## Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program

**Environmental Impact Statement** 

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Estimated Lead Agency Total Costs Associated with Developing and Producing this EIS: \$3,970,000

### **Mission**

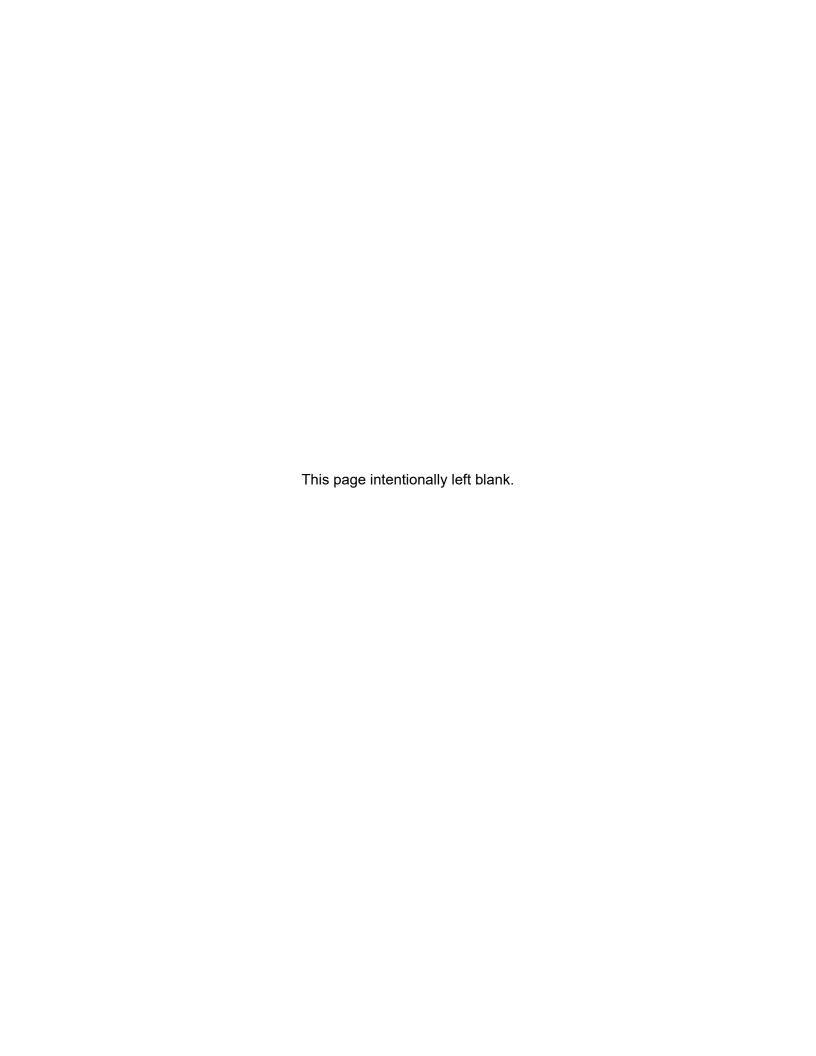
To sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Cover Photo: Northward view in central coastal plain area near the Sadlerochit River showing gently rolling topography typical of the area. Natural oil indications are visible of an oil seep that occurs along the coast (Barter Island). Photo by David Houseknecht (USGS).

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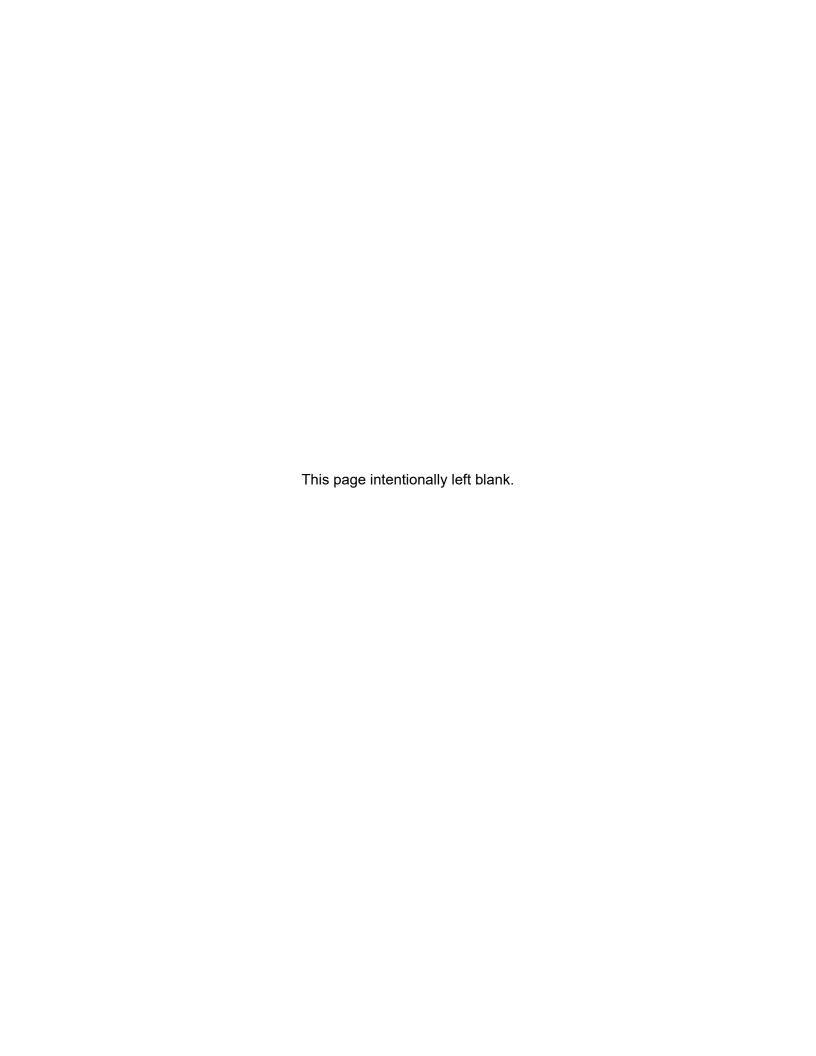
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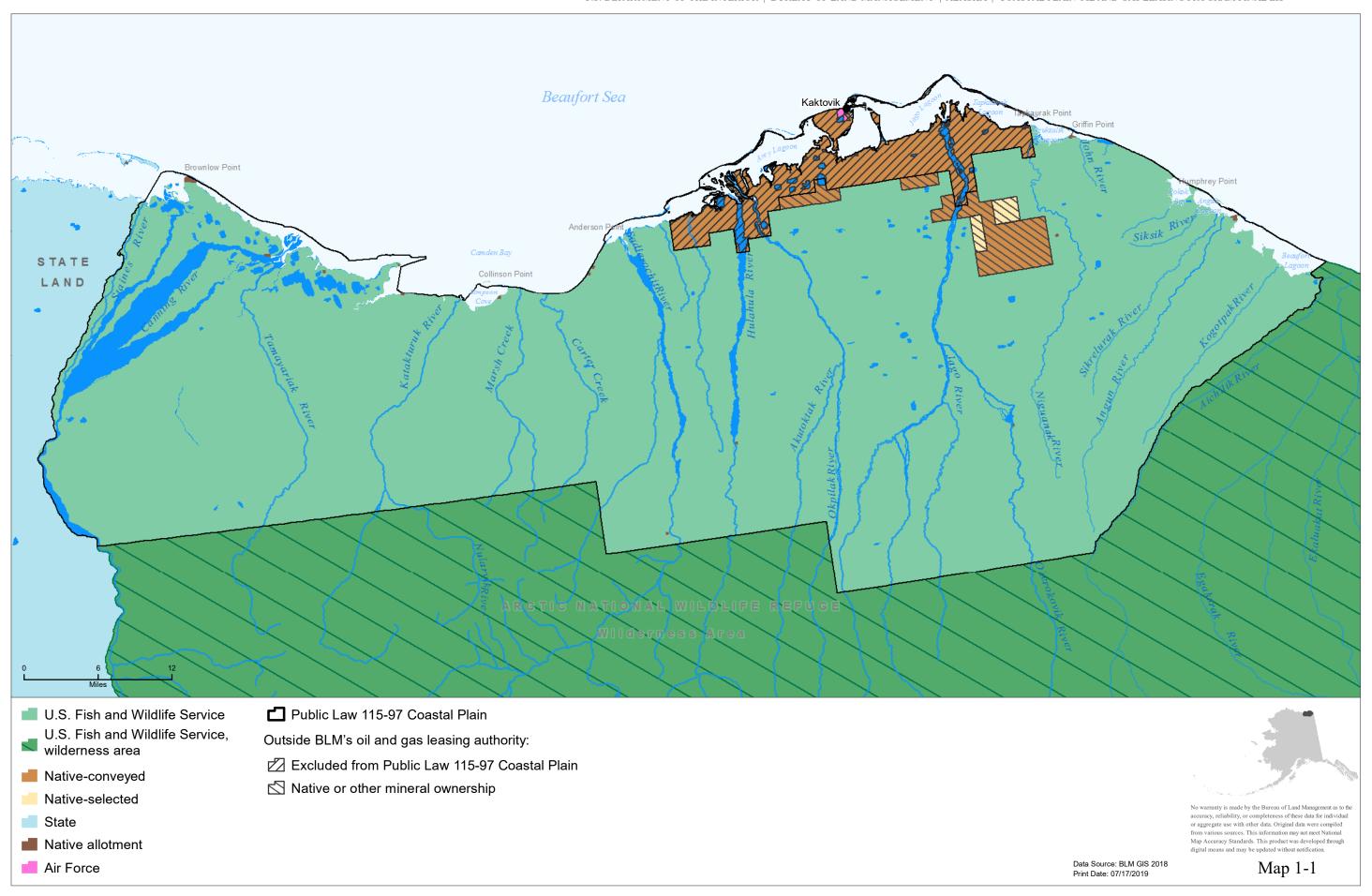
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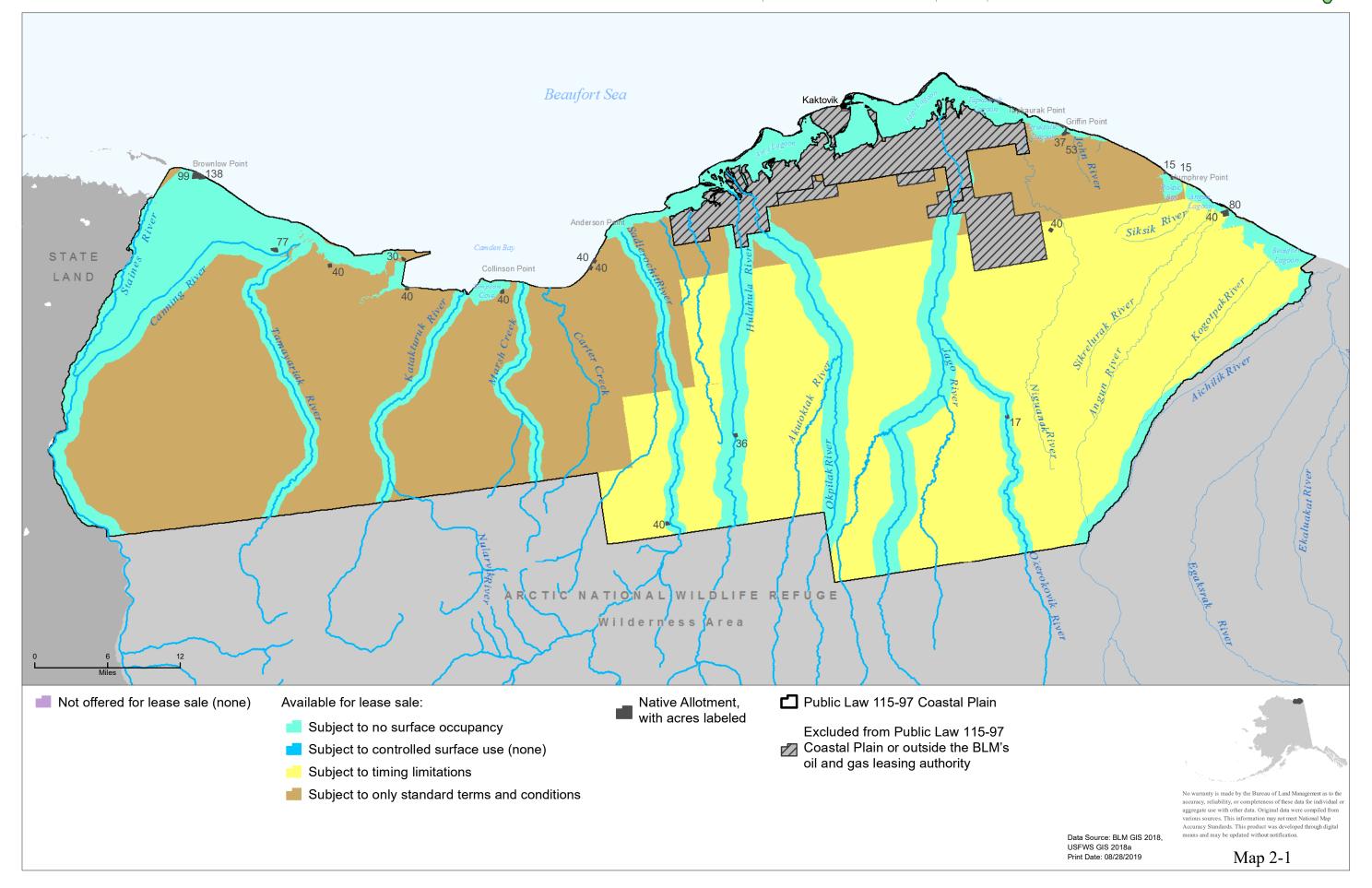
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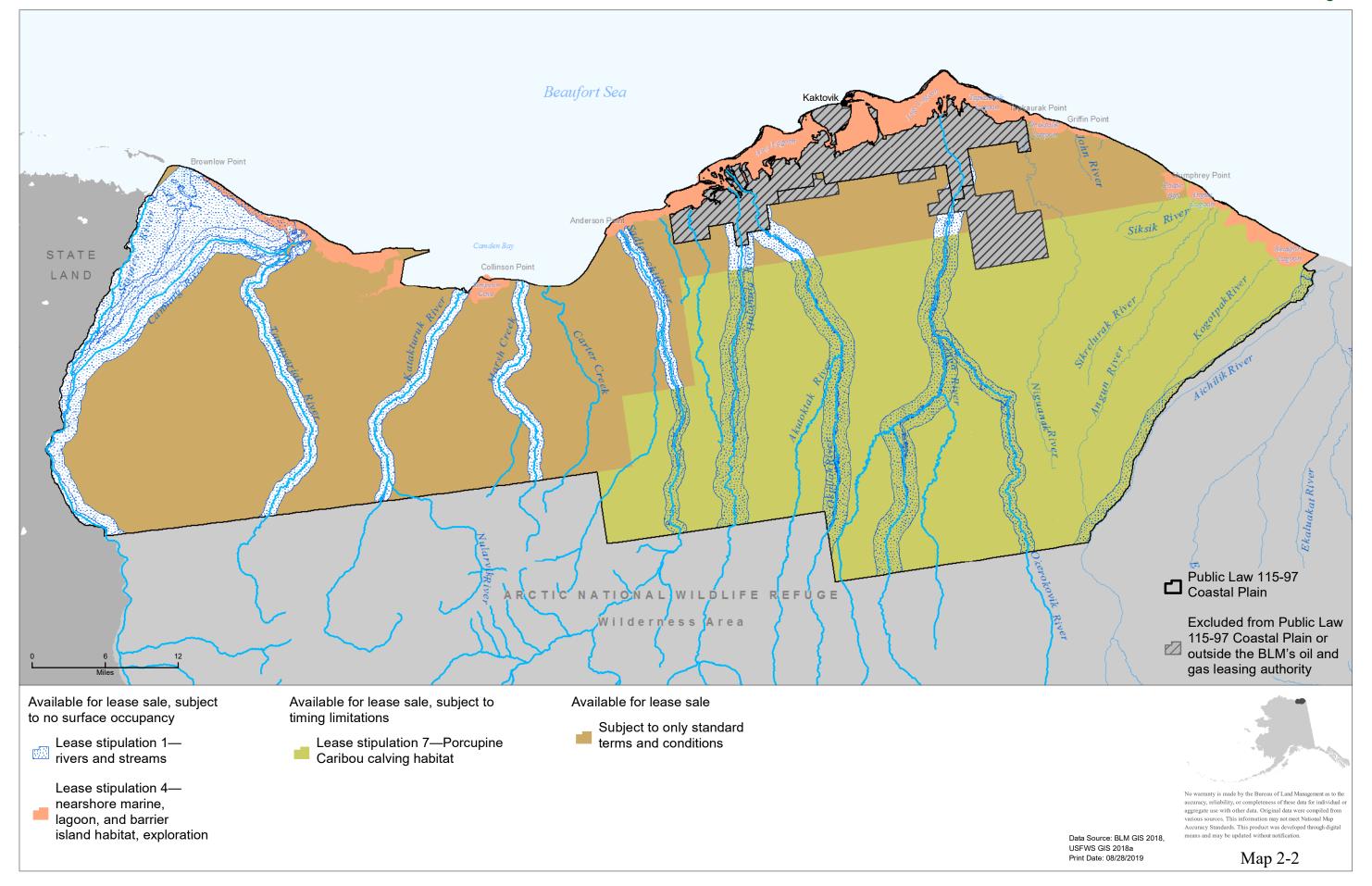




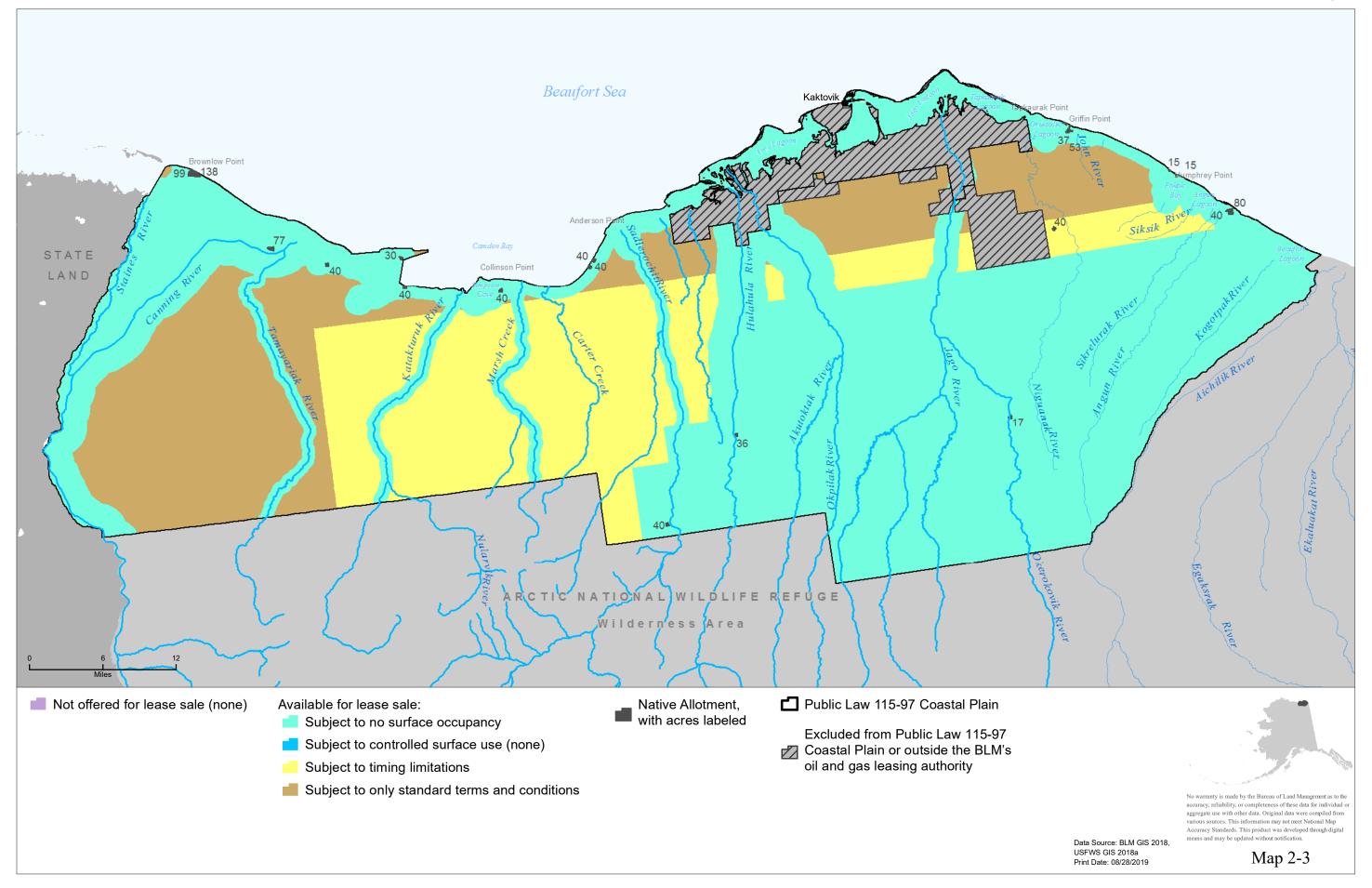




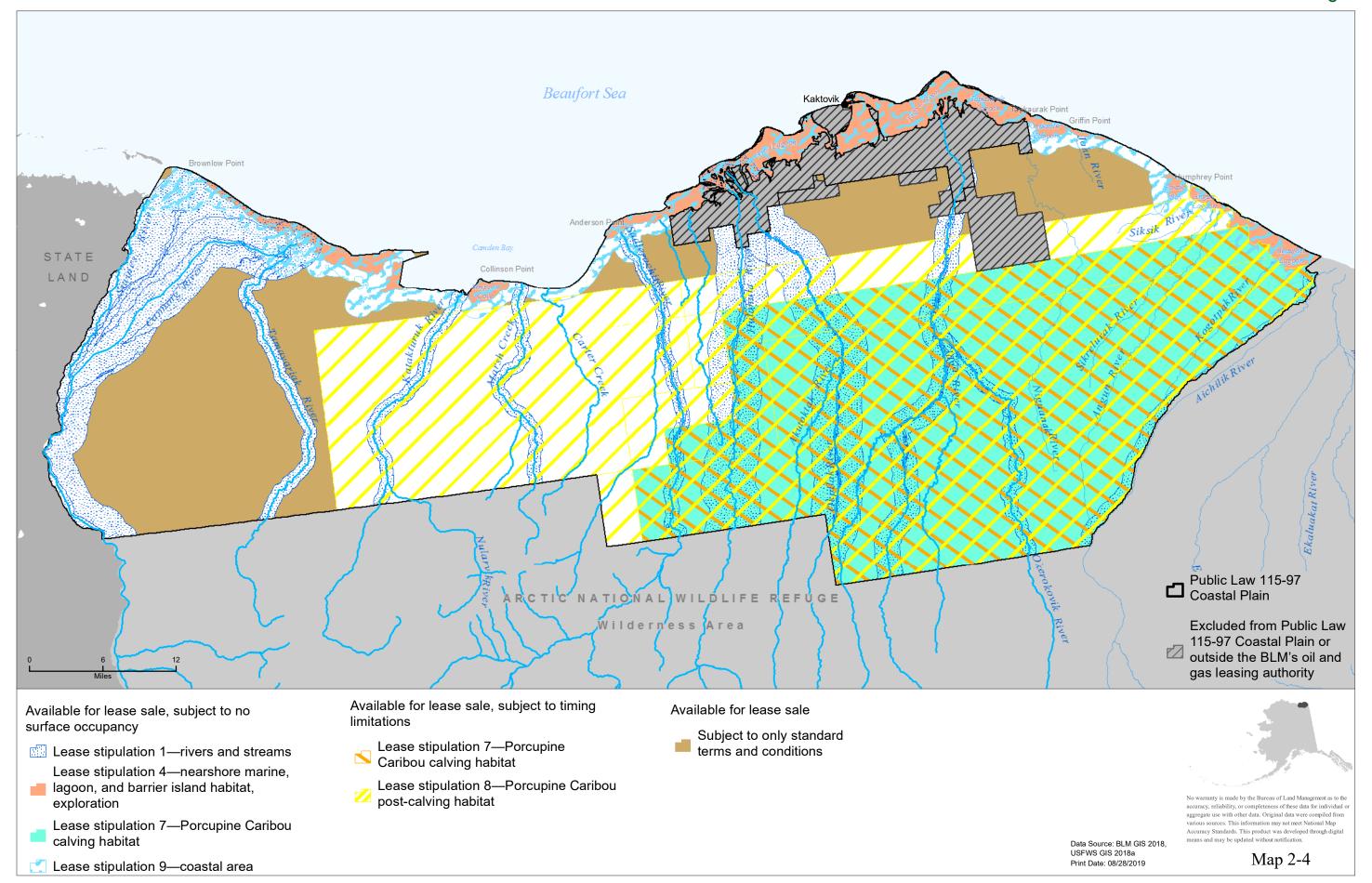




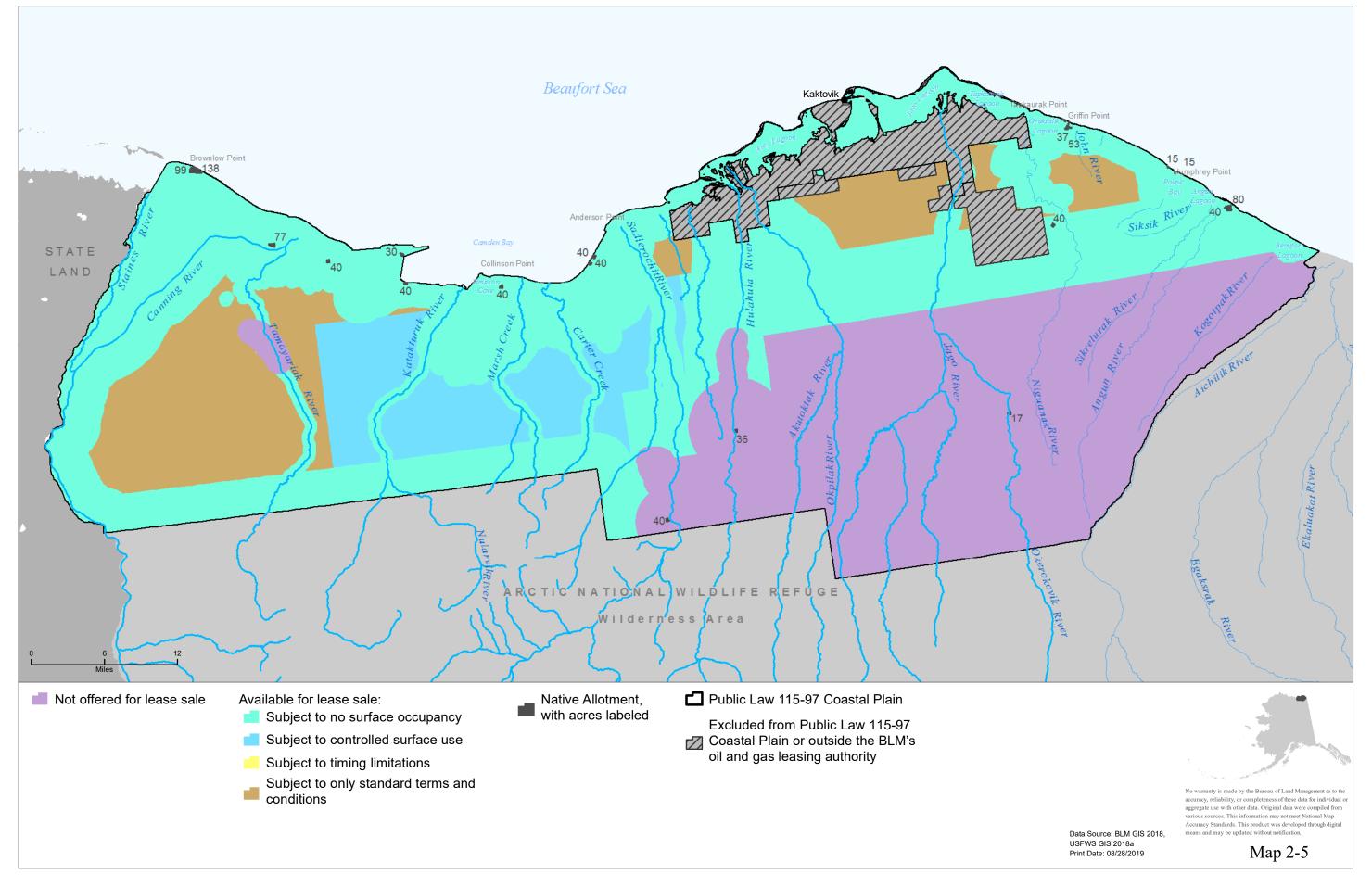




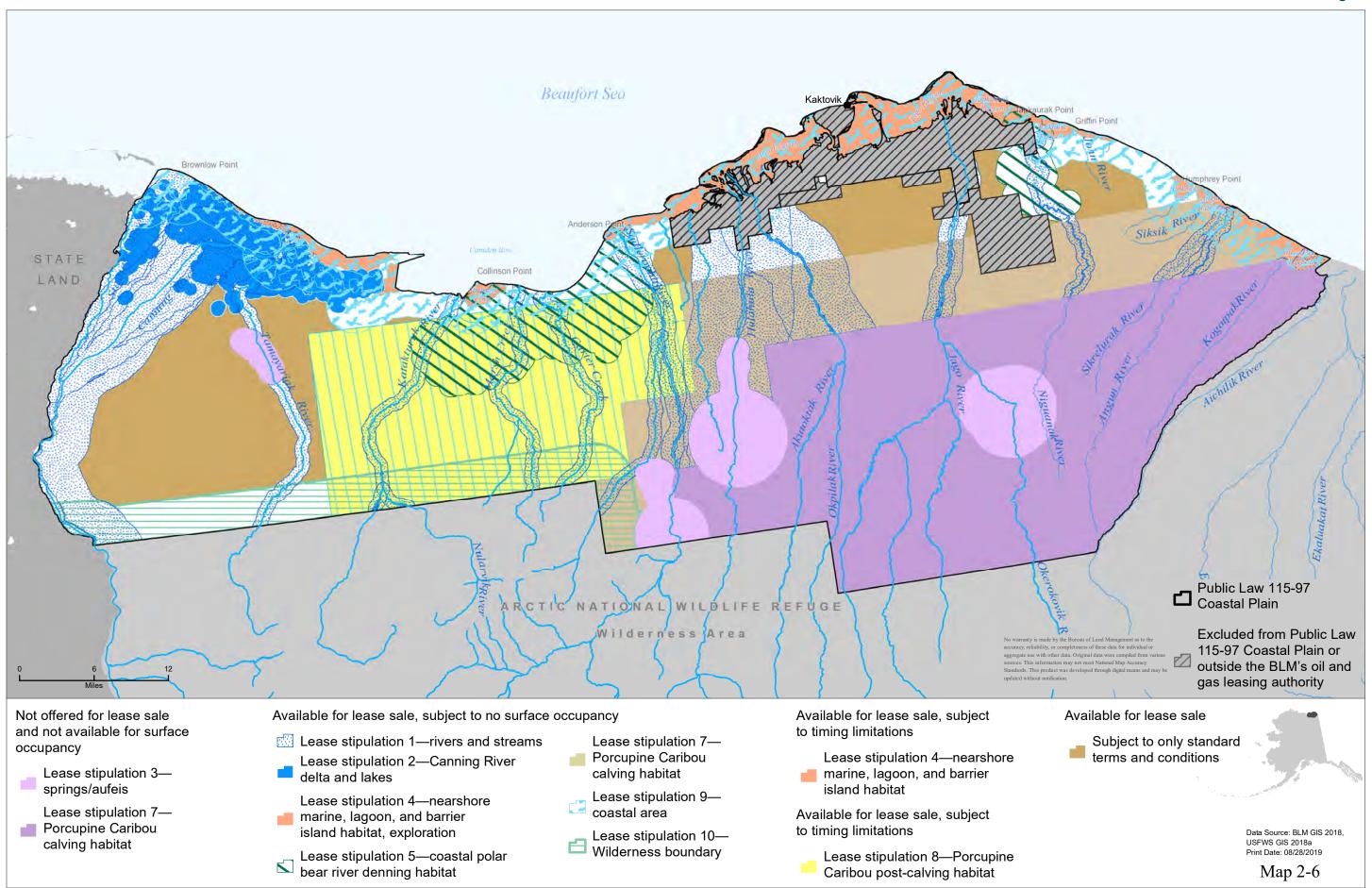


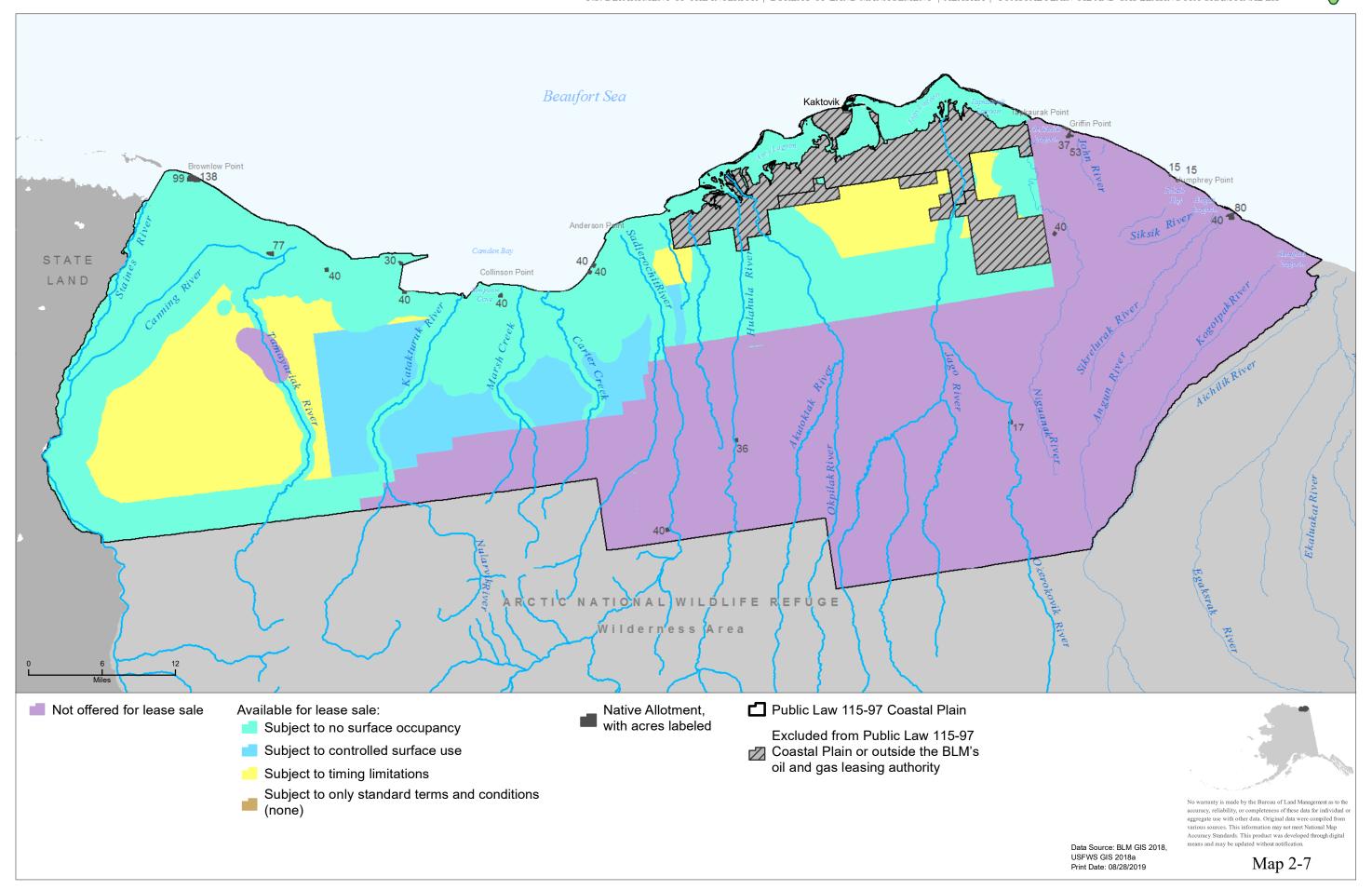




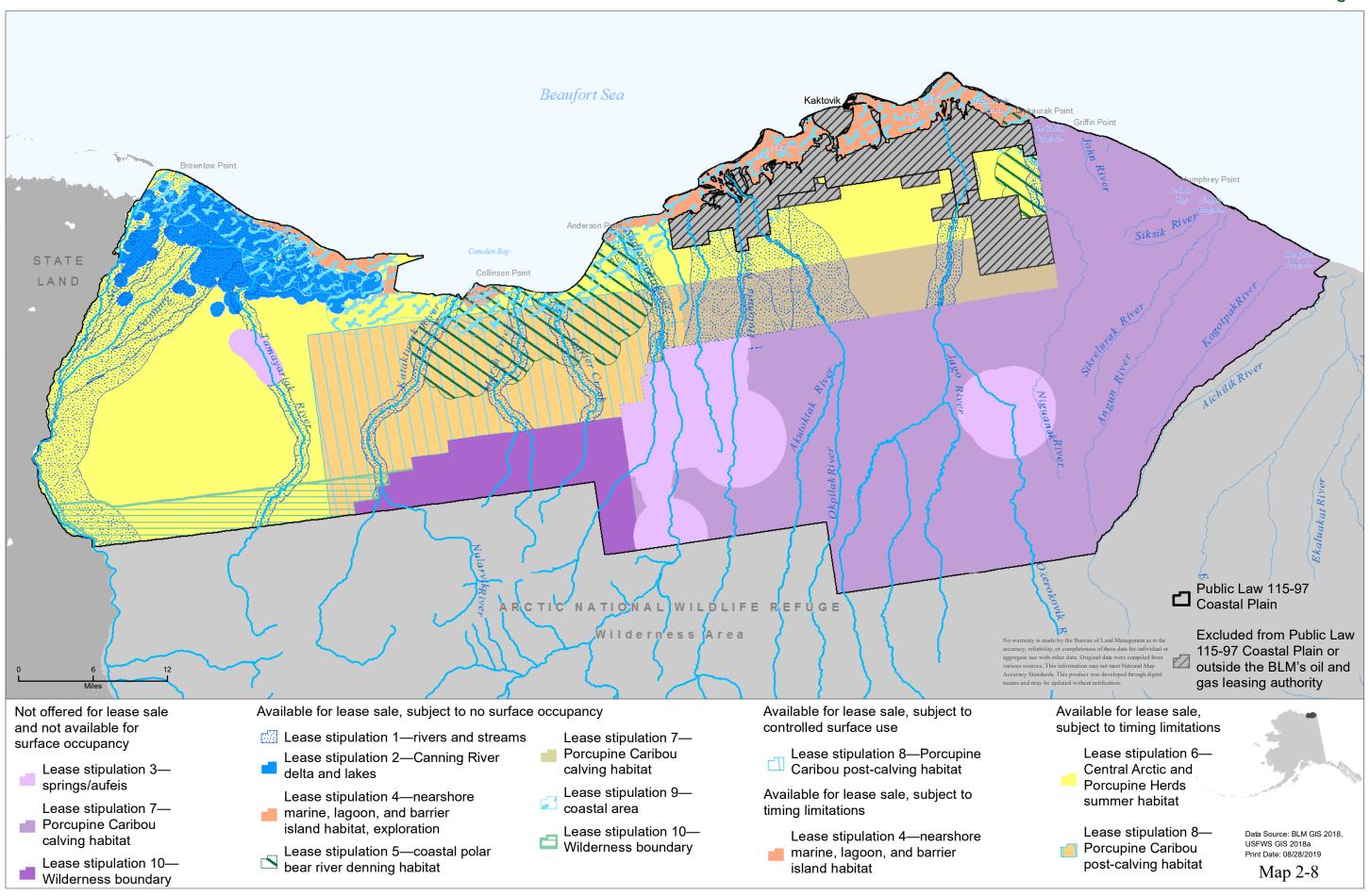




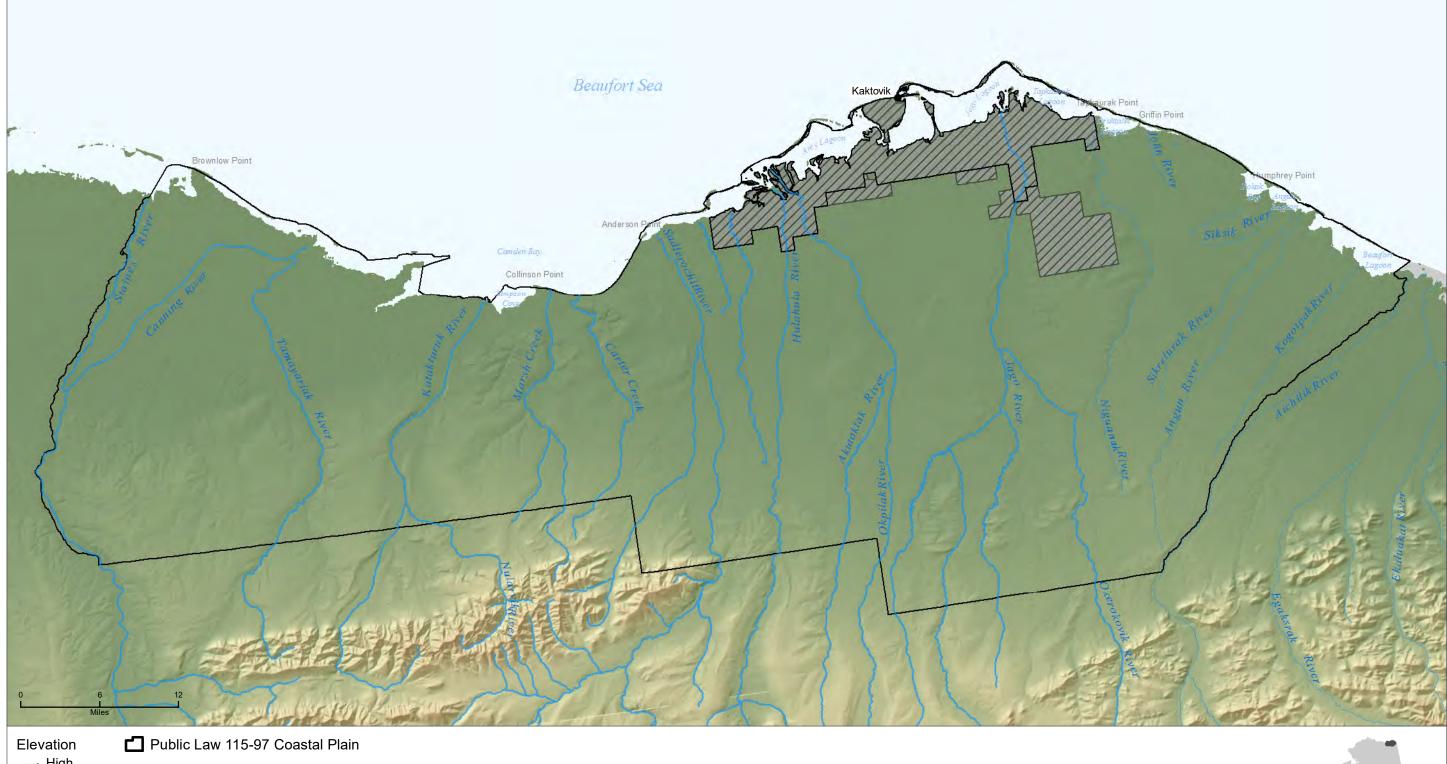












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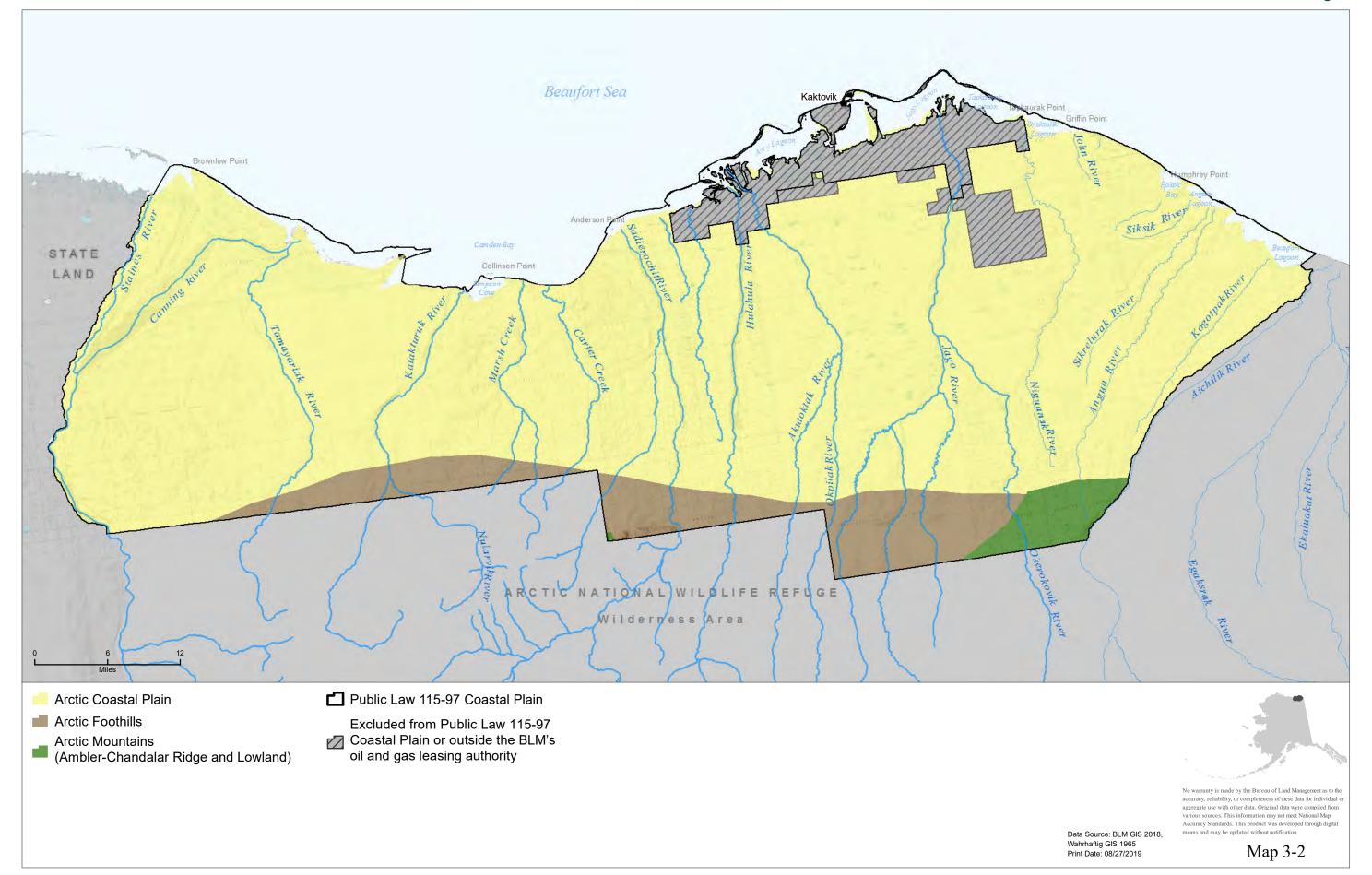


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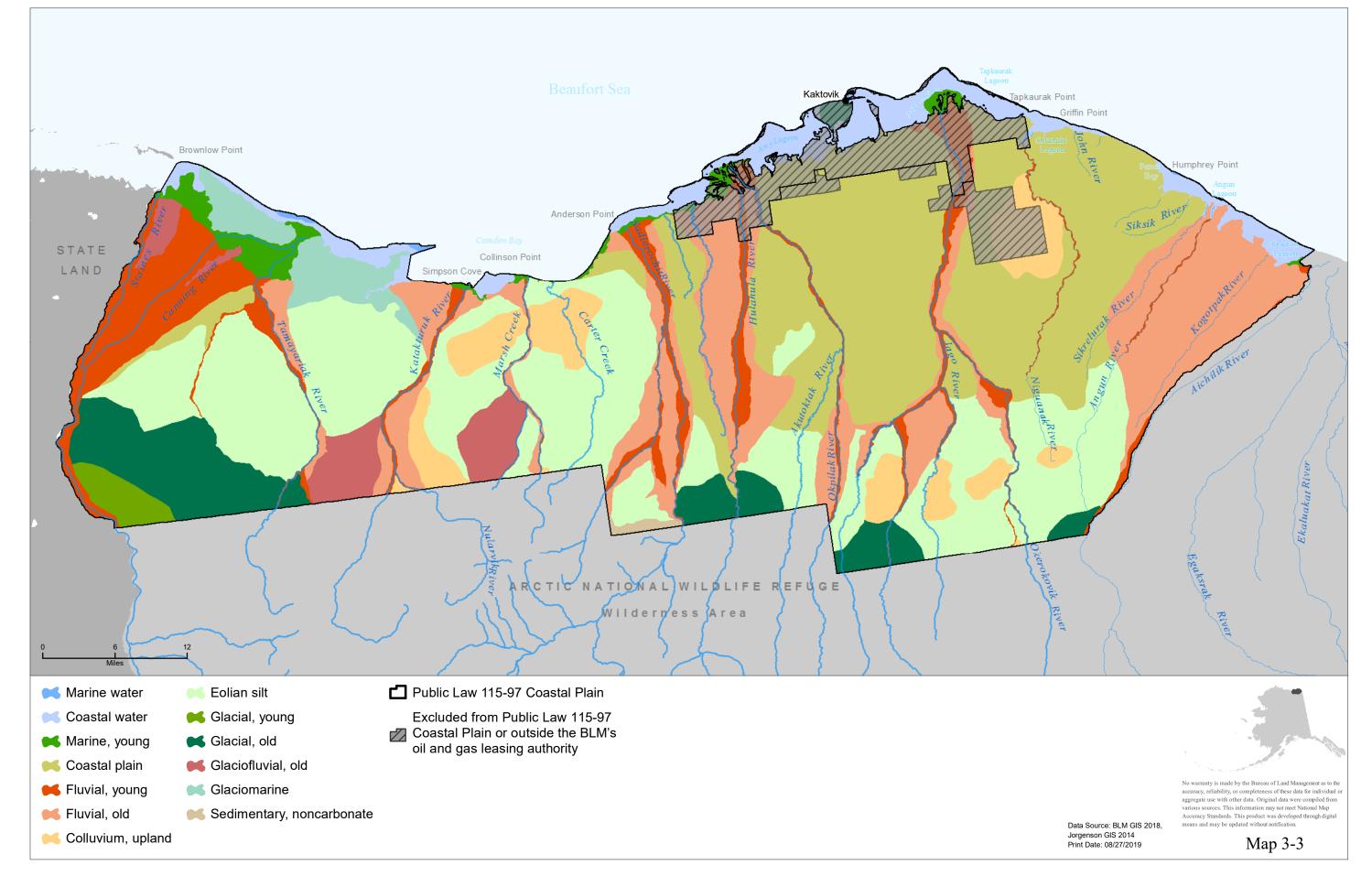
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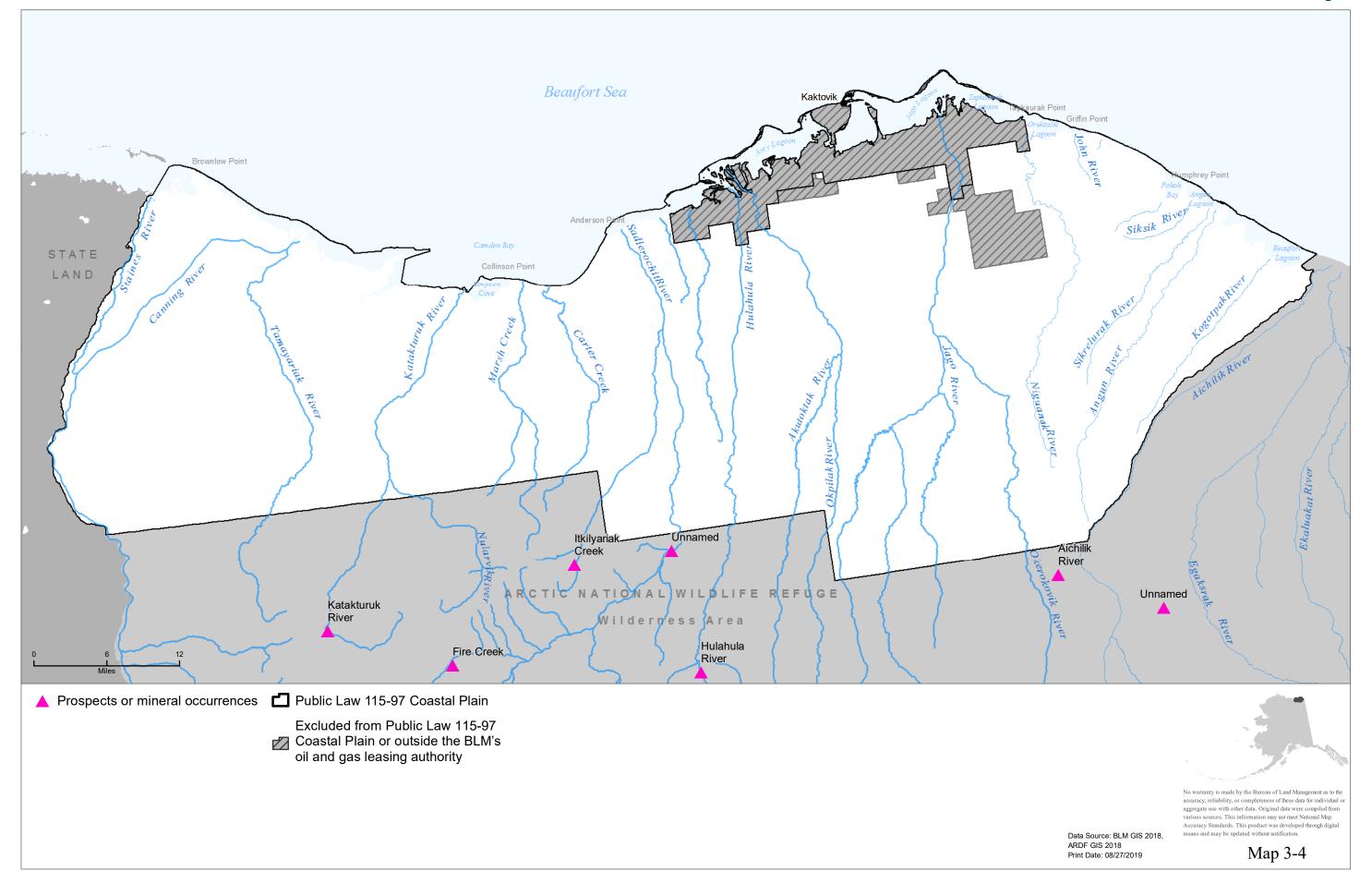




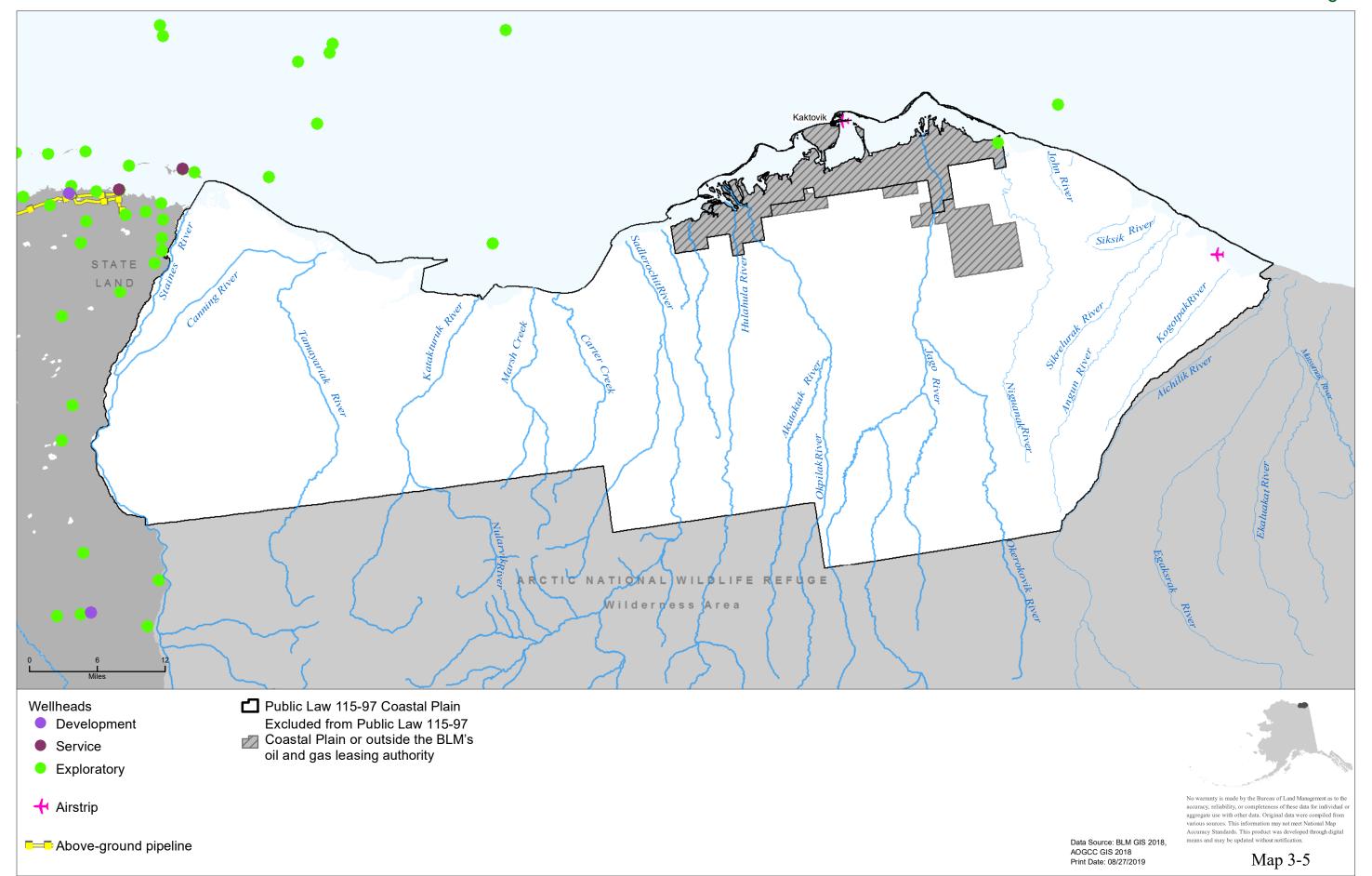




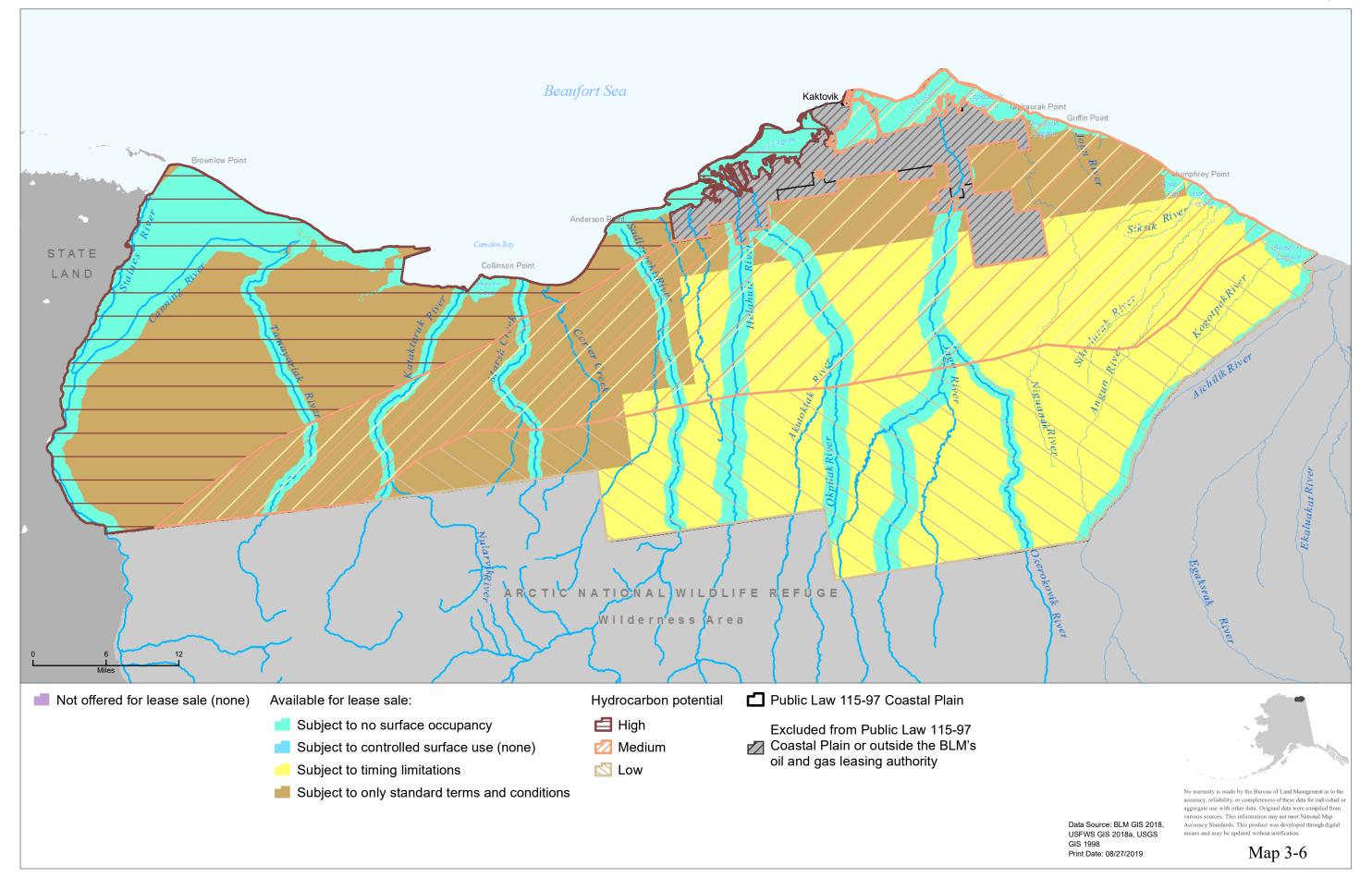




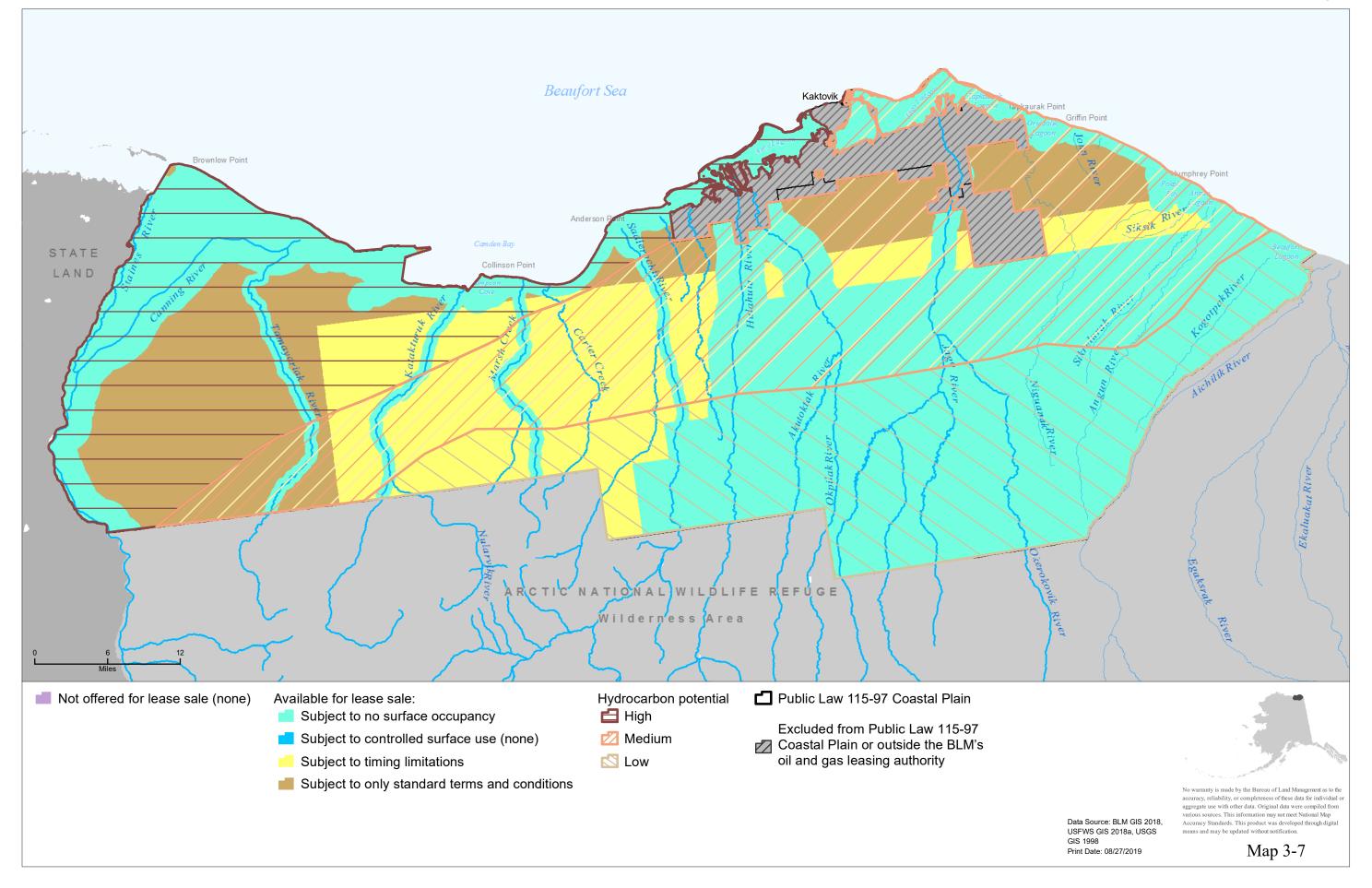




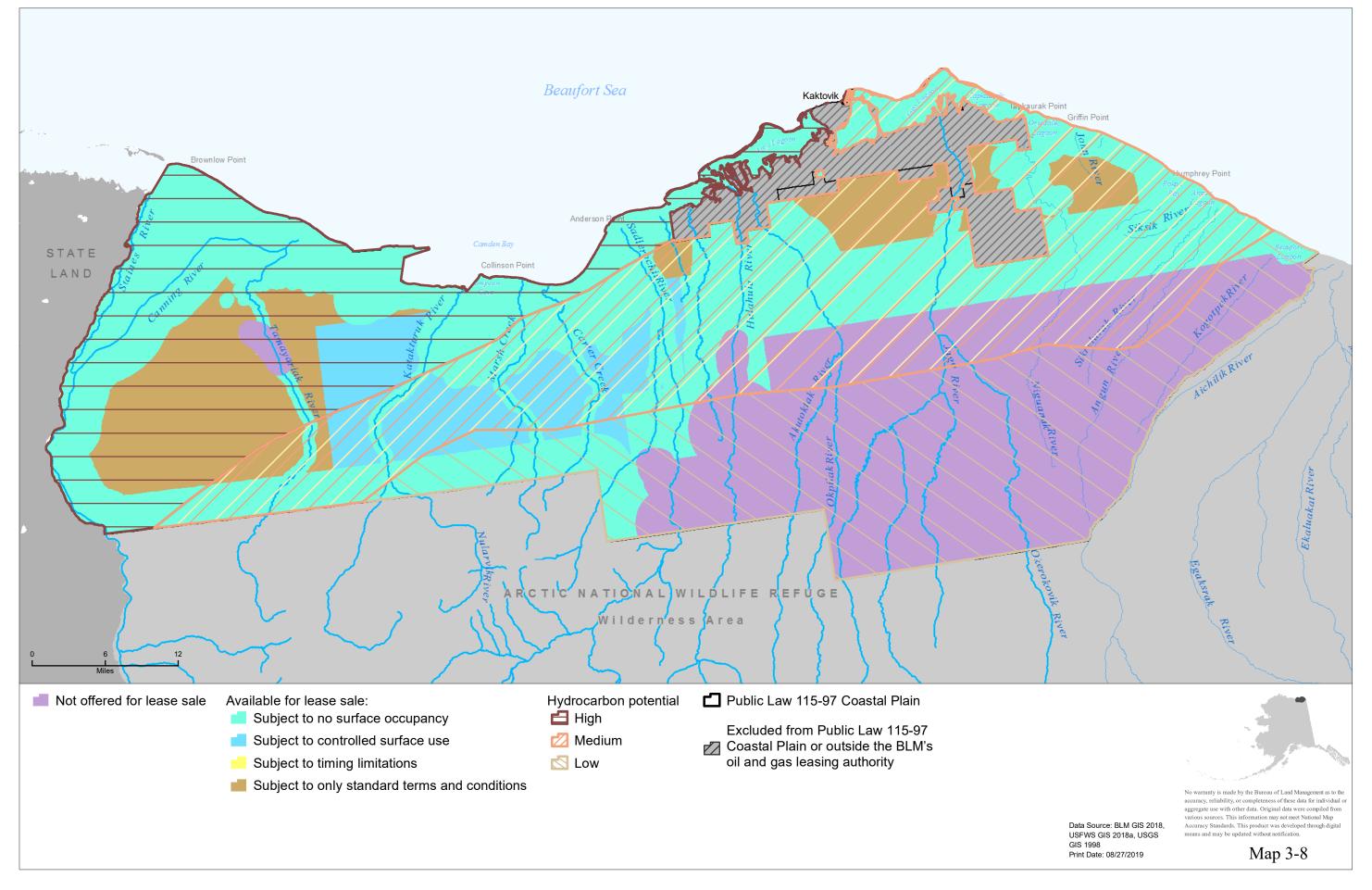




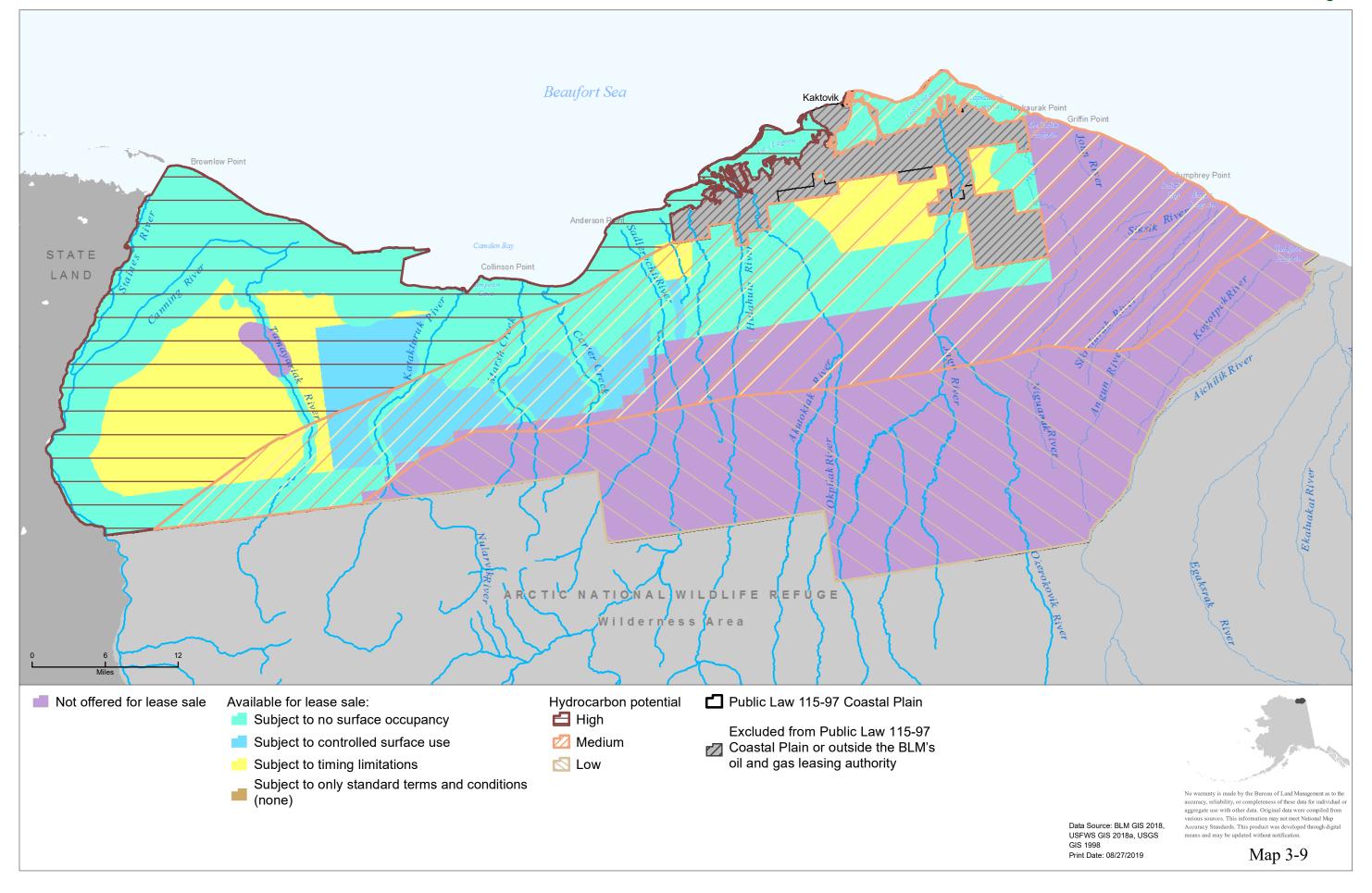




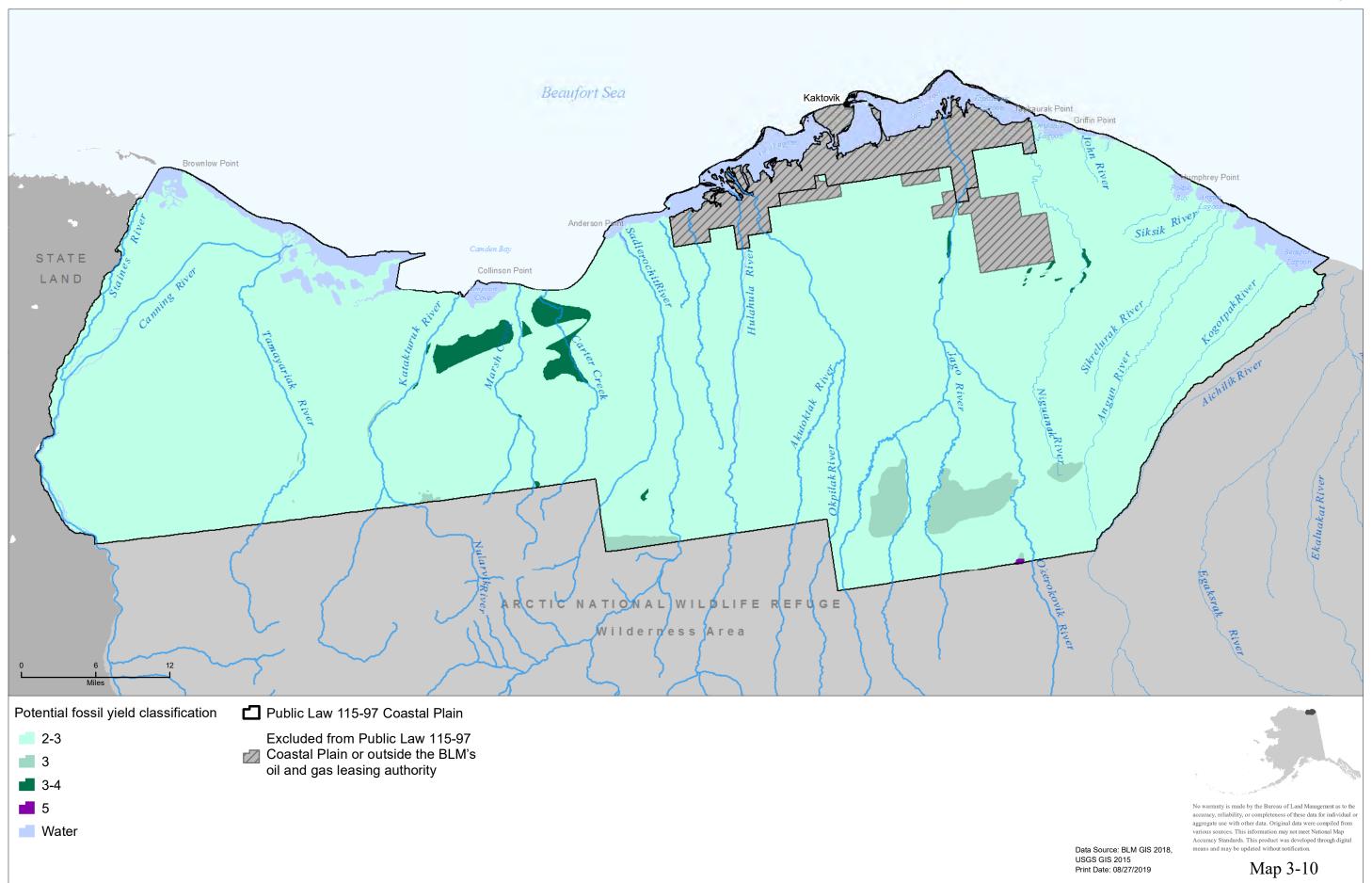




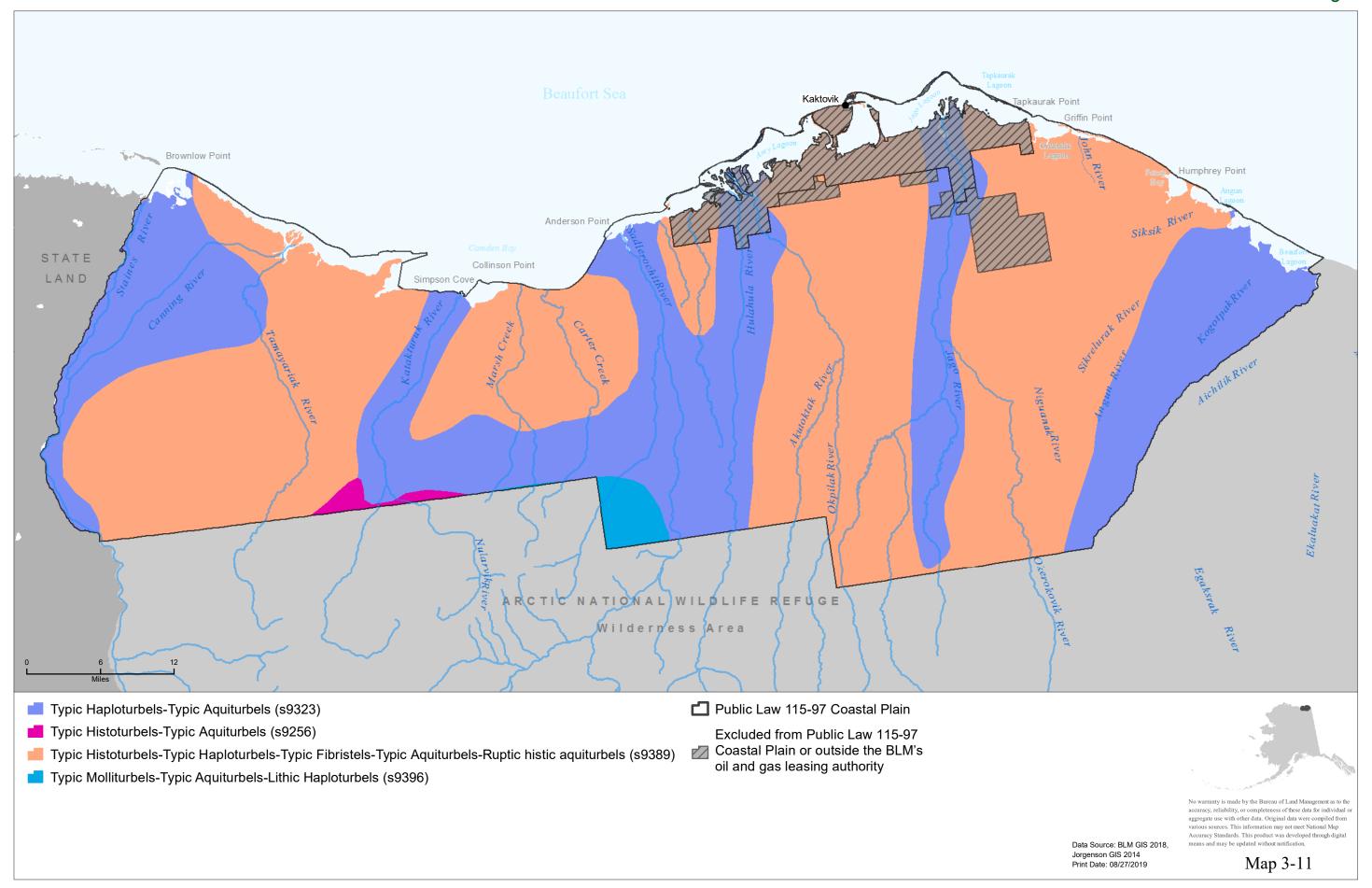




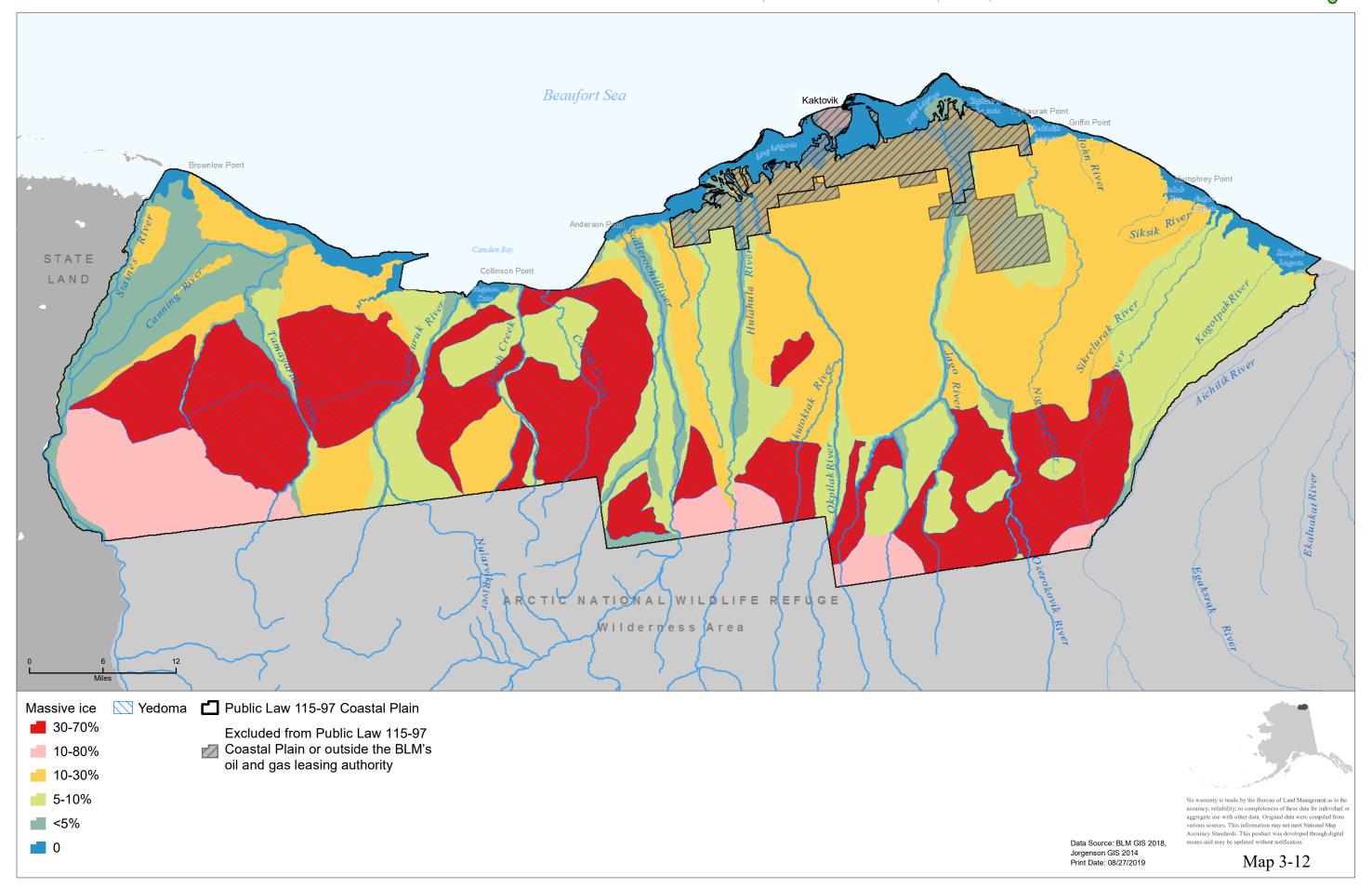




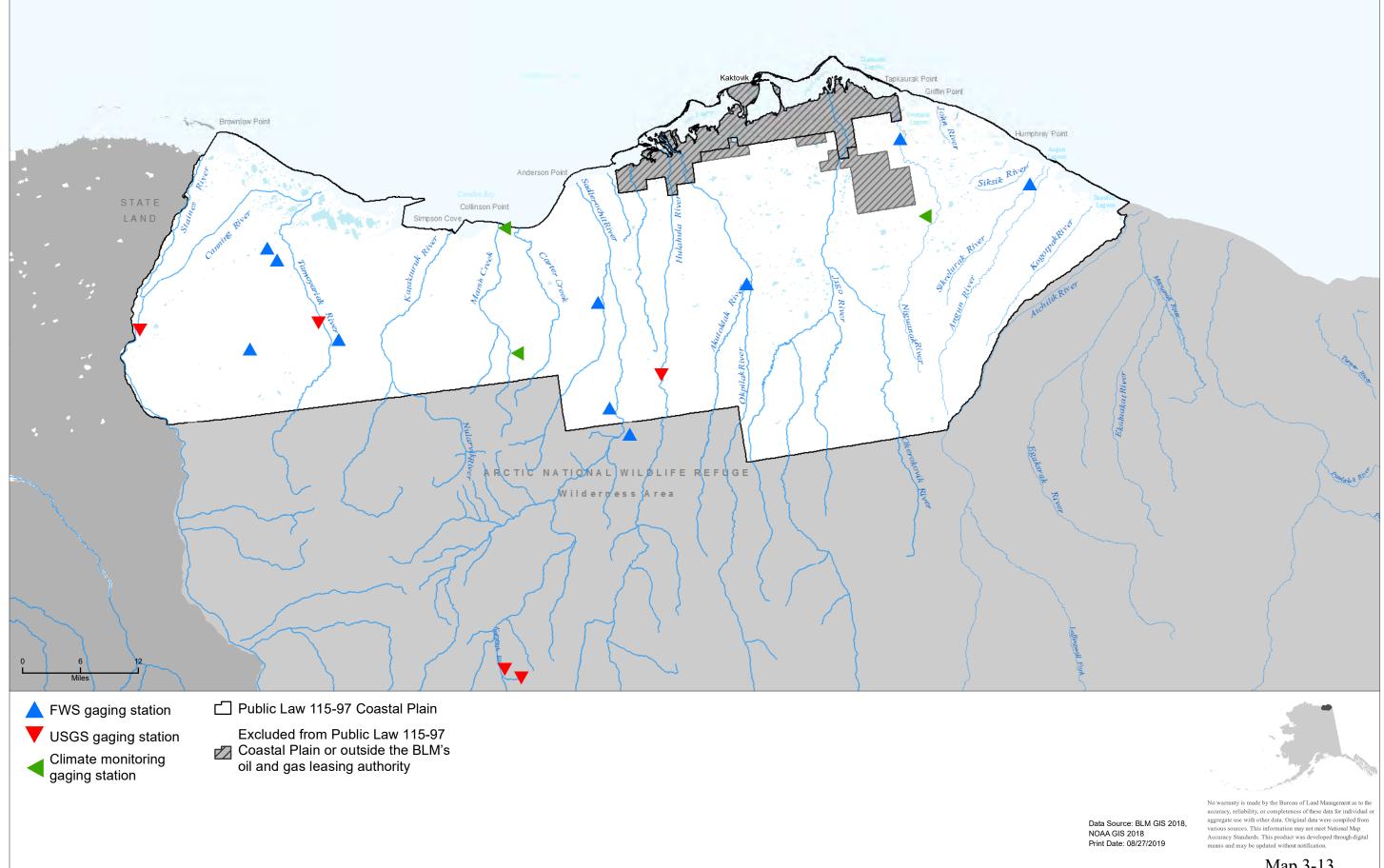




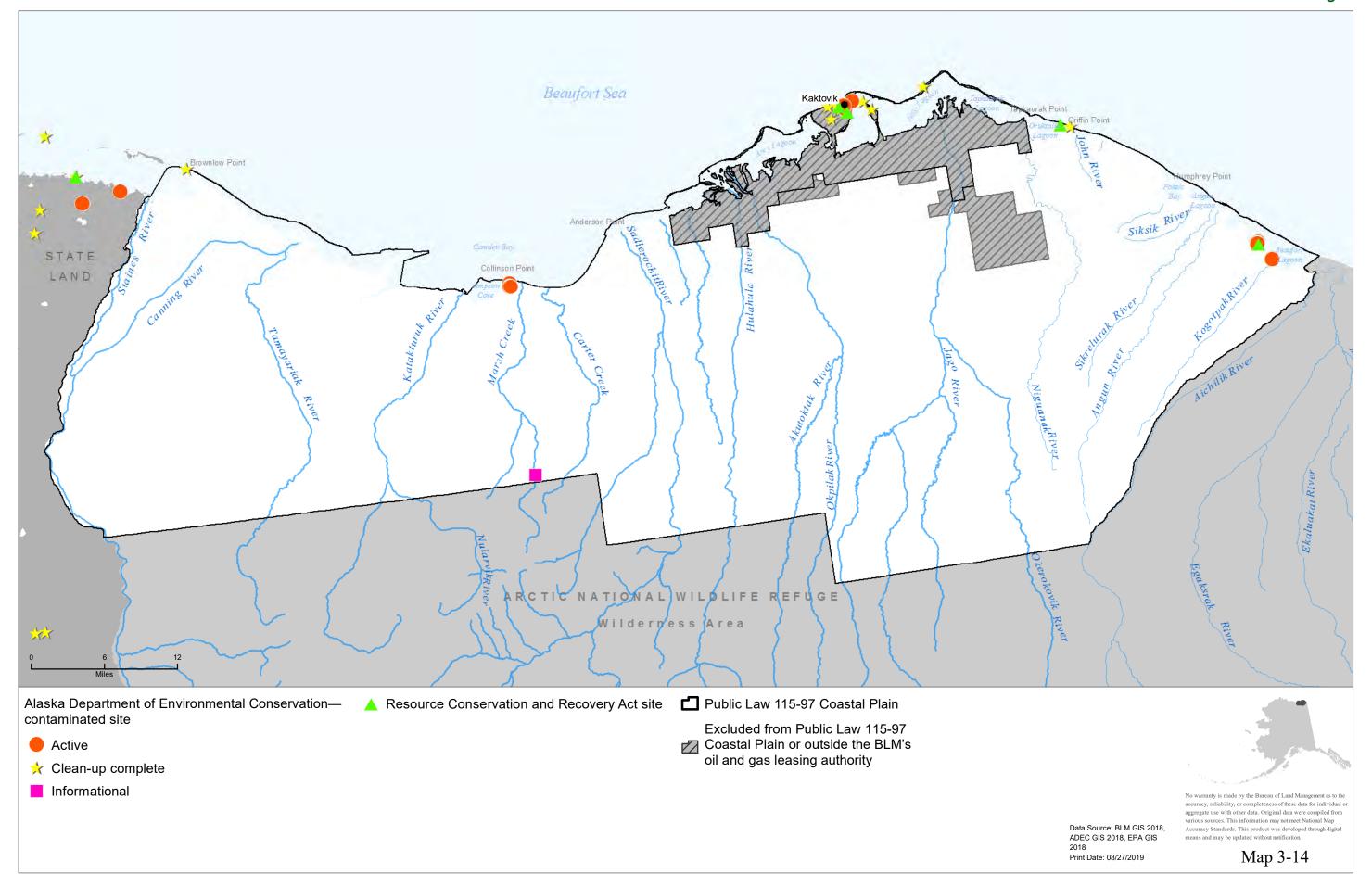




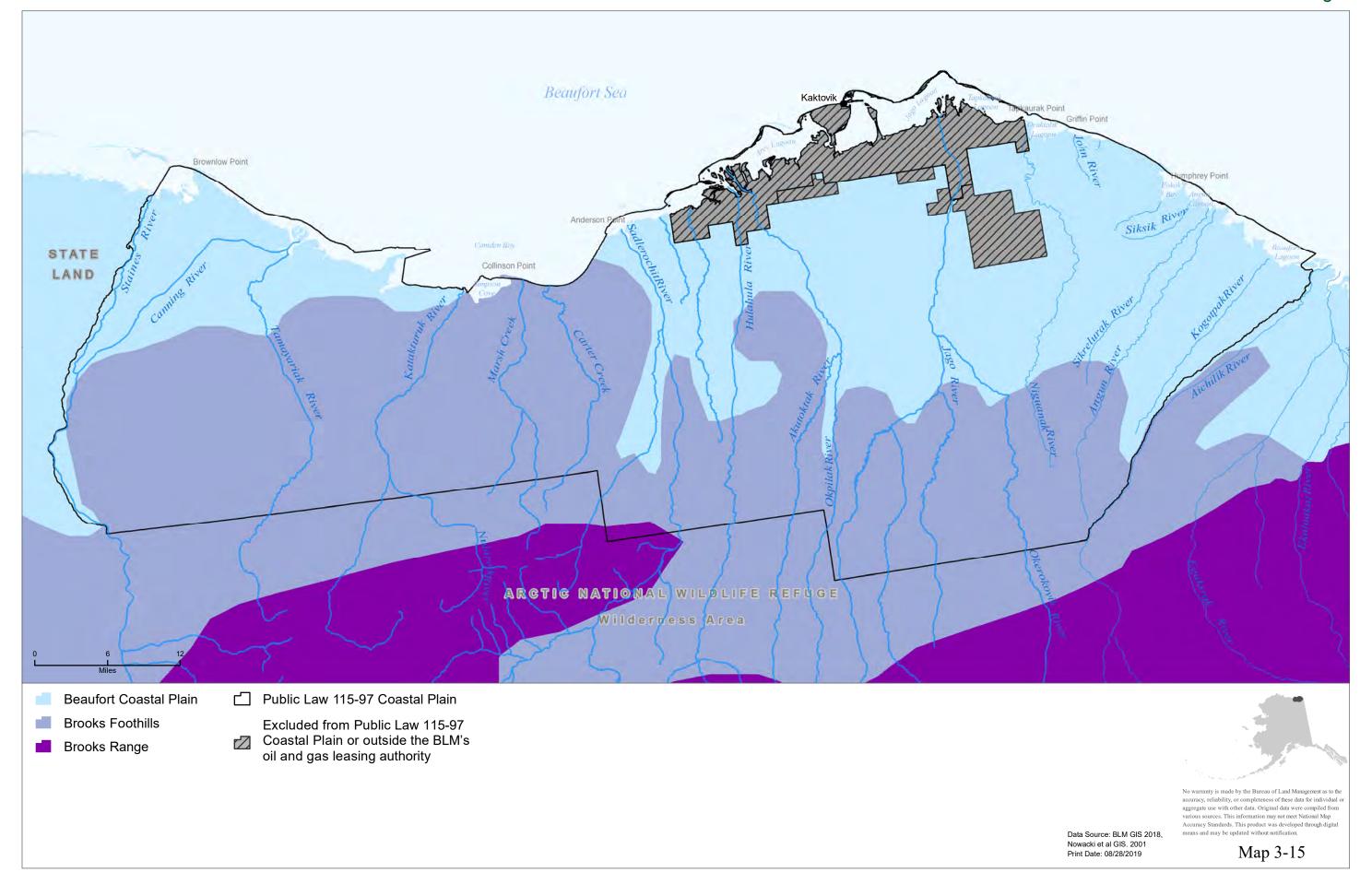






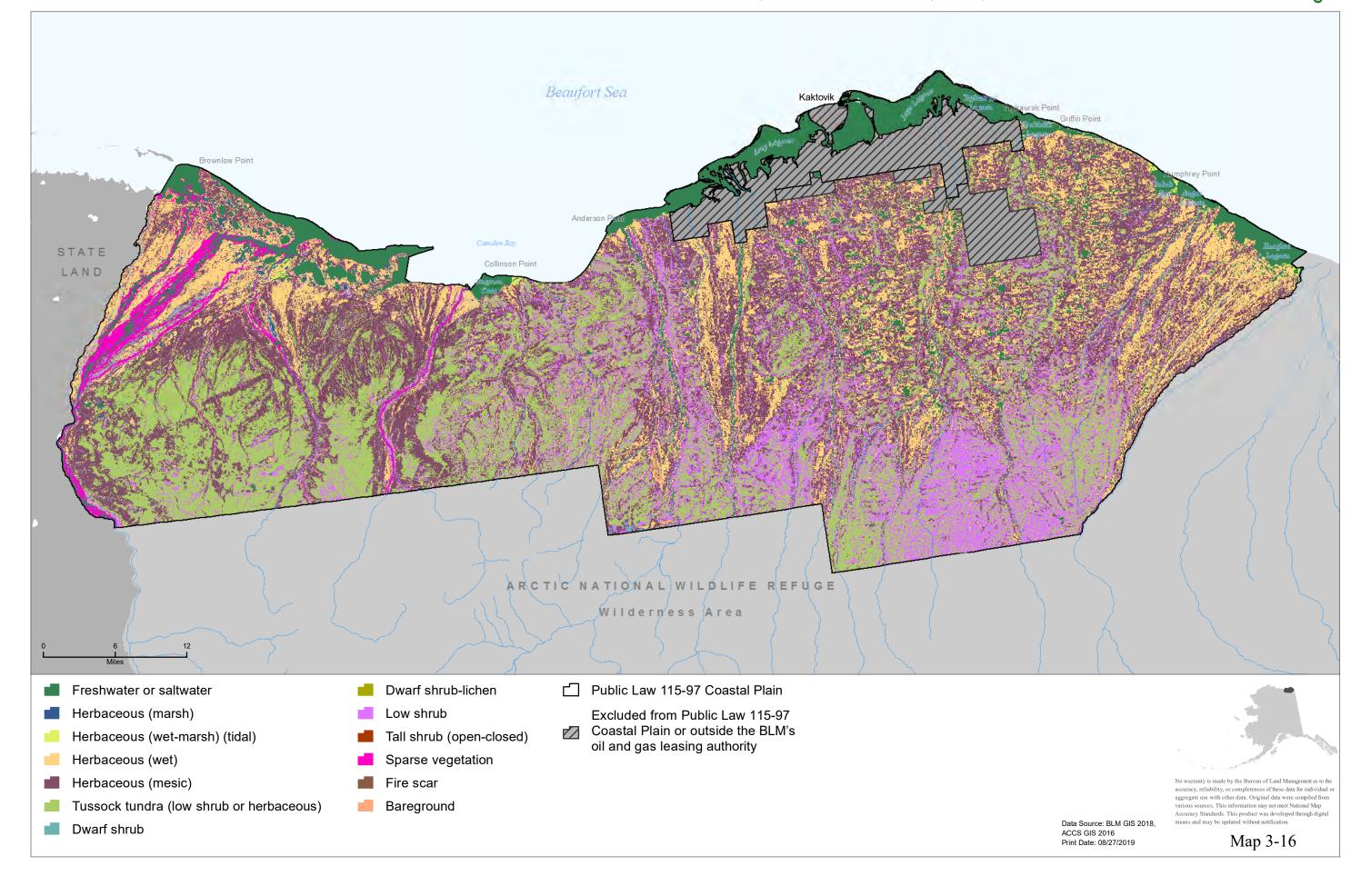




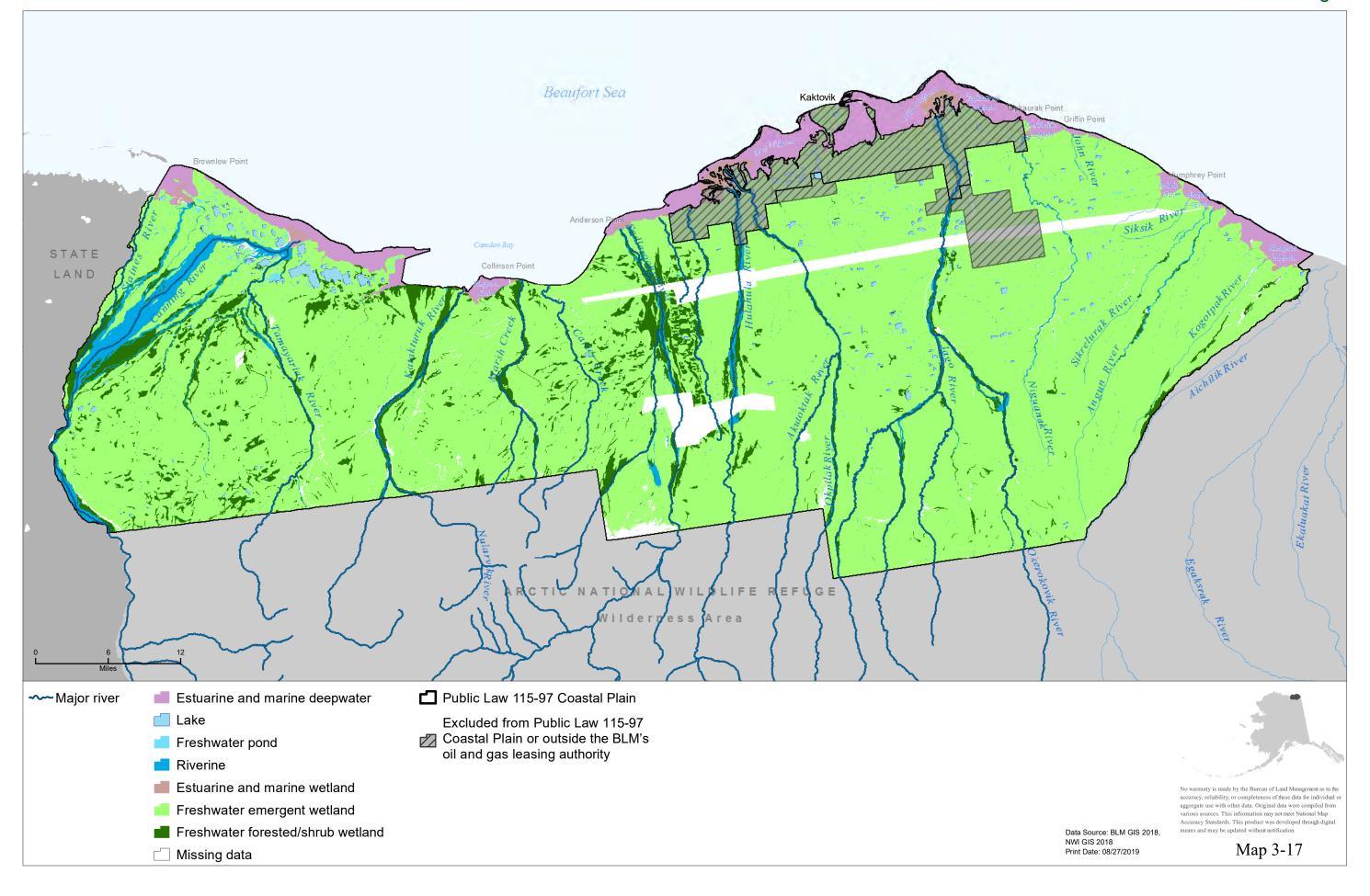




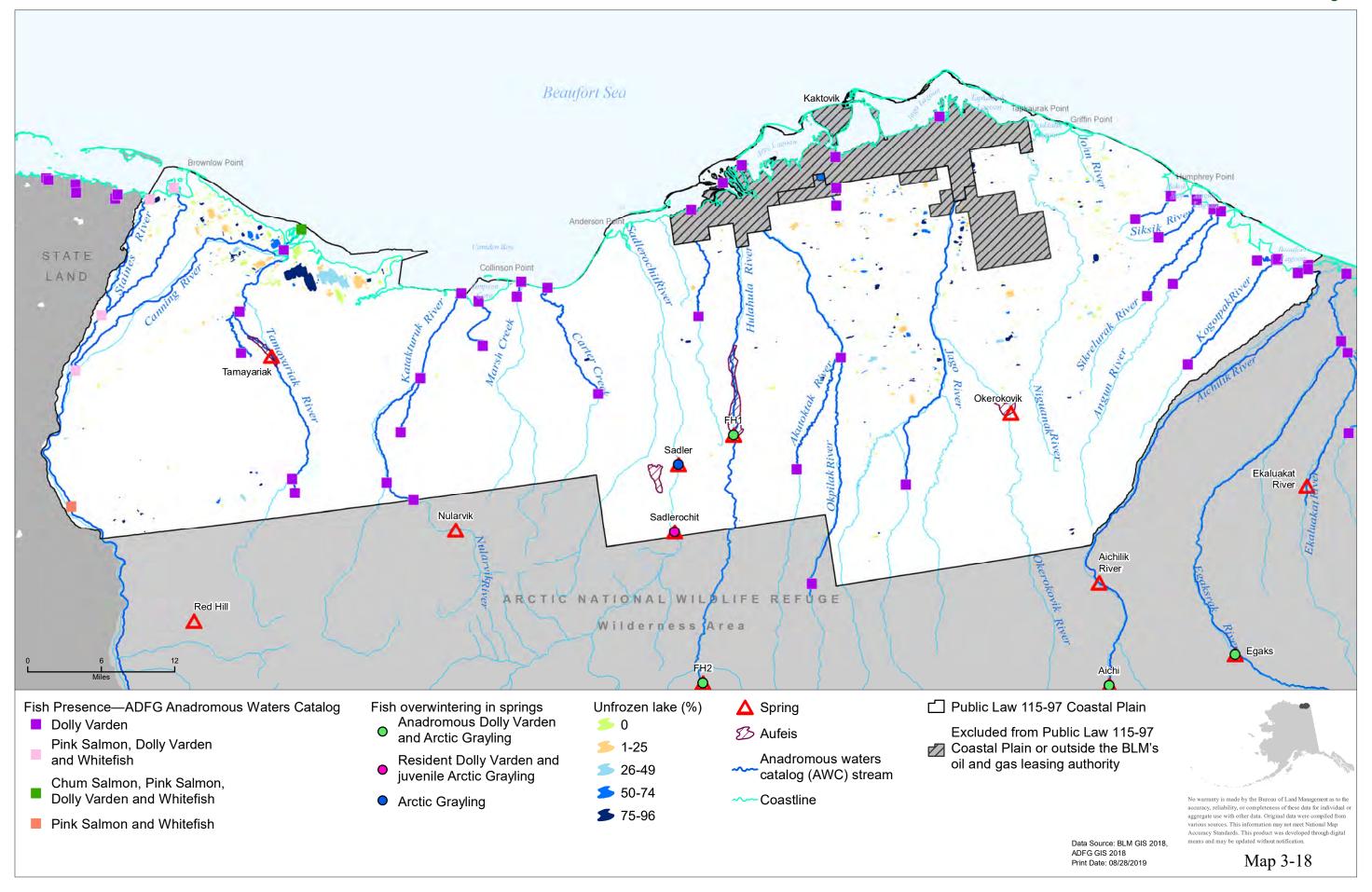




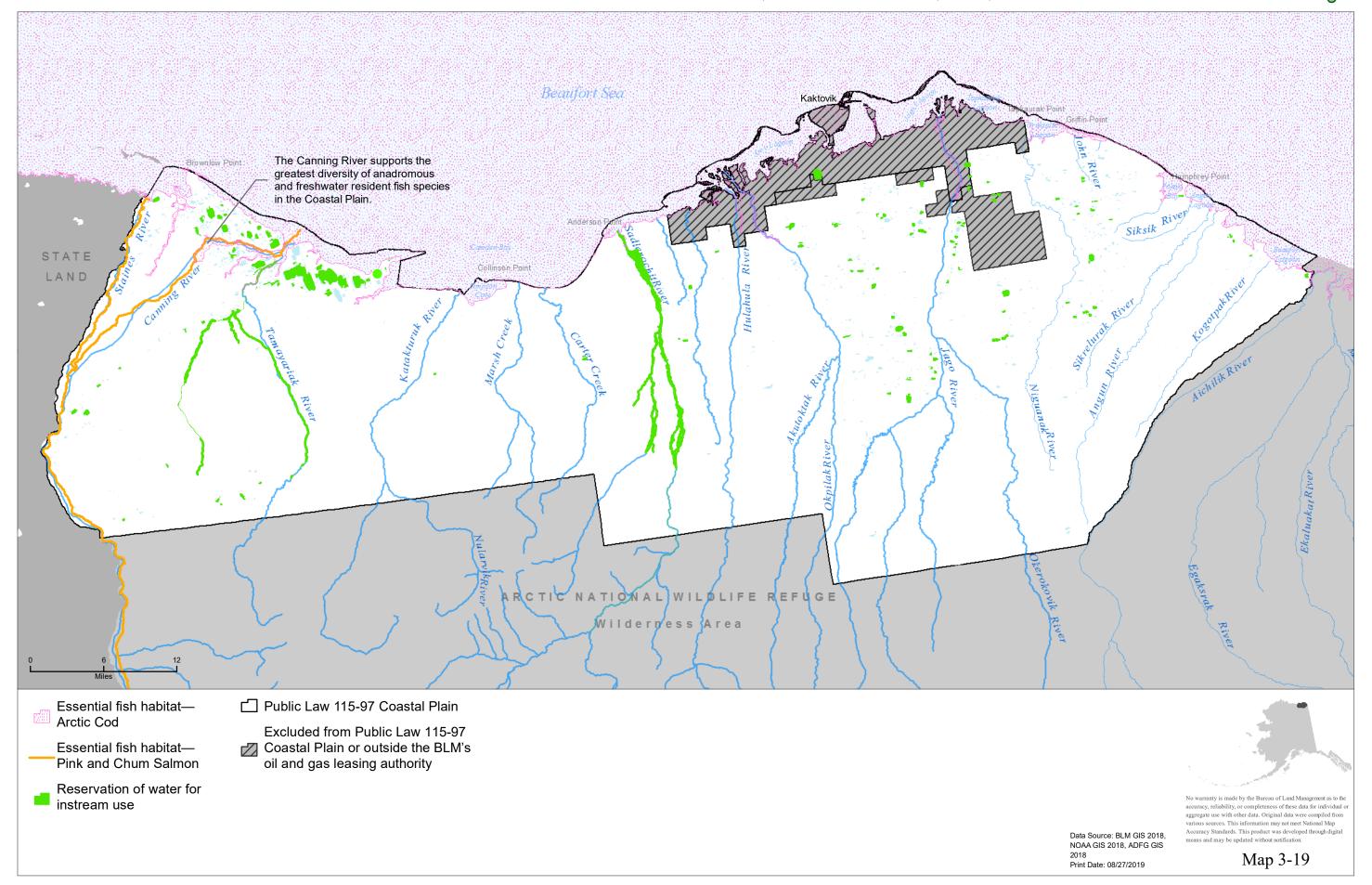




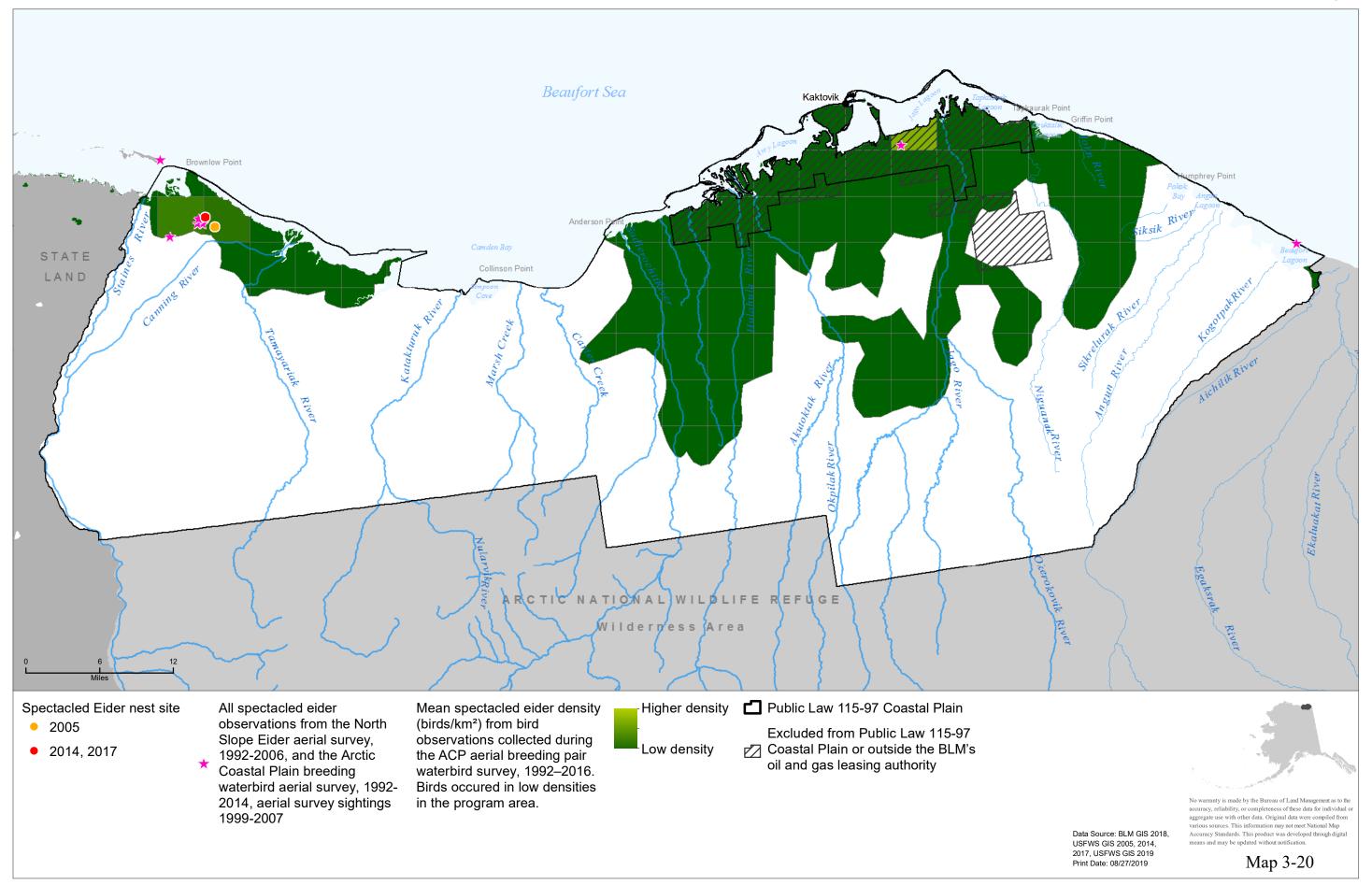




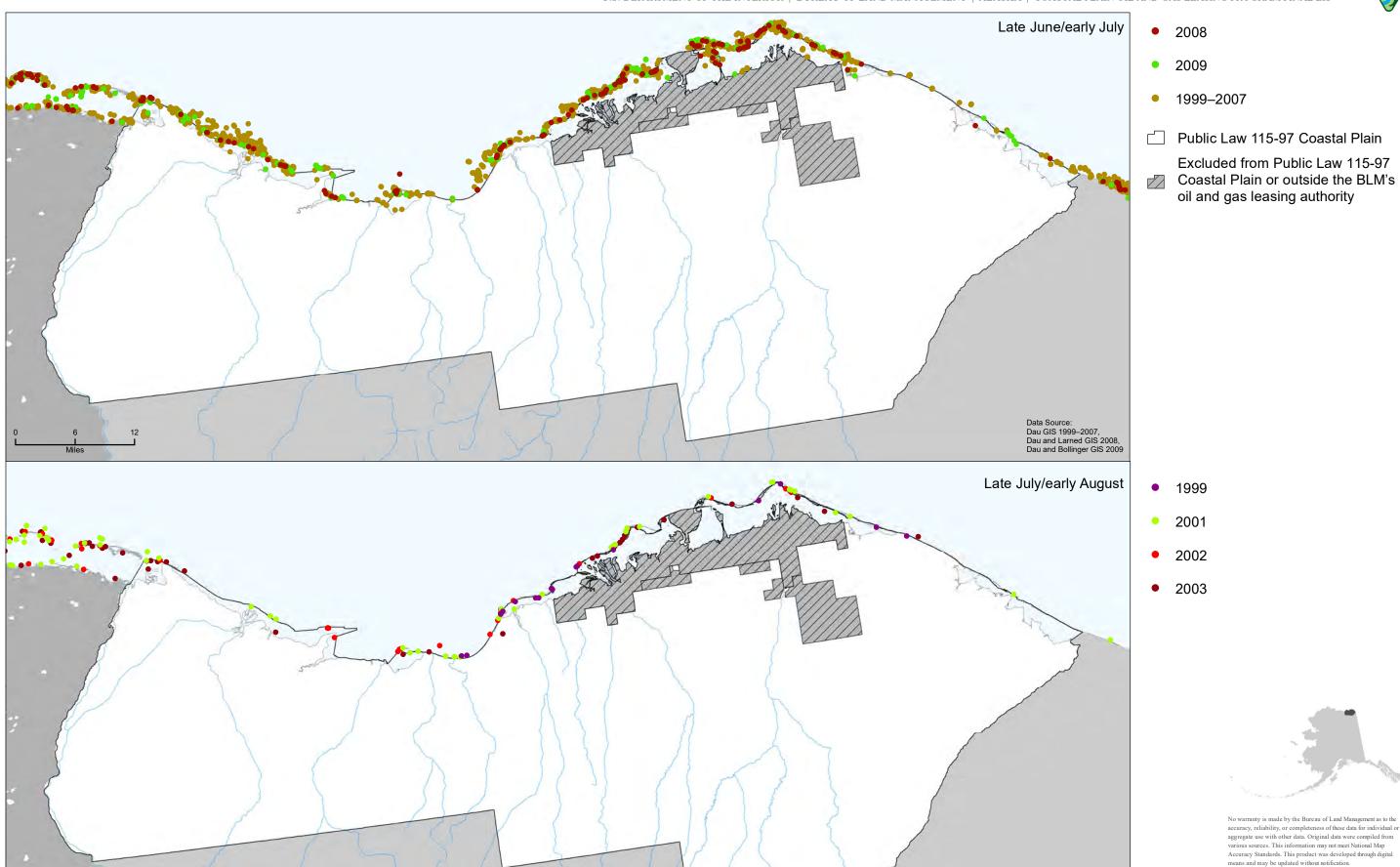






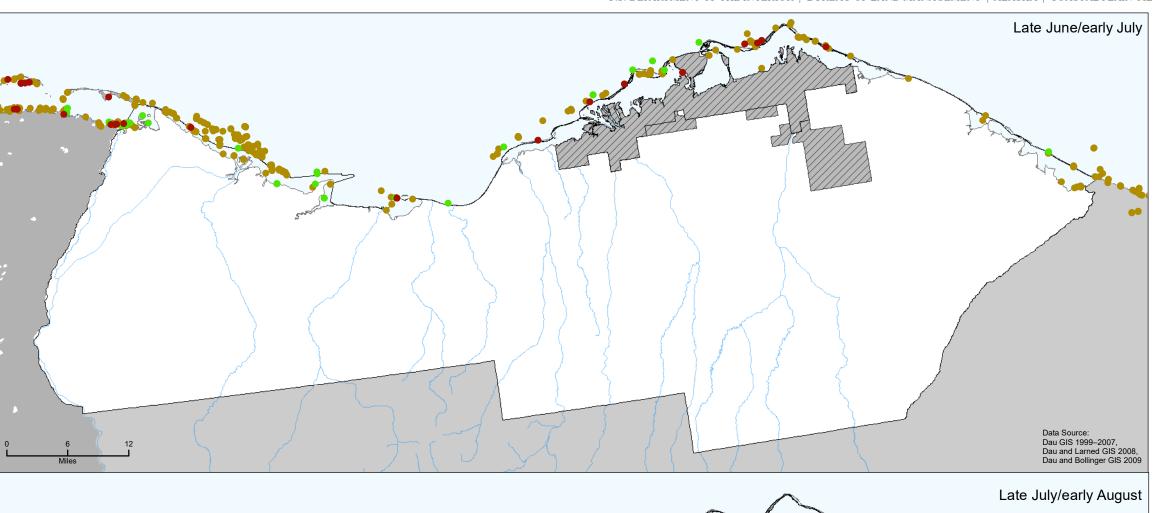






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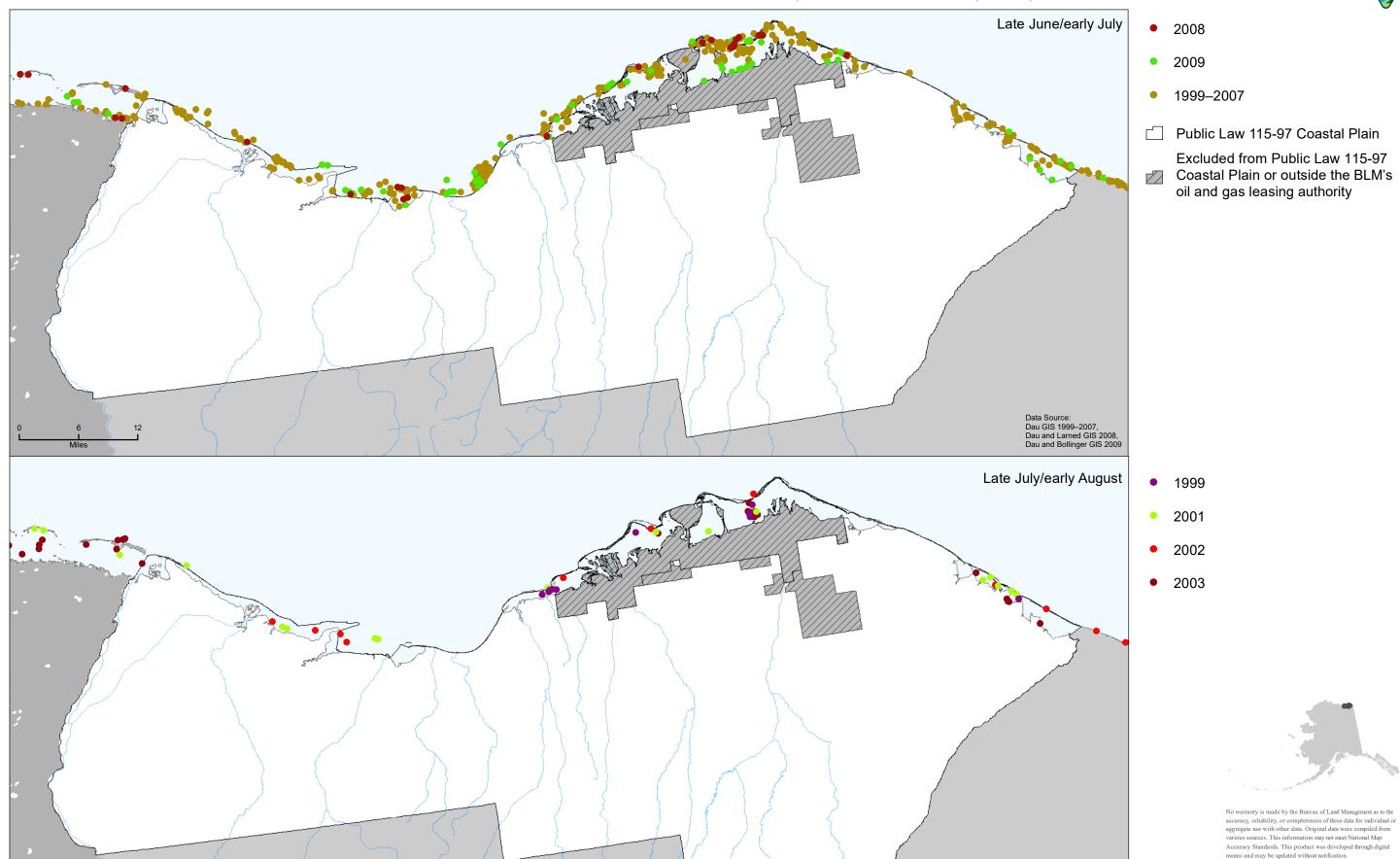
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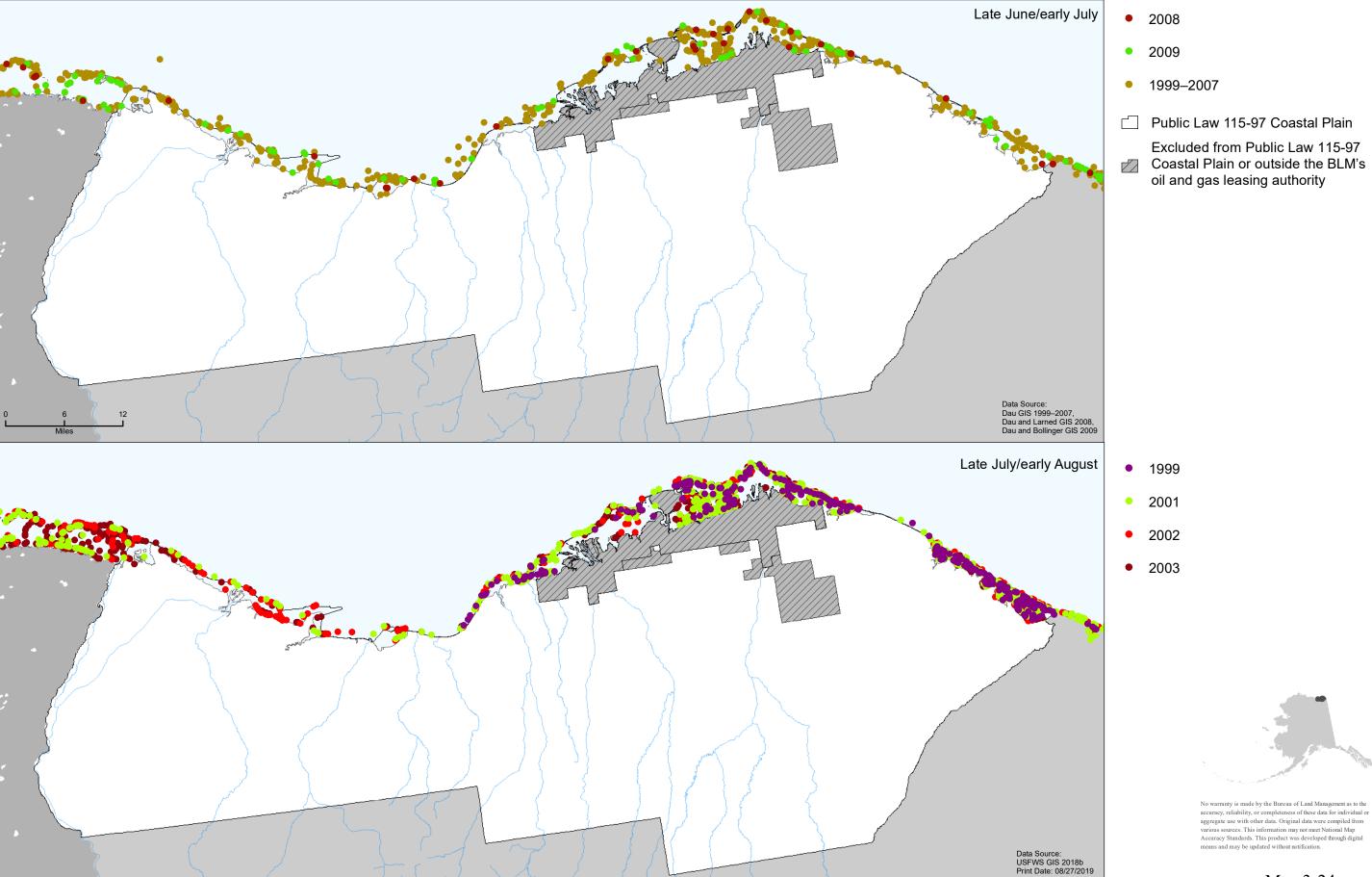


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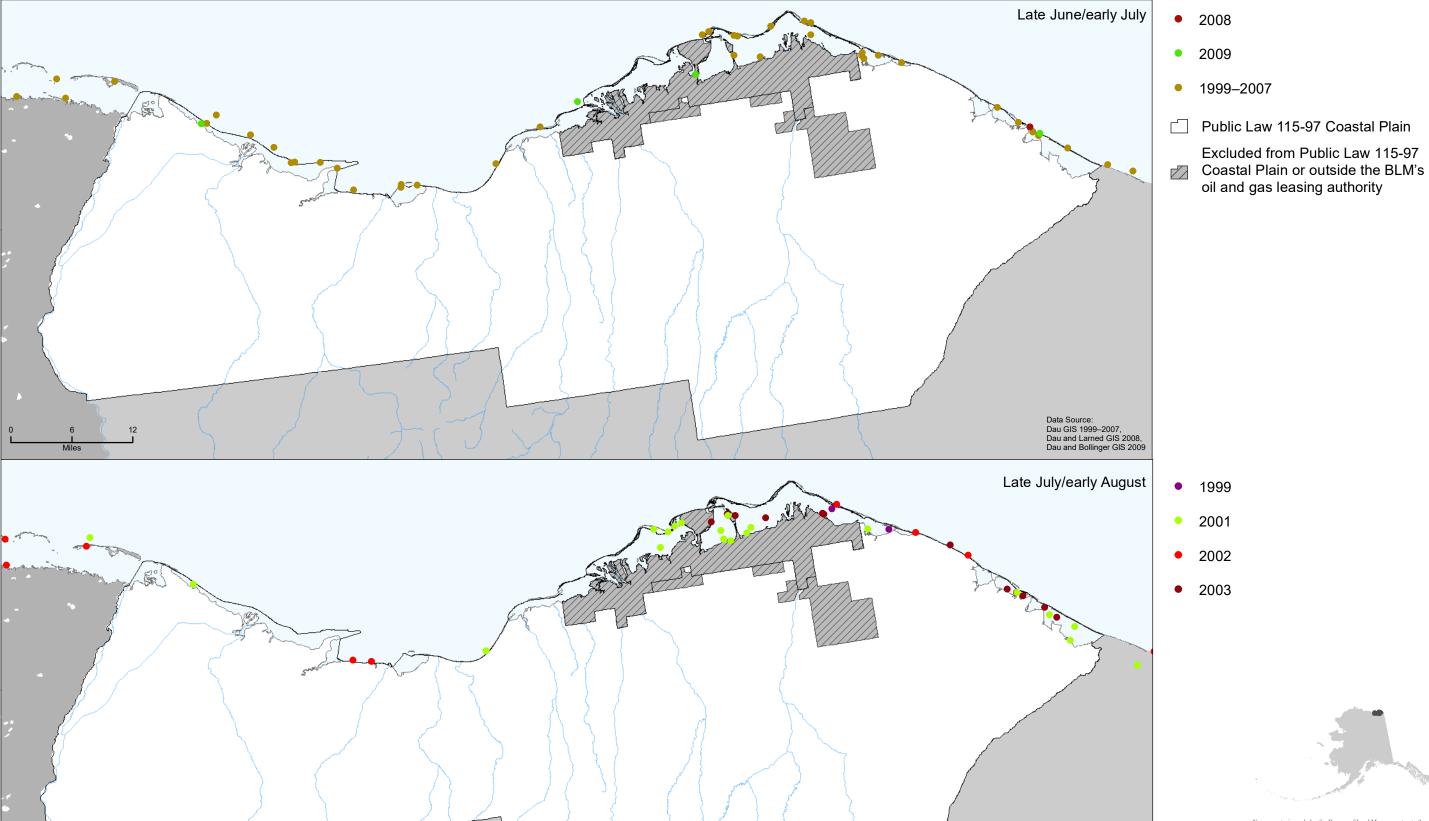




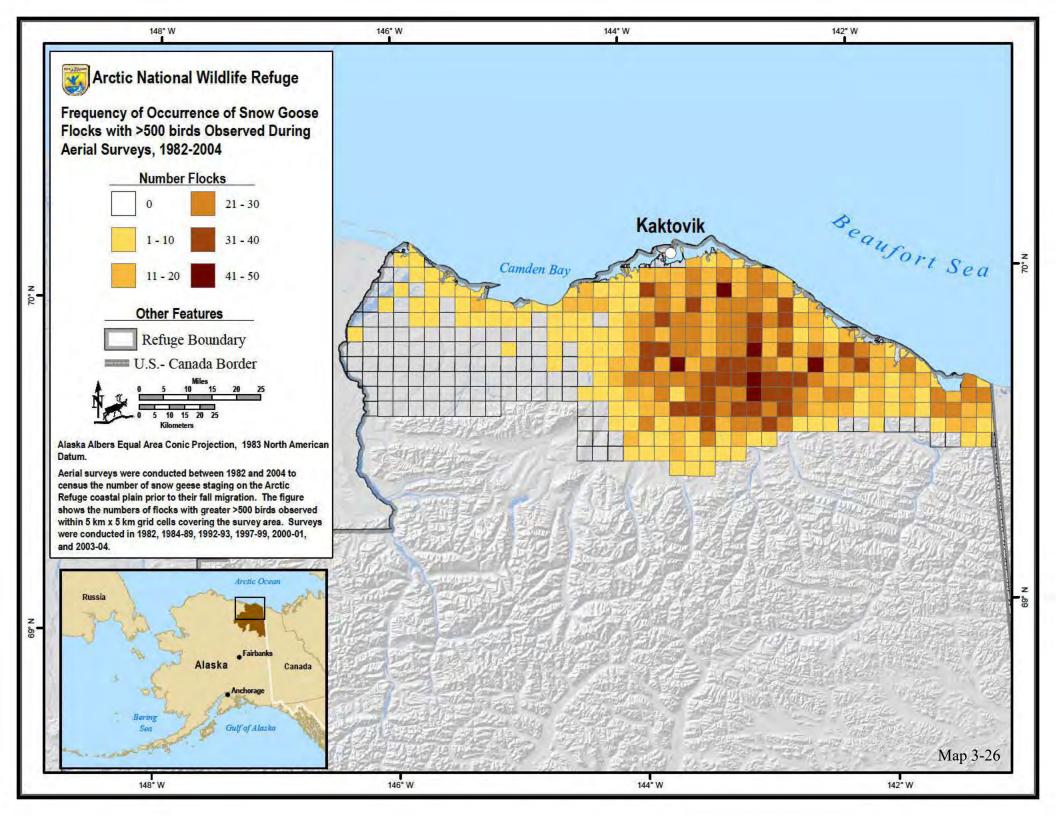


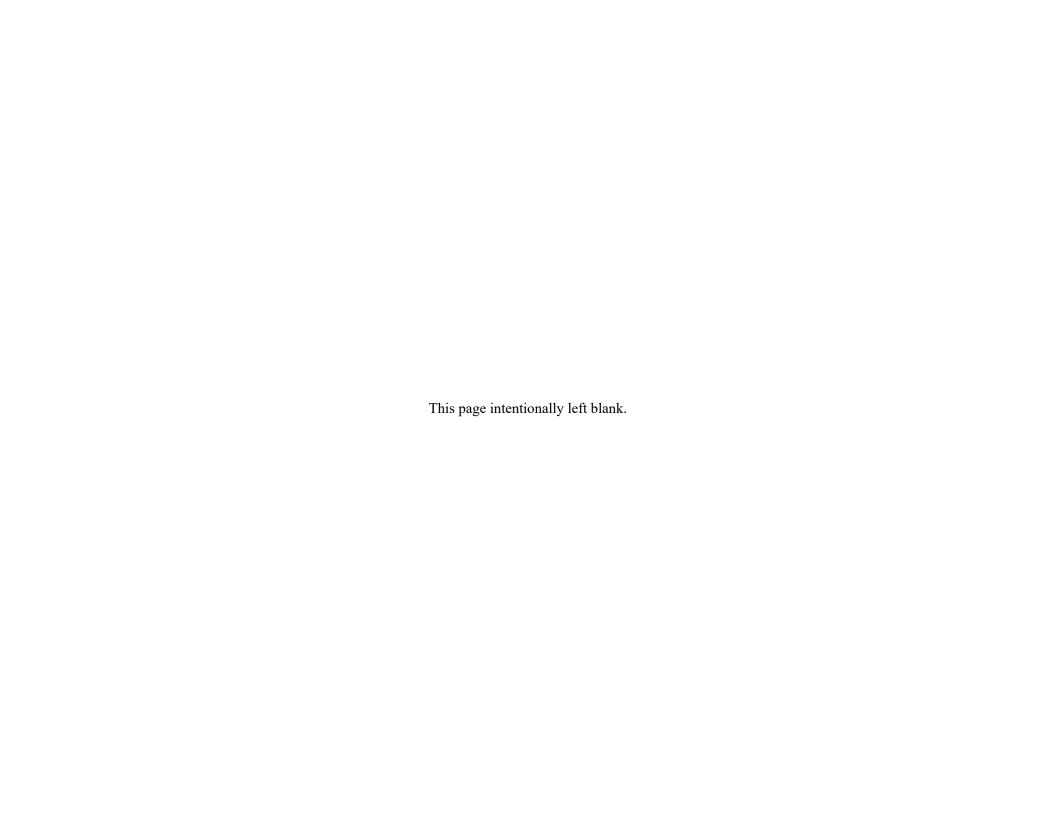




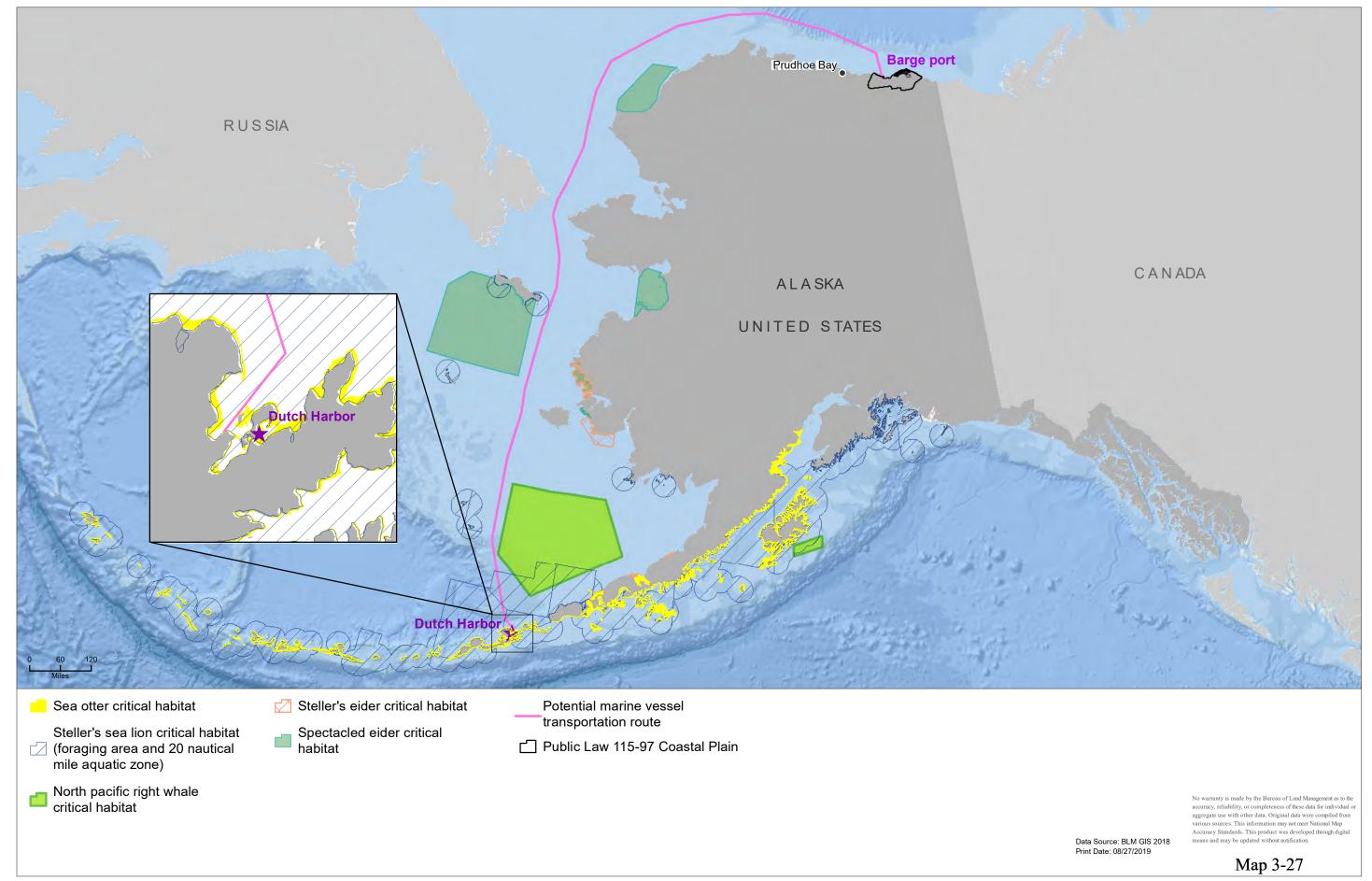


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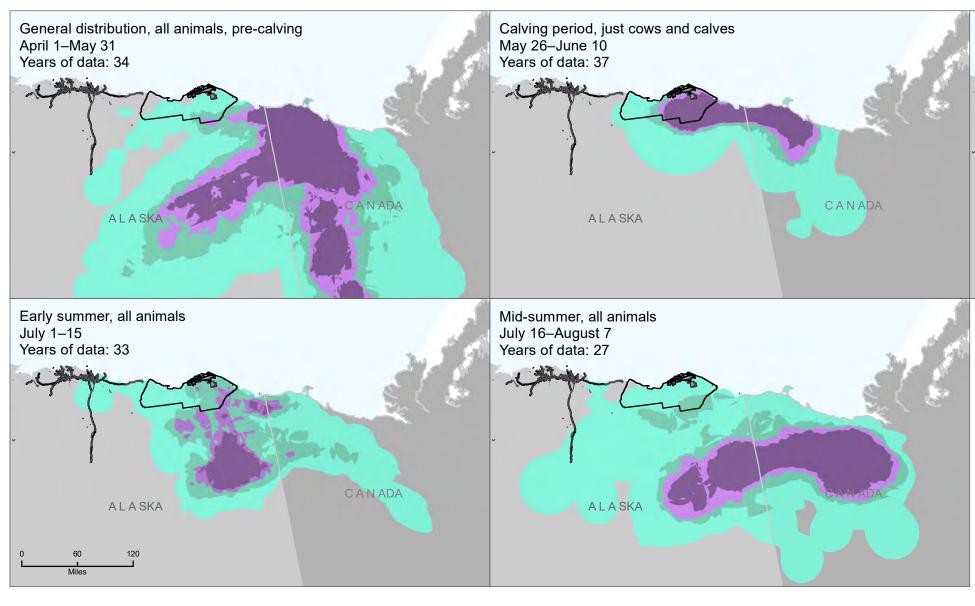


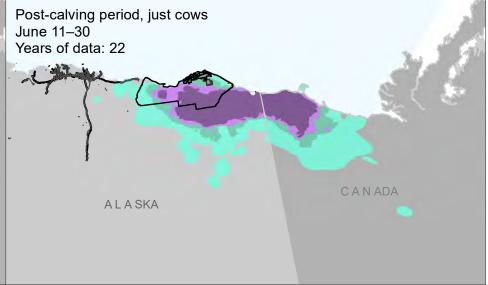












Environment Yukon used data from radio collars deployed on caribou from the Porcupine Caribou Herd to calculate the area used by caribou in each season for every year with a minimum of 30 caribou locations using Kernel Density Estimation. The resulting annual distributions were then used to calculate the percentage of years an area was used during each season. Calculations were based on the 95% contour from kernel density e stimates (e.g., an a rea estimated to contain approximately 95% of the caribou) calculated using Geospatial Modelling Environment software. The plug-in bandwidth estimator was used when sample size was ≥50 and the likelihood cross-validation bandwidth estimator was used when sample size was <50.

Percent of years that caribou are present

<20%

20–30%

30–40%

≥40%

Existing oil and gas roads or pipelines

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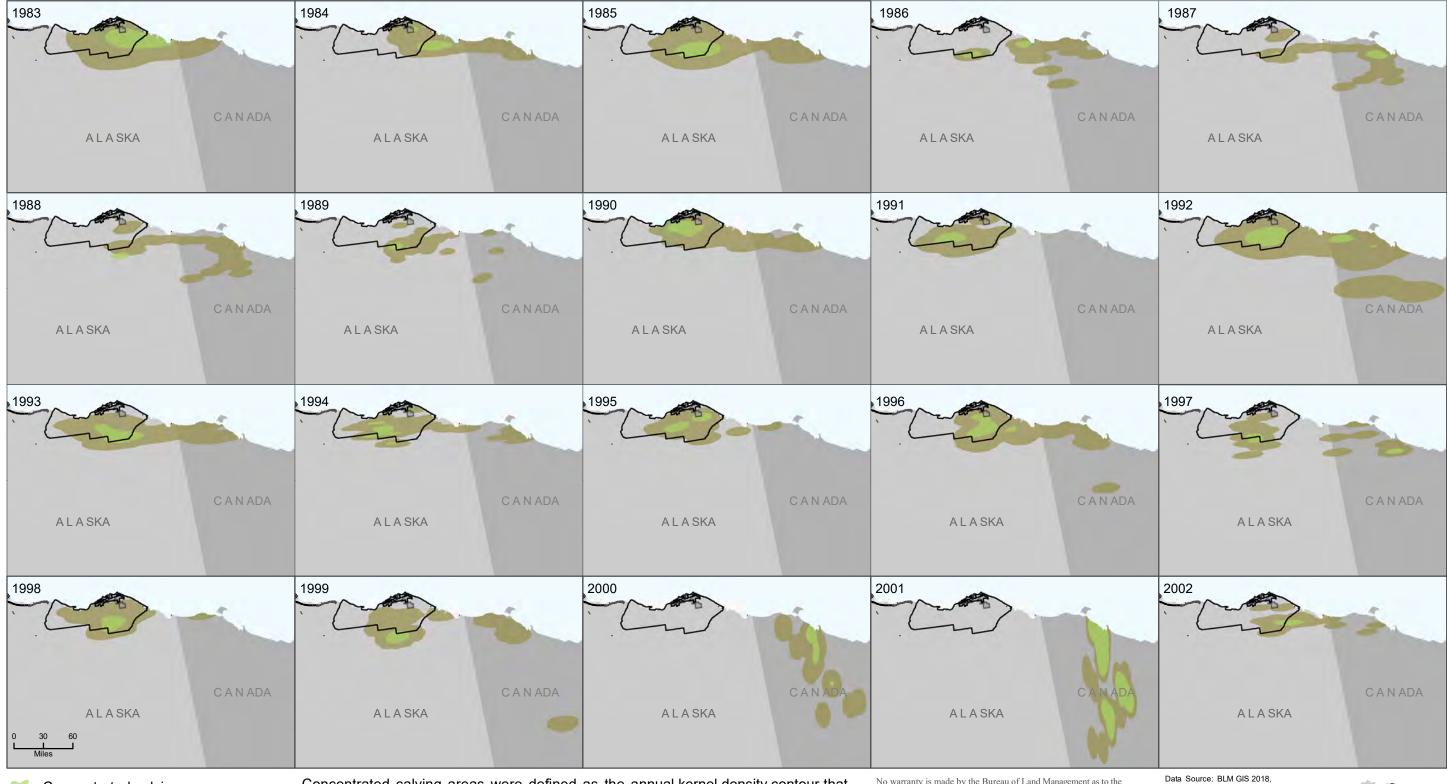
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Annual calving ground

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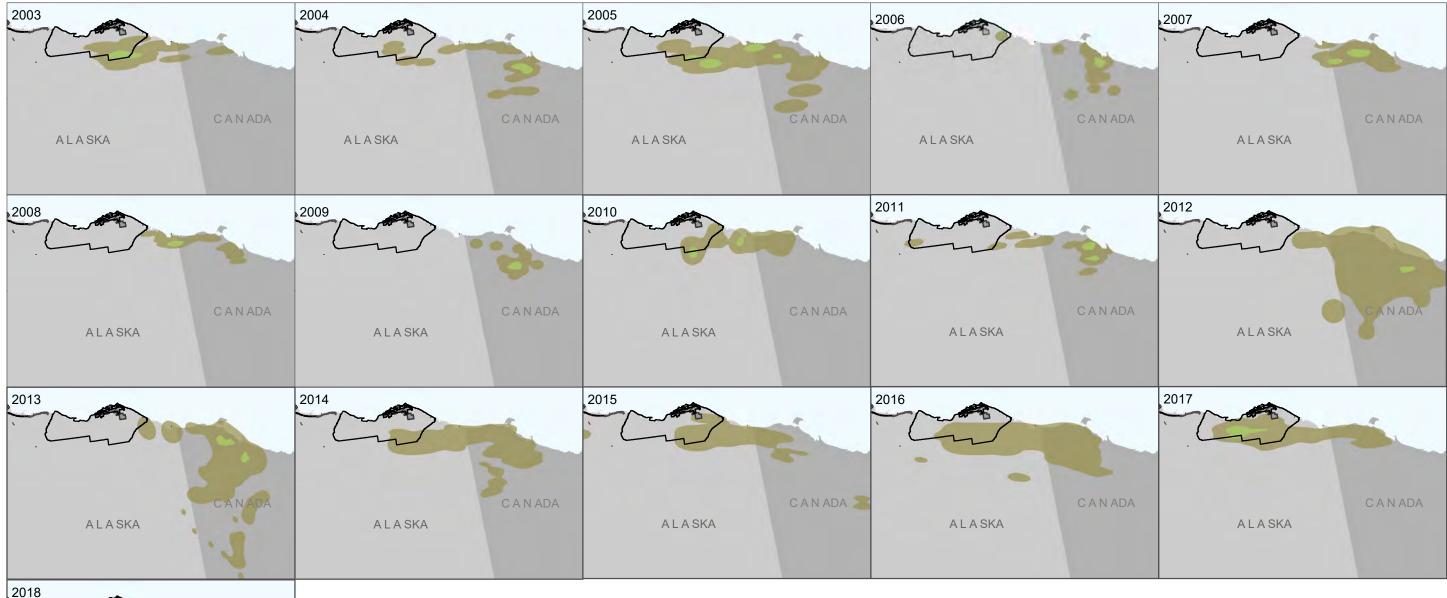
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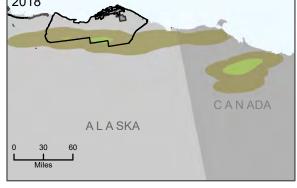
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Concentrated calving area

Annual calving ground

Existing oil and gas roads or pipelines

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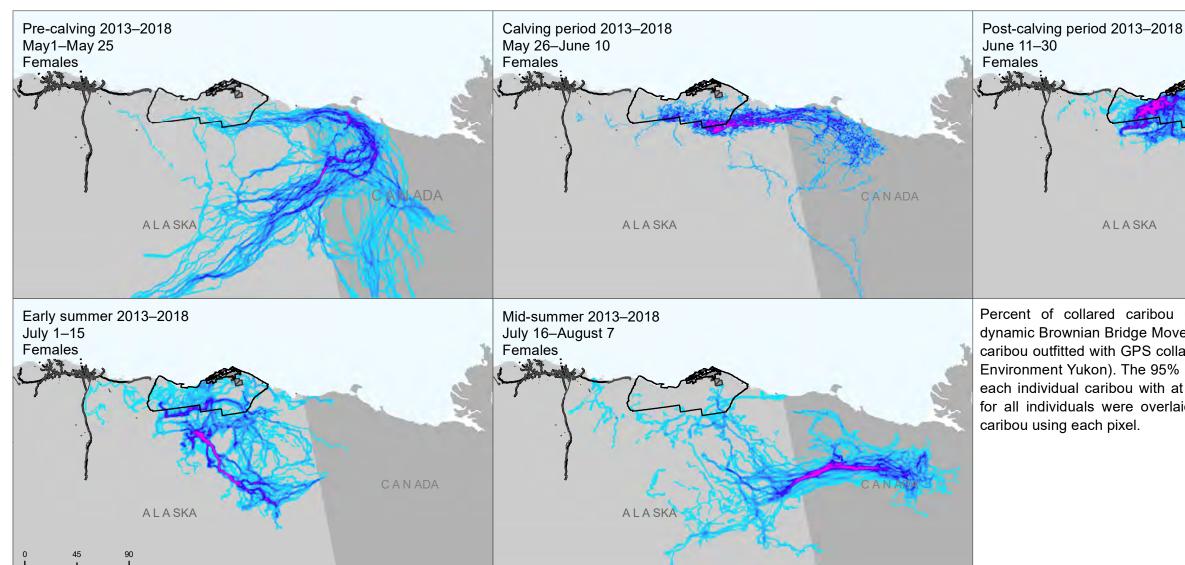
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Percent of collared caribou using an area was calculated using dynamic Brownian Bridge Movement Models run on locations of female caribou outfitted with GPS collars 2013-2018 (telemetry database from Environment Yukon). The 95% utilization distribution was calculated for each individual caribou with at least 30 locations per season. Results for all individuals were overlaid to determine the percent of collared caribou using each pixel.

Percent of collared caribou



Existing oil and gas roads or pipelines

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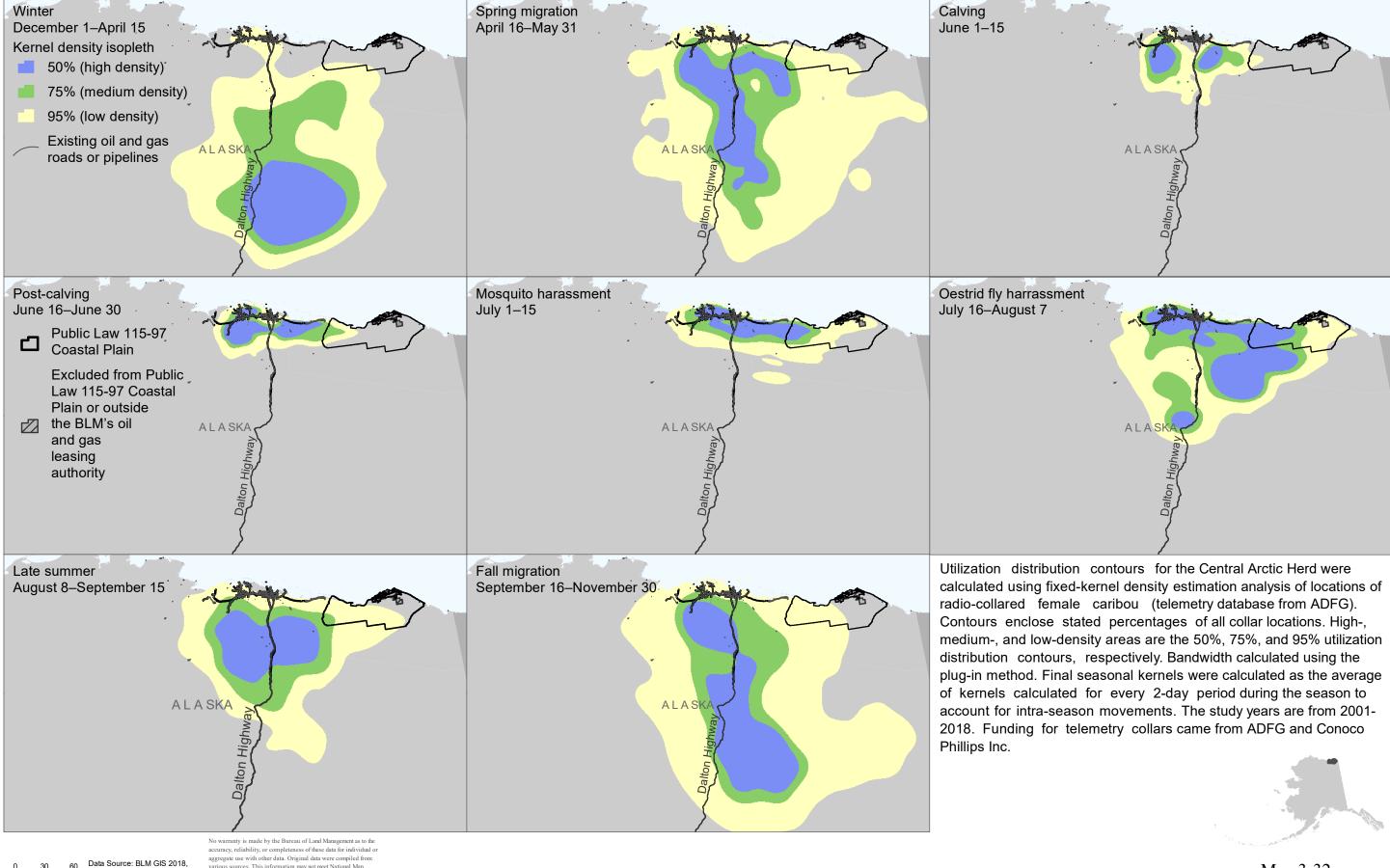
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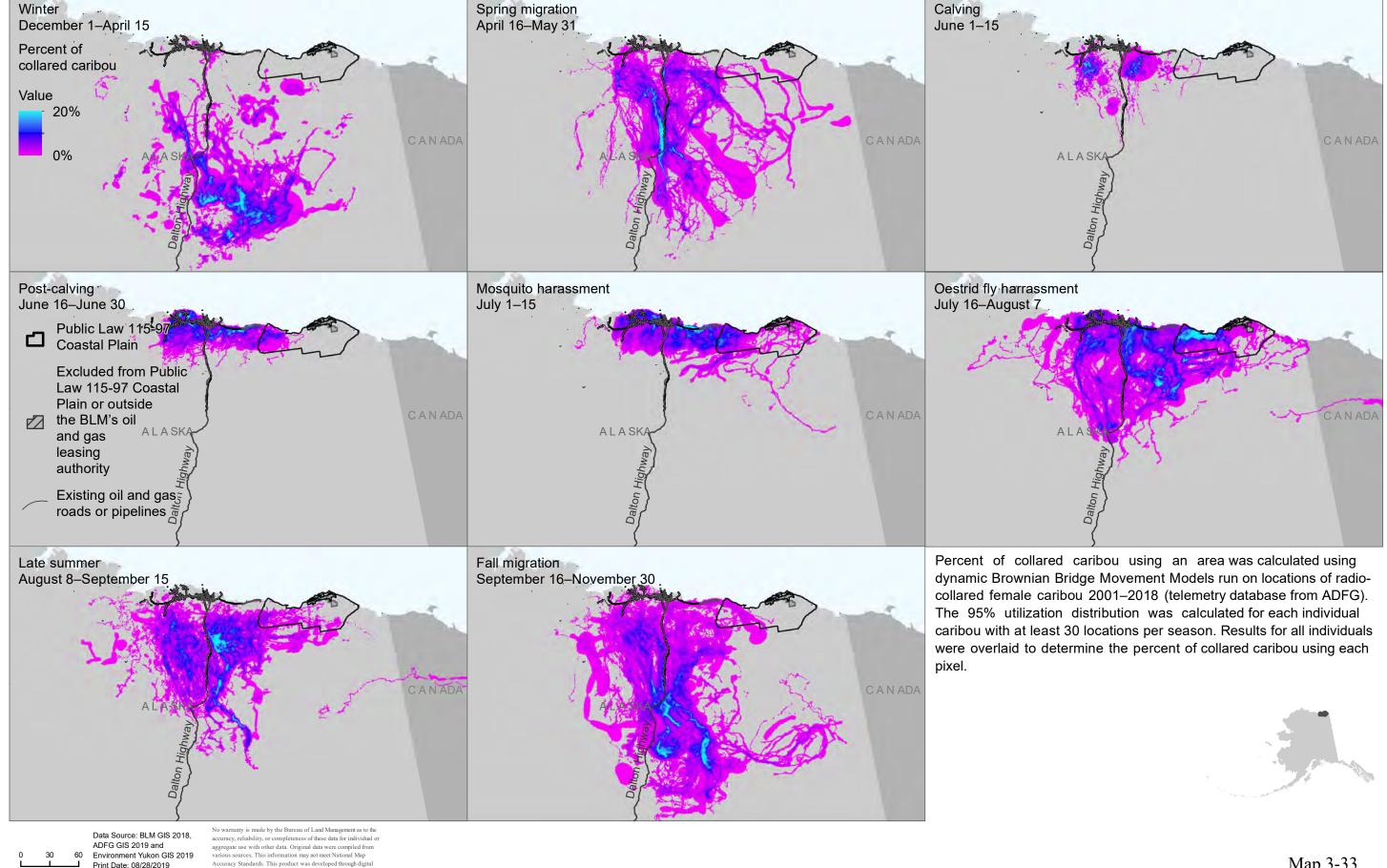




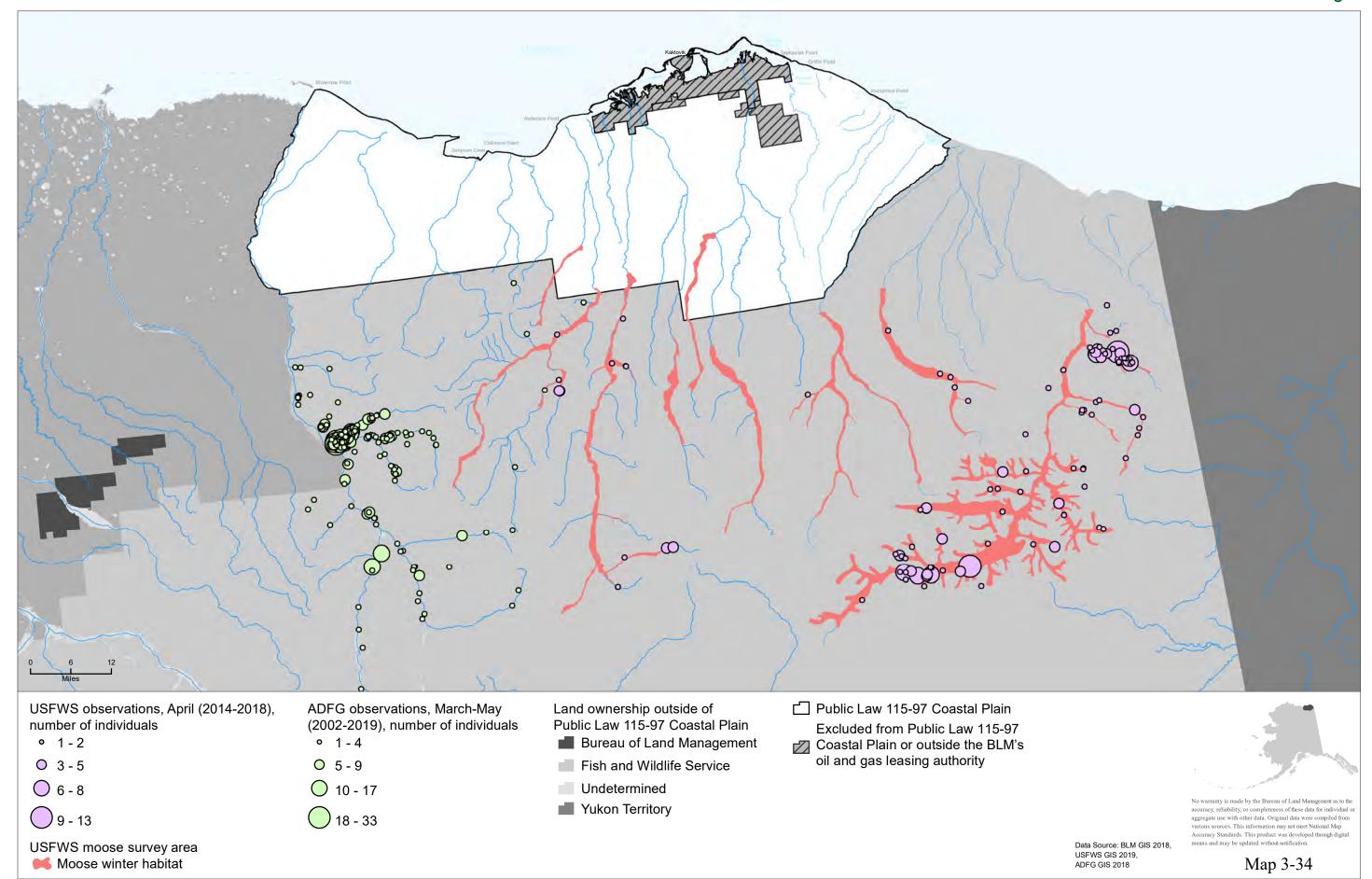
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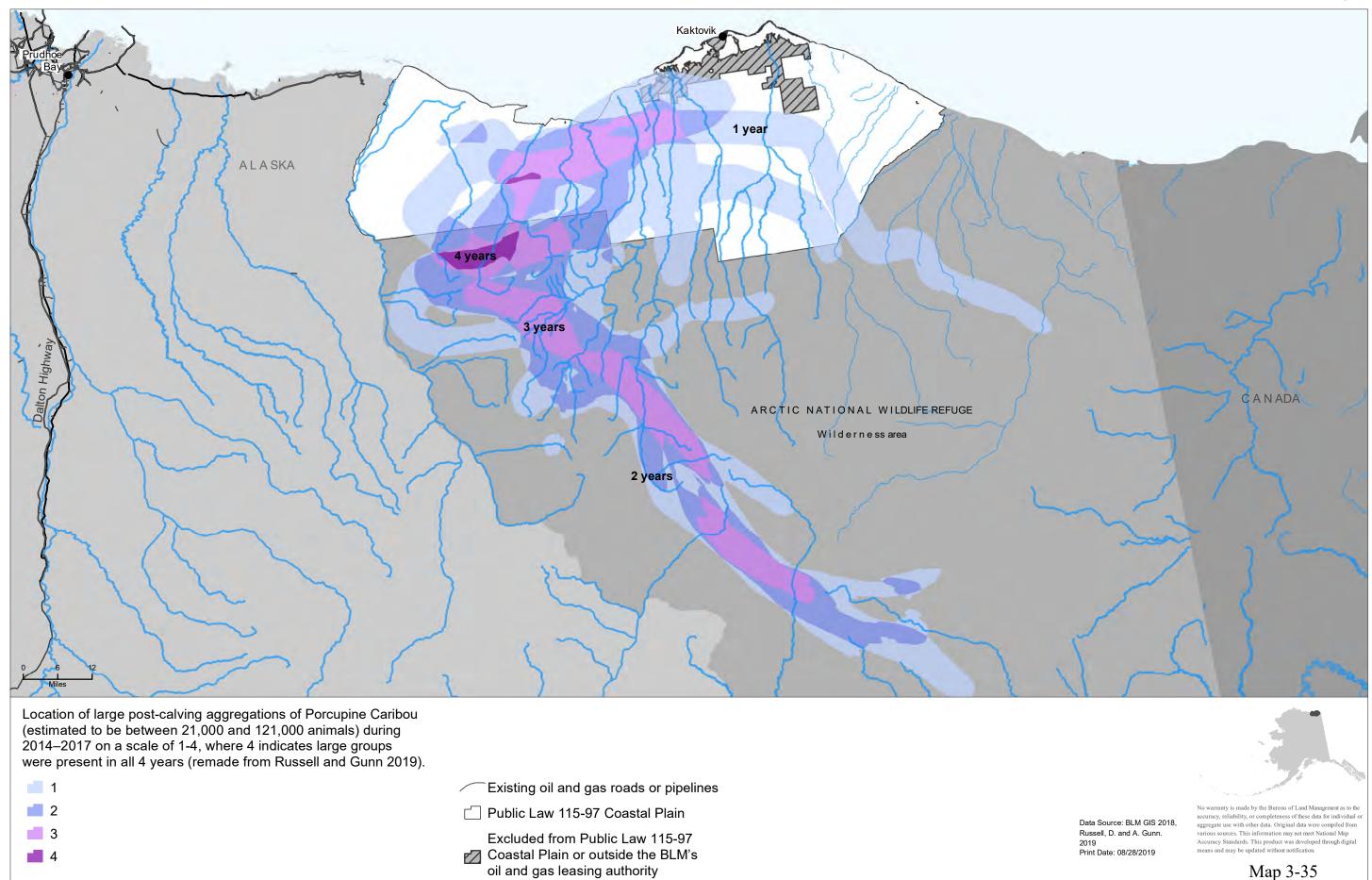




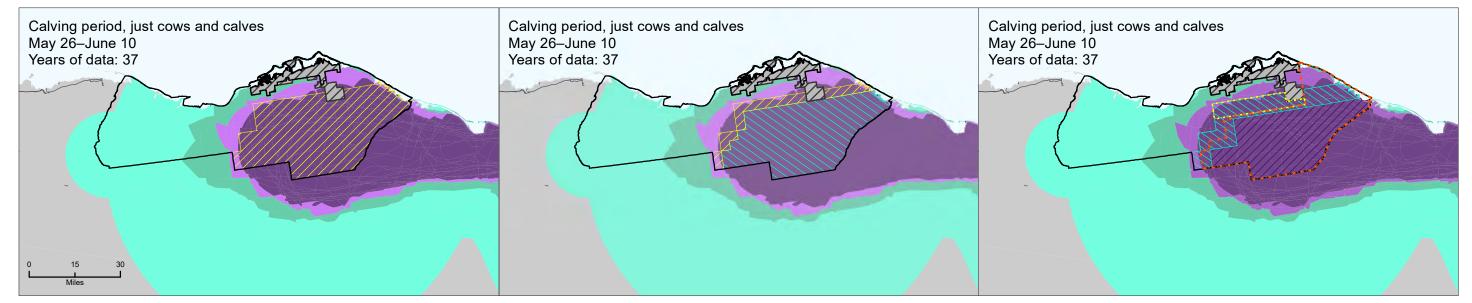












## Alternative B:

Lease stipulation 7—Porcupine Caribou calving habitat, timing limitation, May 20-June 20

Existing oil and gas roads or pipelines

Public Law 115-97 Coastal Plain

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Coastal Plain or outside the BLM's oil and gas leasing authority

# Percent of years that caribou are present

<20%

20-30%

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Lease stipulation 7—Porcupine Caribou calving habitat, no surface occupancy

Lease stipulation 7—Porcupine Caribou calving habitat, timing limitation, May 20-June 20

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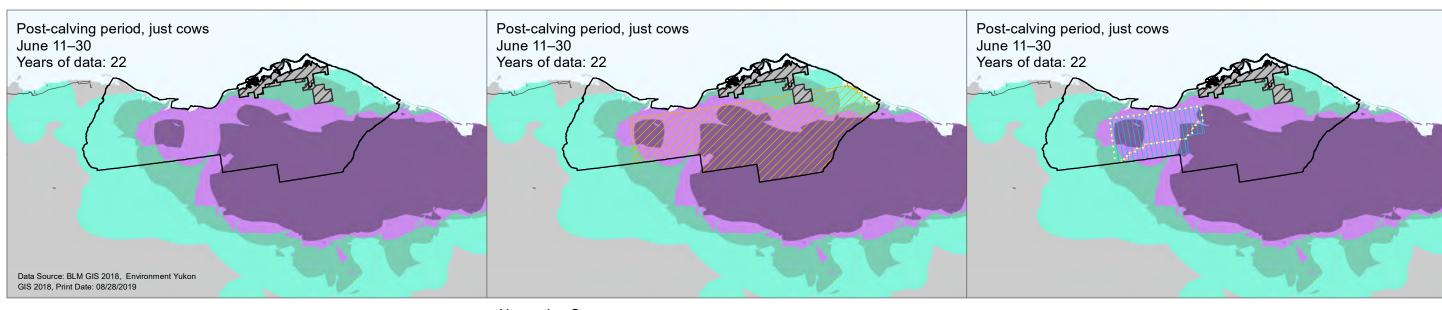
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Lease stipulation 7—Porcupine Caribou calving habitat, no surface occupancy

## Alternative D2:

Lease stipulation 7—Porcupine Caribou calving habitat, not offered for lease sale

Lease stipulation 7—Porcupine Caribou calving habitat, no surface occupancy



#### Alternative B:

Lease stipulation 8—Porcupine Caribou post-calving habitat, required operating procedure 23

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# Alternative C:

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Lease stipulation 8—Porcupine Caribou post-calving habitat, timing limitation, June 15-July 20

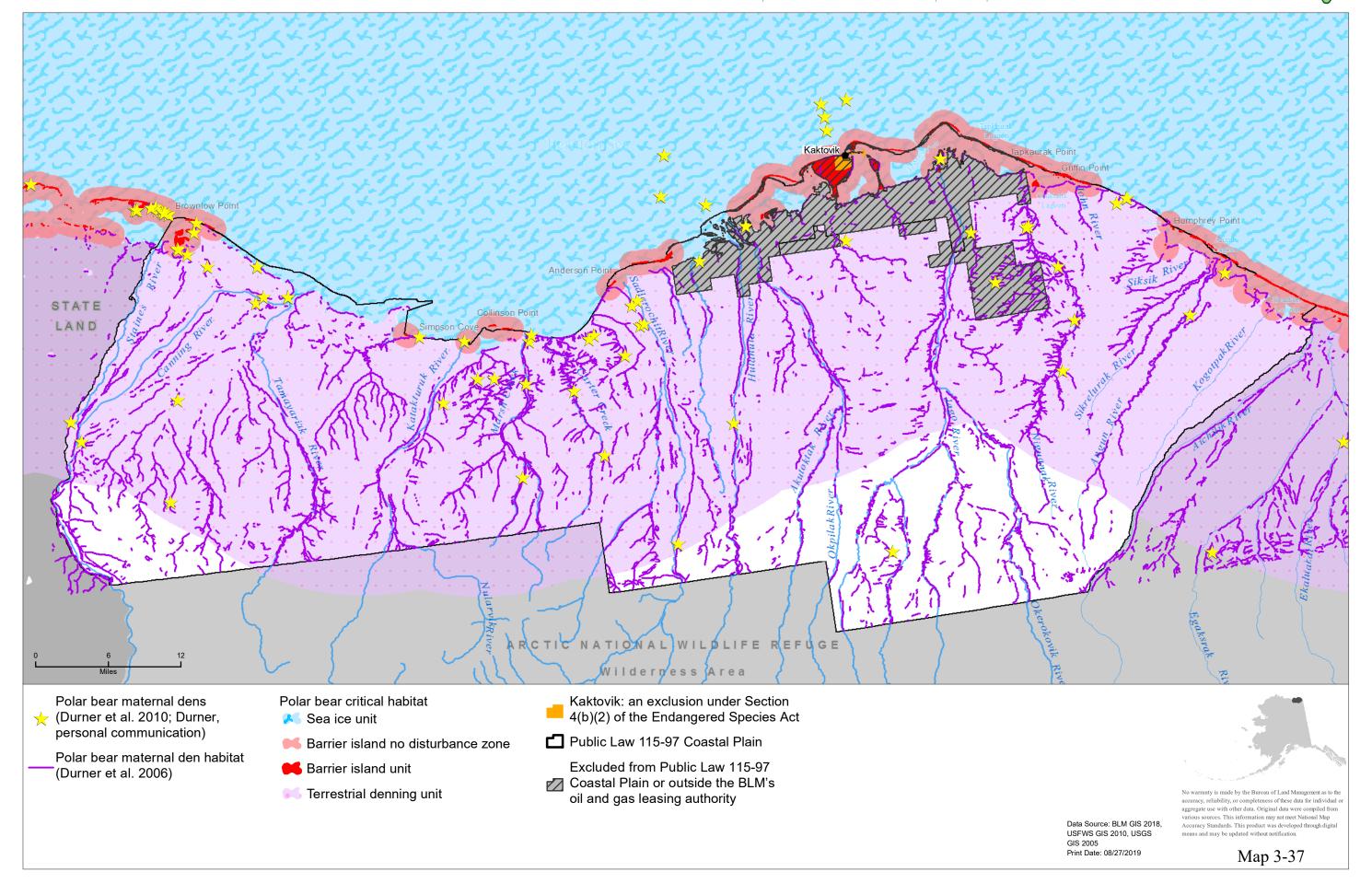
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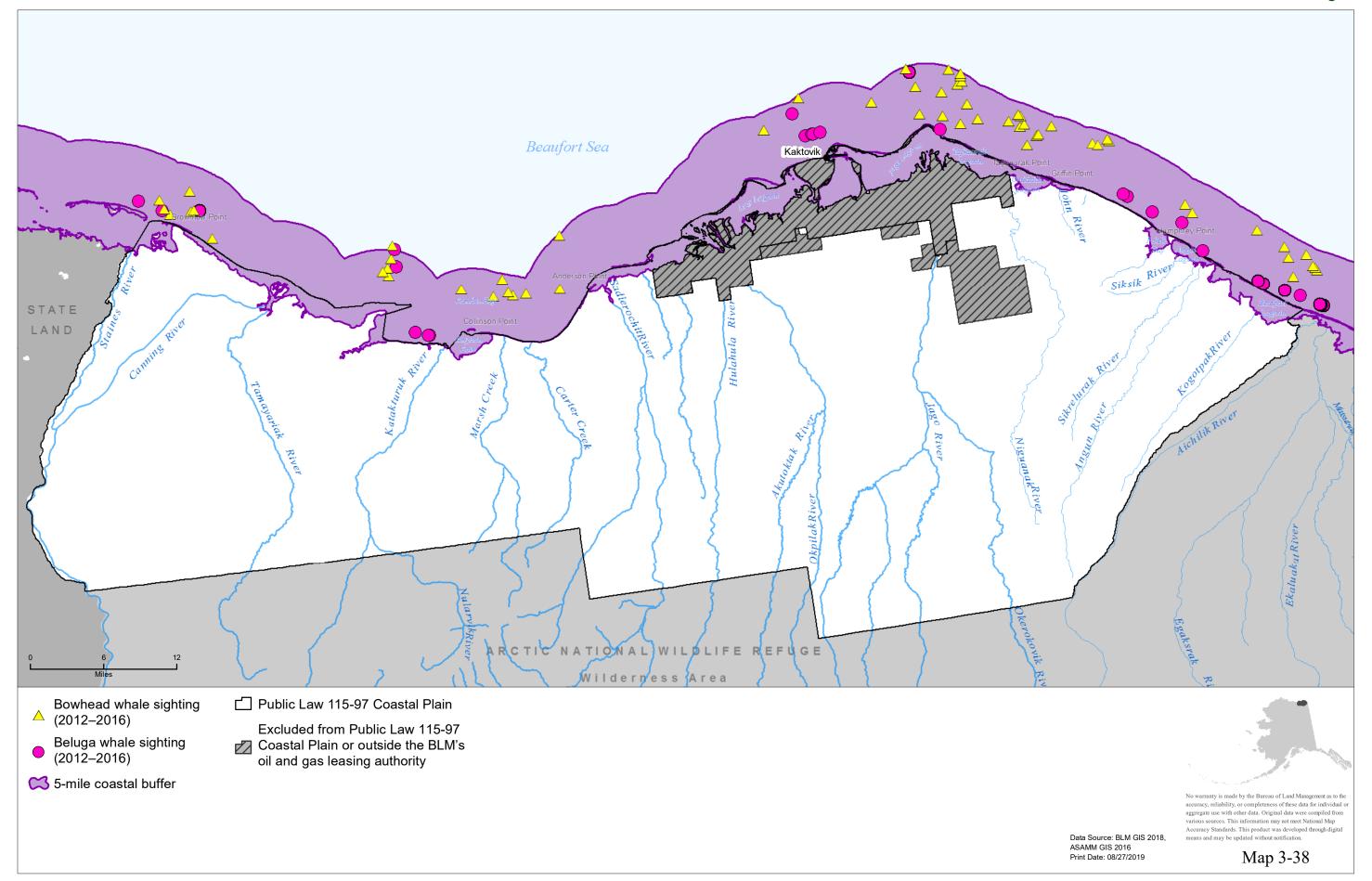
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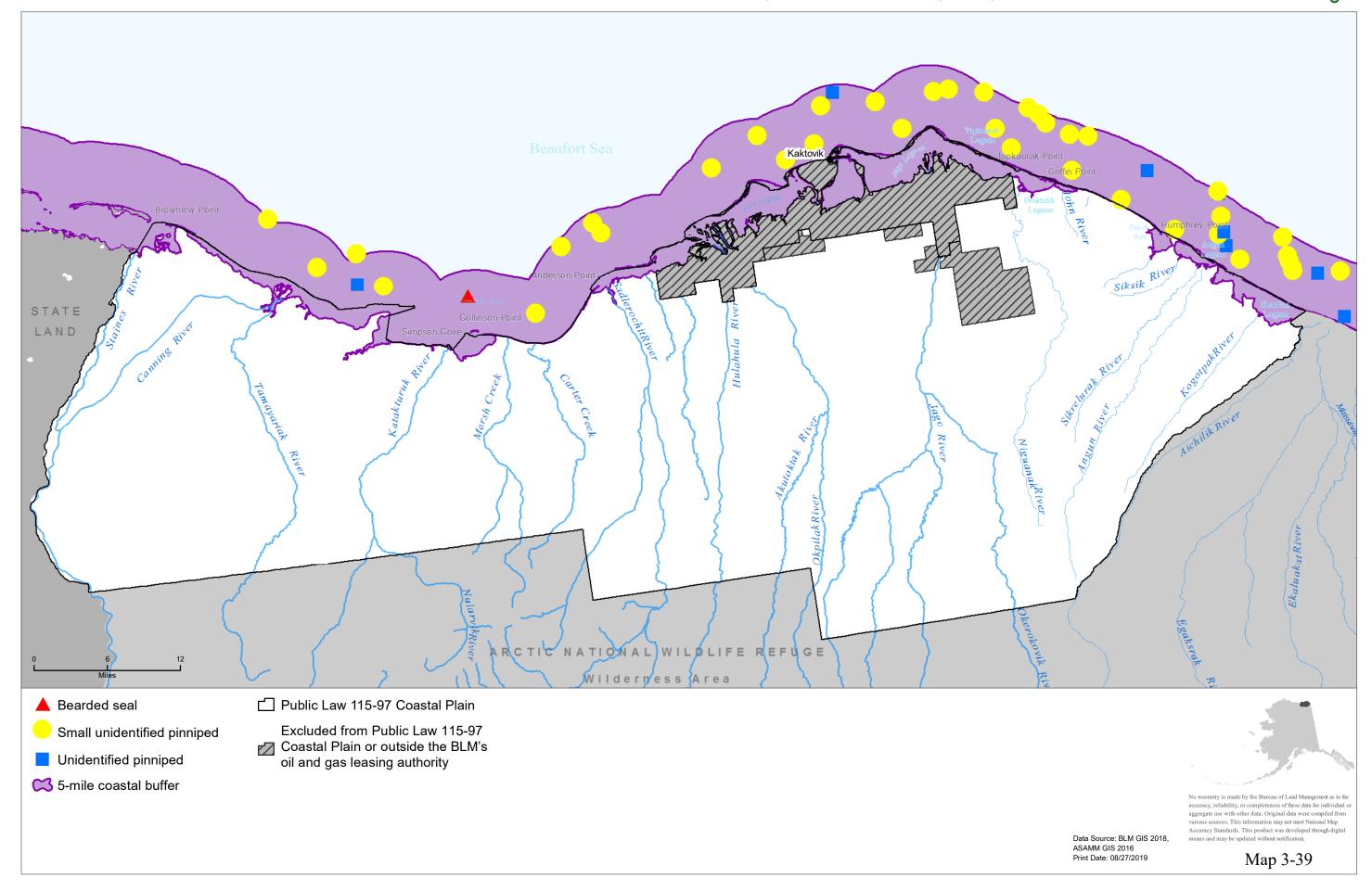




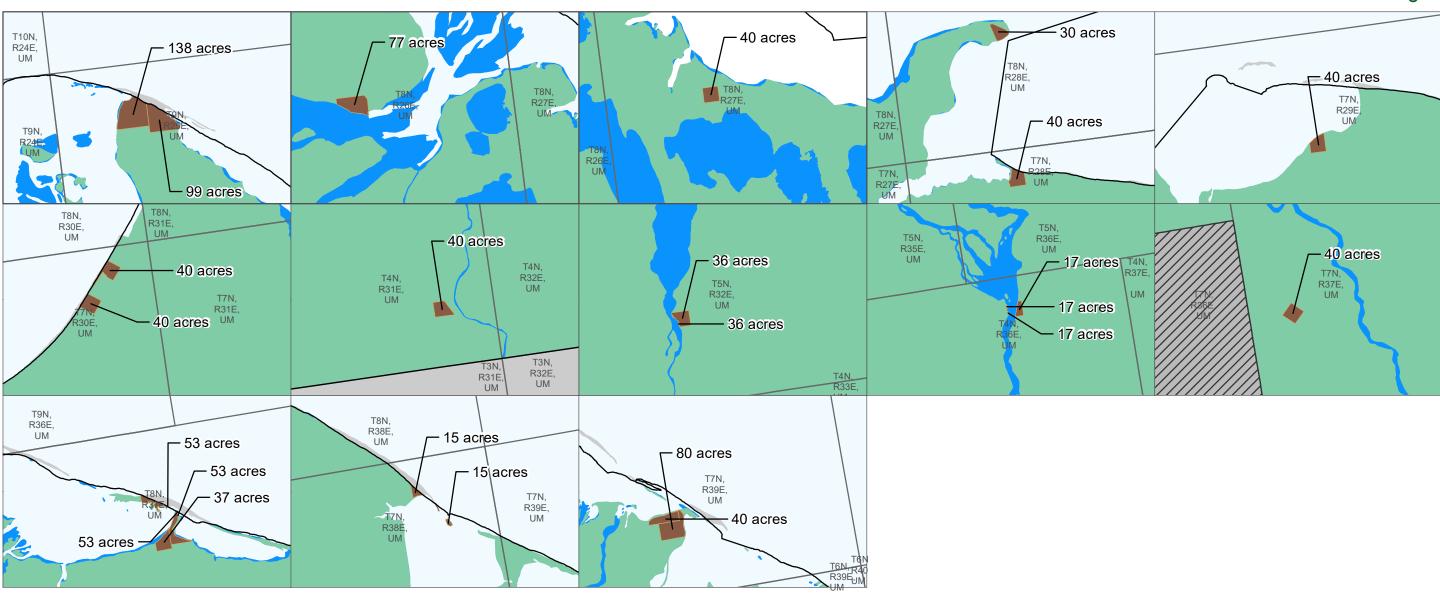














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Native Lands (patented or interim conveyed)

Native Allotment

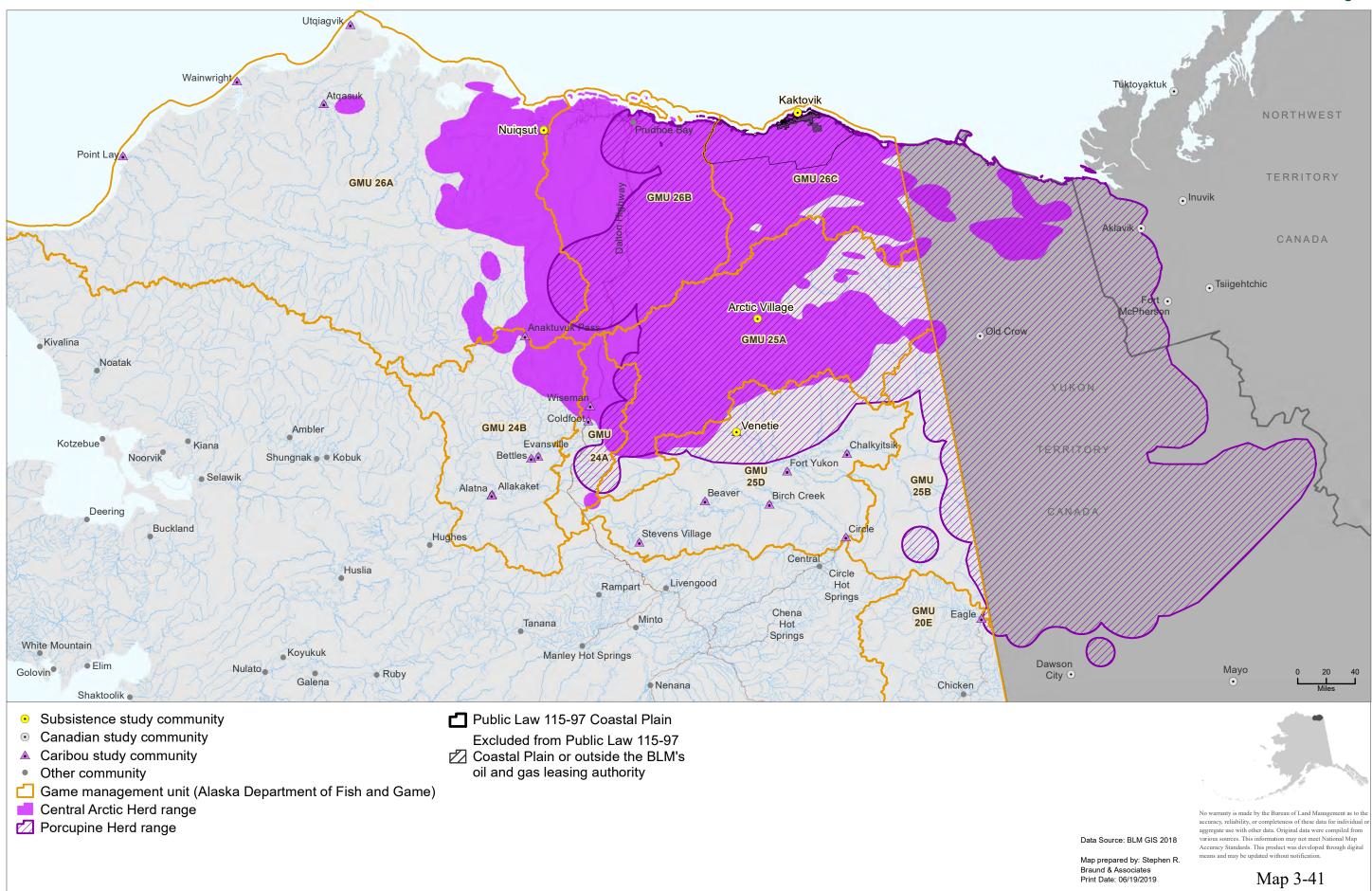
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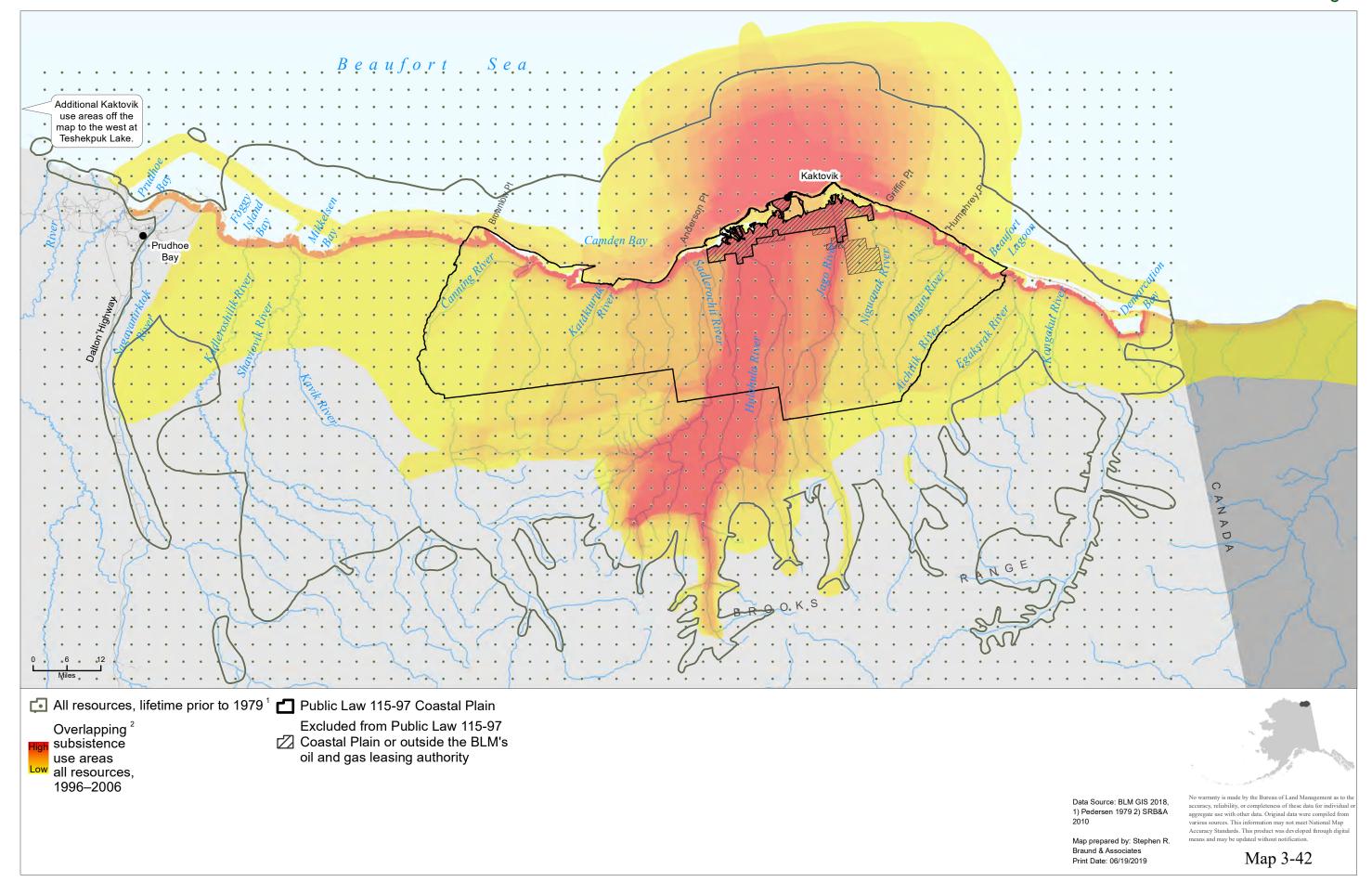
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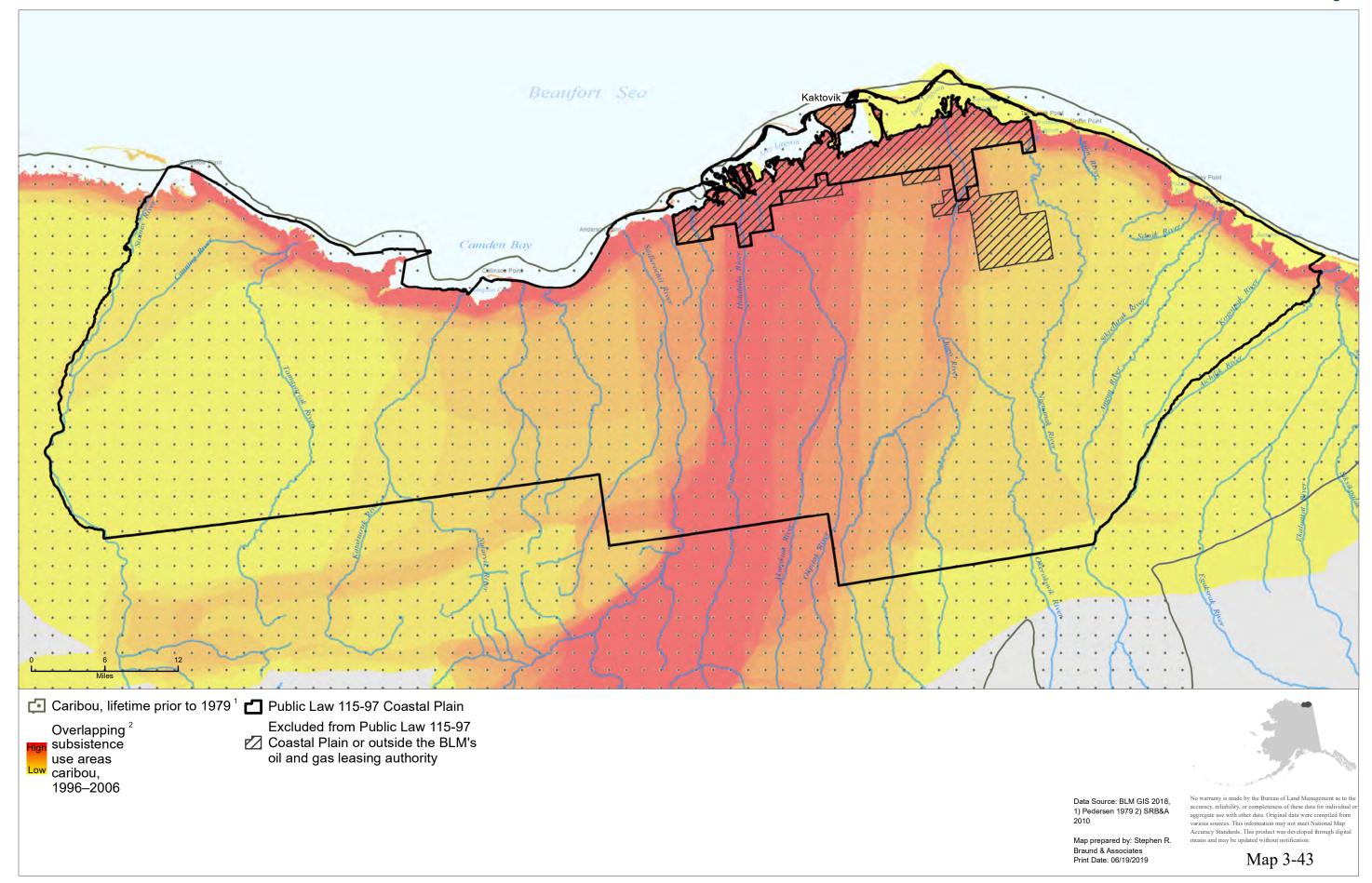




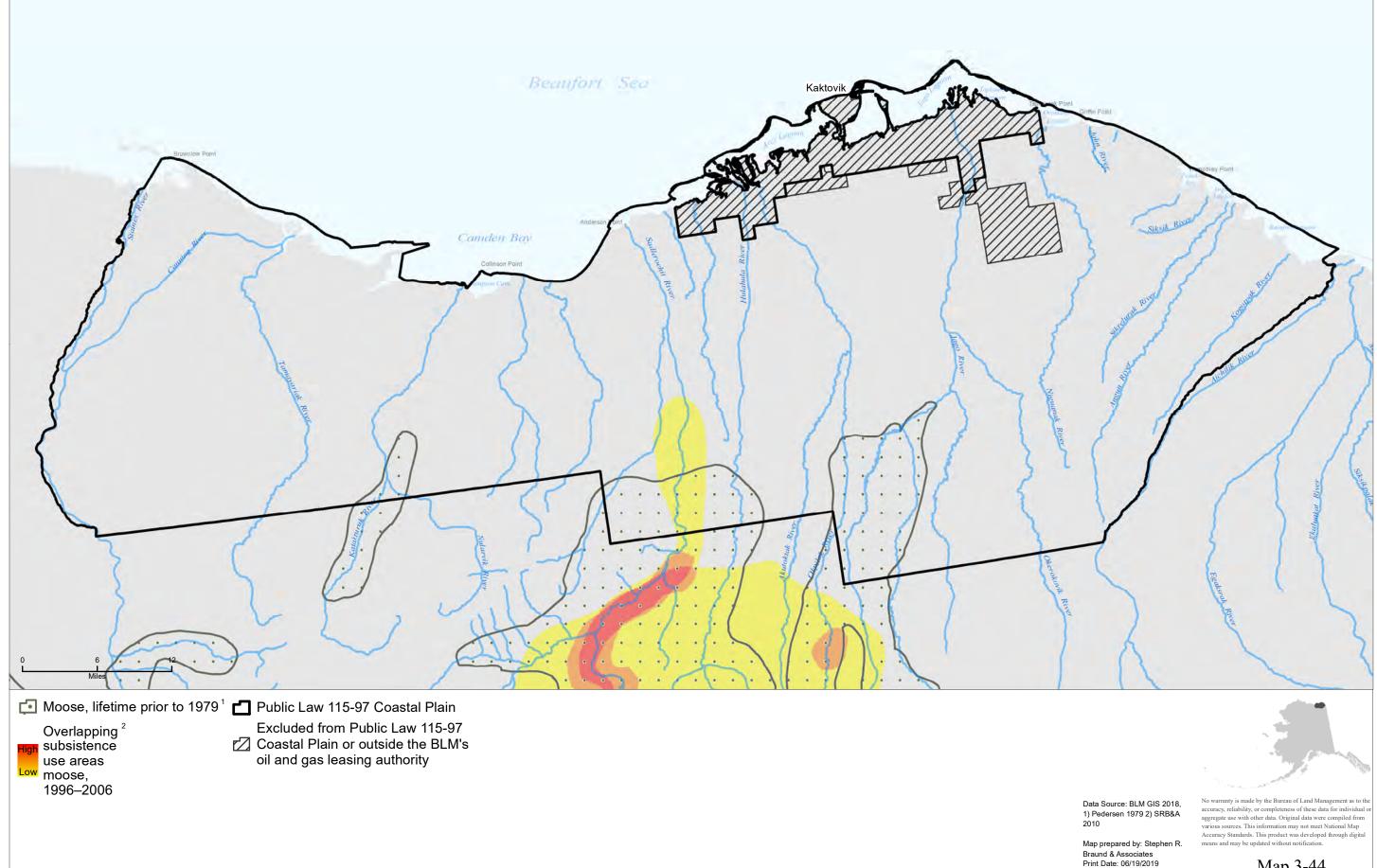




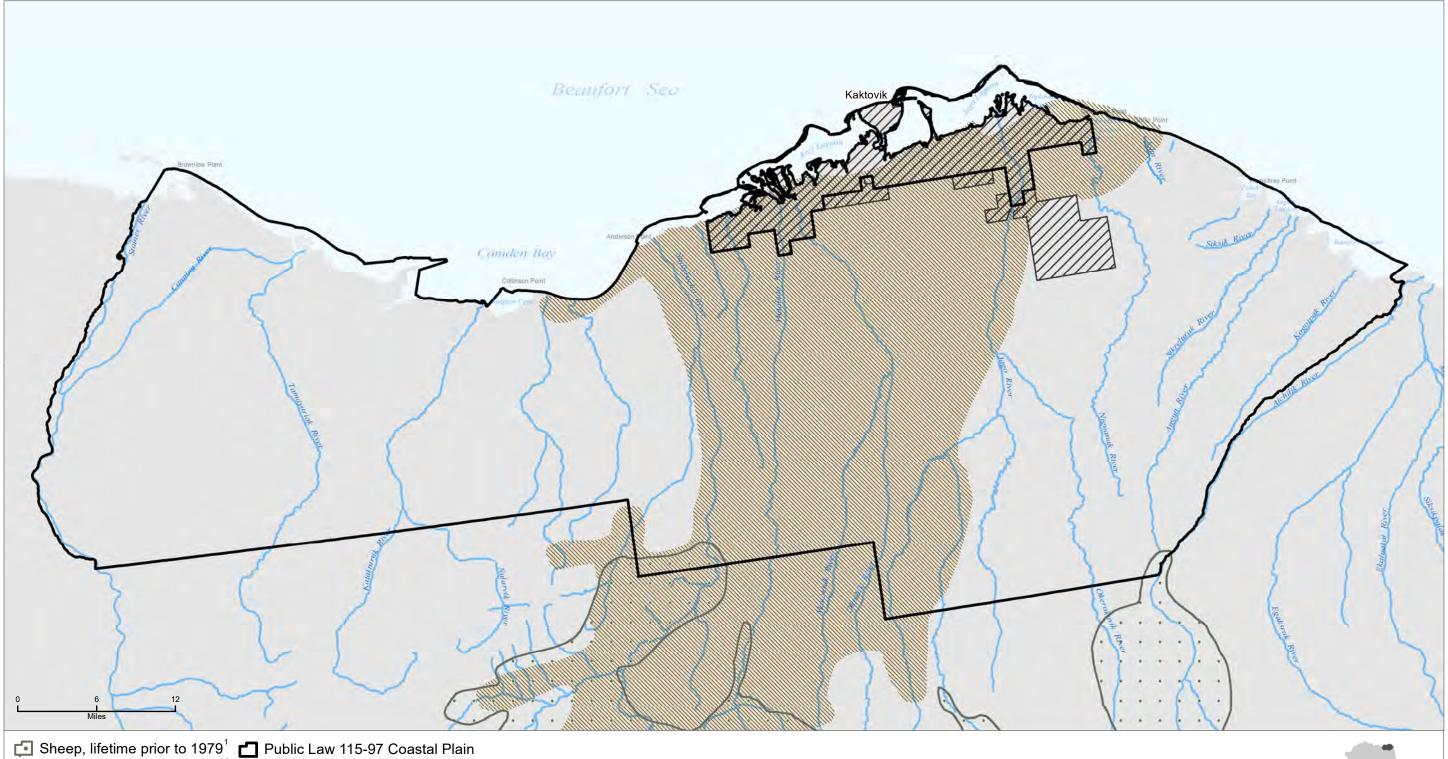












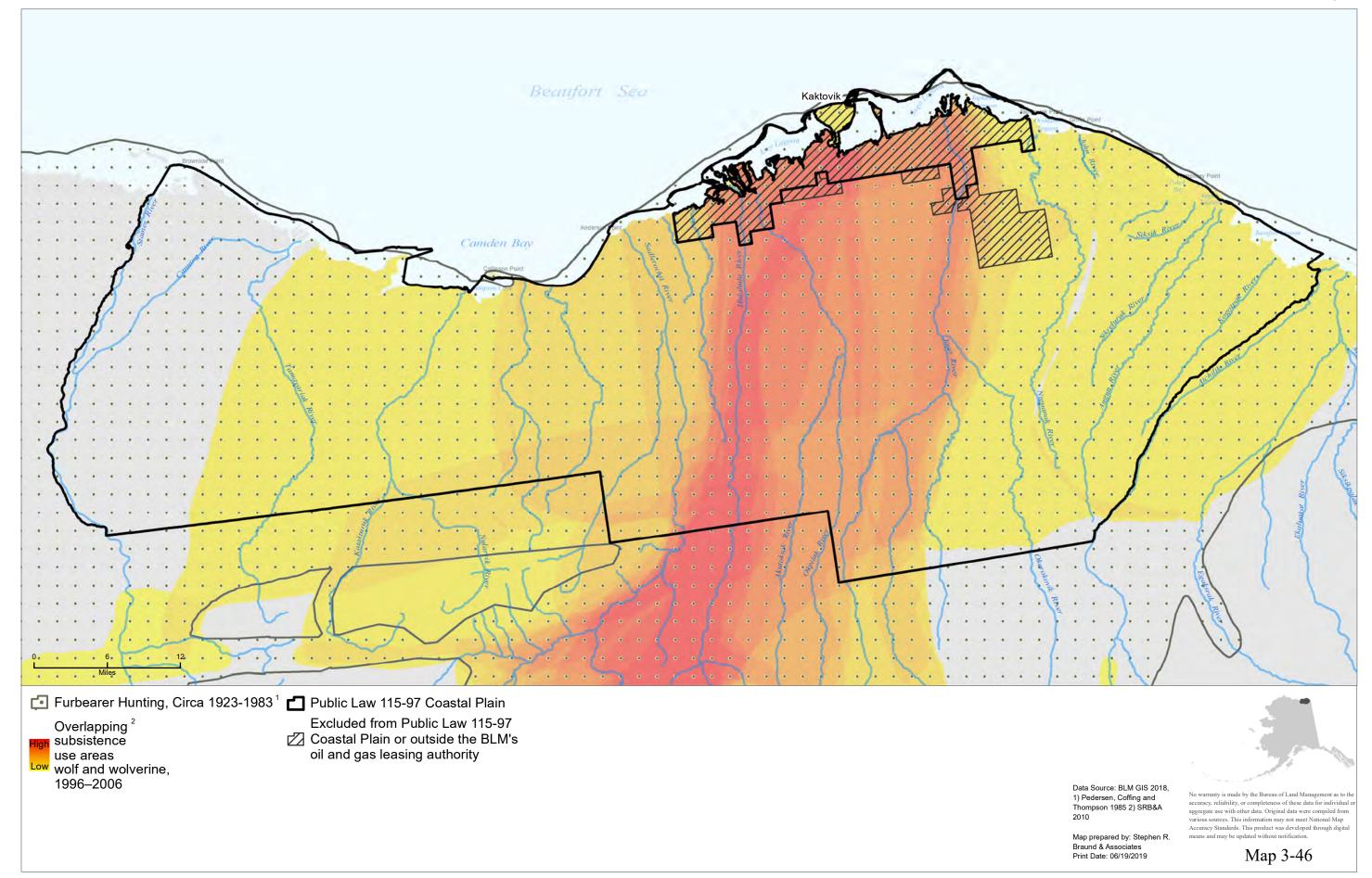
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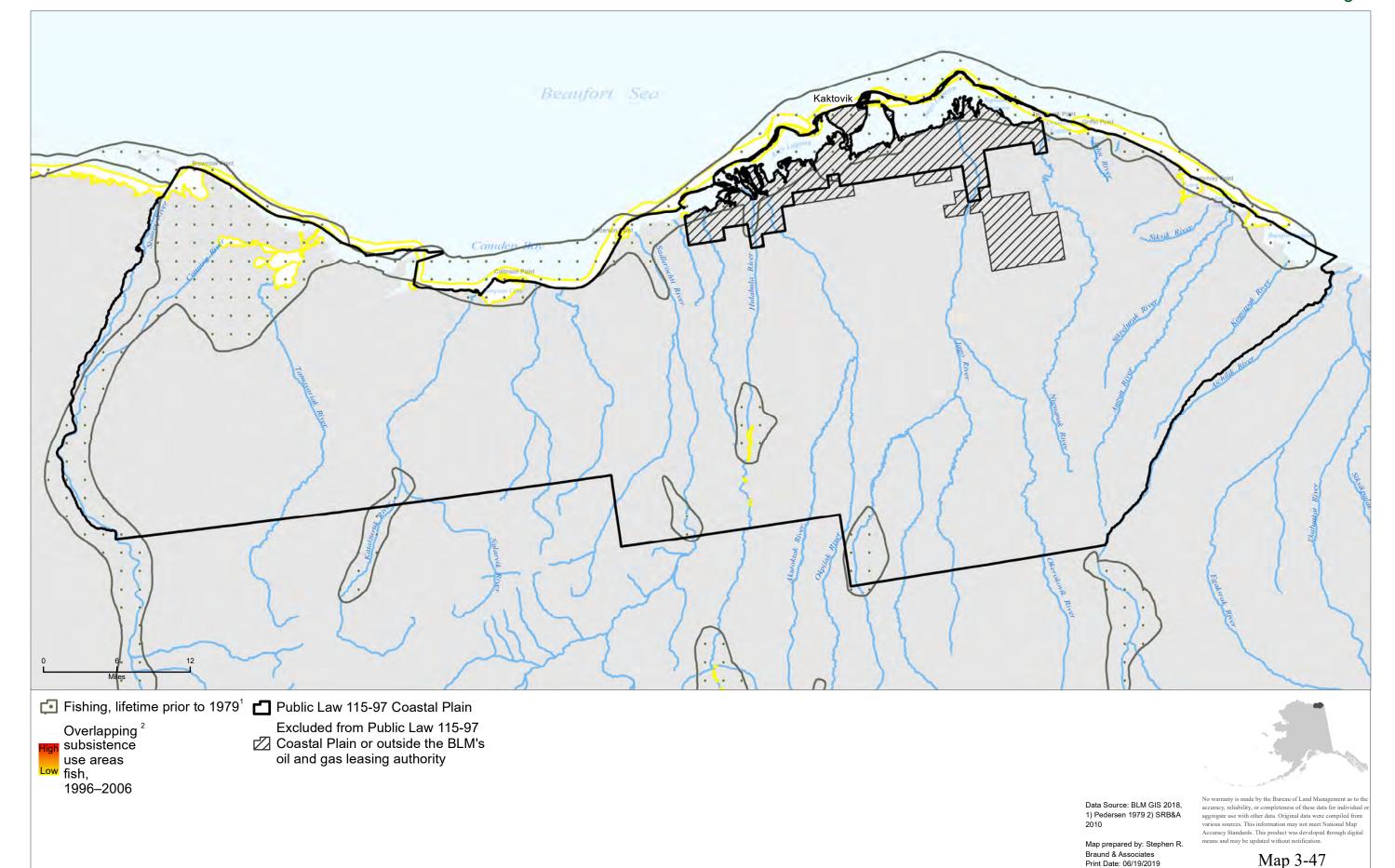
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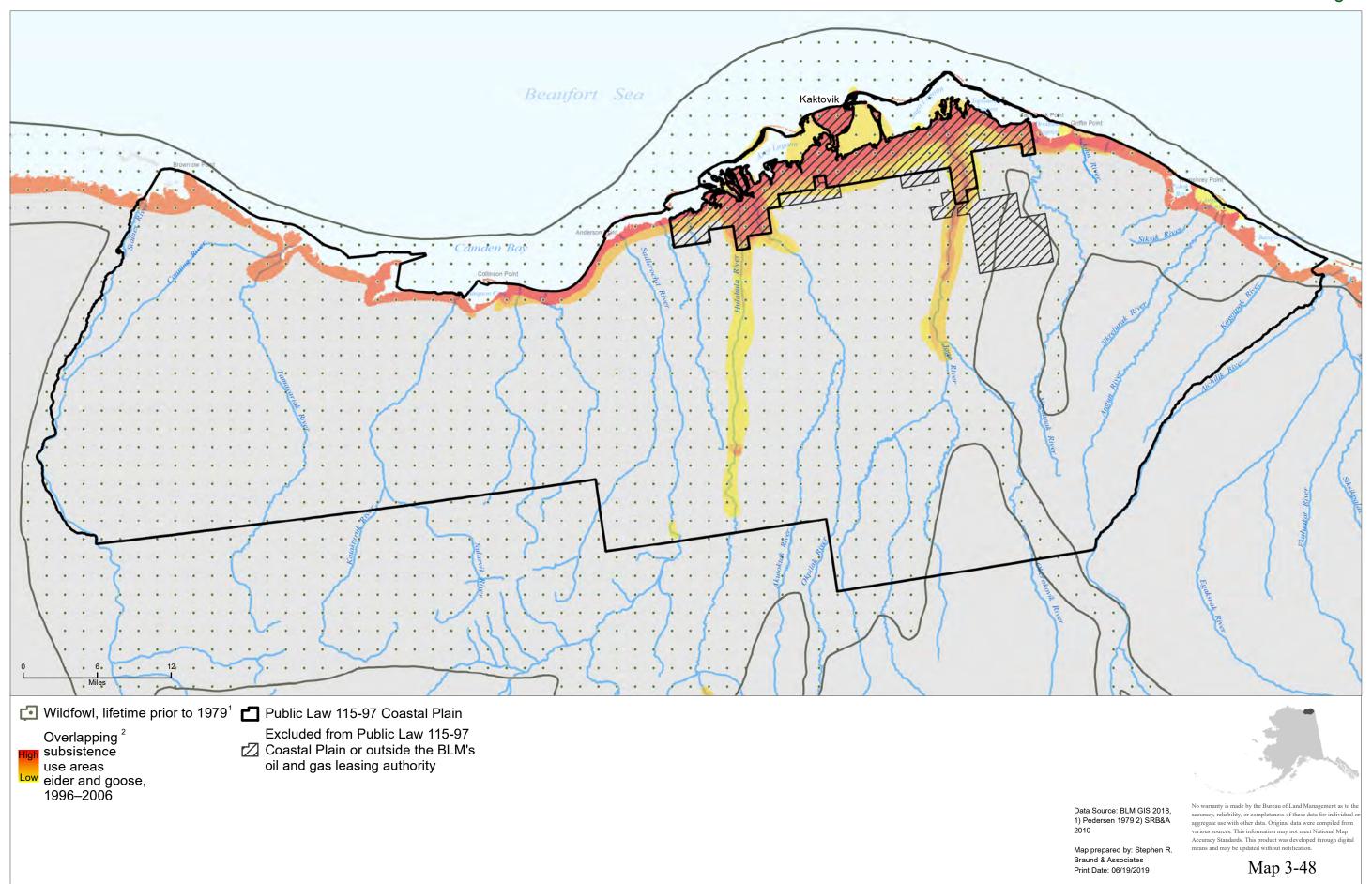




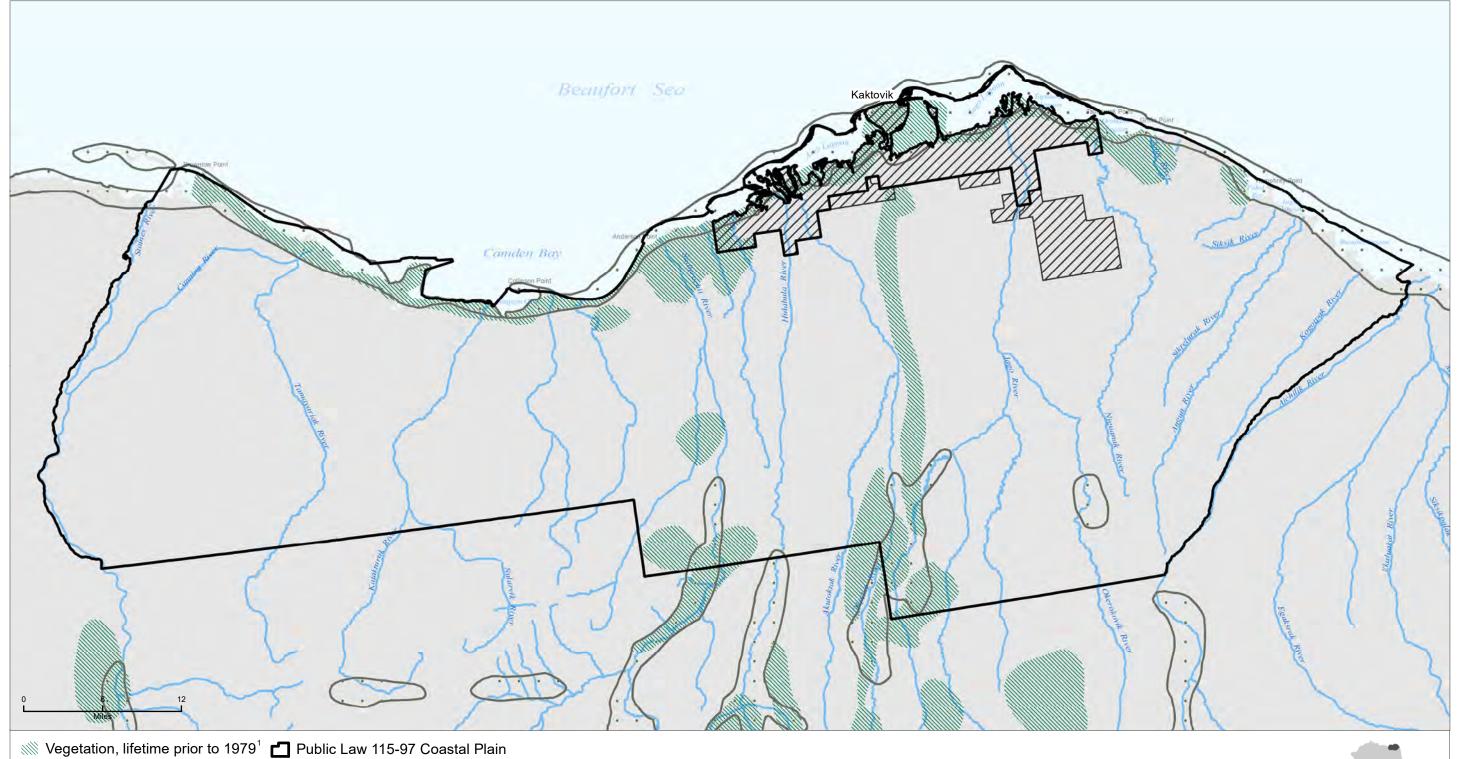


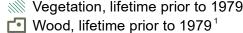












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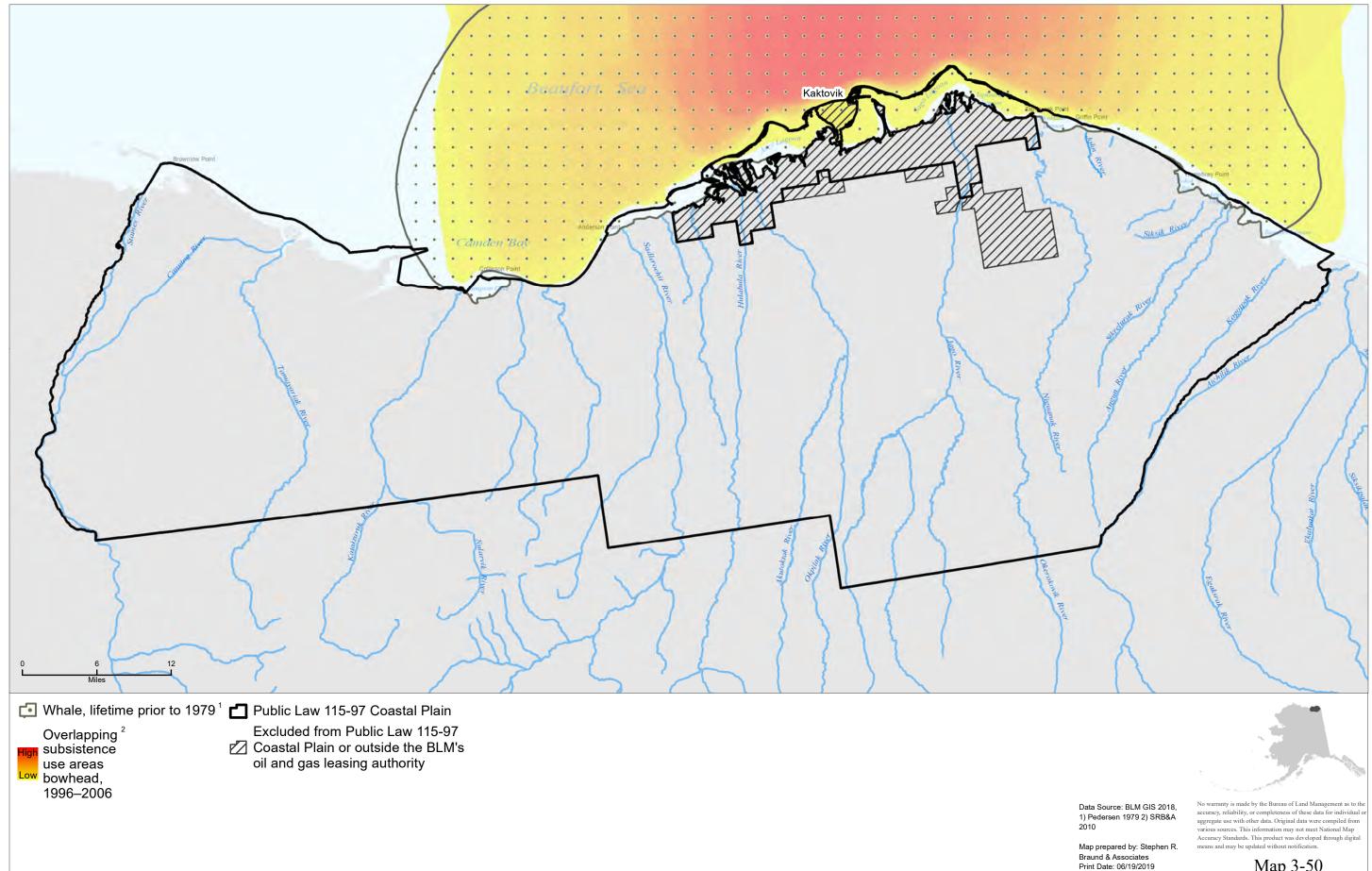
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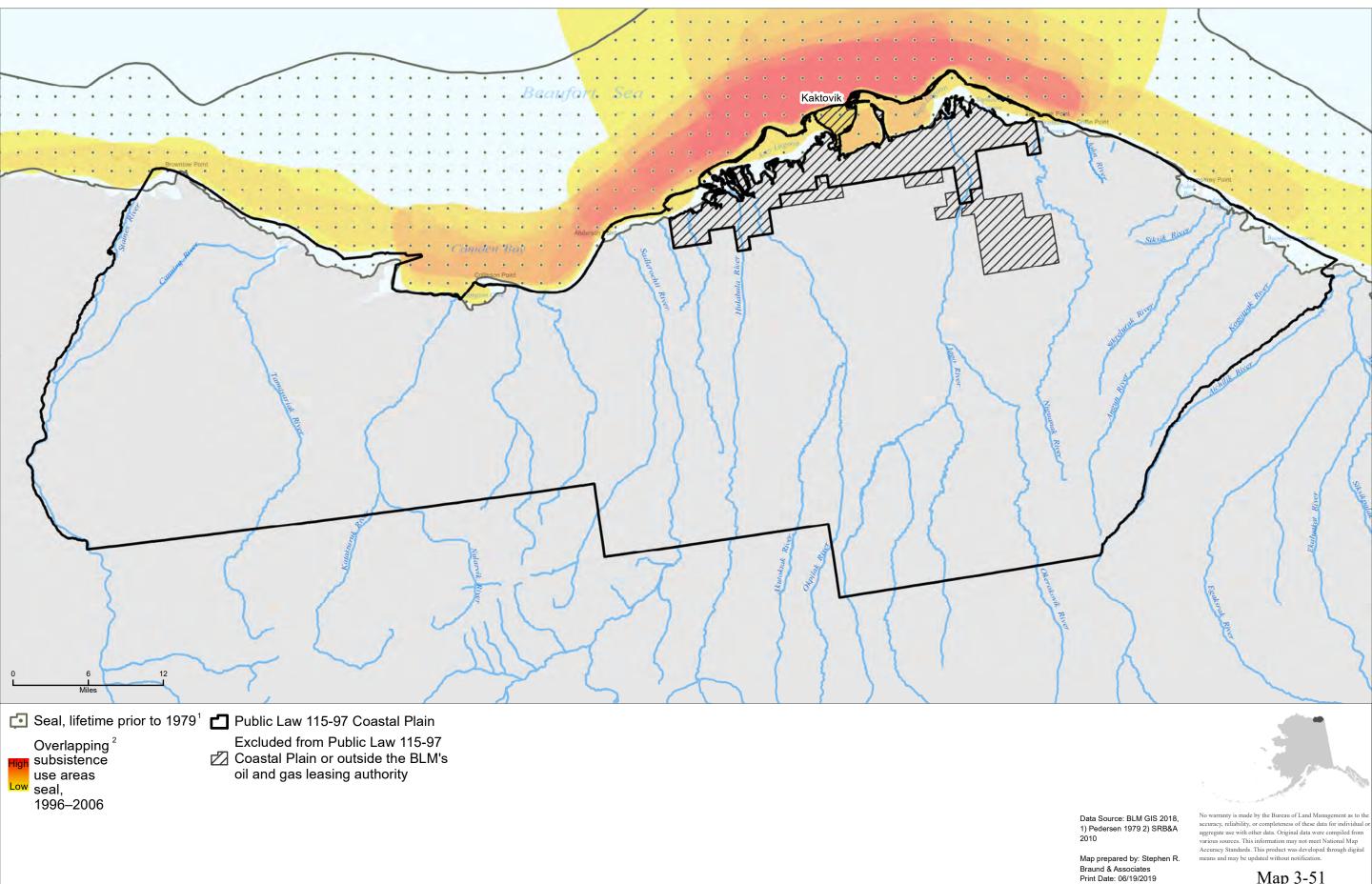
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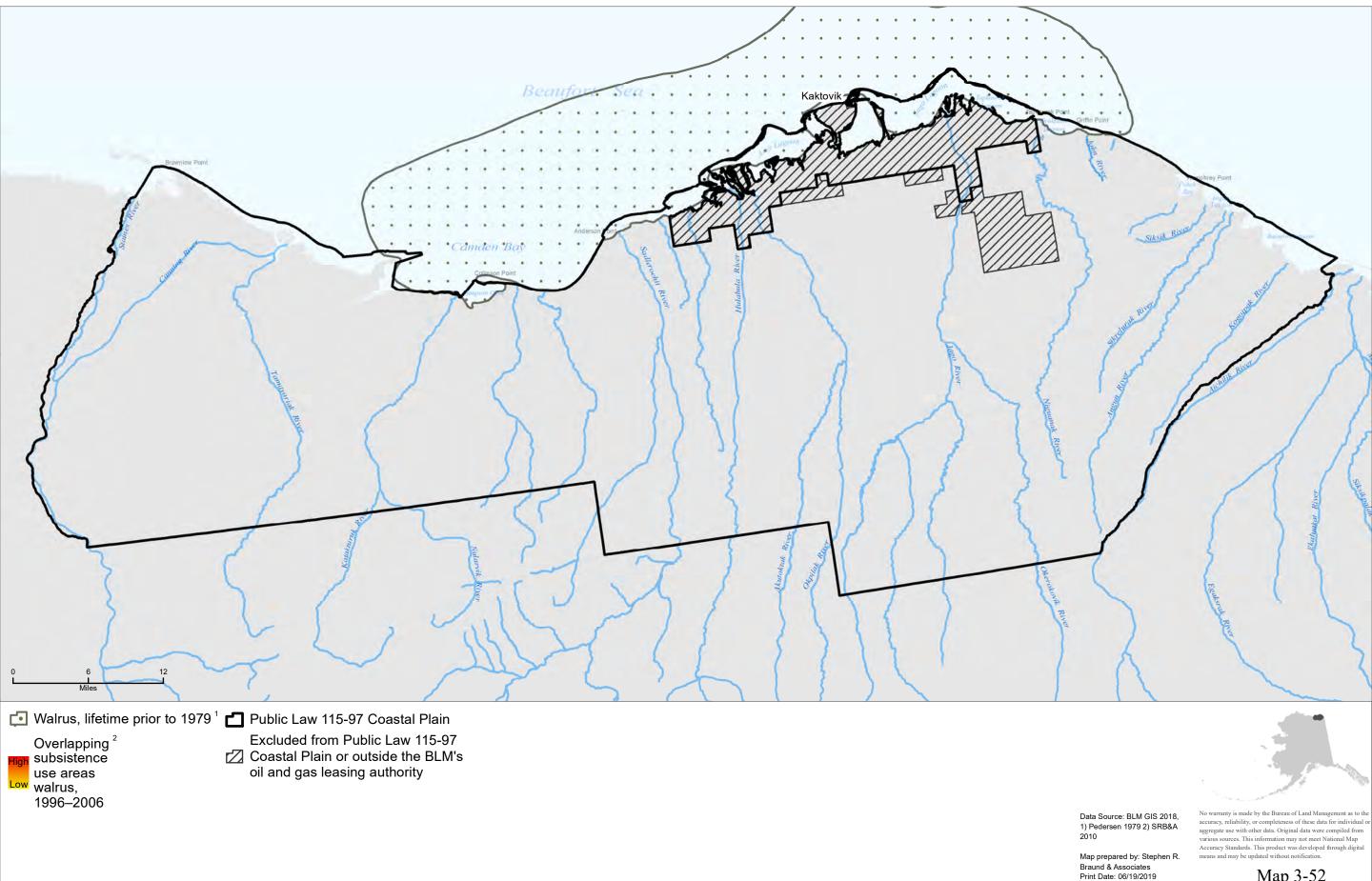
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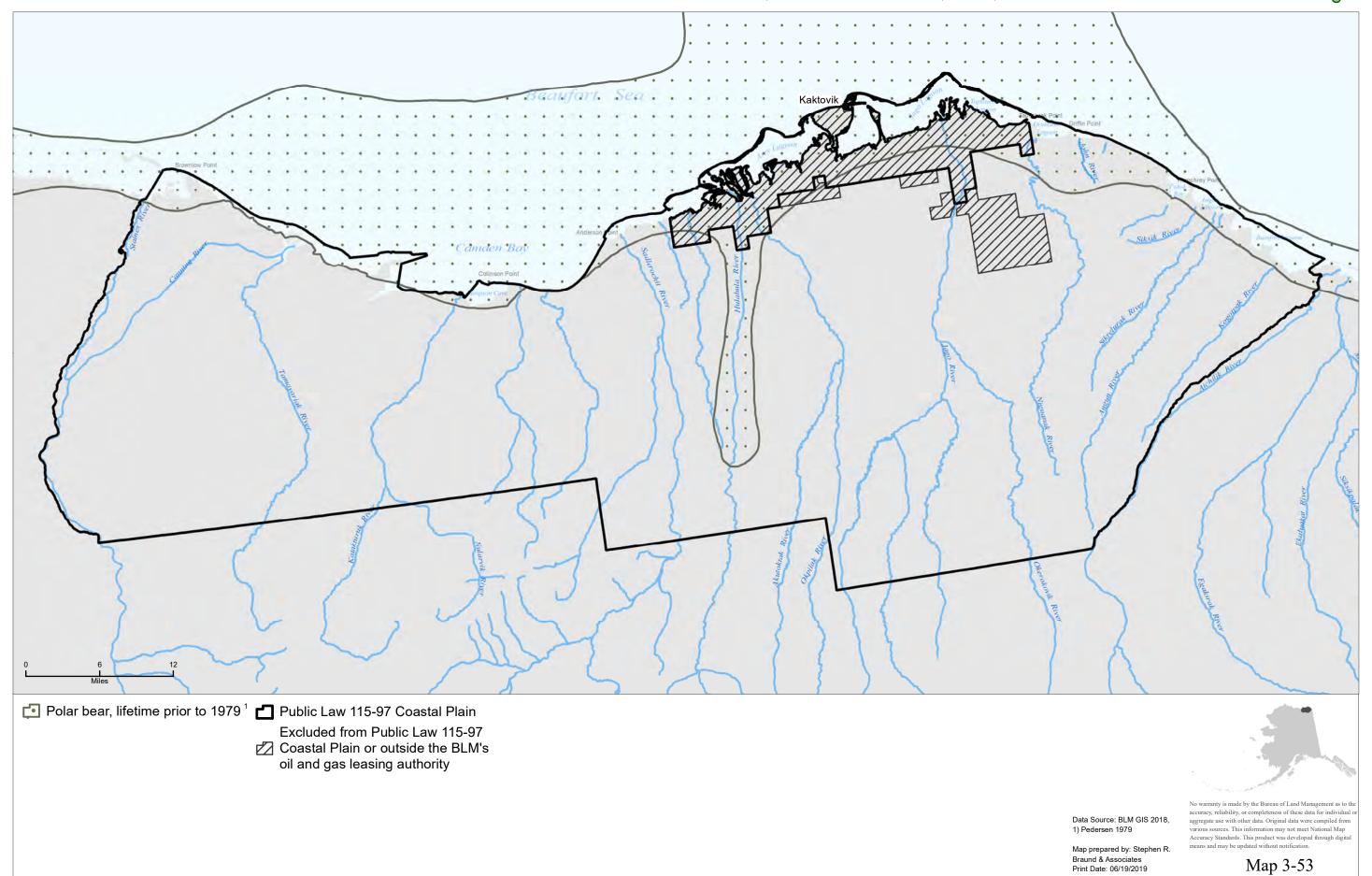




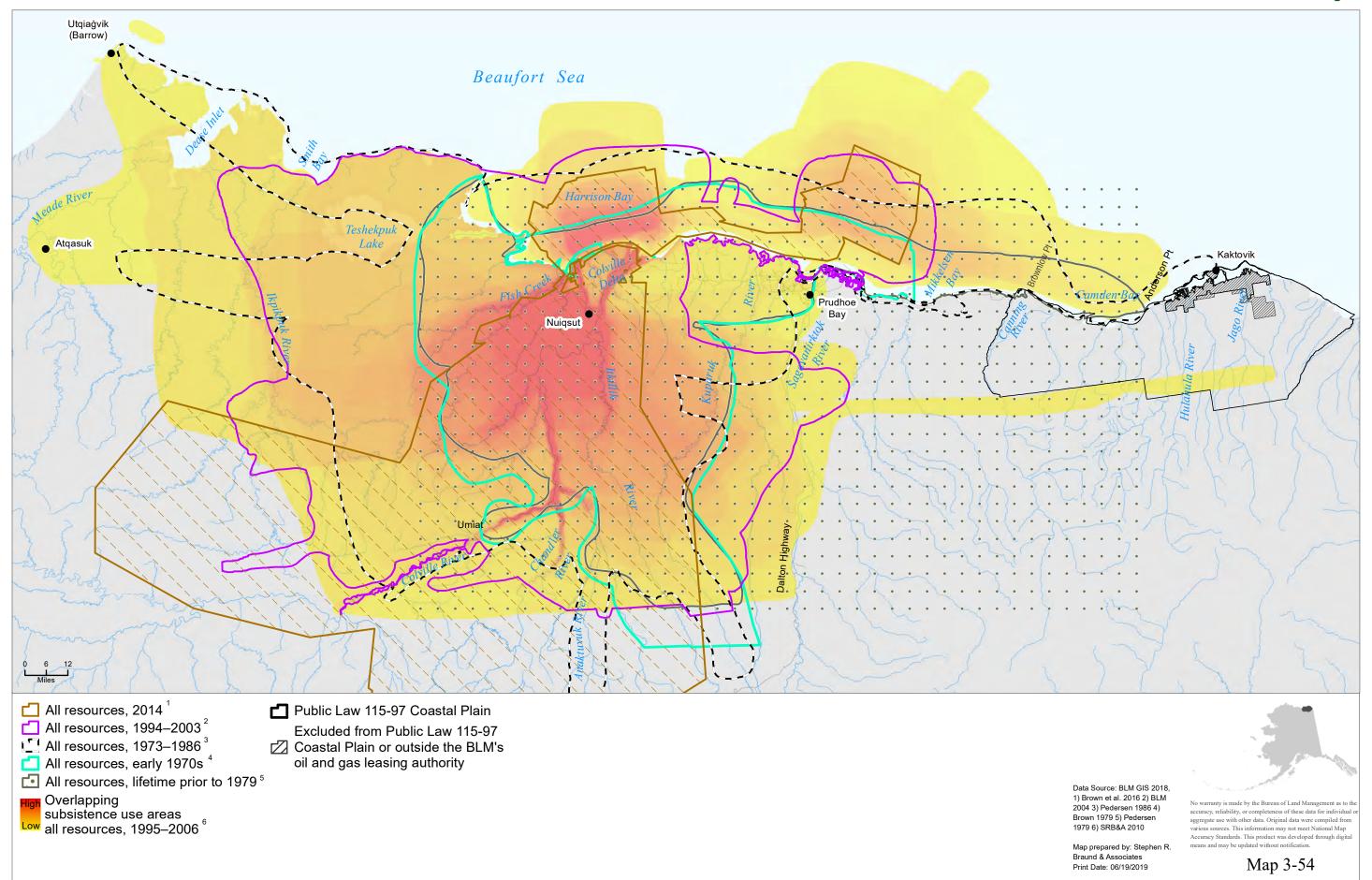




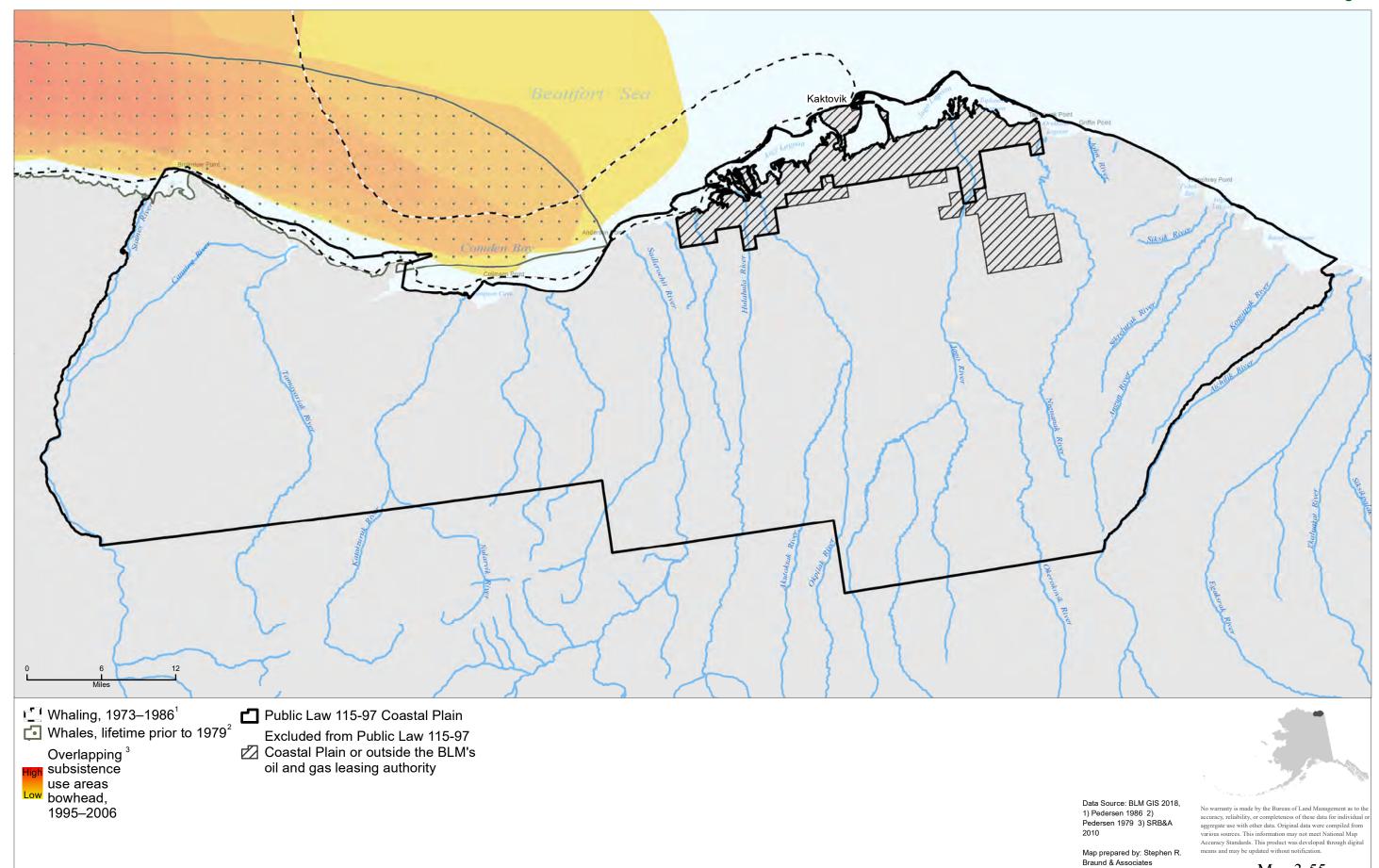








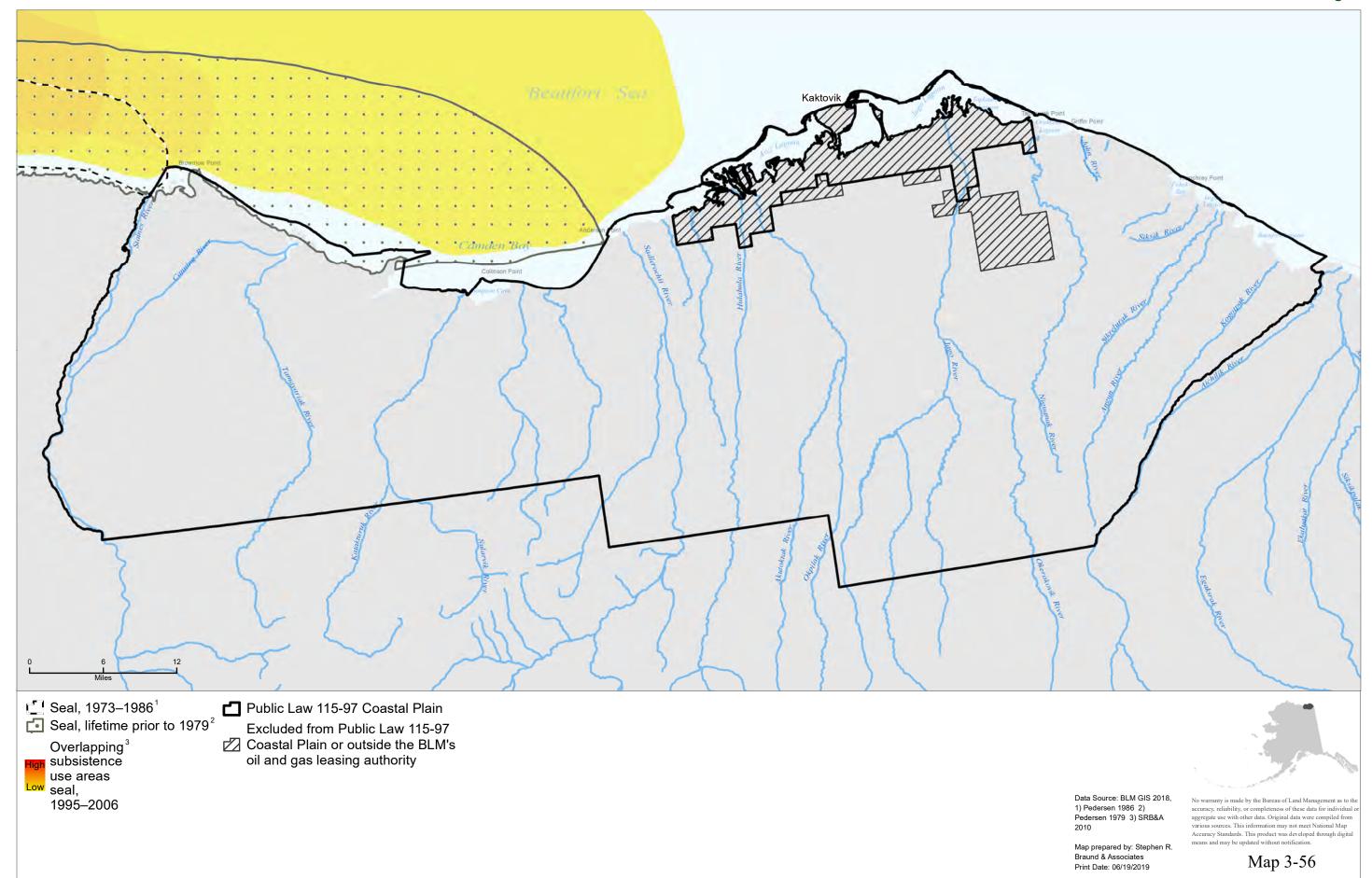




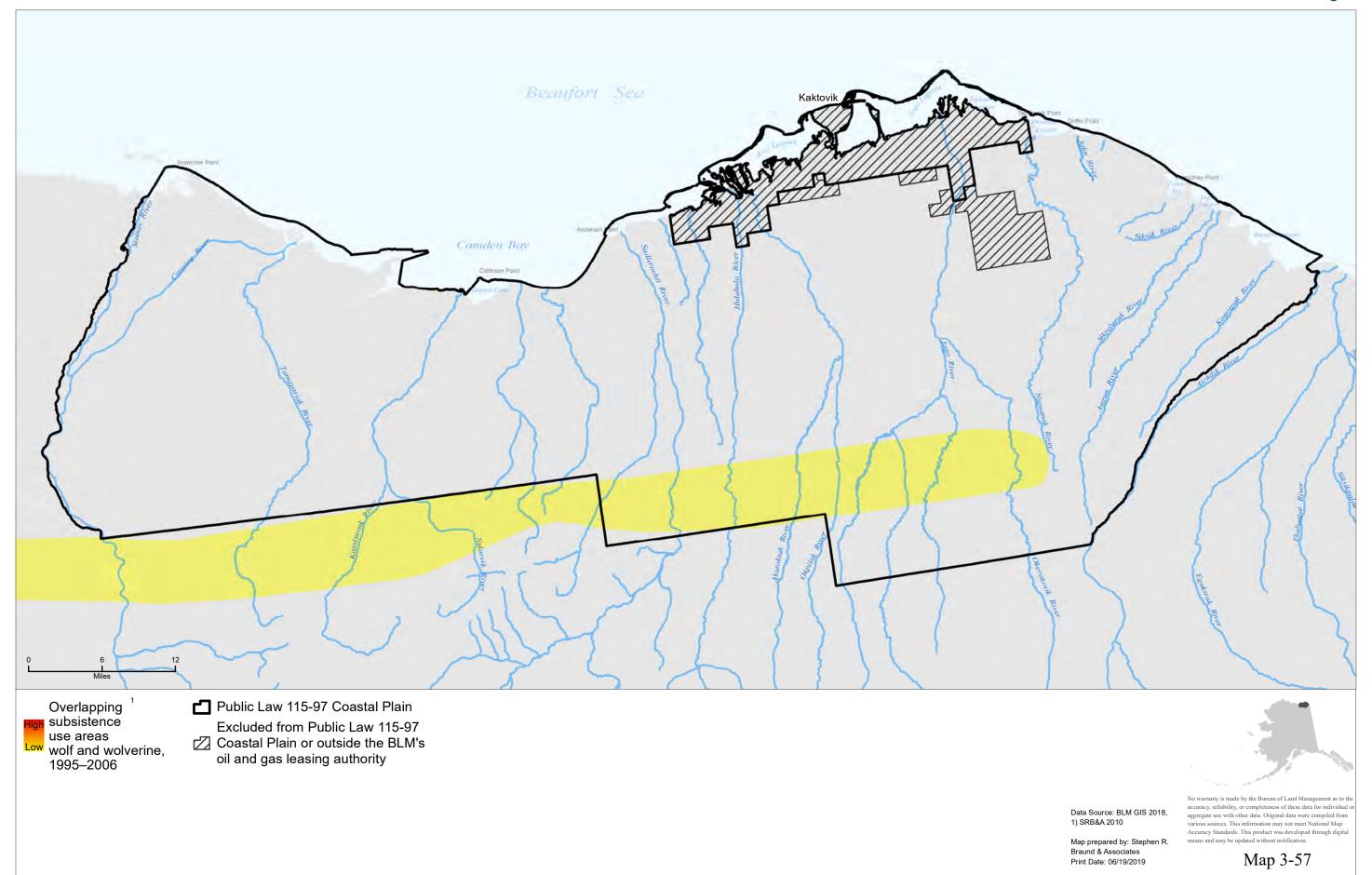
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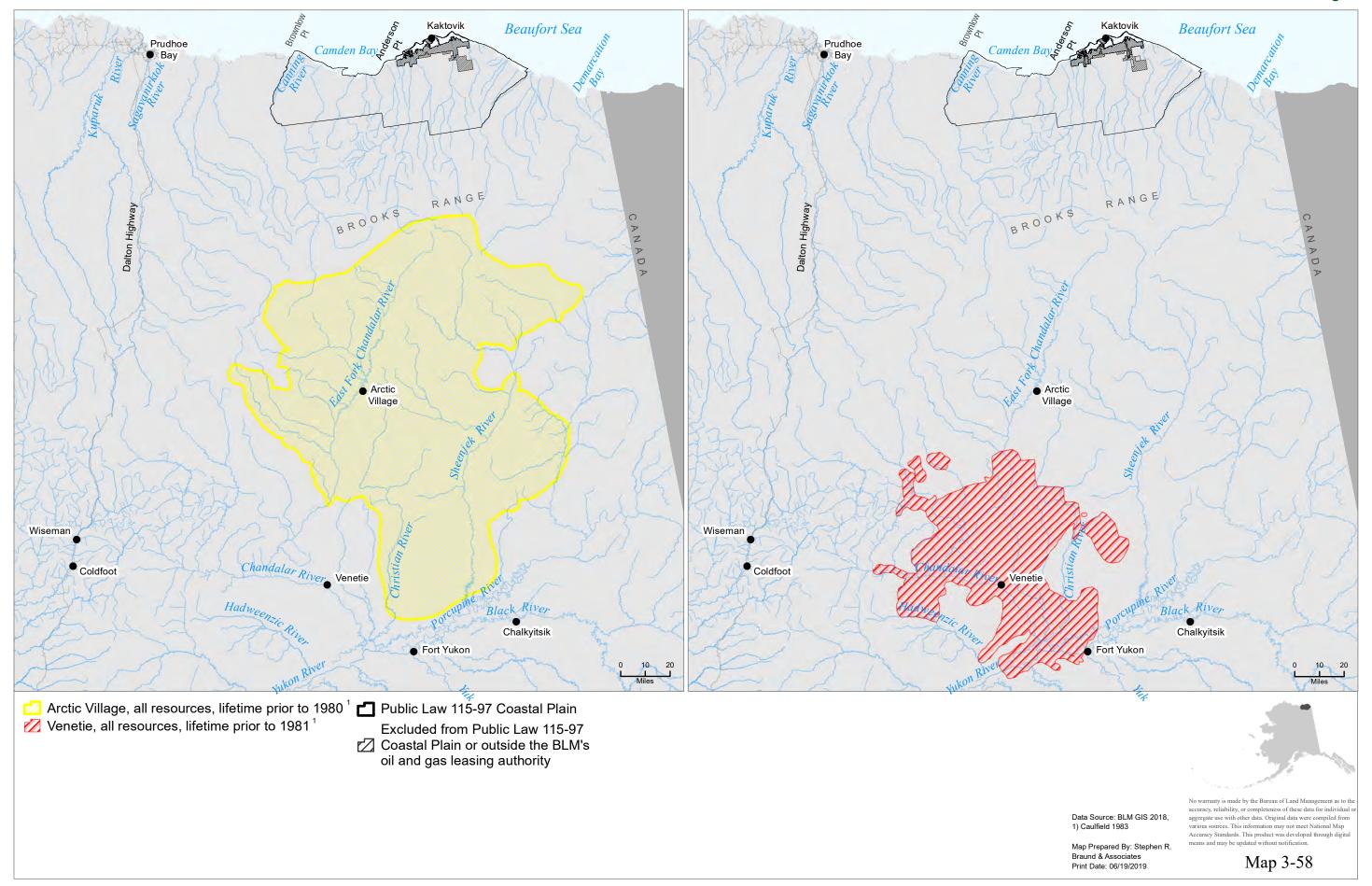






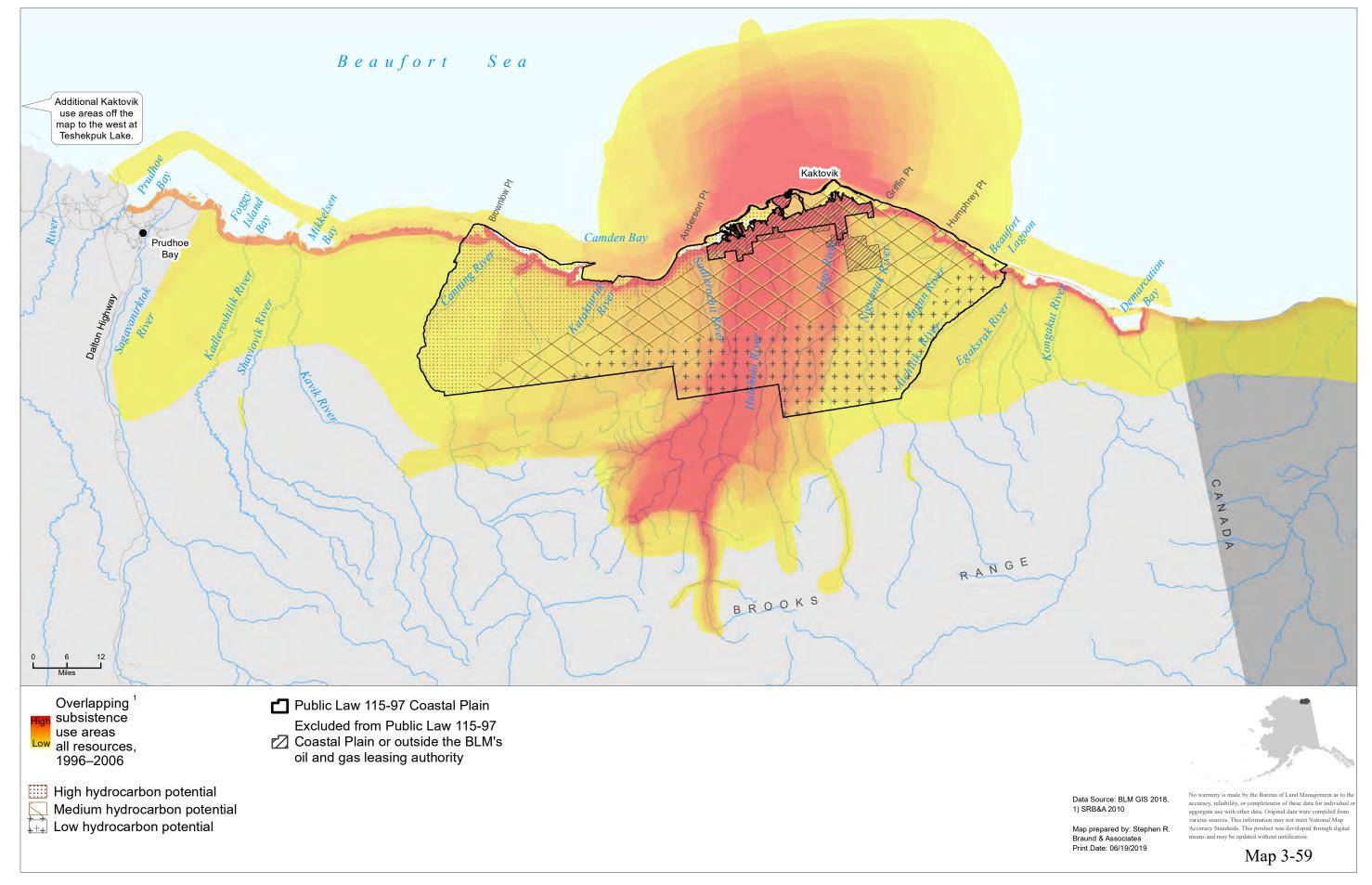




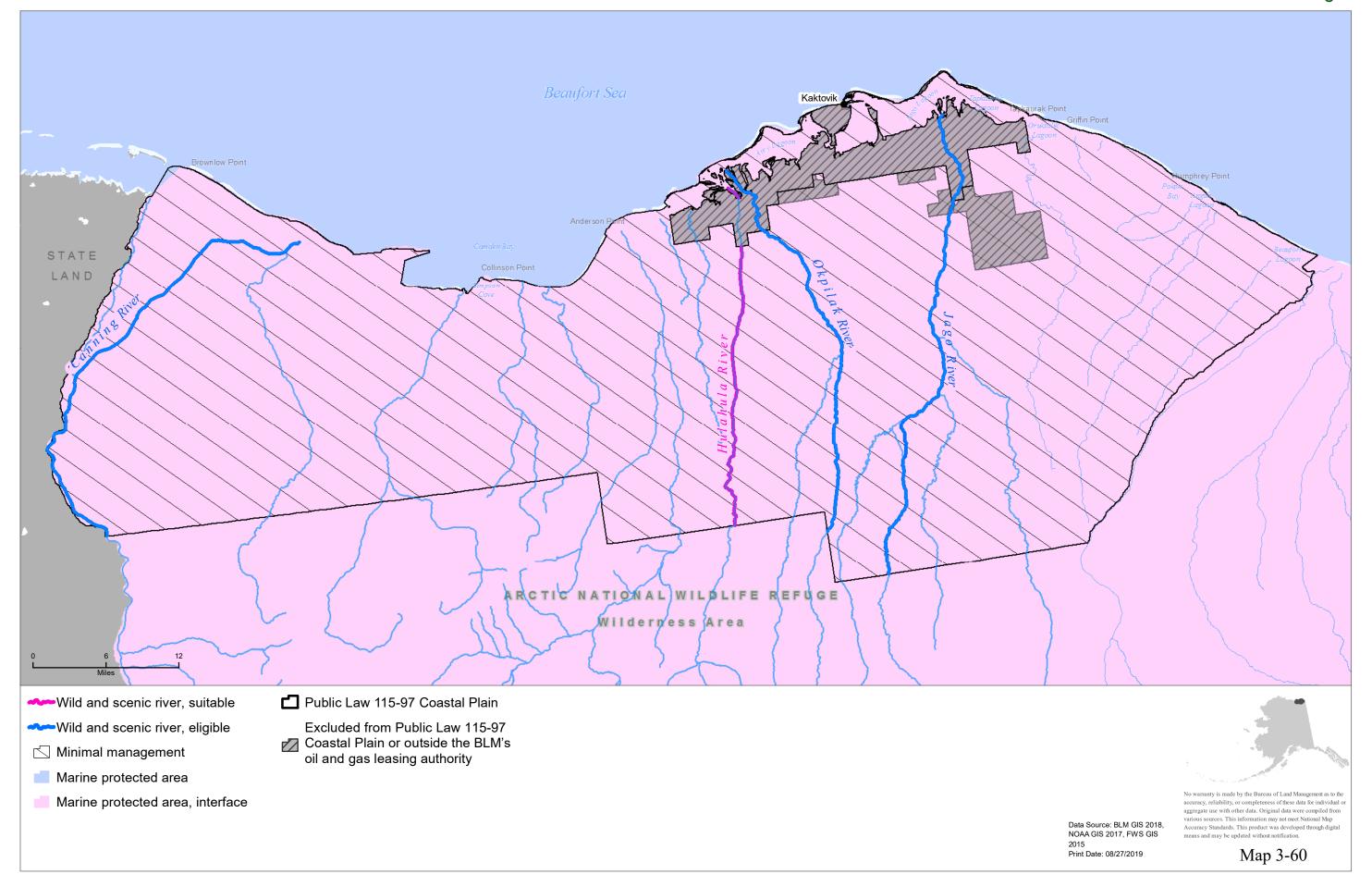


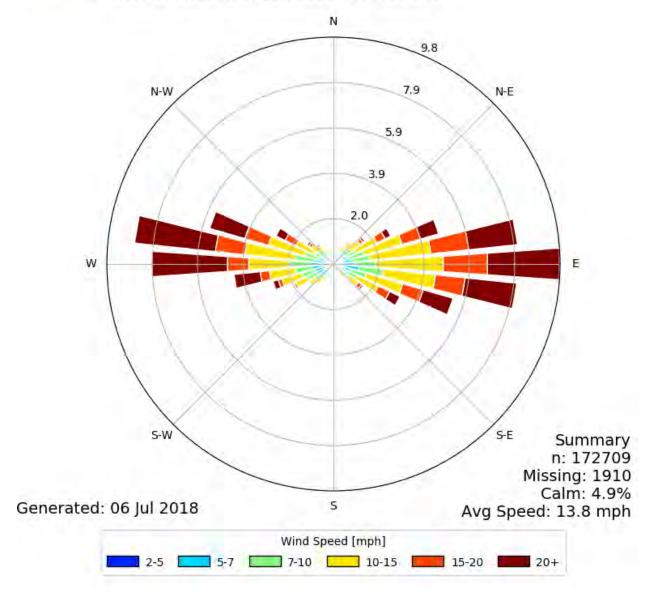
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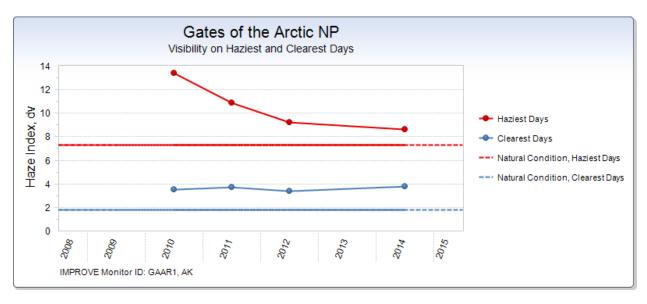


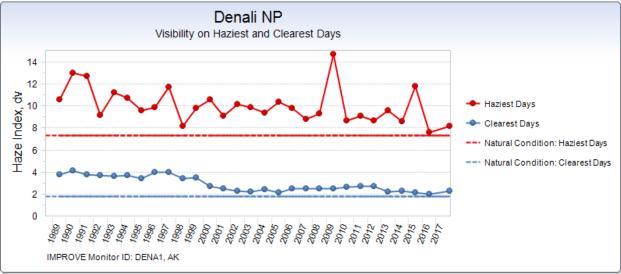




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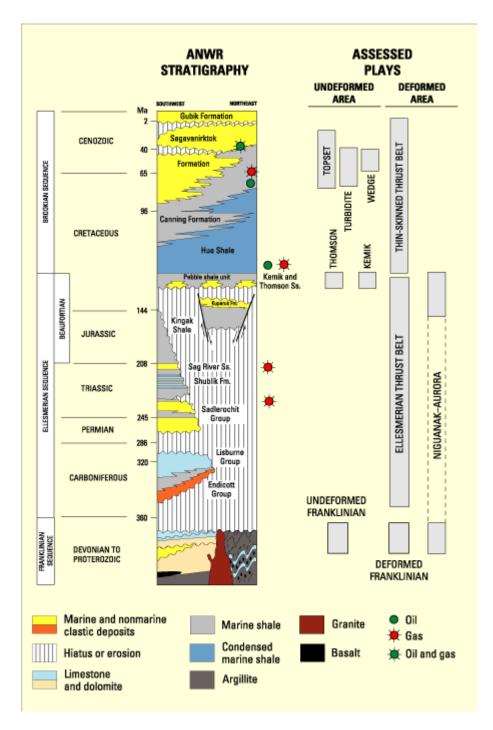
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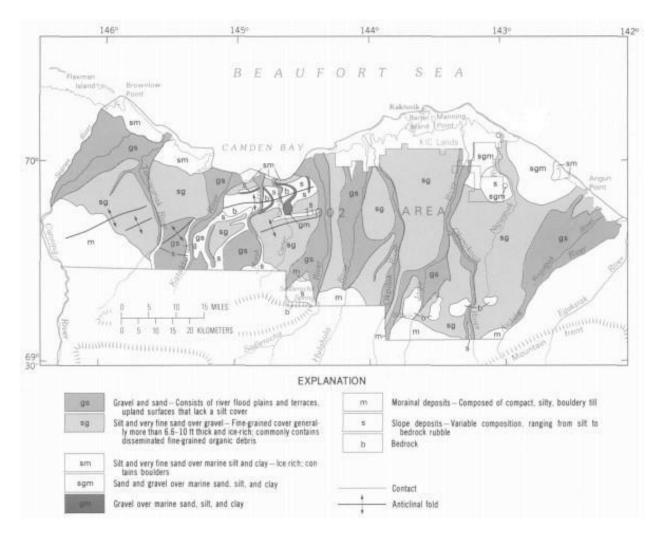
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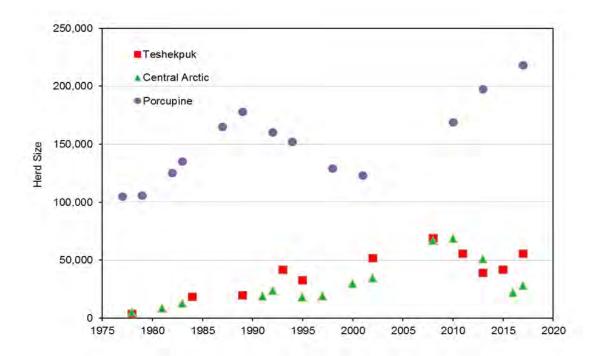
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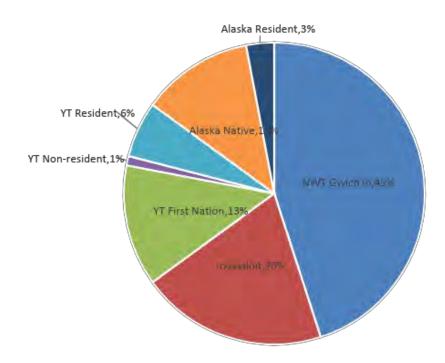
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Figure 3-4: Generalized Surficial Deposits of the Coastal Plain Area



Source: Lenart 2018

Figure 3-5: Population Size of Three Caribou Herds in Arctic Alaska, 1977-2017



Source: Porcupine Caribou Management Board 2010

**Figure 3-6**: Average Portion of Harvest of Porcupine Caribou Herd Between the US and Canada (1992-1994)

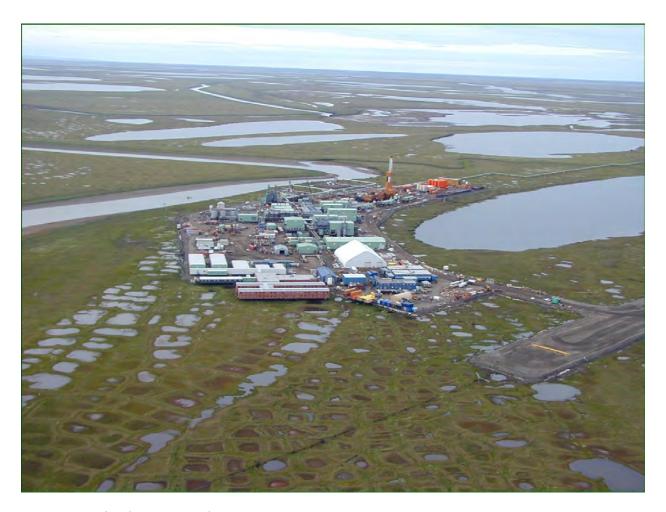


Figure 3-7: Visual Resources Photo 1

Typical layout for central processing facility with airstrip and pipeline (Alpine CPF on State land).



Figure 3-8: Visual Resources Photo 2

Typical layout for exploration well with ice pad and ice road (Stony Hill well site in NPR-A).