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I agree we Secretary Jewel that the coastal plain of ANWR is no place for an oil field. I spent several weeks there quantifying the water resources by establishing the elevations of the lakes for the purpose of securing water rights for fish and wildlife under state law, as requested by then Alaska DNR Commissioner Ester Wunnecki. My staff collected data on stream flows and prepared water rights filings for the flowing waters. ADNR and the USFWS have the documentation on file.

Any lease sale offers should spell out that these water rights for fish and wildlife (called instream flow water rights) are protected by federal and state law and constitute limitations on the amount of water that lease holders can withdraw from any water body for oil and gas exploration and development, including but not limited to ice road construction. The Interior Department should be up front with the oil industry in this matter.

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