

1 **SEC. ____ . OIL AND GAS PROGRAM.**

2 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

3 (1) **COASTAL PLAIN.**—The term “Coastal
4 Plain” means the area identified as the 1002 Area
5 on the plates prepared by the United States Geologi-
6 cal Survey entitled “ANWR Map – Plate 1” and
7 “ANWR Map – Plate 2”, dated October 24, 2017,
8 and on file with the United States Geological Survey
9 and the Office of the Solicitor of the Department of
10 the Interior.

11 (2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bu-
13 reau of Land Management.

14 (b) **OIL AND GAS PROGRAM.**—

15 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1003 of the Alaska
16 National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16
17 U.S.C. 3143) is repealed.

18 (2) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—

19 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall es-
20 tablish and administer a competitive oil and gas
21 program for the leasing, development, produc-
22 tion, and transportation of oil and gas in and
23 from the Coastal Plain.

1 (B) PURPOSES.—Section 303(2)(B) of the
2 Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation
3 Act (Public Law 96–487; 94 Stat. 2390) is
4 amended—

5 (i) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at
6 the end;

7 (ii) in clause (iv), by striking the pe-
8 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(v) to provide for an oil and gas pro-
12 gram on the Coastal Plain.”.

13 (3) MANAGEMENT.—Except as otherwise pro-
14 vided in this section, the Secretary shall manage the
15 oil and gas program on the Coastal Plain in accord-
16 ance with the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production
17 Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6501 et seq.) (including reg-
18 ulations).

19 (4) ROYALTIES.—Notwithstanding the Mineral
20 Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), the royalty
21 rate for leases issued pursuant to this section shall
22 be 16.67 percent.

23 (5) RECEIPTS.—Notwithstanding the Mineral
24 Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), of the amount
25 of adjusted bonus, rental, and royalty receipts de-

1 rived from the oil and gas program and operations
2 on Federal land authorized under this section—

3 (A) 50 percent shall be paid to the State
4 of Alaska; and

5 (B) the balance shall be deposited into the
6 Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

7 (c) 2 LEASE SALES WITHIN 10 YEARS.—

8 (1) REQUIREMENT.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
10 graph (B), the Secretary shall conduct not
11 fewer than 2 lease sales area-wide under the oil
12 and gas program under this section by not later
13 than 10 years after the date of enactment of
14 this Act.

15 (B) SALE ACREAGES; SCHEDULE.—

16 (i) ACREAGES.—The Secretary shall
17 offer for lease under the oil and gas pro-
18 gram under this section—

19 (I) not fewer than 400,000 acres
20 area-wide in each lease sale; and

21 (II) those areas that have the
22 highest potential for the discovery of
23 hydrocarbons.

24 (ii) SCHEDULE.—The Secretary shall
25 offer—

1 (I) the initial lease sale under the
2 oil and gas program under this sec-
3 tion not later than 4 years after the
4 date of enactment of this Act; and

5 (II) a second lease sale under the
6 oil and gas program under this sec-
7 tion not later than 7 years after the
8 date of enactment of this Act.

9 (2) RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—The Secretary shall issue
10 any rights-of-way or easements across the Coastal
11 Plain for the exploration, development, production,
12 or transportation necessary to carry out this section.

13 (3) SURFACE DEVELOPMENT.—In admin-
14 istering this section, the Secretary shall authorize up
15 to 2,000 surface acres of Federal land on the Coast-
16 al Plain to be covered by production and support fa-
17 cilities (including airstrips and any area covered by
18 gravel berms or piers for support of pipelines) dur-
19 ing the term of the leases under the oil and gas pro-
20 gram under this section.