

Analysis of Alaska's Tax System, North Slope Investment and The Administration's Proposal SB 21

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- Economic Research and Consulting Firm
 - Provides Economic Analysis In Energy and Other Industries
- Advised the State of Alaska on Petroleum Related Matters For Over Two Decades
- Worked With the Cowper, Hickel, Knowles, Murkowski, Palin, and Parnell Administrations
- Assisted the Legislature Between 2005 and 2008 on Tax and Gas Development Issues
- Energy-Related Work Outside Alaska
 - State Governments: Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, California
 - Federal Government Agencies: Department of Interior, Federal Trade Commission
 - Energy Companies: Producers, Refiners, Mid-Stream Services, Pipelines, Chemicals

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Benchmarking North Slope Activity Over The Past Decade Against Other Areas

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Benchmarking



- Benchmarking Allows Us to Evaluate Activity in Alaska by Controlling for Significant Variables That are Common to All Oil Producing Properties
- No Two Producing Areas are Exactly Alike. We Attempt to Choose Locations That Share a Number of Similar Characteristics, Allowing for the Most Meaningful Comparisons
- > We Benchmark the North Slope Against Significant Producing Areas in OECD Countries
 - The North Sea
 - The U.S. and Several Key Producing States / Areas
 - Canada and Producing Provinces
 - Australia
- > All of These OECD Areas Have Many Characteristics in Common With North Slope
 - Similar Political and Legal Structure / Risk
 - Significant Prospectivity
 - But, Much of the "Low-Hanging" Fruit Has Been Produced
 - Development of Remaining Resources are Largely High-Cost, Either Conventional or Unconventional
 - Resources are Developed in Large Part by the Private Sector

Country/Area Profile Canada



