

# COMMUNITY MAP BELKOFSKI

55° 05' N - 162° 02' W

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The rich and prolific fauna and flora of the region have always been the subsistence and economic mainstay of the Aleuts.

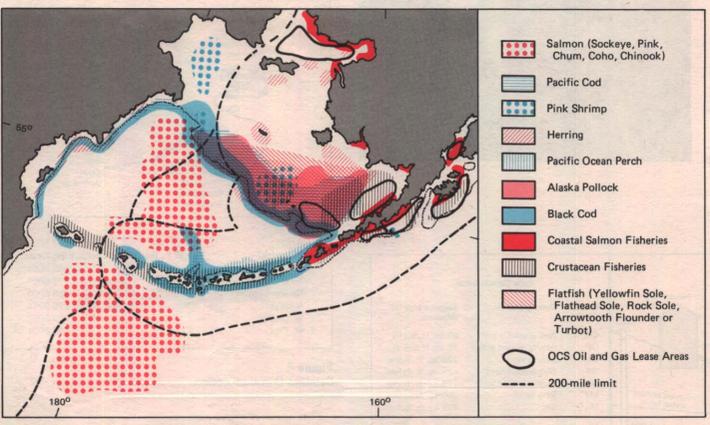


Figure 9  
OCS High Sea Fisheries and Oil and Gas Provinces in the Region

**Natural Resources**

**Biotic**—The village of Belkofski is surrounded by productive fishery resources, primarily salmon, crustaceans, and halibut (Figure 9). It also lies in an area supporting abundant and diverse upland, coastal, and marine birds and mammals. The intertidal and subtidal zones of the numerous islands, islets, and offshore rocks support a heavy cover of attached marine algae. The kelp beds of Sandman Reefs and other offshore banks are preferred habitat for sea otters that are now repopulating the area.

The uplands do not support trees, and vegetation consists of arctic/alpine tundra species, mainly at lower elevations. Some brush grows along stream margins and on bluffs.

**Mineral Resources**—There are no known commercially attractive mineral deposits near Belkofski. The oil and gas potential for the continental shelf adjacent to the coastline of the region is speculative or unknown at this time.

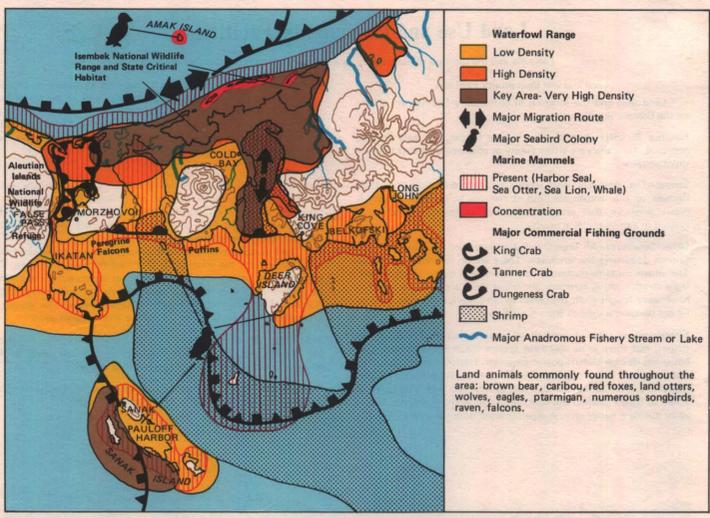
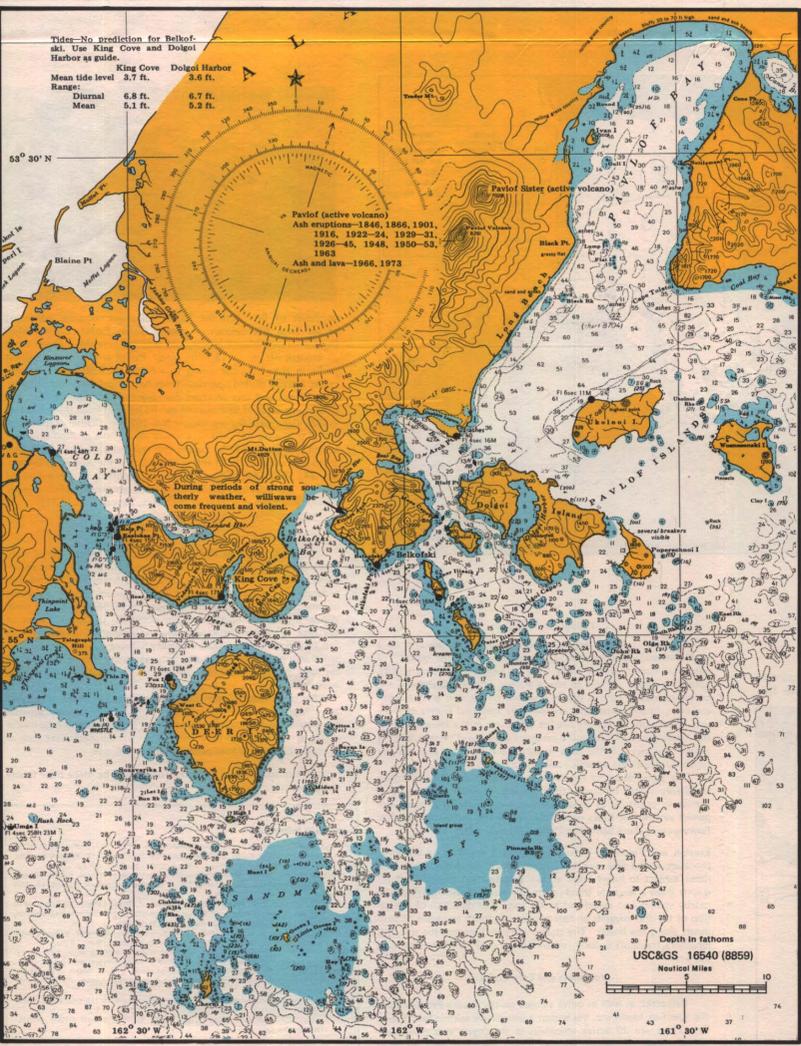


Figure 10  
Biotic Resources



**Community Base Map**—Maps are needed to show land use, ownership, location of utilities, and to plan for future village improvements. These maps can be prepared by either surveying the land on the ground or through enlargement of aerial photos or by a combination of both. Air photos can be taken at various heights. The height determines the extent of the area covered by the photograph.

The Community Base Map was prepared from a BLM photograph taken in 1977 at a height of 8,400 feet and enlarged to a scale of 1:2,400 (1 in. = 200 ft.). This map was used to locate the present utilities, residential development, and various community services and can be used in the future to evaluate the area for village expansion and to locate new construction.



Note: This community base map has been prepared from low altitude aerial photographs which contain unavoidable distortions in scale. Property and utility information has been generalized from many sources and may contain minor inconsistencies. This map should not be construed as a survey.