



## *Hidden Collections*

### What's *NOT* in the Catalog!

*ARLIS is the “mother lode of Alaska resources information”, but not all of the materials in the library have been cataloged, due to limited funding and staff time. The collections described below are available for use with finding aids and assistance from ARLIS staff.*

#### **ADF&G Annual Management Reports**

*Location: Special Collections*

Since Alaska-statehood (1959), this geographically based series compiled data in a cumulative manner for catch, escapement, economic factors, and fishery management policies for each regional commercial fishery. The reports, prepared for the Board of Fisheries, were not widely distributed and ARLIS has the most complete collection in the state. The information is meant for a general audience and is often used by consultants and industry watchers to compare fisheries from one year to another. The reports are shelved by geographic region from east to west across Alaska and by year within geographic region.

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#### **AERIAL PHOTO COLLECTIONS**

##### **ADNR Aerial Photo Collection**

*Location: beige file cabinets in the file cabinet alcove*

This Alaska Department of Natural Resources aerial photos collection contains color and black and white aerial photographs of south central Alaska taken by NASA in 1978 and 1979, and a few black and white photos from 1953. The photos are filed by quadrangle, flight line number, film roll number, and frame number. The flight line overlays for these photos are located in Case 1 in the Map Atrium. There are two drawers of flight lines for the color photos and two drawers of flight lines for the black and white photos. The overlays are filed in the drawers alphabetically by quadrangle and are used with the

topographic maps in Case 4. A stereoscope for 3-D viewing is available at the ARLIS reference desk.

### **ADNR RS2477 Records and Aerial Photos**

*Location: blue and silver files next to ARLIS Interlibrary Loan*

This collection, compiled by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, pertains to state land associated with Revised Statute 2477. Enacted by Congress as Section 8 of the Mining Law of 1866, RS 2477 granted states and territories unrestricted rights-of-way over federal lands that had no existing reservations or private entries. The law remained in effect until Congress repealed it in 1976. More information can be found in the *ADNR RS 2477 Fact Sheet* at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/factsht/rs2477.pdf>. A print finding aid is located in the top file drawer, extreme left, and a digital copy is available at the ARLIS website in Subject Guides & Links. Items are listed in GSC number order.

### **ADOT Alaska Cities Aerial Photos**

*Location: Case 5 in map atrium*

### **Large Satellite Photos**

*Location: Cases 1 and 14 in map atrium*

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### **Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center (AEIDC) Photo Collection**

*Location: hanging folders in the Special Collections*

This collection of 1,777 historic photographs of Alaska, from the early 1970s, covers all aspects of Alaska from cultural to scientific, including industry. Most were taken by AEIDC staff for use in the Alaska Regional Profiles. Some photos were acquired from other sources and copyright permission is available for all photos. Please credit the source. The photos are filed in numeric order by the photo number and indexed by subject and region. The catalog, which consists of photo copies of the photos, is cross-indexed in eight regional and 35 subject notebooks and is located on the bottom shelf next to the hanging folders.

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### **Anaconda Minerals Exploration Collection**

*Location: "garage door" shelves in the back of the library*

The Anaconda Minerals Collection comprises approximately 10,500 indexed records of Cook Inlet Region Inc. (CIRI) mineral exploration data. This premier collection includes more than ten years of minerals exploration data collected between 1974 and 1984 throughout Alaska by the Anaconda Minerals Company, as well as information collected by various other mining companies. It would cost tens of millions of dollars to redo this exploration effort, a testament to the value of this collection. The data set includes geological, geochemical, and geophysical reports, surveys, field notes, maps, and figures. Anaconda Collection maps and files from outside of the CIRI region were donated to the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). ARLIS houses the files, while the Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys' Geologic Materials Center in Eagle River houses the over-sized maps and illustrations. An index is an Access database

available on the public computers and contains links to the digital files. See an ARLIS reference librarian for assistance with this collection.

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## **EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL COLLECTIONS**

### ***Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Shoreline Surveys***

*Location: Special Collections*

From 1989 through 1993 a series of shoreline surveys were conducted by interagency groups to assess oiling conditions in the spill area. These evaluations are organized by survey, geographic area, and shoreline segment number.

### ***Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Photo Collection***

*Location: locked storage*

This collection of more than 2,400 color slides covers the early days of the oil spill and subsequent clean-up efforts, and includes photos of oiled wildlife, the tanker leaking oil, public meetings, protests, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and Prudhoe Bay. The collection was digitized into JPEG and PDF formats and the CDs can be viewed in the library. Files are public domain and may be copied without infringing on copyright. There is an index by photo number. See an ARLIS reference librarian for assistance.

### ***Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Public Record***

*Location: Beige file cabinets near the file cabinet alcove*

The EVOS Trustee Council is charged with managing the funds from the 1991 settlement of litigation between the State of Alaska, United States and Exxon. This official record documents the Council's decision process as they fund restoration projects, research and habitat protection in the spill area. The first drawer contains a paper index by number and topic. Some items are also available through the catalog in print and digitally.

### ***Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Videos***

*Location: Special Collections*

These videos comprise raw footage of the early days of the oil spill, its subsequent clean-up, shoreline evaluations, and many other government-led activities related to the spill. This footage may be copied without infringing on copyright and is in great demand internationally by filmmakers and researchers. About half of these videos have been cataloged and there is an index to the entire collection available at SPEC COLL GC1552.P75A37 1989 and DVD GC1552.P75A37. Efforts are underway to digitize much of this footage.

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### **Furs, Mounts and Skulls collection**

*Location: Storage area in Technical Services*

Although not a hidden collection because it is cataloged, most of the furs, mounts, skulls and environmental education kits are not readily visible. They are stored in a special area of the Technical Services department. There is a list of these items on the ARLIS

website and in print to aid you in selection. See an ARLIS reference librarian for assistance.

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### **FWS Annual Narratives**

*Location: Special Collections*

These reports originate from the various wildlife refuges throughout the state. They are basically an annual report about the projects and status of each refuge, and are chock-full of photos and are a rich source of history regarding each refuge. ARLIS considers these priceless and locks up the originals, due to the pasted-in photos, and circulates copies only.

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### **MAS Files (also called Mineral Assessment Studies or Mineral Availability System)**

*Location: in boxes in Special Collections*

The Minerals Availability System (MAS) was a US Bureau of Mines program begun in the early 1960's to measure and classify identified mineral resources according to their extraction technologies, economics and commercial availability. The files contain information on occurrences, deposits, mines and processing facilities. When the US Bureau of Mines was closed in 1996, the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was given responsibility for the Alaska MAS files located in Juneau and Anchorage. Those files in BLM are known as AMIS, Alaska Minerals Information System. The paper version of the Alaska MAS files was housed at the John Rishel Mineral Information Center in Juneau until July 2008 when the Center closed and the files were transferred to ARLIS. The MAS files are arranged numerically by quadrangle number and indexed by quadrangle and property. The indexes, by quadrangle and property, are located next to the files. The quadrangle index is available at the ARLIS reference desk and in MAS Cases 1-4 in the Map Atrium, along with associated MAS maps and overlays. Many of the files are also available in digital format.

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### **Mine File Fiche**

*Location: ARLIS reference desk*

In 1982 the state and federal governments combined their mining claims records. The Mine File Fiche is an index providing information on the claim owner, company, location, type (load or placer), mineral type, years a claim was active, and whether a claim had been proved up on. For information after 1986, contact the Bureau of Land Management regarding claims on federal land or Alaska Department of Natural Resources regarding claims on state land. Mine File overlays showing claim locations and other information are available in Case 2 in the Map Atrium and are used with the topographic maps in Case 4.

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### **Public Review Documents**

*Location: first row in Special Collections*

Items received for public review state or federal agencies or other organizations are placed immediately on the Public Review Document shelves with minimal processing to provide ready public access. These items are not in the catalog and are not available for checkout. Items are shelved by geographic location and there is an index on the shelf. After the public comment period, items are returned to the donor or added to the collection according to the donor's preference. Some items in this section are actually mini-collections available on a long-term basis. Some may be available in digital format. Public Review Documents are accessible whenever the building is open to the public, including some weekends and evenings in addition to normal weekday hours.

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### **Point Thomson EIS Reference Collection**

*Location: Special Collections across from TAPS ROW*

This collection contains 337 items released to ARLIS by ExxonMobil in 2009. A catalog record for the collection contains a link to the index maintained in a RefWorks database, which will include PDFs of these items. Some items are also cataloged separately in the collection.

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### **Sea Ice Records and Climate Data Microfiche Collection**

*Location: fiche cabinet near east entrance to ARLIS*

NOAA compiled this collection of maps dating 1972-2004 (but incomplete) showing extent of sea ice in Northern Alaska, and sea ice analyses. The Climate Data dates back to the 1950s. The fiche is organized by geographic area and date.

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### **Source Water Assessments**

*Location: Special Collections*

Source Water Assessments provide water quality information about public water systems and indicate the level of contamination risk to these water systems from potential or existing contaminant sources. These reports can be used by local governments and community groups to decide where efforts are needed to protect sources of public drinking water from contamination. The reports are shelved alphabetically by geographic area. More information about the Source Water Assessments is available at:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/docs/dw/DWP/protect.pdf>

[http://www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/docs/dw/DWP/Freq\\_ask\\_quest.pdf](http://www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/docs/dw/DWP/Freq_ask_quest.pdf)

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### **Trans-Alaska Pipeline System 2001 Right-of-Way Renewal Reference Collection:**

*Location: Special Collections*

The TAPS ROW collection contains 2,324 items used to prepare the EIS for the 2001 right-of-way renewal application. It was donated by BP Exploration. A print copy of the index, *TAPSROW Literature Cited*, is on the shelf at the beginning of this collection and available electronically as a PDF and RefWorks database in the catalog record for the index. There is also a link to the RefWorks database in Subject Guides & Links on the ARLIS website.

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**Wild & Scenic Rivers**

*Location: lateral files across from Special Collections*

This multi-agency collection includes original files and photos documenting selection of rivers for the Wild and Scenic River System and includes all candidate rivers as well as those selected. It is organized geographically by river. Photos include river segment breakdown details. See an ARLIS reference librarian for assistance with this collection.

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