



THE RUSSIAN ARCTIC REGION: GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

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The Russian Arctic region

An area of about 8 mln sq.km
(including the islands - 0.2 mln sq.km) - 46% of the
Russian Federation whole territory
Population - 2.5 mln people* .

* White Paper to the International Arctic Legal Forum "Sustainable Development of the Arctic: Legal Aspects". Salekhard, 2011, P.3.

Territorial and administrative division

1. Republic of Sakha (Yakutia),
2. Murmansk Oblast,
3. Arkhangelsk Oblast,
4. Krasnoyarsk Krai,
5. Nenets Autonomous Okrug,
6. Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug,
7. Chukotka Autonomous Okrug*.

* The principles of state policy of the Russian Federation in the Arctic for the period till 2020 and further prospects. Moscow, 2008.

National security

Sovereignty of the five Arctic states.

North Atlantic Region (NAR).*

Arctic theater of operations (ATO).*

Interests of NATO, the USA, Russia, China, European Union states, states with developing economies (eg. India)*

*K. Voronov. Russia in the North Atlantic region: cost of convergence // The International Economy and International Relations. – 1997. - № 7. P.29.

* V.A. Korzun Russia's interests in the World ocean in the new geopolitical situation. – Moscow, Nauka, 2005. PP.460-466.

*Keith Suter. Arctic Politics are getting warmer: a new scramble for territory? / Contemporary Review, 2010, July. PP.187-195.

Strategic Stability

Russia and China:

a) "nuclear-free world on the basis of strategic stability maintenance principles".*

b) "formation of a common and indivisible security area of safety and stability in the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian regions".*

* Paragraph 8 of the Joint Statement of the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China on the current situation in the world and major international issues dated June 16, 2011 // The Far East Issues, № 4, 2011.P.15.

* Paragraph 12//Ibid.

Environmental Safety

*2012 - to include issue on the Development of global measures to protect the World ocean from pollution in the APEC Agenda.**

*2015 – creation of a unified System for Maritime Monitoring and Safety.**

** Joint Statement of the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China on the current situation in the world and major international issues dated June 16, 2011 // The Far East Issues, № 4, 2011. P.16.*

** The concept of long-term social and economic development of the Russian Federation for the period till 2020 // The Russian Federation Government Order dated November 17, 2008. N 1662-r S., the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation
http://www.economy.gov.ru/minec/activity/sections/fcp/rasp_2008_n1662_red_08.08.2009#*

Exploration of the Russian Arctic region

2011: discovered oil deposits – 594, gas deposits – 159, nickel deposits – 2, gold deposits – over 350.

Under development: about 50 projects - up to 30 bln barrels of oil in oil equivalent.*

2020: The growth of balance geological reserves up to 3 bln tons, and natural gas - up to 5 trln cubic meters.*

The Shtokman gas condensate field: 3.9 trln cubic meters of gas and 56.1 mln tons of condensate. Plan:

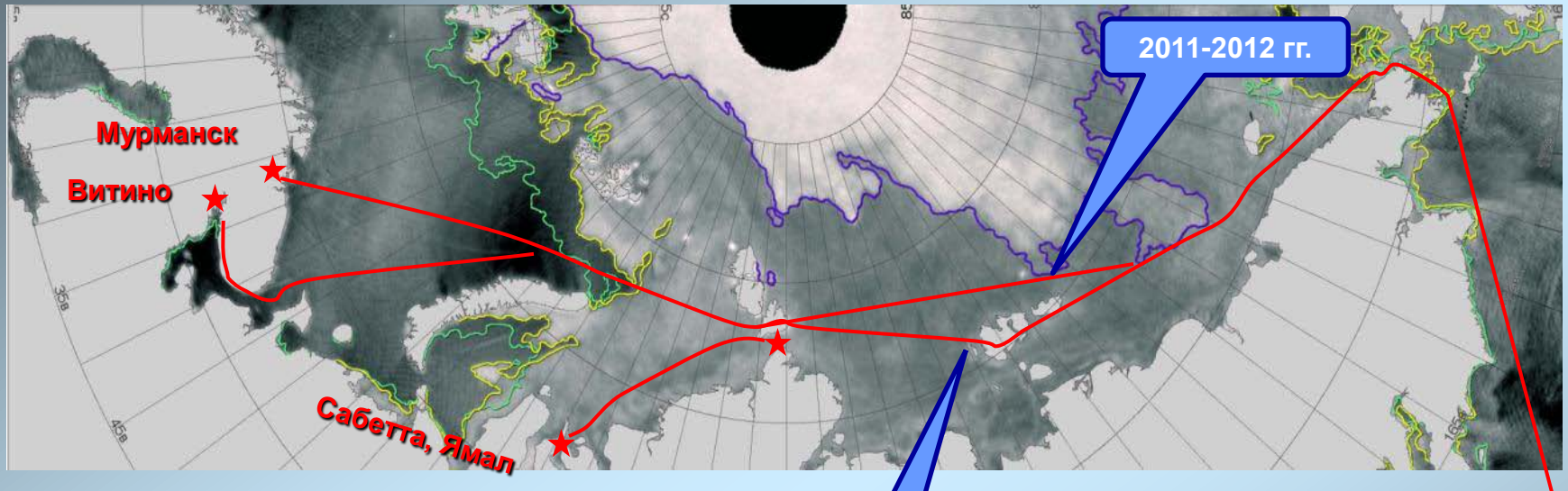
2016 - pipeline gas supply,

2017 – liquefied natural gas supply.

* Y.P. Trutnev. Exploration issues on mineral and primary resources and environmental security in the Arctic zone // Speech at the II International Arctic Forum. Arkhangelsk, September 22-23, 2011.

* The concept of long-term social and economic development of the Russian Federation for the period till 2020 // The Russian Federation Government Order dated November 17, 2008. N 1662-r S., the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

Arctic transport system



2010 The possibility for large-capacity tankers to sail along the NSR is confirmed (trip of the "SKF Baltica" tanker through the Strait of Sannikov)

2011 1. The possibility to use the maximum tonnage of the Suez Canal for the NSR transit is confirmed\$ 2. A new high-latitude navigation route through the NSR is explored*

*Frank S.O. JSC Sovkomflot // Speech at the II International Arctic Forum. Arkhangelsk, September 22-23, 2011.

Economic and social development

The Program "Economic and Social Development of the Russian Arctic region" is a coordination mechanism for public-private partnerships (PPP), international organizations and commercial banks.*

2011:

June – the Concept of Geology Development till 2030 is approved

July – The Decree of the President of the Russian Federation on the creation of "Rosgeology" is signed.

* B. Basargin. A new Strategy for the Arctic // Oil of Russia. Special Issue on "The Shelf Resources 2010" PP. 8-12.

The law "Earth's on Subsoil"

Discussion of amendments:

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation: "for foreign investors to mine the fields discovered by them".*

Lukoil: "to develop, subject to a legal entity registration with the state share over 50%".*

*K. Baskaev. The State consolidates exploration. Oil of Russia, 2011. № 10. P.77.

*V. Alikperov. It is necessary to share the risks // Oil of Russia. Special Issue on "The Shelf Resources 2010", P. 21.

Environmental damage reduction

1. Recovery:

Purification of the Wrangel Island, the Amderma Island – 250.6 mln rubles till 2013

Former military bases and polar stations – 1.6 bln rubles till 2013*

2. Specially Protected Natural Territories (2011): Federal – 18

Regional – 86

Create till 2020 – Beringia and Bear Islands *

3. International activity:

Arctic Agenda 2020 – UNEP, World Bank, UNDP, European Development Bank, 2 Russian Ministries.

Information and communication system

2015 – creation of space communication and surveillance devices.*
June, 2011 – Support of the Russian-Canadian "Northern air bridge" project aimed at equal-access services in all Arctic Council states.*

* The Concept of Long-Term Social and Economic Development of the Russian Federation for the period till 2020 // The Russian Federation Government Order dated November 17, 2008. N 1662-r S., the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation
* A. Botov. The "Northern Air Bridge" project, history (1996-2011), and development prospects // Speech at the II International Arctic Forum. Arkhangelsk, September 22-23, 2011.

The conclusion

Russian Arctic policies are:

1. Restore a strategic infrastructure.
 2. Improve legislative regulation of the Arctic region economy and social sphere development.
 3. Take optimum measures of interaction between the federal center and local self-administrations, the state and autonomous powers for the attracting investment.
 4. Prepare a Northern Sea Route as the International Transit Transport System and restoration of the Sea power status.
- Thus, concentration on the Russian Arctic domestic policy is preparation for *the transnational cooperation* on realization of 21st century Global Arctic project at *a states dominating role*.

Thank you for attention!

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