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[EXTERNAL] I am against gas and oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge - Critical habitat!

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The Arctic Refuge is highly biodiverse and the coastal plain is its biological heart. The Refuge supports 42 fish species, 37 land mammals, eight marine mammals, and more than 200 migratory and resident bird species. The 1002 Area has the largest number of polar bear dens in Alaska. Female polar bears will walk 50 miles across the plain to den at the foothills of the Brooks Range in the winter, then they make the trip back to the pack ice in the spring, often with a new cub in tow. The Washington Post reported at the beginning of June that, “77 percent of the coastal plain is designated as critical habitat for polar bears.”

Polar Bears are listed as a threatened species under the Endangered species act as of 2008.

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