

**Monthly Summary**  
**Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**  
**April 1 to April 30, 2011**

**Commission Business**

1. The regular Public Meeting of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.
2. Commissioner Foerster testified on oil and gas trends in Alaska before the senate resources committee.
3. The Commissioners and professional staff are busy responding to legislative requests for data and information.
4. The Commission held a Public Hearing Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> on Unocal's request to store Trading Bay oil and McArthur River oil at Cook Inlet Energy's Kustatan Production Facility, and Cook Inlet Energy's request to commingle West McArthur River oil and Redoubt Shoal oil at Kustatan. The hearing record was left open to accommodate additional information requested from Unocal and Cook Inlet Energy.
5. Commission Chair Seamont attended the National meeting of the AAPG in Houston, TX.
6. Commissioners Foerster and Norman met with Harold Heinze and Mary Ann Pease of ANGDA to receive a briefing on their plans for North Slope propane.
7. Commissioner Foerster and Engineering Staff met with BP personnel on their new drilling and well work organization.
8. On Thursday April 21, the Commission convened a hearing on Pioneer Natural Resources' application for new pool rules for the proposed Oooguruk-Torok Oil Pool. The hearing was recessed and was reconvened at 9:00AM, Tuesday April 26.
9. Commissioner Foerster and senior staff received a Point Thompson update from Exxon Mobil.
10. Paul Decker from the Division of Oil and Gas, Department of Natural Resources provided a review of Alaska shale oil potential to AOGCC Commissioners and senior staff.

**Orders**

1. The Commission issued Administrative Approval AIO 34.005 at the request of Pioneer to extend the authorization allowing injection of glycol and water mixtures for enhanced recovery purposes in the Oooguruk-Nuiqsut Oil Pool, Oooguruk Unit.
2. The Commission issued Administrative Approval AIO 8.005 at the request of UNOCAL to use South Middle Ground Unit (SMGS) wells 16 and 17 for purposes of disposal of liquid wastes generated through well circulation and abandonment.

3. The Commission issued Administrative Approval AIO 4E.037 at the request of BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. (“BPXA”)’s request for administrative approval to continue water injection in the PBU 13-24A well.

### **Regulatory Activities Completed / Continuing**

1. At the April Public Meeting senior staff gave a report of their comments and action items from the Hawk Consultants report during the monthly public meeting.
2. Commission staff are reviewing the National Commission report on the Macondo oil spill.
3. Commission staff met with Conoco Phillips representatives for a presentation on telemetry SSSV for the Colville River Unit.
4. A senior staff member was deposed in the Oil Transit Line Failure and Prudhoe Field shut down case.

### **Projects Completed / Continuing**

1. Commission staff continues to update the web published Statistical Report.
2. Twenty (20) well histories and 2202 digital well logging/data files were released to the public.

### **Permitting**

1. Drilling Permit Approvals (April) – 21 ( Exp/Strat Test 2, Dev 15, Ser 4)
2. Rig count – 14; North Slope – 12; Cook Inlet – 2; Coal Core – 0; Geothermal - 0; (Down One from last month)
3. Total Permit/Sundry Applications and Sundry Reports to date:  
401’s = 62; 403’s = 151; 404’s = 137; 407’s = 85; Total 435.