

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1311

To permanently prohibit oil and gas leasing in the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 4, 2007

Mr. KERRY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Bristol Bay Protection  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN CER-**  
 2 **TAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL**  
 3 **SHELF.**

4 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act  
 5 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the  
 6 following:

7 “(q) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN  
 8 CERTAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
 10 provision of this Act or any other law and except as  
 11 provided in paragraph (2), beginning on the date of  
 12 enactment of this subsection, the conduct of oil and  
 13 gas preleasing, leasing, and related activities is pro-  
 14 hibited in areas of the outer Continental Shelf lo-  
 15 cated in the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area.

16 “(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection af-  
 17 fects any rights under any lease issued under this  
 18 Act before the date of enactment of this sub-  
 19 section.”.

20 **SEC. 3. EXCLUSION FROM COMPREHENSIVE INVENTORY OF**  
 21 **OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL AND NAT-**  
 22 **URAL GAS RESOURCES.**

23 Section 357(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42  
 24 U.S.C. 15912(a)) is amended by inserting after “Conti-  
 25 nental Shelf” the following: “(other than the North Aleu-  
 26 tian Basin Planning Area referred to in section 8(q)(1)

1 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337  
2 (q)(1)))”.

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