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**[EXTERNAL] ANWR oil and gas exploration**1 message

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Good Day

We are opposed to any gas or oil exploration in our country's last existing wilderness – ANWR. We recognize the financial benefit that would come from exploration and drilling but the risk of negative impact from human industrial activity on this ecologically fragile area is too great. In late 19<sup>th</sup> century Michigan the pursuit of financial gain from harvesting old growth white pine ultimately destroyed the riparian ecology to the extent that entire species were permanently eradicated i.e. Grayling trout. Then the lumbermen came to the Pacific NW and cut most all of the old growth timber there. When it comes to money human desire seems insatiable. Were our country engaged in a desperate struggle for survival such as a major war where increased supplies of gas and oil were needed for our ultimate survival this might be an option. However, to risk impact on this unique and fragile wilderness simply for the sake of more money is pathetically short sighted. There are always opportunities to make money, but there are no ways to replace a wilderness.

Sincerely

Herb and Pat Johnson