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# Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Environmental Impact Statement

An aerial photograph of a coastal plain. A wide, winding river with a light-colored, silty or sandy bed flows through a vast, flat landscape. The river meanders from the upper left towards the lower right. The surrounding land is a mix of dark green marshes and lighter, sandy or silty areas. The horizon is visible in the distance under a clear sky.

## Public Scoping





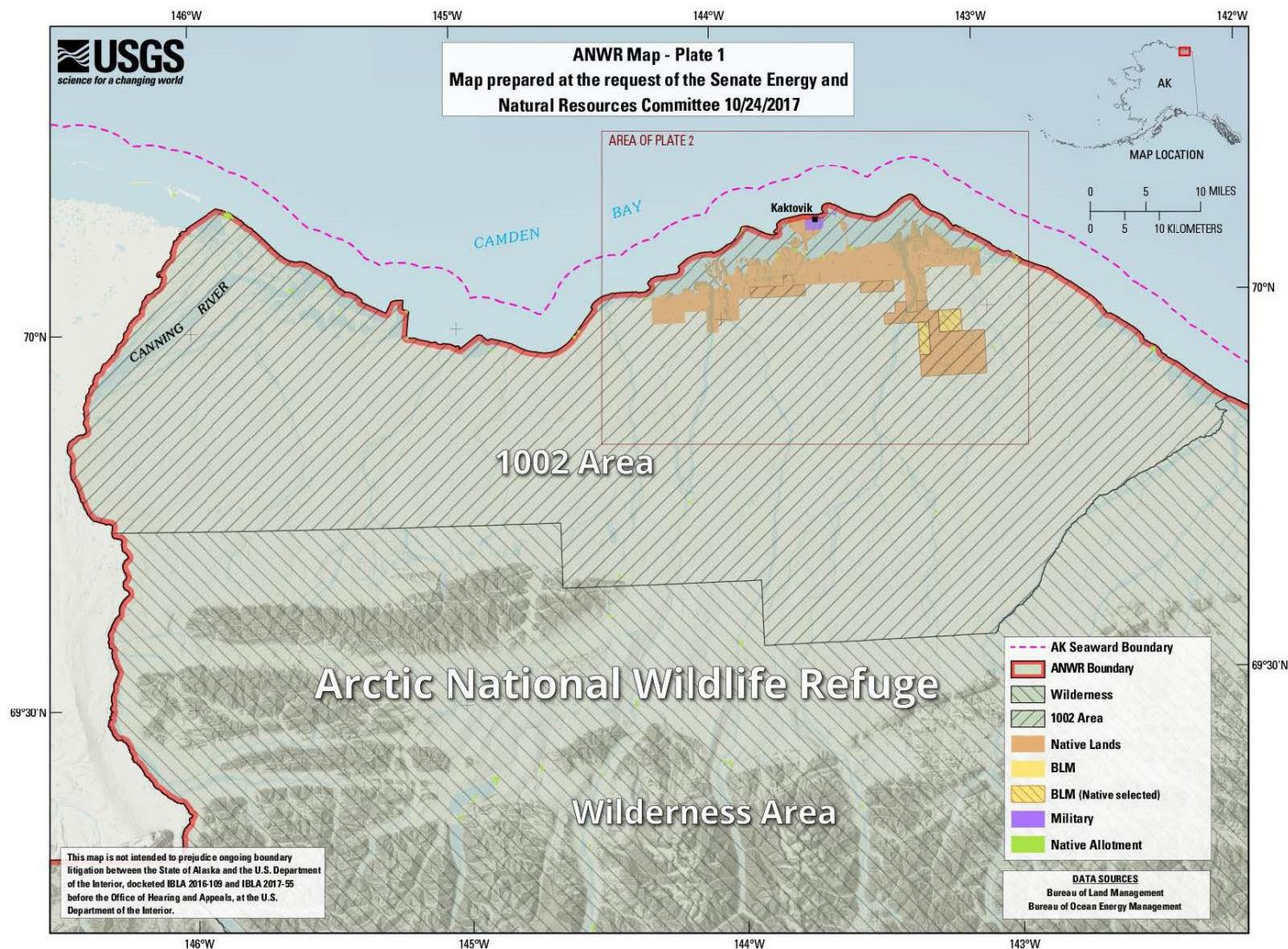
# Agenda

- Why we are here
- Requirements
- Agency Responsibilities
- NEPA Process
- Subsistence and ANILCA Section 810
- How to participate





# Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017





# Agency Responsibilities for Coastal Plain Leasing EIS

- Bureau of Land Management
  - Lead Federal Agency for EIS
  - Leasing program
  - Lease sales
- Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Administers surface of Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
  - Cooperating Agency



# BLM Oil and Gas Leasing and Development Process

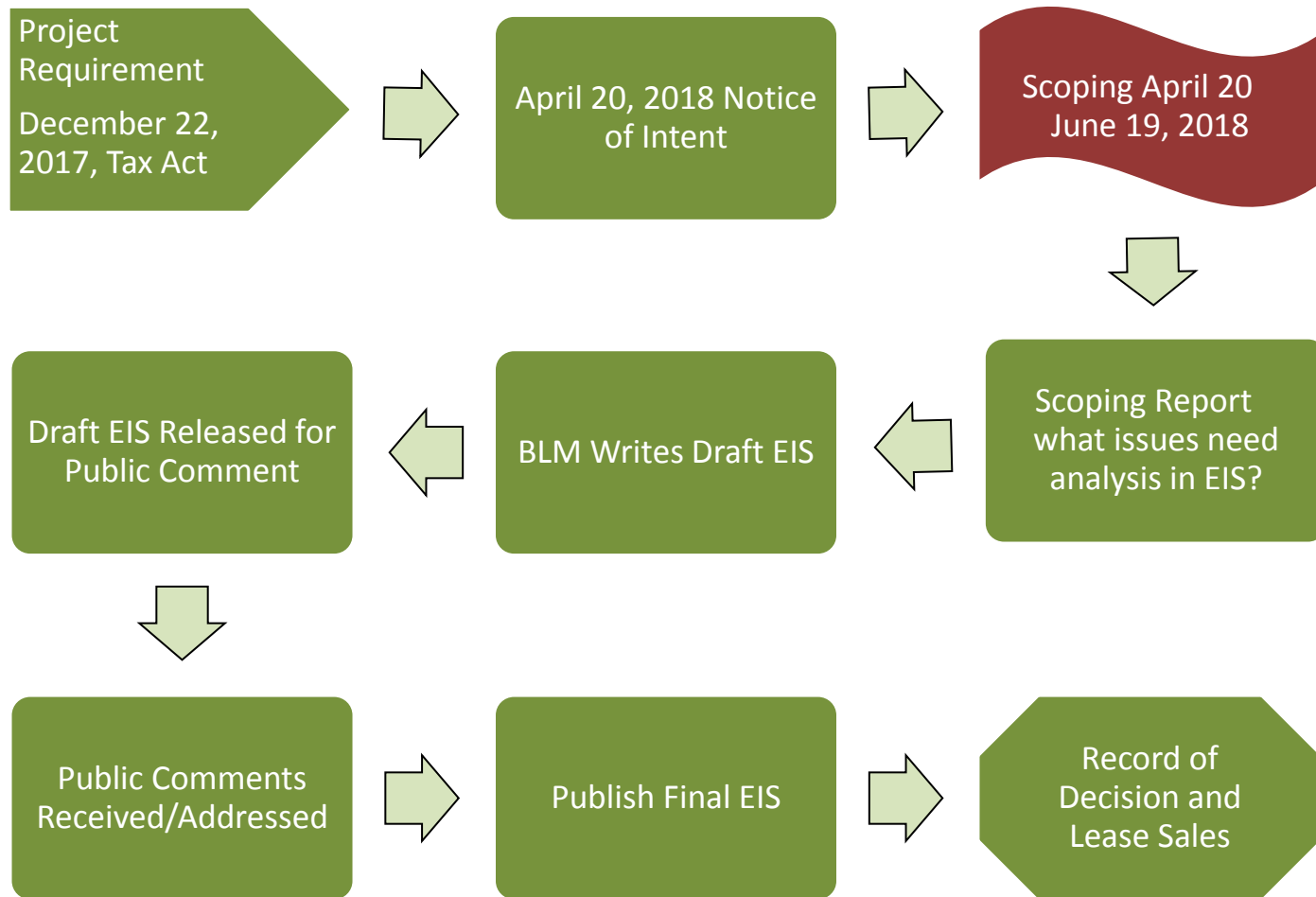
- Leasing (EIS, Sales, Lease Issuance)
- Geophysical Exploration (pre and post lease)
- Applications for Permits to Drill
  - Drilling Exploration
  - Development
- Operations and Production
- Inspection and Enforcement
- Reclamation



*Note: Any on-the-ground activities will require separate NEPA analysis and would not be authorized as a result of this EIS*

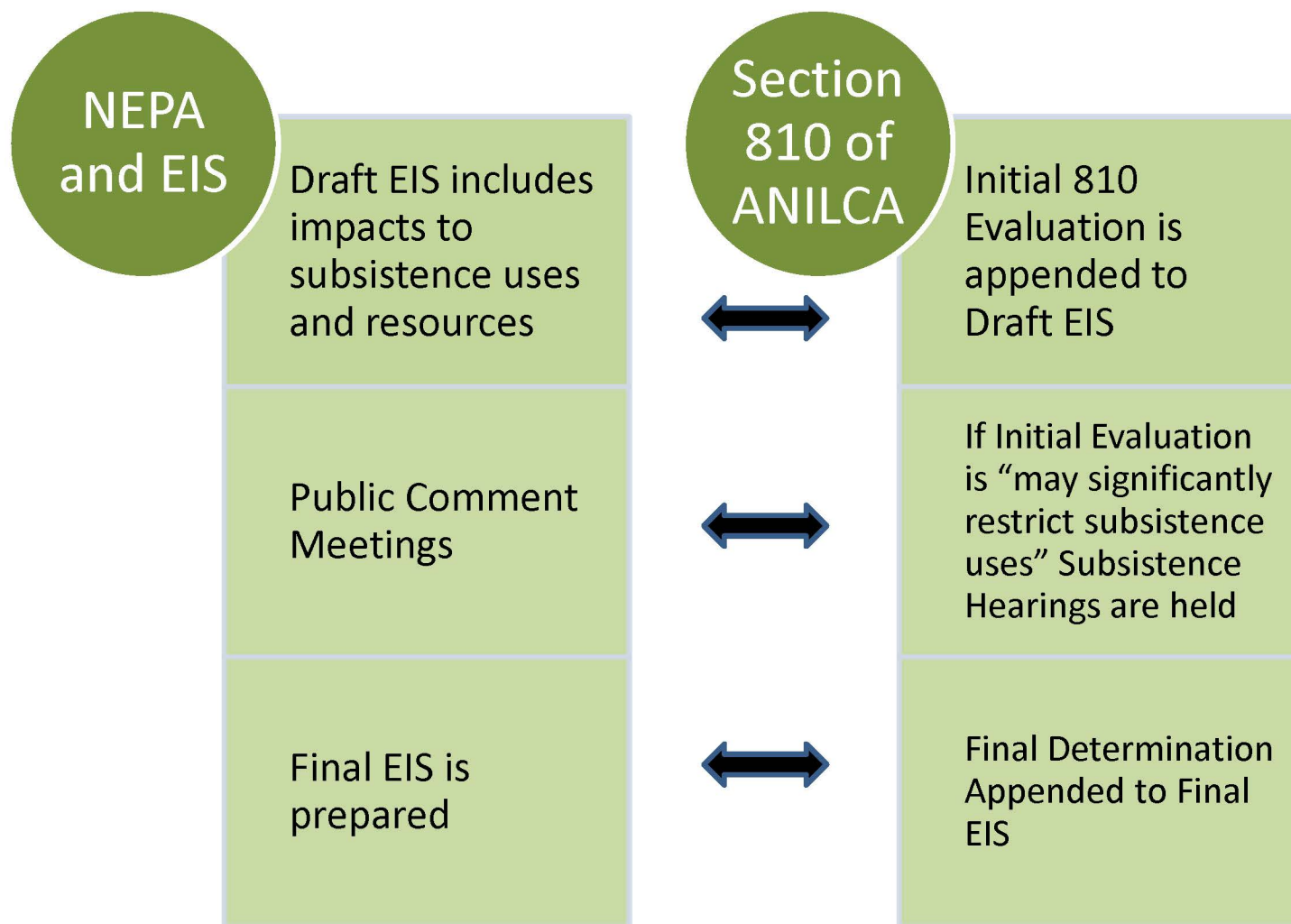


# National Environmental Policy Act





# Subsistence and ANILCA Section 810







# Decisions to be Made

- Alternatives
  - Lease Sale Tracts to Offer for Sale
  - Lease Stipulations
  - Best Management Practices





# Cooperating Agencies *to date*

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - State of Alaska
    - North Slope Borough
- Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government
  - Venetie Village Council
  - Arctic Village Council



# Tentative Schedule

Notice of Intent	April 20, 2018
<b>Scoping Period</b>	April 20 - June 19, 2018
Alternatives Development	July 2018
Evaluate Environmental Consequences	Summer 2018
Publish Draft EIS	Fall 2018
Public Review of Draft EIS	Fall/Winter 2018
Revise EIS Based on Public Feedback	Winter 2018/19
Publish Final EIS	Spring 2019
Sign Record of Decision	Spring/Summer 2019





# Scoping Meetings

- May 24: Arctic Village
  - May 29: Fairbanks
  - May 30: Anchorage
  - May 31: Utqiagvik
  - June 12: Venetie
  - June 12: Kaktovik
- June 15: Washington, DC



# How to Provide Comments

**Webform**     <https://goo.gl/HVo5Mj>

**Email**         [blm\\_ak\\_coastalplain\\_EIS@blm.gov](mailto:blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov)

**Comment Form**     Email or mail to the address below

**Mail**             Attn: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing  
Program EIS  
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**Comments accepted through June 19**





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*Thank you*

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