

The Arctic Slope Regional Corporation Is A Wealthy Alaska Regional Corporation That Makes Millions Leasing The Arctic National Wildlife Reserve To Big Oil

ARSC Had Over \$200 Million In Assets And Over \$77 Million In Revenue In 2018.

- In 2018, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation Reported Net Assets Of 218,029,426. [Arctic Slope Regional Corporation 2018 Annual Report, accessed [05/14/20](#)]
- In 2018, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation Had \$77,150,480 In Operating Revenue. [Arctic Slope Regional Corporation 2018 Annual Report, accessed [05/14/20](#)]
- Arctic Slope Regional Corporation Does Not Have A 2019 Financial Statement Available. [Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, accessed [05/14/20](#)]

ASRC Spent Millions On “Fringe Benefits” For Its Staff

- In 2018, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation Spent \$42,521,862 On “Salaries And Fringe Benefits.” [Arctic Slope Regional Corporation 2018 Annual Report, accessed [05/14/20](#)]

The Arctic Slope Regional Corporation Paid Tara Sweeney, Now Acting Director Of Indian Affairs, A Hefty Executive Salary.

- Tara Sweeney’s salary from ASRC was \$645,104.
- ASRC gave Sweeney a cash payment of \$321,023 as part of its employee incentive program. [OGE form 278e, [01/03/20](#)]

ARSC Took In \$22 Million When It Sold Rights To Huge Swaths Of The Arctic Off To Chevron And BP

The Arctic Slope Regional Corporation Sold Leases To BP And Chevron For \$22 Million After Congress Opened Up ANWR To Oil And Gas Drilling In 2017. “The Alaska Native regional corporation for the North Slope collected \$22.5 million from a pair of oil companies after Congress opened the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge’s coastal plain to drilling in 2017, according to corporate documents. Arctic Slope Regional Corp., whose 13,000 Alaska Native shareholders own the oil rights to 140 square miles along the coastal plain, has long been one of the most aggressive advocates for opening the refuge to oil development. The payment, referenced in ASRC’s latest annual report, underscores just how much the corporation had to gain from the congressional action. It stands to benefit further if the oil companies, BP and Chevron, ultimately find and produce petroleum on its property.” [Alaska Public Media, [01/08/20](#)]

BP Was A Key Lobbyist In Convincing The Trump Administration To Open ANWR To Oil & Gas Extraction. “Oil major BP played a key role in lobbying the Trump administration to allow oil and gas drilling in two previously protected areas of the Alaskan Arctic, Unearthed can reveal. Opening up the areas to exploration poses significant risks to the environment and will undermine efforts to meet the Paris climate targets to prevent catastrophic climate change. Writing to Trump administration officials, the company first lobbied for more areas to be opened up to drilling off the US coast and then welcomed plans to lease swathes of the Arctic’s Beaufort Sea for oil and gas exploration, according to documents seen by Unearthed.” [Unearthed, [05/19/19](#)]

- **BP America President Susan Dio Said Opening Up ANWR Was A “Big Policy Victory.”** “So when the US interior department kicked-off the leasing process for the area in April 2018, BP Alaska president, Janet Weiss, wrote to officials welcoming the move. A day after that letter was sent, BP’s Susan Dio told a meeting of the Resource Development Council of Alaska (RDC) that the decision to permit drilling was a ‘big policy victory.’ In previously unreported comments, Dio said: ‘Alaska won a big policy victory at the national level this past December when the federal government opened the door to oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.’” [Unearthed, [05/19/19](#)]

When Asked About The Arctic Slope’s BP And Chevron Leases As Part Of Her Confirmation Hearing, Sweeney Refused To Provide An Answer. In the QFRs following Sweeney’s confirmation hearing, Senator Cantwell asked, “Ms. Sweeney, we also understand that there are lease agreements for ASRC lands in the Arctic Refuge with BP and Chevron/ Texaco. Again, to make sure that we understand the potential conflicts that could come into plan with any BIA work related to these companies, please describe the details of these lease agreements and whether you think any of these arrangements will require you to recuse yourself from any matter that potentially involves BP or Chevron.” [Tara Sweeney Confirmation QFR, [05/09/18](#)]

- **Sweeney Refused To Provide An Answer.** She responded, “The details of those arrangements are proprietary and the intellectual property of ASRC. Therefore, I do not have access to this information. I will comply with my ethics agreement and consult with OGE and/or DAEO on appropriate matters that may arise outside my agreement.” [Tara Sweeney Confirmation QFR, [05/09/18](#)]

ARCSC Has Paid \$1.6 Million To Lobby The Federal Government Since The Start Of The Trump Administration

Arctic Slope Regional Corporation Has Spent \$1,600,000 On Federal Lobbying Since The Start Of The Trump Administration. [Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, [05/14/20](#)]

- **Arctic Slope Regional Corporation Has Spent \$1,600,000 On Federal Lobbying Since January 20, 2017.** It has hired the firms Van Ness Feldman and Capitol Hill Consulting Group. [Senate Lobbying Disclosure Search, [05/14/20](#)]