

Alaska State Chamber of Commerce
2005 Priority
Open ANWR

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce supports Alaska's role in providing this nation with a major portion of its domestic oil and encourages the United States Congress to pass a bill opening the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to responsible exploration, development, and production of its oil and gas resources.

Oil exploration and development activity can be conducted in a manner that protects the wildlife and the environment.

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce opposes any efforts to declare the coastal plain of ANWR a wilderness area.

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce urges the Governor and Legislature to continue to support and actively participate in efforts to open the Coastal Plain of ANWR to environmentally responsible oil and gas development and to appropriate the necessary resources to attain congressional approval of environmentally responsible development within the 1002 area of ANWR.