field costs for oil), while production taxes are levied as a fraction of **non**royalty value, with the rate dependent upon the productivity of the average well in the field.

TABLE 17.SUSITNA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
EMPLOYMENT FORECAST

Year	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Operation</u> ²
1984	164	0
1985	574	0
1986	616	O
1987	854	O
1988	1, 176	0
1989	1, 162	0
1990	1, 344	0
1991	1,400	19
1992	1,414	19
1993	1,400	19
1994	812	19
1995	742	19
1996	784	19
1997	854	19
1998	700	19
1999	0	38
2000	0	38

^{&#}x27;Average annual employment is 1,000 over 14-year period (Alaska Annual Planning Information, FY 1980, Alaska Department of Labor). Distribution of employment over time based on estimates by U.S. Corps of Engineers in <u>Supplemental</u> Feasibility Report: Susitna Hydroelectric <u>Project</u>, March 1979.

²Operations employment from <u>Upper Susitna River Project Power</u> <u>Market Analysis</u>, U.S. Department of Energy, Alaska Power Administration, March 1979.

TABLE 18.BRADLEY LAKE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
EMPLOYMENT FORECAST

Year	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Operation</u> ²
1981 1982 1983 1984 1985	60 190 300 160 60	0 0 0 0 0
1986 1987 1988 1989 1990	0 0 0 0	10 10 10 10 10
1991 1992 1993 1994 1995	0 0 0 0	10 10 1 0 10 10
1996 1997 1998 1999 2000	0 0 0 0	10 10 10 10 10

¹Memo to Mike Scott, ISER, from Alaska Power Administration, dated 4/6/78.

 $^{^2\}mbox{Author}{'}\,\mbox{s}$ estimate based on installation capacity.

<u>Upper Cook Inlet</u>. Because assumptions as to future development around Upper Cook Inlet do not vary in any of the cases to be examined and because such revenues are small relative to other sources, revenue estimates for Upper Cook Inlet are taken directly from Alaska Department of Revenue forecasts, as shown in Tables 19 and 20.

<u>Prudhoe Bay Revenues.</u> Because of its size and its relevance to other assumptions made in both the base case and possibly the OCS scenarios, Prudhoe Bay revenues are estimated directly rather than taken from Alaska Department of Revenue computations. To arrive at such estimates, estimates of production and wellhead value are needed. Production estimates are those derived by simulations of reservoir behavior by the Alaska Division of Oil and Gas Conservation for the Department of Revenue. Wellhead value of oil is derived explicitly from the following assumptions:

- West coast market price is \$21.50 per barrel in FY 1980. Real market price is assumed to remain constant throughout the forecast period.
- Tanker costs from Valdez to the West Coast are \$1/bb1 in FY 1980. These costs remain constant in real terms through 2000.
- Field processing and gathering costs are **75¢/bb**1 in FY 1980, also remaining constant in real terms through 2000.
- o TAPS pipeline tariff is assumed to be \$5.25 in FY 1980. The nominal tariff is assumed to remain constant through 1990 when increased operating costs are assumed to dominate decreasing capital costs. After 1990, the tariff remains constant in real terms.
TABLE 19. STATE PRODUCTION TAX REVENUES

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(Millions of Current Dollars)

Year	Upper Co	<u>Upper Cook Inlet</u> l		Prudhoe Bay ²		Beaufort Sea ^z	
	<u>0i1</u>	Gas	<u>0i1</u>	Gas	0i I	Gas	
1979 1980	14.8 13.2	9.7 10.2	149.3 399.4	0 0	0 0	0 0	173. 8 422. 8
1981 1982 1983 1984 1985	11.5 10.2 8.9 7.5 6.3	10. 7 15. 9 20. 9 31. 8 32. 5	997.9 1,164.7 1,292.6 1,417.1 1,549.5	0 0 0 98.5	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	1, 020. 1 1, 190. 8 1, 322. 4 1, 456. 5 1, 686. 8
1986 1987 1988 1989 1990	5.3 4.3 3.4 2.5 1.7	33.7 34.4 34.1 34.8 36.0	1, 695. 3 1, 846. 8 2, 009. 7 2, 184. 9 2, 135. 8	113. 2 121. 8 131. 0 140. 9 151. 5	0 0 29.3 77.9	0 0 1.0 2.9	1,847.6 2,007.3 2,178.2 2,393.4 2,405.8
1991 1992 1993 1994 1995	.9 .1 0 0	36.7 37.8 36.3 37.5 38.2	2, 196. 4 2, 101. 0 1, 763. 0 1, 563. 4 1, 823. 9	163. 0 175. 3 188. 6 202. 8 218. 2	11 3.1 123.9 133.2 143.3 151.3	4.3 4.6 5.0 5.3 5.7	2, 514. 3 2, 442. 7 2, 126. 1 1, 952. 4 1, 837. 2
1996 1997 1998 1999 2000	0 0 0 0	38. 2 38. 2 38. 2 38. 2 38. 2 38. 2	1, 320. 3 1, 183. 4 1, 018. 3 821. 4 589. 0	234. 7 252. 4 271. 5 292. 0 314. 1	159.8 168.6 167.4 161.3 153.3	6. 0 6. 3 6. 3 6. 0 5. 8	1, 758. 8 1, 648. 8 1, 501. 6 1, 318. 9 1, 100. 4

¹ From Alaska Department of Revenue, <u>Petroleum Production Revenue</u> <u>Forecast</u>, September 1979.

 2 1979-81 from Alaska Department of Revenue, $\underline{\rm op.~cit.;}$ thereafter, calculated as explained in text.

TABLE 20. STATE ROYALTY REVENUES

(Millions of Current Dollars)

Year	<u>Upper Co</u>	ook Inlet	<u>Prudhoe</u> Bay ²		<u>Prudhoe Bay</u> ² <u>Beaufort Sea</u> ²		<u>Total</u>
	0i l	Gas	0i I	Gas	<u>0i1</u>	Gas	
1 979 1980	32. 2 30. 1	5.6 6.2	295.2 773.9	0 0	0 0 .	0 0	333. 0 810. 2
1981 1982 1983 1984 1985	27.7 25.3 23.2 21.2 19.5	6.7 10.7 16.5 26.2 27.4	1, 132. 2 1, 322. 7 1, 469. 1 1, 612. 0 1, 763. 7	0 0 0 138.5	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	1, 166. 5 1, 358. 7 1, 508. 8 1, 659. 4 1, 949. 0
1986 1987 1988 1989 1990	17. 9 16. 4 15. 1 13. 9 12. 9	28.3 29.1 30.1 30.9 32".0	1, 931. 0 2, 104. 7 2, 291. 6 2, 492. 5 2, 659. 1	159. 1 171. 2 184. 1 198. 0 213. 0	0 0 32.3 93.6	0 0 1.2 3.5	2, 136. 4 2, 321. 4 2, 520. 9 2, 768. 9 3, 014. 1
1991 1992 1993 1994 1995	11. 9 11. 0 10. 2 9.2 8.3	32.8 33.8 34.6 35.6 36.4	2, 734. 6 2, 615. 8 2, 195. 0 1, 946. 5 1, 772. 7	229. 1 246. 4 265. 1 285. 1 306. 6	135. 9 148. 9 160. 1 172. 3 181. 9	5.1 5.5 5.9 6.3 6.8	3, 149. 4 3, 061. 4 2, 670. 8 2, 455. 0 2, 312. 8
1996 1997 1998 1999 2000	8.3 8.3 8.3 8.3 8.3	36.4 36.4 36.4 36.4 36.4	1, 643. 7 1. 473. 3 1 ,267.8 1, 022. 7 733. 4	329.8 354.8 381.6 410.4 441.5	192. 0 202. 7 201. 2 193. 9 184. 3	7.2 7.5 7.5 7.1 7.0	2, 217. 5 2, 083. 0 1, 902. 8 1, 678. 9 1, 410. 8

⁷ From Alaska Department of Revenue, <u>Petroleum Production Revenue</u> <u>Forecast</u>, September 1979.

 $^{^2}$ 1979-81 from Alaska Department of Revenue, $\underline{op.\ cit.};$ thereafter, calculated as explained in text.

Wellhead value of gas is derived by the following assumptions:

- •Under the interim rules of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, the ceiling price of Prudhoe gas as of December 1, 1978, is \$1.63 per MMBTU, or \$1.78 perMCF. Since recent sales by Exxon (OGJ, 4/2/79) reflect this ceiling, the ceiling price, kept constant in real terms, is assumed throughout the period.
- Prudhoe Bay gas must be treated in a conditioning plant, at a cost of 80¢/MCF which, according to recent rulings by FERC, will be deducted from the ceiling price received by producers for the gas. This cost remains constant in real terms.

Production taxes are computed as follows. The production tax is a fraction of nonroyalty value, with the fraction dependent on the productivity of the average well in the field. The tax rate on oil is assumed to equal 12 percent through 1989, after which the rate falls to 11 percent. For gas, the 12 percent rate is assumed throughout the period. Production tax' estimates are shown in Table 19.

Royalties for oil are computed as 12.5 percent of the value of production net of field costs; while for gas, royalties are 12.5 percent of wellhead value received by the producer. Royalty estimates are shown in Table 19.

<u>Beaufort Sea Revenues.</u> Beaufort Sea revenues are calculated as in the Prudhoe case, with one exception--namely that an additional 60¢ per barrel for oil and 15¢ per MCF for gas are subtracted from wellhead value, representing additional transport costs from offshore areas.

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Furthermore, it is assumed that only 50 percent of such production falls under state ownership. Royalty and production tax estimates are shown in Tables 19 and 20.

<u>Property Tax Revenues.</u> The state levies a 20 mill property tax on certain categories of oil and gas property within the state such as seismic equipment, drilling rigs, wells, platforms, pipelines, pump stations, and terminal facilities. Estimates of these revenues are shown by development in Table 21.

<u>Corporate Income Tax Revenues.</u> In 1978, the state passed new legislation levying a 9.4 percent tax on net income from oil and gas production and transportation in the state. While no detailed modeling of this tax has **yet been** done by the Department of Revenue, currently available estimates through FY 1981 project such revenues to be about 10 percent of the level of estimated production taxes and royalties. It is assumed that this relationship continues to hold throughout the forecast period.

STATE FISCAL POLICY ASSUMPTIONS

Past studies of the Alaskan economy conducted within the Man-in-the-Arctic Program, the OCS Studies Program, and other miscellaneous programs have indicated repeatedly the key role of state government fiscal policy as a major determinant of both historical and future state economic growth.

TABLE 21. STATE PETROLEUM PROPERTY TAX REVENUES

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(Millions of Current Dollars)

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Year	TAPS	ALCAN	Lower Cook Inlet OCS I	Beaufort Sea	Northern Gulf OCS	Kodi ak OCS	Lower Cook Inlet OCS II	<u>Total</u>
1979 1980	161. 0 175. 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	161. 0 175. 0
1981 1982 1983 1984 1985	177.3 199.3 204.6 209.6 214.2	0 0 0 133. 2	0 0 19.7 19.7	.3 .4 .7 .7 .8	0 0 0 0 0	. 4 . 7 . 8 . 8	0 0 0 0 0	178.0 200.4 206.1 230.8 368.6
1986 1987 1988 1989 1990	218. 3 221.7 224. 4 226. 3 227. 2	137.5 141.7 145.8 149.7 153.4	19.6 19.4 19.2 18.9 18.6	3.0 6.2 11.0 16.2 18.5	0.1 2.0 2.4 7.8 7.8	•8 •7 •7 •7 •7	0 0 9. 8 9. 7	379.3 391.7 403.6 429.4 435.9
1991 1992 1993 1994 1995	226. 9 225. 3 221.1 217. 2 210. 3	156. 7 159.7 162. 2 164. 2 165. 6	18.1 17.5 16.8 15.9 14.9	20. 7 22. 1 24. 2 26. 4 27. 6	7.8 7.8 7.8 7.7 7.7	. 6 . 6 . 4 . 4	9.7 9.6 9.4 9.2 9.0	440.5 442.6 443.2 441.0 435.5
1996 1997 1998 1999 2000	201. 0 189. 2 174. 4 156. 4 134. 5	166. 2 166. 0 164. 9 162. 5 158.9	14. 0 13. 0 12. 0 11.0 10. 0	28.0 28.0 27.8 27.5 27.1	7.5 7.4 7.2 7.0 6.7	.4 .4 .2 .2 .1	8.7 8.3 7.9 7.4 6.8	425.9 412.3 394.4 372.0 344.2

Over the period of study, state government will receive revenues from oil development which far exceed current levels of expenditure. The rate at which the government chooses to spend these revenues (or to offset existing revenue sources with them) will serve to determine not only direct employment in the government sector but, through the multiplier effects of such expenditures or tax reductions, will have impacts on all endogenous sectors, affecting the growth of employment, income, prices, and migration into the state.

Two factors affect the current framework in which state fiscal policy will be determined. First, revenues have already overtaken expenditures as a consequence of the onset of production from **Prudhoe** Bay and will continue to increase as a consequence of both increased production and price increases. Second, the establishment of the Permanent Fund, as a constitutional amendment in **1976**, places constraints on the use of certain petroleum revenues. It requires that a minimum of 25 percent of all mineral lease rentals, royalties, royalty sale proceeds, federal mineral revenue sharing payments, and **bonuses** received by the state be put in the fund.

These changes in the structure of state spending limit the usefulness of past fiscal policies in determining the fiscal policy rules to be used. The rate of state expenditures, because it is a matter of policy choice within this new framework, cannot be modeled simply from past experience. Past experience can, however, provide qualitative guidance in formulating hypothetical **fiscal** policy options for use in simulation. First, we can

expect that, as in the past, increasing levels of economic activity generate new demands for government services. As prices and population rise, increased expenditure is required to simply maintain services at a constant level. In fact, however, this level will be expected to rise over time if historical trends continue. As shown in Figure 33, nominal expenditures have grown at an average annual rate of 15.2 percent over the 1964-77 period; while real per capita expenditures have grown at about 5.7 percent annually.

Secondly, historical data gives at least some indication of state fiscal policy response to surplus petroleum revenues. As shown in Figure 33, the revenues generated by the **Prudhoe** Bay lease sale in FY 1970 led to a rapid jump in both the level and growth of nominal and per capita expenditures, with nominal expenditures jumping from an average growth of 8.9 percent annually prior to the sale to an average 19.7 percent after the sale; and real per capita expenditures jumped from 2.3 percent prior to the sale to 7.7 percent after the sale. Furthermore, the response appears to be one of strictly increasing expenditure levels, rather than one of using the surplus to reduce other taxes, as seen in Figure 34. After the sale, built-in progressivity in the existing tax structure actually increases nonpetroleum real per capita revenues.

If these qualitative features carry over into future fiscal responses to surplus petroleum revenues, future real per capita expenditures can be expected to rise within the bounds set by revenue quantities and statutory constraints. At a minimum, the state might choose simply to maintain

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Figure 33. Nominal State Expenditures and Revenues



Figure 34. Real Per Capita State Expenditures and Revenues

realper capita expenditures at their current levels. At a maximum, it could choose to spend all but 25 percent of restricted petroleum revenues as they are incurred. Unfortunately, the range of possibilities within these brackets is very large. While it is foolish to try to anticipate the actual fiscal policy choices of the state, it is possible to simulate each of the extremes. As a compromise, for purposes of simulation, a middle-range policy can then be selected. This is the strategy followed here.

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Having estimated revenues as described above, several forecasts were made, spanning the range of feasible policies. A rate of growth of expenditures was then selected to fall approximately mid-way between the extremes. A 10 percent growth rate in nominal state expenditures would be approximately the minimum rate which would prevent real per capita expenditures from falling. A 16 percent rate **would** represent close to the maximum allowable spending limit from petroleum revenues. A 13 percent rate was selected as a middle-range policy which both appears sustainable throughout the period and permits about 3 percent growth in real per capita expenditures annually within the range observed historically. Under such a policy, the state will accumulate 25 billion dollars by the **mid-1990s** but will be drawing down this balance rapidly by the end of the period as declining resource revenues are overtaken by rising state expenditures.

Base Case Forecasts

Using the assumptions comprising the above scenario as input, a set of forecasts through the year 2000 was developed using the MAP statewide and regional econometric models. This section presents these base case forecasts which will be used in Technical Memorandum BN-7 as a benchmark from which to measure the impacts of proposed federal OCS developments in the Bering Sea/Norton Sound area.

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Figure 35 presents the forecast of statewide population growth under the assumptions described in the above scenario. The **post-Prudhoe** decline ends in 1980 as a new "boom" period gets underway in preparation for the gas pipeline construction from **Prudhoe.** This new boom peaks in 1984, with state population reaching over 470,000, over 17 percent higher than its 1980 level. The post-construction decline, however, like the decline following the TAPS construction effort, causes little decline in state-As shown in Figure 36, net out-migration occurs through wide population. 1988 but is overtaken by natural increase by 1986, causing a resumption in state population growth spurred by a variety of employment expansions in mining, construction, and state and local government. By the year 2000, statewide population reaches 623, 151, a level 55 percent higher than in 1980, representing an average annual growth of about 2.2 percent. As shown in Figure 37, continued turnover of the population keeps the age structure virtually unchanged throughout the forecast period.



FIGURE 36. COMPONENTS OF POPULATION GROWTH, 1979-2000 BASE CASE

(thousands of persons)





Employment

Alaskan employment, as shown in Figure 38, has begun to recover from the TAPS construction decline by 1980. By 1981, basic sector employment has begun to rise, peaking in 1983 at over 47,000 workers. This rise, due largely to the construction of the gas pipeline, triggers a boom-bust cycle in total employment similar qualitatively to that accompanying the TAPS construction cycle, although of lesser severity. Total employment at the peak of construction in 1983 is 22.5 percent above its 1980 level. The downside of the gasline cycle witnesses a 3 percent drop in total employment from its peak level by 1985, despite a much more significant decline (over 18 percent) in basic sector employment. As in the case of the post-TAPS decline, the resiliency of the economy can be traced to resiliency in the support sectors, which decline less than 5 percent from their peak employment levels by 1985. After the gasline cycle, growth resumes at more or less stable rates resembling historical growth. However, this entails a significant long-run change in the structure of the state economy, as the support sector eventually overtakes government as the primary source of Alaskan employment by the late 1980s. By 2000, total employment reaches nearly 358,000, 84 percent higher than its 1980 level, for an average **annual** growth of 3.1 percent. The support sector share of employment rises from 36 percent in 1980 to over 44 percent in 2000. This, combined with the growth in basic industries, causes the government share of total employment to fall substantially, from nearly 46 percent in 1980 to 35 percent in 2000, as shown in Figure 39.





Personal Income and Prices

Figures 40 and 41 present the growth of Alaskan personal income over the forecast period. As shown in Figures 40 and **41**, the post-TAPS decline in real personal income as well as real per capita personal income has ended by 1979, as the gas pipeline boom sends incomes rapidly to a new peak in 1983. By the peak, real income is over 50 percent higher than its **1980** level , and real per capita income is over 29 percent higher than its 1980 level. Real income drops nearly 13 percent; and real per capita income of gas pipeline construction activity. After 1985, a period of steady income growth brings real personal **income** to over 10.5 billion dollars in 2000, over 141 percent higher than its 1980 level. Real per capita income, on the other hand, grows by about 56 percent by the end of the period, reflecting an average annual rate of growth of 2.2 percent.

Despite the structural changes in employment that reduce the government share of employment, as shown in Figure 42, government continues to be the major source of income throughout the period, due to sustained higher growth in state and local wage rates than in support or basic sector wage rates, as shown in Figure 43.

The tendency toward equalization of Alaskan and U.S. prices continues throughout the forecast period. As shown in Figure 44, the rate of Alaskan inflation remains **lower** than the U.S. rate in all but three years--at the peak of gas pipeline construction and in the initial stages of recovery from the gas pipeline construction decline.



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(millions of 1979 dollars)

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## FIGURE 42. ALASKAN WAGES AND SALARIES, 1979-2000 BASE CASE

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(millions of 1979 dollars)

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## FIGURE 43. ALASKAN WAGE RATES, 1979-2000 BASE CASE

(thousands of 1979 dollars)





## FIGURE 44. ALASKANAND U.S. INFLATION, 1979-2000 BASE CASE

## State Government Fiscal Position

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The fiscal position of the state government, due to the receipt of petroleum revenues from Prudhoe Bay, will be altered rad cally during the forecast period. Real general fund revenues peak at over 5.2 billion dollars annually by 1991, about 153 percent over their 1980 levels, and over 338 percent above their 1978 levels, as shown in Figure 45. The traditional mainstay of Alaskan revenues --federal grants-in-aid--become a nearly insignificant share of total revenues over the period. Petroleum revenues begin to decline after 1989, but interest earnings and other revenues continue to grow throughout the period. By 2000, total general fund revenues are nearly 4.3 billion dollars, nearly 19 percent below their peak levels.

Under the assumed fiscal policy described above, state expenditures grow at 13 percent annually in nominal terms, representing about a 5.5 percent average annual growth in **real** terms. In real terms, state expenditures in the year 2000 reach nearly 4.2 billion dollars, just overtaking revenues by the end of the period, as shown in Figure 46.

The substantial differences between revenues and expenditures are accumulated in the state's fund balances which, in real terms, peak in 1996 at over 25.4 billion dollars, as shown in Figure 47.





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## FIGURE 47. STATE GOVERNMENT FUND BALANCES, 1979-2000 BASE CASE

(millions of 1979 dollars)

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#### Anchorage

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<u>Population</u>. The decline in Anchorage population as a consequence of the post-TAPS recession is forecast to end in 1980, to be followed by three years of rapid population growth in the buildup and construction of the gas pipeline, with peak population in 1983 reaching over 211,000, over 16 percent above its 1980 level, as shown in Figure 48. Following a 2.5 percent drop following completion of the pipeline, steady growth resumes, with 2000 population reaching over 279,000 persons, for a 2.3 percent average annual growth over the 1980-2000 period. The concentration of state population in Anchorage continues over the period, with the Anchorage share of statewide population remaining nearly constant at 45 percent.

<u>Employment.</u> The pattern of Anchorage employment growth, as shown in Figure 49, follows closely the pattern of statewide growth, with one exception--the increased concentration of support sector employment in Anchorage. As a consequence, as in the past, employment fluctuations are less severe in cyclical downturns in Anchorage than statewide; and overall, employment grows slightly faster than statewide.

Basic employment in Anchorage during the forecast period consists of two components. An exogenous employment component consists of agriculture, forestry, fisheries, mining, and manufacturing employment. Agriculture, forestry, and fishery employment rises **slowly** from **11** persons in 1979

## FIGURE 48. ANCHORAGE POPULATION, 1979-2000 BASE CASE

(thousands of persons)



SOURCE: MAP Model

## FIGURE 49. ANCHORAGE EMPLOYMENT, 1979-2000 BASE CASE

(thousands of persons)



to 126 in the year 2000. Mining industry employment is held close to its 1979 level, changing only in response to additions of headquarters personnel associated with the various petroleum developments in the base case. From a level of 1,655 in 1979, it rises to 1,873 by the year 2000. Manufacturing employment, also exogenous, is forecast to grow slowly at close to its historical trend of less than 4 percent annually, rising from 2,021 persons in 1979 to 4,157 in 2000. The second component of basic sector employment consists of endogenous employment in construction. Construction employment rises from 4,533 in 1979 to 11,888 in the year 2000. As in the past, such employment is the major source of basic sector growth in the Anchorage area.

**Endogenous** construction activity and support sector growth are tied closely to statewide economic activity, with this activity being the major source of employment fluctuation in Anchorage.

The gas pipeline boom peaks in 1984, with Anchorage employment reaching a peak of 105,000; it then declines slightly (less than 2 percent) before resuming a steady rate of growth which brings employment to nearly 161,000 by the year 2000, an average growth of 3.2 percent annually over the period.

<u>Personal Income.</u> Figures 50 and 51 present the growth of Alaskan real and real per capita personal incomes. In real terms, personal income by the year 2000 is over 152 percent higher than in 1980, averaging 4.7 percent annual growth. In real per capita terms, personal income expands nearly 60 percent, averaging 2.4 percent annual growth.

#### Norton Sound

<u>Population.</u> The growth of Norton Sound population during the forecast period is shown in Figure 52. Declining total employment leads to a decline in regional population which continues through 1982. A rise in government employment thereafter stabilizes support sector employment, stimulating population growth through about 1985. After 1985, growing basic sector employment combines with growth of government employment to keep population growing throughout the period. By the year 2000, total regional population reaches 15,180, about 28 percent above its 1980 level, representing average growth of about 1.2 percent annually.

<u>Employment.</u> Figure 53 presents the base case forecast of Norton Sound employment growth. By 2000, total employment reaches 4,588, about 49 percent higher than its 1980 level, for an average annual growth of 2 percent. Virtually all of the growth is due to increased basic and government sector employment. As in Anchorage, basic sector employment consists of two components--one exogenous, the other endogenous. Exogenous basic employment consists of mining and manufacturing employment. Mining

## FIGURE 50. ANCHORAGE PERSONAL INCOME, 1979-2000 BASE CASE

(roil 1 ions of 1979 dollars)



SOURCE: MAP Model



# FIGURE 51. ANCHORAGE REAL PER CAPITA INCOME, 1979-2000

(thousands of 1979 dollars)

SOURCE: MAP Model

## FIGURE 52. NORTON SOUND POPULATION, 1979-2000 BASE CASE

(thousands of persons)





employment is assumed to maintain its 1978 level of 100 persons throughout the period, while manufacturing growth maintains its historical trend of slightly over 3 percent annually. The remaining basic sector employment, responsible for nearly all of the growth in such employment, is endogenous construction. Overall, however, basic sector growth is quite modest, averaging about 5.1 percent annually, slightly above the historical rate of about 4 percent annually. Support sector employment declines in the early years of the forecast period, then stabilizes with the acceleration of government employment growth in the mid-1980s. As in the past, government employment, primarily at the state and local level, is the primary source of employment growth during the forecast period.

<u>Personal Income.</u> Figures 54 and 55 present the forecast growth of Norton Sound real and real per capita personal income. Incomes fluctuate slightly in response to the gas pipeline boom's being experienced in the state, causing a general increase in statewide wages. Personal income reaches 153 million dollars by the year 2000, growing at an average 4.1 percent over the period; while real per capita income exceeds 10,000 dollars by the end of the period, growing at an average 2.8 percent annually.


## FIGURE 55. NORTON SOUND REAL PER CAPITA INCOME

(thousands of 1979 dollars)



SOURCE: MAP Model

## IV. **STATEWIDE** AND REGIONAL IMPACTS OF PROPOSED FEDERAL **OCS** DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTON SOUND AREA

#### Background

The proposed federal OCS developments in the Bering Sea-Norton Sound area will have direct effects on the statewide and regional economies via the creation of new labor demands and the generation of new state and local property tax revenues. These direct effects will depend upon the resource quantities discovered, the technology used in the extraction of the resource, and the timing and logistics of the development plan. Perhaps even more significantly, these direct effects will induce a sequence of indirect effects in the remaining sectors of the economy which will trigger migration and fiscal policy changes by state government which further alter the structure of economic and demographic growth.

In this chapter, both effects are examined. First, using a set of development scenarios prepared by Dames and Moore, the direct impacts of the proposed developments are assessed. Next, using the same models used earlier to forecast economic and demographic growth in the base case, the base case assumptions are altered to include the direct effects included in the OCS development scenarios, and an alternative set of forecasts is run. The differences between these forecasts and the base case forecast are identified as the impacts of the proposed development.

#### The Bering-Norton OCS Development Scenarios

The development of federally owned oil and gas resources in the Norton Sound Area will generate direct employment as well as state revenues, with the magnitude of these direct effects dependent upon both the magnitude of resource discoveries and the technology employed in their production. A variety of development scenarios, prepared by Dames and Moore, were designed to attempt to anticipate these direct effects. Four scenarios were developed. In the first, an exploration program beginning shortly after the sale is unsuccessful in yielding any significant discoveries, so that no employment or revenue effects are generated beyond the exploration phase. Three other scenarios begin with exploration programs of varying success and yielding varying quantities of resource discoveries. This section describes the various aspects of these scenarios relevant to their economic impacts.

#### RESOURCE ASSUMPTIONS

The three scenarios in which commercial discoveries are made correspond to three estimates of resource quantities for the area as prepared by USGS. The "high-find" scenario corresponds to discovery of the maximum field size estimated by USGS. The "medium find" corresponds to the mean, or expected, discovery size for the area. The "low find"  $co_r$ responds to the minimum commercial find expected for the area. The resource estimates assumed for each scenario are shown in Table 22.

# TABLE 22. RESOURCE ESTIMATES

|                               | Minimum<br>(Low Find) | Mean<br>(Medium Find) | <b>Maximum</b><br>(High Find) |  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 0i1<br>(Billions of Barrels)  | 0. 38                 | 1.2                   | 2.6                           |  |
| Gas<br>(Trillions of Cu. Ft.) | 1. 2                  | 2.3                   | 3. 2                          |  |

<sup>1</sup>Includes only resources developed in each scenario, rather than total undiscovered resources.

SOURCE: Dames and Moore, "Norton Basin OCS Lease Sale No. 57 Petroleum Development Scenarios," October 1979.

#### TECHNOLOGI CAL ASSUMPTIONS

The exploration-only scenario assumes only eight wells drilled over three years, conducted primarily in the summer months using both **jack**up rigs and **drillships** for six of the wells and gravel islands for the remaining two. No new onshore facilities are required. Nome serves as the major supply base, with materials stored in freighters and barges and shipped to the rigs via supply boats.

In the high-find scenario, a similar exploration program yields three clusters of commercial discoveries--in inner Norton Sound south of Cape Darby, in the central portion of the Sound south of Nome, and in the outer Sound about 40 miles southwest of Cape Rodney. Production is brought ashore via pipeline **to** a crude **oil** terminal and LNG **plant at** Cape Nome. Four gravel islands and eleven steel platforms are used for production. All production is tankered to Lower 48 markets.

In the medium-find scenario, five fields are discovered--two in inner Norton Sound, the second two in the central portion of the Sound, and a **final** field southwest of Cape Rodney. Six steel platforms and two gravel islands support production, which is transported to a single oil terminal and an LNG facility at Cape Nome by pipeline, then transported to Lower 48 markets via tanker.

The low-find scenario consists of discovery of two marginal oil fields southwest of Nome and a **single** gas field south of Nome. Three steel platforms are installed, and production is transported to terminal and LNG facilities before being tankered to the Lower 48.

#### EMPLOYMENT ASSUMPTIONS

The direct employment requirements for each of the four scenarios are presented in Tables 23 through 26.

The exploration-only scenario requires less than 100 persons at its peak in 1984, and all activity ends before 1986.

In the low-find scenario, employment peaks at over 1,300 in 1990, during the development phase, eventually falling to a long-term **leve?** of 847 persons by 1995.

## TABLE 23. DI RECT EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS: EXPLORATION-ONLY SCENARIO

(Thousands of Persons)

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| Year | Mining | <u>Construction</u> | <u>Transportati on</u> | <u>Manufacturi ng</u> | Headquarters | Total |
|------|--------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------|
| 1980 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 1981 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 1982 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 1983 | . 021  | 0                   | . 015 .                | 0                     | . 005        | . 042 |
| 1984 | . 046  | . 005               | . 031                  | 0                     | . 010        | . 092 |
| 1985 | . 025  | . 005               | . 016                  | 0                     | . 005        | . 051 |
| 1986 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 1987 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 1988 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 1989 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 1990 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 1991 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 1992 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 1993 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 1994 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 1995 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 1996 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 1997 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 1998 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 1999 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |
| 2000 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0     |

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## TABLE 24. DIRECT EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS: LOW-FIND SCENARIO

## (Thousands of Persons)

| Year | Mining | <u>Construction</u> | <u>Transportati on</u> | <u>Manufacturi ng</u> | Headquarters | Total  |
|------|--------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------|
| 1980 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| 1981 | 0      | 0                   | 0                      | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| 1982 | 0      | 0                   |                        | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| 1983 | . 043  | 0                   | . 0: 1                 | 0                     | . 010        | . 084  |
| 1984 | . 067  | . 005               | . 046                  | 0                     | . 016        | .134   |
| 1985 | . 094  | . 011               | 099                    | 0                     | . 023        | . 227  |
| 1986 | . 139  | .011                | . 149                  | 0                     | . 029        | . 327  |
| 1987 | . 050  | . 052               | . 050                  | 0                     | . 013        | . 166  |
| 1988 | . 075  | .124                | . 138                  | 0                     | . 005        | . 342  |
| 1989 | .181   | .192                | . 131                  | 0                     | . 014        | .518   |
| 1990 | 1.092  | . 010               | . 113                  | . 08                  | . 024        | 1. 319 |
| 1991 | 1.110  | 0                   | . 082                  | . 08                  | . 026        | 1. 298 |
| 1992 | . 828  | 0                   | . 082                  | . 08                  | . 008        | . 998  |
| 1993 | . 622  | 0                   | . 082                  | . 08                  | . 003        | . 787  |
| 1994 | . 592  | 0                   | . 082                  | . 08                  | . 003        | . 757  |
| 1995 | . 682  | 0                   | . 082                  | . 08                  | . 003        | . 847  |
| 1996 | . 682  | 0                   | . 082                  | . 08                  | . 003        | . 847  |
| 1997 | . 682  | 0                   | . 082                  | . 08                  | . 003        | . 847  |
| 1998 | . 682  | 0                   | . 082                  | . 08                  | . 003        | . 847  |
| 1999 | . 682  | 0                   | . 082                  | . 08                  | . 003        | . 847  |
| 2000 | . 682  | 0                   | . 082                  | . 08                  | . 003        | . 847  |

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#### TABLE 25. DIRECT EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS: MEDIUM-FIND SCENARIO

(Thousands of Persons)

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| Mining | <u>Construction</u>                                                                                                                                                         | <u>Transportati on</u>                                | <u>Manufacturi ng</u>                                 | Headquarters                                           | Total                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0      | 0                                                                                                                                                                           | 0                                                     | 0                                                     | 0                                                      | 0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 0      | 0                                                                                                                                                                           | 0                                                     | 0                                                     | 0                                                      | 0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 0      | 0                                                                                                                                                                           | 0                                                     | 0                                                     | 0                                                      | 0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| . 067  | 0                                                                                                                                                                           | . 046                                                 | 0                                                     | . 016                                                  | . 129                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| .153   | . 005                                                                                                                                                                       | . 108                                                 | 0                                                     | . 036                                                  | . 302                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| . 183  | . 011                                                                                                                                                                       | . 203                                                 | 0                                                     | . 042                                                  | . 439                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| . 139  | . 173                                                                                                                                                                       | . 152                                                 | 0                                                     | . 031                                                  | . 495                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| . 079  | . 445                                                                                                                                                                       | . 108                                                 | 0                                                     | . 021                                                  | . 653                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| . 254  | . 233                                                                                                                                                                       | . 347                                                 | 0                                                     | . 018                                                  | . 852                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| . 561  | . 066                                                                                                                                                                       | . 142                                                 | . 12                                                  | . 038                                                  | . 927                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2.031  | . 175                                                                                                                                                                       | . 249                                                 | . 12                                                  | . 050                                                  | 2.626                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2.606  | . 053                                                                                                                                                                       | . 223                                                 | . 12                                                  | . 057                                                  | 3.059                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2.441  | . 035                                                                                                                                                                       | . 219                                                 | . 12                                                  | . 045                                                  | 2.860                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1.952  | . 035                                                                                                                                                                       | . 219                                                 | . 12                                                  | . 024                                                  | 2.350                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1.742  | . 035                                                                                                                                                                       | . 219                                                 | . 12                                                  | .011                                                   | 2. 127                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1.743  | . 035                                                                                                                                                                       | . 219                                                 | . 12                                                  | . 009                                                  | 2. 126                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1.803  | . 035                                                                                                                                                                       | . 219                                                 | . 12                                                  | . 009                                                  | 2. 186                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1.833  | . 035                                                                                                                                                                       | . 219                                                 | . 12                                                  | . 009                                                  | 2.216                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1.833  | . 035                                                                                                                                                                       | . 219                                                 | . 12                                                  | . 009                                                  | 2.216                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1.833  | . 035                                                                                                                                                                       | . 219                                                 | . 12                                                  | . 009                                                  | 2.216                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1.833  | . 035                                                                                                                                                                       | . 219                                                 | . 12                                                  | . 009                                                  | 2.216                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|        | 0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>153<br>183<br>139<br>079<br>254<br>561<br>2.031<br>2.606<br>2.441<br>1.952<br>1.742<br>1.743<br>1.803<br>1.833<br>1.833<br>1.833<br>1.833<br>1.833 | $\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | $\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | $\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $ | 0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0         0 |

### TABLE 26. DIRECT EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS: HIGH-FIND SCENARIO

(Thousands of Persons)

| Year | Mining | <u>Construction</u> | <u>Transportation</u> | <u>Manufacturi ng</u> | Headquarters | Total  |
|------|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------|
| 1980 | 0      | 0                   | 0                     | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| 1981 | 0      | 0                   | 0                     | 0                     | 0            | Q      |
| 1982 |        | 0                   | 0                     | 0                     | 0            | 0      |
| 1983 | . 0: 4 | 0                   | . 046                 | 0                     | . 016        | . 127  |
| 1984 | . 131  | . 005               | . 092                 | 0                     | . 032        | . 261  |
| 1985 | .217   | . 032               | . 228                 | 0                     | . 048        | . 524  |
| 1986 | . 228  | . 264               | . 254                 | 0                     | . 053        | . 799  |
| 1987 | .188   | . 777               | . 235                 | 0                     | . 037        | 1.236  |
| 1988 | . 339  | . 584               | . 439                 |                       | . 039        | 1.402  |
| 1989 | . 894  | . 230               | . 515                 | . 2;                  | . 056        | 1.895  |
| 1990 | 3.150  | .177                | . 423                 | . 20                  | . 078        | 4. 029 |
| 1991 | 4.113  | . 069               | . 415                 | . 20                  | .103         | 4.900  |
| 1992 | 4.273  | . 022               | . 415                 | . 20                  | . 082        | 4.992  |
| 1993 | 3.772  | . 003               | . 395                 | . 20                  | . 061        | 4.432  |
| 1994 | 3.339  | 0                   | .411                  | . 20                  | . 033        | 3. 983 |
| 1995 | 3. 282 | 0                   | .411                  | . 20                  | . 025        | 3.918  |
| 1996 | 3. 249 | 0                   | . 411                 | . 20                  | . 025        | 3.885  |
| 1997 | 3. 280 | Q                   | . 411                 | . , 20                | . 025        | 3. 916 |
| 1998 | 3. 280 | 0                   | . 411                 | . 20                  | . 025        | 3. 916 |
| 1999 | 3.310  | 0                   | .411                  | . 20                  | . 025        | 3.946  |
| 2000 | 3. 310 | Ŏ                   | .411                  | . 20                  | . 025        | 3. 946 |
|      |        |                     |                       |                       |              |        |

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Development in the medium-find scenario requires over 3,000 workers at the peak of development in **1991.** By the late 1990s, a permanent labor force of over 2,200 workers is in place, primarily in the petroleum industry.

#### REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS

The only direct revenues received by the state as a consequence of the Bering-Norton development would be property taxes from onshore facility construction, such as the Cape Nome oil terminal and LNG facility, and onshore and nearshore pipelines. As shown in Table 27, by the end of the period, such revenues amount to between 0 for the exploration-only scenario to as much as over 80 million dollars annually for the high-find scenario.

#### Impacts of the OCS Development Scenarios

#### STATEWIDE IMPACTS

#### Popul ati on

The effect of the proposed Bering-Norton OCS developments on statewide population growth is shown in Figure 56.

In the medium-find scenario, year 2000 population reaches a level over 19,000, or about 3 percent, higher than in the base case.

The low-find developments raise year 2000 population by 7,056, or 1.1 percent; while the high find scenario raises population by 33,240

# TABLE 27.DI RECT STATE PROPERTY TAX REVENUES:<br/>BERI NG-NORTON OCS SALE

| Year                                 | Expl orati on-Onl y   | Low-Find              | Medium-Find           | Hi gh-Fi nd           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                      | Scenari o             | Scenario              | Scenario              | Scenari o             |
| 1980                                 | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     |
| 1981<br>1982<br>1983<br>1984<br>1985 | 0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0 | 0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0 | 0<br>0<br>0<br>1. 161 | 0<br>0<br>0<br>2. 137 |
| 1986                                 | 0                     | 0. 566                | 11. 192               | 20. 561               |
| 1987                                 | 0                     | 5. 457                | 22. 303               | 40. 968               |
| 1988                                 | 0                     | 10. 875               | 28. 718               | 51. 424               |
| 1989                                 | 0                     | 14. 555               | 29. 586               | * 58. 713             |
| 1990                                 | 0                     | 14. 996               | 39. 709               | 69. 086               |
| 1 <b>991</b>                         | 0                     | <b>15.421</b>         | 40. 804               | 72. 046               |
| 1992                                 | 0                     | 15.825                | 41. 838               | 73. 852               |
| 1 <b>993</b>                         | 0                     | 16.201                | 42. 795               | 75. 702               |
| 1 <b>994</b>                         | 0                     | 16.544                | 43. 658               | 77. 205               |
| 1995                                 | 0                     | 16.846                | 44. 406               | 78. 502               |
| 1996                                 | 0                     | <b>17.099</b>         | 45.018                | 79.555                |
| <b>1997</b>                          | 0                     | <b>17.294</b>         | 45.469                | 80.317                |
| 1998                                 | 0                     | 17.421                | 45.731                | 80.741                |
| 1999                                 | 0                     | 17.469                | 45.772                | 80.769                |
| 2000                                 | 0                     | 17.424                | 45.559                | 80.341                |

## (Millions of Current \$)

#### FIGURE 56. ALASKAN POPULATION IMPACTS

(Thousands of Persons)



by the year 2000, a 5.2 percent increase over the base case. If no commercial discoveries are made during exploration, the peak impact on state population occurs in 1985, at only 277 persons, or 0.1 percent of the base case population.

#### Employment

As shown in Figure 57, the peak impact on state employment in the mediumfind scenario occurs at the peak of development phase activity in 1991 when total employment rises 9,896, or 3.6 percent, above the base case level. As shown in Figure 58, the bulk of this impact occurs in the support sector, where by the year 2000 employment has risen by 4,399, or over 47 percent of the total impact. Another 22 percent of total impact by 2000 is due to increased government sector employment, while 31 percent of the impact is in the basic sector.

In the high-find scenario, employment impact in the year 2000 reaches 16,875, nearly 76 percent higher than the medium-find impact; while the low-find scenario employment impact reaches only 3,554, or 37 percent of the medium scenario impact. If exploration yields no commercial discoveries, then peak employment impact occurs in 1985 at 183 persons, less than 0.1 percent of statewide employment.

#### Personal Income Impacts

Figures 59 and 60 present the impacts of the OCS deve" opment scenarios on Alaskan real and real per capita personal income.



#### FIGURE 58. ALASKAN EMPLOYMENT IMPACTS, BY SECTOR, MODERATE CASE

(Thousands of Persons)





#### FIGURE 60. ALASKAN REAL PER CAPITA INCOME IMPACTS

(1979 Dollars)



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In the medium-find scenario, personal income rises by over 342 million dollars, or 3.1 percent, by the year 2000 as a consequence of OCS developments in the Bering Sea. In real per capita terms, there are two peaks--one during the early development (construction) phase in which real per capita income rises by over \$110, or about 1 percent, in 1987; and later a larger peak during the late stages of development in which real per capita income rises by nearly \$195, or 1.4 percent, in 1991. By the end of the period, however, the influx of new population has largely offset the growth in income, so that real per capita income impacts by the year 2000 are negligible (about 0.1 percent).

In the high-find scenario, real personal income by the year 2000 reaches a level nearly \$597 million higher than in the base case, a 74 percent greater impact than in the medium-find scenario. Real per capita income impacts follow the same pattern as in the medium-find scenario, although the impact peaks at 91 percent higher during early development and 49 percent higher during later development.

In the low-find scenario, real personal income impacts are only 36 percent of their medium-find levels; and the impact on real per capita income has a single peak, occurring in 1990, at less than 47 percent of the peak impact of the medium-find scenario.

If exploration yields no commercial discoveries, real income impacts peak at 6.3 million dollars in 1984, well under 0.1 percent of state real personal income; and real per capita incomes rise by a mere \$6.20 in the same year.

#### Fiscal Effects

In the medium-find scenario, state government revenues rise by nearly 65 million dollars annually by 1993 as a consequence of the development, as shown in Figure 61. Expenditures, on the other hand, required to maintain real per capita services at their **pre-development** level, rise by as much as 125 million dollars by the end of the period, as shown in Figure 62. Because the expenditure impacts quickly overwhelm the effect on state revenues, the fund balance held by the state is drawn down by the development by about 200 million dollars, or nearly 1 percent, by the year 2000, as shown in Figures 63 and 64.

The high-find scenario, while generating 69 percent higher state revenues at the peak of development, induces sufficiently higher population growth to require 75 percent greater expenditures by the year 2000, thus drawing down state fund balances by nearly 344 million dollars by the year 2000, 72 percent more than in the medium scenario.

The low-find scenario **generates** only 42 percent of the peak level revenues of the medium-find scenario but also requires only 37 percent as much of an increase in expenditures **as** in the medium-find scenario, so that the drawdown of state fund balances is only 42 percent as severe as in the medium-find scenario.



#### FIGURE 62. STATE GOVERNMENT FISCAL IMPACTS: EXPENDITURES

(Millions of 1979 Dollars)



#### FIGURE 63. STATE GOVERNMENT FISCAL IMPACTS: FUND BALANCES

(Millions of 1979 Dollars)



SOURCE: MAP Model

#### FIGURE 64. STATE GOVERNMENT FISCAL IMPACTS: MODERATE CASE

(Millions of 1979 Dollars)



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#### REGIONAL IMPACTS

#### Anchorage

<u>Population.</u> In the medium-find development scenario, Anchorage population is increased by 7,087, or 2.5 percent, by the year 2000 over its base case level, as shown in Figure 65. This amounts to 37 percent of the total statewide population impact.

High-find scenario developments raise Anchorage population by 12,262 in 2000, a 73 percent greater impact than associated with the medium find. Low-find scenario impacts on population reach only 2,623, or 37 percent of the medium-find impact. If exploration is unsuccessful, peak Anchorage population impact of 94 persons occurs in 1985.

<u>Employment.</u> As shown in Figure 66, medium-find OCS development raises Anchorage employment by 3,541 by the year 2000, 36 percent of the **state**wide employment impact. As shown in Figure 67, the bulk of this. impact (76 percent) occurs in the support sector, and less than 5 percent occurs in the basic sector, with the remainder due to increased **govern**ment employment.

In the high-find **scenar** o, employment rises by 6,180 persons by the year 2000, 74.5 percent higher than the medium-find impact. In the low-find scenario, employment by the year 2000 is 1,294 higher than in the base case, less than 37 percent of the medium-find impact. If exploration is unsuccessful, total employment impact in Anchorage peaks at only 70 persons in 1985.

### FIGURE 65. ANCHORAGE POPULATION IMPACTS

(Thousands of Persons)





| EXPL                                                                                                                                                            | LOW                                                                                                                                                | MOD                                                                                                                                                 | HIGH                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.<br>0.<br>0.021<br>0.062<br>0.07<br>0.04<br>0.017<br>0.008<br>0.005<br>0.005<br>0.005<br>0.004<br>0.004<br>0.004<br>0.004<br>0.003<br>0.003<br>0.003<br>0.003 | 0.<br>0.041<br>0.101<br>0.169<br>0.257<br>0.263<br>0.315<br>0.534<br>0.999<br>1.381<br>1.358<br>1.182<br>1.057<br>1.066<br>1.132<br>1.182<br>1.182 | 0.<br>0.<br>0.065<br>0.2<br>0.329<br>0.464<br>0.736<br>1.052<br>1.231<br>1.895<br>2.941<br>3.425<br>3.343<br>3.395<br>3.<br>3.067<br>3.201<br>3.332 | 0.<br>0.054<br>0.181<br>0.352<br>0.651<br>1.226<br>1.884<br>2.312<br>3.26<br>4.707<br>5.595<br>5.799<br>5.569<br>5.42<br>5.465<br>5.42<br>5.465<br>5.611<br>5.799 |
| 0.003<br>0.003                                                                                                                                                  | 1.261<br>1.294                                                                                                                                     | 3.443<br>3.541                                                                                                                                      | 5.994<br>6.18                                                                                                                                                     |

SOURCE: MAP Model

## FIGURE 67. ANCHORAGE EMPLOYMENT IMPACTS, BY SECTOR, MODERATE CASE

(Thousands of Persons)

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<u>Personal Income.</u> As shown in Figure 68, the impact of the medium-find OCS development scenario on Anchorage personal income occurs in the year 2000 and amounts to over 122 million dollars, or a 2.5 percent increase representing 36 percent of the total statewide impact. In real per capita terms, as shown in Figure 69, there are two peaks--an early development peak of 94.7 dollars in 1988 and a later peak of 167 dollars in 1991, followed by an almost complete dissipation of the growth by an expanding population.

High-find impacts peak at nearly 50 percent higher than in the **medium**find scenario, and low-find impacts reach only 39 percent of the impacts of the medium-find case. If exploration yields no commercial discoveries, real income impacts peak at 2.3 million dollars in 1984, when **real** per capita incomes go up by a mere \$7.20.

#### Norton Sound

<u>Population.</u> Unlike the impacts in Anchorage and the state as a whole, the effect of medium-find developments on the Norton Sound population occur during the drilling rather than production phase of the project. As shown in Figure 70, population impact peaks in 1991 at 5,310 persons, <u>a nearly 40 percent increase in Nort nn Sound Population</u>. By 2000, however, as direct employment declines to a stable operating force, total population impact falls to 3,688 persons, a 24.4 percent increase in the region's population. While this is only 19 percent of the statewide population impact, <u>its concentration in the small Norton Sound area</u> makes it perhaps the most significant impact.

#### FIGURE 68. ANCHORAGE PERSONAL INCOME IMPACTS

(Millions of 1979 Dollars)



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## FIGURE 70. NORTON SOUND POPULATION IMPACTS

(Thousands of Persons)



In the high-find scenario, Norton Sound population rises by 8,874 at the peak of development in 1992, <u>a 65.8 percent rise in regional population</u>, and falls eventually to a long-term impact of 6,747, a 44.6 percent rise in regional population over the base case. In the low-find scenario, population impact peaks in 1990 at 2,265 persons, a 17.3 percent increase in regional population, falling to a long-term impact of 1,341, or an 8.9 percent population increase. If exploration is unsuccessful, population impact peaks at 198 persons in 1984.

As shown in Figure 71, the OCS developments of the medium-Employment. find scenario have impacts on Norton Sound employment which peak during drilling operations in 1991 at 3,731 persons, representing a more than doubling of regional employment. By the year 2000, this impact has declined to 2,853 persons, a 62 percent increase in regional employment, constituting 29 percent of the statewide impact of such development. As shown in Figure 72, this employment impact is far different from that associated with Anchorage or the state as a whole, inasmuch as the bulk of the impact is in the basic sector, primarily the direct employment By 2000, 86 percent of the regional employengaged in OCS operations. ment impact is in the basic sector. Only 13 percent of the employment impact is in the support sector, reflecting both the enclave nature of development and the traditional propensity for income in the region to be spent elsewhere in the state. The remaining 1 percent of total impact is due to increased government employment.

## FIGURE 71. NORTON SOUND EMPLOYMENT IMPACTS

(Thousands of Persons)





In the high-find scenario, peak employment impact occurs in 1992 and is 66 percent larger than in the medium-find scenario. In the low-find scenario, the peak occurs in 1990, at **less** than 42 percent the level of the medium-find scenario. Should exploration prove unsuccessful, maximum employment impact of 104 persons occurs in 1984.

<u>Personal Income.</u> Figures 73 and 74 present the impacts of Bering-Norton OCS development on Norton Sound real personal income and real per capita income, respectively.

In the medium-find scenario, personal income increases by 95.2 million dollars, or 91 percent, at the peak of development, falling to a longrun impact of 85.1 million dollars, or a 55.5 percent gain in regional income, constituting about 25 percent of the statewide income impact. In real per capita terms, income rises 2,877 dollars at the peak in 1991, a 36.6 percent rise in real per capita incomes. Unlike the statewide and Anchorage impacts on real per capita income, however, the Norton Sound gains are not dissipated over time for two reasons. First, the excess migration into the region in response to the new employment is much less significant in an isolated area such as Nome than a more open area such as Anchorage. Second, because both the initial peak and the long-run impact consist of highly paid basic sector workers, there is no gradual shift over time toward an increased dominance by lower-paid support sector and government workers in total impact, as is the case both statewide and in Anchorage.

#### FIGURE 73. NORTON SOUND PERSONAL INCOME IMPACTS (Millions of 1979 Dollars)



169

9.344

15.169

38.353

39.204

30.792

24.316

23.637

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28.081

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SOURCE: MAP Model

## FIGURE 74. NORTON SOUND REAL PER CAPITA INCOME IMPACTS

(1979 Dollars)



In the high-find scenario, personal income impacts peak nearly 70 percent higher than in the medium-find case; while real per **capita impacts peak some 40 percent higher than in the medium-find scenario.** In the **low**find scenario, real income impacts peak at **only** 41 percent of their medium-find levels; and real per capita incomes rise by less than half the amount in the medium scenario.

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#### V. SUMMARY

The direct effects of the development of OCS resources in the Norton Sound area are twofold--the generation of direct employment and the generation of state property tax revenues. The magnitude of these effects depends primarily on the size of the resource discovery. Employment requirements vary from a peak of less than 100 persons if no resources are discovered to a peak of nearly 5,000 persons if a maximum level of resources is discovered. State revenues may amount to zero in the case of an unsuccessful exploration program to as much as 80 million dollars annually for a high level of discovery.

Generally, the indirect effects of such developments can be expected to constitute the major shares of total impacts, both statewide and in Anchorage, because of the responsiveness of the support sector to such development and the propensity for migrants to enter the state in response to such development. However, such is not the case in the Norton Sound region, where total impact is dominated by the direct employment effects. Moreover, while such impacts are small relative to the economies of Anchorage and the state as a whole, they are by no means insignificant with respect to the Norton Sound area. <u>Such developments may very well</u> double employments and incomes in the region within <sup>3</sup> very short time <u>span</u>. Furthermore, such radical change may substaalterlyhe <u>structure of the regional economy in Norton Sound</u>. Such structural changes, to the extent they occur, will almost certainly be in the

<u>direction of increasing the responsiveness of the regional support</u> <u>sector to basic employment and would consequently attract an even larger</u> share of the statewide impacts to the Norton Sound area than is estimated here. While an analysis of such structural change is far beyond the scope of this analysis, the results presented here do clearly signal an impending major change in the character of the Norton Sound economy and population as a consequence of the development.

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