

MINERAL-RESOURCE MAP OF THE PETERSBURG QUADRANGLE AND PARTS OF THE PORT ALEXANDER, SITKA, AND SUMDUM QUADRANGLES, SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA

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INTRODUCTION

The Petersburg project region covers about 16,300 km² and includes all of the Petersburg, about one-third of the Port Alexander, a small part of the Sitka, and about one-tenth of the Sumdum 1:250,000-scale quadrangles. The region is located in south-central southeastern Alaska and includes parts of the (from west to east) Chatham Trough, Prince of Wales Mountains, Kupreanof Lowland, Coastal Foothills, and Boundary Ranges physiographic divisions of Wahrhaftig (1965). Two towns, Petersburg and Wrangell, and two villages, Kake and Point Baker, are in the region.

The region contains three mines and a wide variety of metallic mineral occurrences (Grybeck and others, 1984). One mine produced barite, one gold, and the other garnet. The region has long attracted the attention of prospectors and mineral exploration companies.

This map and text report the results of a mineral-resource-assessment study done during the period 1978 to 1982. The resource terminology used here is that of the U.S. Bureau of Mines and U.S. Geological Survey (1980; see Appendix A). As described below, a multidisciplinary team working in the field and office identified five mineral-resource tracts containing identified resources and other attributes that indicate a high probability for the occurrence of economic mineral deposits. The team also identified eight other tracts that have quantified undiscovered resources and other attributes that indicate a lesser probability for economic deposits. Unquantified undiscovered resources are believed to be present in 15 other tracts; three tracts have only geophysical anomalies that may have mineral-resource significance. Altogether, 31 tracts are shown on the map and described below. Several of the tracts overlap because they are defined by separate criteria or because different types of deposits are interpreted to be present.

In addition to the resources inferred to be present in the 31 tracts, other undiscovered mineral resources may

be present in other areas, contained in types of deposits not yet known to exist in the region, and in undiscovered placer gold deposits. Known nonmetallic resources of marble, fluorite, and garnet are also present.

This project region (Brew and others, 1984) is perhaps the single most geologically varied and complicated 1:250,000-scale map area in the entire United States. The stratigraphic section ranges from Ordovician through Neogene and includes a wide variety of rock types from island-arc-related graptolite-bearing turbidites to postglacial tholeiitic basalt flows. Seven intrusive igneous episodes are represented; they range from 110-Ma Alaskan-type concentrically zoned mafic-ultramafic plutons to 15-Ma granite and rhyolite plugs. Seven post-Early Cretaceous metamorphic events are recorded: (1) regional dynamothermal metamorphism that affected the Lower Cretaceous sedimentary rocks; (2) low-pressure, thermal contact-metamorphic aureoles associated with the discontinuous belt of 110-Ma ultramafic bodies; (3) a local low-pressure thermal event adjacent to 100-Ma intrusions; (4) a Late Cretaceous, local to regional, low- to intermediate-pressure event associated with the discontinuous belt of 95-Ma intrusions; (5) a latest Cretaceous and early Tertiary regional Barrovian metamorphism associated with a narrow belt of 70- to 55-Ma intrusions; (6) a regional low-pressure thermal event associated with a broad belt of 50-Ma intrusions; and (7) a local low-pressure thermal event associated with 20-Ma plutons. Relatively simple, fault-dominated structures complicate the outcrop areas of older Paleozoic rocks; in contrast, adjacent but not overlying younger Paleozoic and Mesozoic strata have been repeatedly involved in southwest-vergent folding. The western boundary of the project region is the major Chatham Strait fault, that has 100 km to 180 km of right-lateral separation (Ovenshine and Brew, 1972; Sonnevil, 1981; Hudson and others, 1982). It is the southern continuation of the Denali-Shakwak system and is here completely concealed by Chatham Strait. The major and enigmatic Coast Range megalineament (Brew and Ford, 1978) cuts through the northeastern corner of the region, close to the deformed and metamorphosed eastern margin of an Upper Jurassic to Lower Cretaceous flysch and volcanic overlap sequence.

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ASSESSMENT METHOD

The mineral-resource assessment was done by what is referred to technically as an "expert panel" made up of regional geologists, economic geologists, geochemists, and a geophysicist, all of whom had participated in 44 person-months of fieldwork during 1978 to 1982. This fieldwork followed about 48 person-months of regional geologic mapping and geophysical studies done by other U.S. Geological Survey parties from 1942 to 1971. The final assessment was done by the panel as a whole; the process involved systematic review and discussion of the different data discussed below; followed by consensus on the boundaries of the different mineral-resource tracts, on the types of deposits interpreted to be present, and on the quantified resources (if any) present in the 31 tracts shown on the map.

The expert panel utilized the following basic information in their interpretations and syntheses: bedrock geology (Brew and others, 1984); economic geology (Grybeck and others, 1984); bedrock geochemistry (Karl and others, 1985; S.M. Karl and R.D. Koch, unpub. data, 1989); stream-sediment and panned-concentrate geo-chemistry (Cathrall and others, 1983a-w; Tripp and Cathrall, 1984); aeromagnetic survey (U.S. Geological Survey, 1979b); a high-flight-level aeroradioactivity survey (U.S. Geological Survey, 1979a); gravity survey (Barnes, 1972a-c; Barnes and others, 1972a,b; Barnes and others, 1975); and telegeology (Le Compte, 1981). In addition, a bibliography was prepared (Burrell and others, 1982), a low-flight-level aeroradioactivity survey was made of most of the region, and specific studies were made of selected mineral deposits and occurrences. Specific studies of several uranium occurrences (Dickinson, 1979a,b; Dickinson and Campbell, 1983, 1984; Dickinson and Pierson, 1989; Dickinson and Vuletich, in press) and of an important belt of sulfide occurrences (Berg and Grybeck, 1980; Berg, 1981) were also used in the synthesis.

Various interpretative maps and reports based on the above and other sources were prepared by the panel members for use in the final assessment. The first two items prepared were (1) a list of 16 different types of mineral deposits identified as being already known in the project area or being geologically permissible, and (2) an interpretation of the geology that showed different parts of the region considered to be geologically permissible for those 16 types of mineral deposits. Insofar as possible, these and other similar steps were done without using other types of information; in other words, in the case of the permissive geology map, such things as known metallic mineral occurrences and geochemistry were not considered in delineating host-rock units permissive for a specific type of deposit. The intent was to extract as much permissive information as possible from each source before evaluating how the different interpretations interacted.

The original list of deposits was subsequently revised to 17 by (1) eliminating deposit types that were

decided not likely to be present, (2) adding some deposit types not originally considered to be present, and (3) revising the types to correspond to the classification used by Nokleberg and others (1987, 1988). This latter classification is based mainly on the mineral-deposit models developed by Erickson (1982), Cox (1983a, b), and Cox and Singer (1986). The deposit types used in the assessment are as follows: (1) gabbroic Ni-Cu deposit, (2) zoned mafic-ultramafic Cr-Pt (\pm Cu, Ni, Co, Ti, Fe) deposit, (3) carbonatite deposit, (4) Sn greisen, Sn vein, Sn replacement, and Sn skarn deposits, (5) Cu-Pb-Zn (\pm Au, Ag), W, and Fe (\pm Au) skarn deposits, (6) porphyry Cu-Mo, porphyry Cu, and porphyry Mo deposits, (7) polymetallic vein deposits, (8) felsic plutonic U deposit, (9) Cyprus massive sulfide deposit, (10) Besshi massive sulfide deposit, (11) epithermal vein deposit, (12) Kuroko massive sulfide deposit, (13) sandstone U deposit, (14) sedimentary exhalative Zn-Pb deposit, (15) bedded barite deposit, (16) low-sulfide Au-quartz vein deposit (abbrev. to Au-quartz vein deposit), and (17) metamorphosed sulfide deposit. These deposit types are described briefly in Appendix B, which is reprinted with minor modifications from Nokleberg and others (1988).

Cluster analysis and mineral-deposit-geochemical-signature information were applied to the data from 1,449 stream-sediment, 1,430 panned-concentrate, and 442 pebble samples in order to generate interpretative maps showing various elemental ratios, relative abundances of elements expected in different types of deposits, and the relations of these derivative measures to anomalous concentrations of single elements in different parts of the region. Similarly, the geochemical data from 6,974 bedrock samples were interpreted to show both anomalous concentrations above expected background values and anomalous concentrations in different parts of the region (S.M. Karl and R.D. Koch, unpub. data, 1989).

Geophysical studies included aeromagnetic and gravity surveys and interpretation. The aeromagnetic survey was interpreted in preliminary fashion, and a map showing significant anomalies and gradients, together with some suggestions about the origin of the different anomalies, was prepared for use in the final assessment. The gravity survey data were interpreted in detail and a new Bouguer gravity map prepared for the region (Barnes and others, 1989).

The expert panel used over 150 separate maps in a stacking, comparing, and discussion process to assess the mineral resources of the region. After all the data had been reviewed and discussed, the tracts that had mineral-resource significance were delineated; the features used to delineate the tracts are given in the following section that discusses the individual tracts. The 31 tracts were classified into five ranks, based on the criteria given immediately below. All of the tracts, except for those in rank V (tracts based on geophysical evidence alone), have geology that is permissive for a specific mineral-deposit type. The criteria for each rank are:

I. A mine (with or without recorded production); significant stream-sediment-, panned-concentrate-, and

(or) bedrock-geochemical anomalies; and, in some cases, significant geophysical anomalies.

II. One or more prospects or metallic-mineral occurrences; significant stream-sediment-, panned-concentrate-, and (or) bedrock-geochemical anomalies; and, in some cases, significant geophysical anomalies.

III. Minor metallic-mineral occurrences, significant stream-sediment-, panned-concentrate-, and (or) bedrock-geochemical anomalies; and, in some cases, significant geophysical anomalies.

IV. Permissive geology; some bedrock geochemical anomalies.

V. A significant geophysical anomaly.

In addition to the resources contained in these five ranks, undiscovered deposits of unsuspected types may be present in the project region. The possibility of placer gold resources is considered very unlikely, given the glacial history of the region and the intensity of early gold prospecting. Resources of sand, gravel, limestone, dimension stone, and garnet are present, but we did not evaluate them. Preliminary versions of the detailed information given in this report have been presented previously (Brew and others, 1987).

DESCRIPTIONS OF MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACTS

The 31 tracts interpreted to have mineral resources are described individually below. With the exception of references to mines and prospects, all of the background material (such as that for stream-sediment geochemistry) is that listed in the previous section. Information concerning these individual areas is summarized synoptically in table 1 (on the map sheet).

These points should be kept in mind when evaluating the information describing the 31 tracts: (1) In places where different tracts of the same or different rank overlap, the geochemical anomalies are generally discussed for the higher ranked tracts first; if exactly the same geochemical information is used as criteria for overlapping tracts, that fact is stated. (2) In evaluating either identified or undiscovered resources as "marginally economic" or "subeconomic", we base that evaluation on present exploration, available geologic information, and metal price conditions; it does not exclude the possibility that economic resources are present, but are as yet unrecognized, nor does it exclude the possibility that economic conditions or processing technology development may make a deposit economically viable in the future. (3) In the resource assessment part of each description a subjective estimate of our own certainty in making that resource assessment is given; words such as "high probability of occurrence" indicate that we are about 90 percent confident that our assessment is accurate, "moderate probability of occurrence" indicates that we are about 70 percent confident, and "low

probability of occurrence" indicates we are about 50 percent confident. These subjective estimates of our certainty should not be misinterpreted as any type of probabilistic estimate of the frequency, size, or grade of the deposits that would contain the resources we have assessed as being present, nor are they an estimate of the probability of actually discovering a deposit. (4) There are some discrepancies between the commodities discussed in individual tracts and the commodities shown on the map as present in individually numbered mines, prospects, and occurrences. This is because the latter are taken directly from Grybeck and others (1984) without modification and they are from an earlier data base.

The expert panel originally concluded that the level of available information was such that probabilistic analysis of the occurrence of undiscovered resources in the 31 mineral-resource tracts was not appropriate. The conclusion was later reexamined in regard to the rank I tracts, and probabilistic assessments have been prepared for tract numbers 1 and 2. The numbers of deposits estimated to be present are based on subjective evaluation of all of the available information. The other tracts in rank I do not have such assessments for the reasons given in the individual tract descriptions.

Some further explanations for the tract discussions are the following: The mineral deposit types referred to in the following descriptions of the individual mineral-resource tracts are explained briefly in Appendix B. The terms "high", "moderate", "low", and "none" are used to describe the level of past exploration activity: "high" indicates extensive drilling, surface excavation, geologic mapping, and geochemical sampling; "moderate" means less extensive activities of the same kind; "low" means geologic mapping and geochemical sampling. Appendix C explains the abbreviations used in the text and on the map.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 1

Rank: I

Tract name and location: Duncan Canal fault zone; Kupreanof, Zarembo, and Etolin Islands.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Triassic and Mesozoic(?) rocks and stream-sediment geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Kuroko massive sulfide, bedded barite.

Commodities of interest: Pb, Zn, Cu, Ba, Ag, Au.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Castle Island mine (31), Taylor Creek (13), Silver Star (15), St. John Harbor (59), Round Point (65) prospects' occurrences (29), (30), (63), (64).

Production: Castle Island mine: estimated 750,000 tons barite, 1968-73.

Quantified resources: See below.

Level of past exploration activity: Moderate to high.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Sharp-sided high anomaly near Harveys Lake; strong high in tract 27.

Gravity features: Large low in central part of zone.

Aeroradioactivity features: None present.

Telegeologic features: Dense linears mark Duncan Canal fault zone..

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Scattered Cu, Pb, Ba, Mo, and W throughout belt; see also tracts 4 and 6.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Strong Ba, Zn, Pb, Cu; some Mo, Cr, Co, As; see also tracts 4 and 6.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered hypothetical resources; marginally economic or economic; quantified high probability of occurrence.

Probabilistic assessment:

1. Total number of undiscovered deposits of either type¹

Percent probability				
95	90	50	10	5
0	2	4	6	8

Probabilistic assessment-Continued

2. Estimated tonnage and grade of deposits (Cox and Singer, 1986)

Type of Deposit	Tonnage (10 ⁶ tonne)					Commodity (unit)	Grade				
	Percent probability						Percent probability				
	5	10	50	90	95		5	10	50	90	95
Medford massive sulfide: (similar to Kuroko massive sulfide).		18	1.5	0.12		Cu (%)		3.5	1.3	0.45	
						Pb (%)		1.9	0.1	0.1	
						Zn (%)		8.7	2.0	0.2	
						Au (g/t)		2.3	0.16	0.02	
						Ag (g/t)		100.0	13.0	1.0	
Bedded barite.		28	1.8	0.12		Barite (%)		96	88	64	

¹Probability of undiscovered deposits estimated on the basis of data on known deposits, dimensions of known deposits, and local geochemistry and geophysics. The probability that deposits of given tonnage and grade occur in the area is estimated using statistical data assembled in geologically similar areas (Cox and Singer, 1986).

Discussion: Includes all of tracts 4 and 6 and parts of tracts 14, 19, 28, 29, 30 and 31; disruption in fault zone may complicate exploration.

References: Wright and Wright, 1905; Burchard, 1914; Buddington, 1923, 1925; Buddington and Chapin, 1929; Kerns 1950; Berg and Grybeck, 1980; Karl and others, 1980; Berg, 1981; Grybeck and others, 1984.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 2

Rank: I

Tract name and location: Groundhog Basin; mainland northeast of Wrangell

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Tertiary granite and rhyolite and small linear aeromagnetic anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Replacement Sn, porphyry Mo(?).

Commodities of interest: Sn, Mo(?).

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Camp Six/Whistlepig (43) prospect.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: See resource assessment.

Level of past exploration activity: High.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Small linear anomalies.

Gravity features: On steep gradient.

Aeroradioactivity features: None.

Telegeologic features: Strong linears of Coast Range megalineament within tract.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Strong Sn, Mo, W; see tracts 3 and 15.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Abundant Sn, Cu, Pb, Zn; some Mo, Ni, Cr, Co; see tracts 3 and 15.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered unquantified hypothetical resources of Sn; economic to marginally economic; moderate probability of occurrence.

Probabilistic assessment:

1. Total number of undiscovered¹ Sn deposits²

		<u>Percent probability</u>				
		95	90	50	10	5
		1	1	2	4	4

Probabilistic assessment-Continued

2. Estimated tonnage and grade of deposits (Cox and Singer, 1986)

Type of Deposit	Tonnage (10 ⁶ tonne)					Commodity (unit)	Grade				
	Percent probability						Percent probability				
	5	10	50	90	95		5	10	50	90	95
Replacement tin.		27	5.2	1.0		Sn (%)		1.2	0.8	0.56	

¹"Undiscovered" here includes previously unrecognized Sn deposit approximately coincident with recognized base-metal deposit (see tract 3).

²Probability of undiscovered deposits estimated on the basis of data on known deposits, dimensions of known deposits, and local geochemistry and geophysics. The probability that deposits of given tonnage and grade occur in the area is estimated using statistical data assembled in geologically similar areas (Cox and Singer, 1986).

Discussion: Included entirely in tracts 3 and 15; recent research (Newberry and Brew, 1989) indicates that this is a Sn-rich porphyry system.

References: Wright and Wright, 1905, 1908; Chapin, 1918; Buddington, 1923; Gault and others, 1953; Grybeck and others, 1984; Newberry and Brew, 1989.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 3

Rank: I

Tract name and location: Groundhog Basin belt; mainland northeast of Wrangell.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Tertiary granites and rhyolites to northeast; mixed pelitic and intermediate-volcanic schists; and bedrock and stream-sediment geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Replacement Sn; metamorphosed massive sulfide(?).

Commodities of interest: Pb, Zn, Sn, Ba, Ag, Au.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Lake (40), Groundhog Basin (42), Glacier Basin (44), and Berg Basin (45) prospects.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: Groundhog Basin: several hundred thousand tons of 8% Zn, 1.5% Pb, 51.4 g/T Ag; Glacier Basin: many hundred thousand tons of 1.6% Zn and 0.1% Pb (Gault and others, 1953).

Level of past exploration activity: Moderate to high.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: On west flank of major, steep regional gradient; see tract 2.

Gravity features: Northern part on steep gradient, southern on "platform".

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: Strong linears of Coast Range megalignement within tract.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Pb at south end of tract; Ba at north end; see also tracts 2 and 15.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Strong Zn, Ba, Co, Ni, Cr; some Mo, Pb, Cu; see also tracts 2 and 15.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): At Groundhog Basin (42) identified indicated Zn, Pb, Sn, Ag resources; marginally economic or economic; there and elsewhere undiscovered hypothetical Zn, Pb, Sn, Ag resources; unquantified; marginally economic; high probability of occurrence.

Probabilistic assessment: None; lack of a consistent pattern of bedrock geochemical anomalies and uncertainty as to exactly what type (or how many types) of deposits are likely to be present.

Discussion: Includes all of tracts 2 and 15 and south end of tract 17; recent research (Newberry and Brew, 1989) indicates that the massive stratiform sulfide bodies are in part low-pressure, moderate-temperature, Sn-rich replacement deposits.

References: Wright and Wright, 1905, 1908; Chapin, 1918; Buddington, 1923; Gault and others, 1953; Karl and others, 1980; Grybeck and others, 1984; Newberry and Brew, 1989.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 4

Rank: I

Tract name and location: Woewodski Island and part of Kupreanof Island.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Stream-sediment and bedrock geochemical anomalies and aeromagnetic anomaly.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Au-quartz vein.

Commodities of interest: Au, Ag.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Maid of Mexico (35) and Hattie mines (37); Helen S. (33) and Harvey Creek (34) prospects.

Production: Maid of Mexico mine: estimate greater than 100 oz. of Au and Ag in 1930's.

Quantified resources: None present.

Level of past exploration activity: High to moderate.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Small, sharp-sided, high anomaly near Harveys Lake may be small concealed pluton.

Gravity features: On south end of large Duncan Canal low; see tract 1.

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: Dense linears mark Duncan Canal fault zone.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Au in stream-sediment samples.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: No Ba although it is in Ba-rich tract (see tract 1); scattered Au, Ag, Cu, Pb, Zn; minor Co, Cr, Ni, Mo.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered hypothetical Au and Ag resources; marginally economic; unquantified; high probability of occurrence.

Probabilistic assessment: None; tract is small and relatively well explored.

Discussion: Entirely within tract 1; entirely within Duncan Canal fault zone; southwest one-third is less attractive than Woewodski Island because fewer geochemical anomalies are there.

References: Wright and Wright, 1905, 1908; Buddington, 1923; Berg and Grybeck, 1980; Karl and others, 1980; Grybeck and others, 1984.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 5

Rank: I

Tract name and location: Northern Prince of Wales Island (Shakan Bay).

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Northern Prince of Wales Island pluton and adjacent hornfelsed pelitic and semipelitic rocks and stream-sediment and bedrock geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Porphyry Cu-Mo.

Commodities of interest: Mo, Cu(?).

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Dry Pass (50), Shakan mine prospect (52).

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: Shakan mine prospect: 10,000-20,000 tons of about 1.5% MoS₂ (Smith, 1942).

Level of past exploration activity: Low to moderate.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Large high anomaly associated with northern Prince of Wales Island plutons.

Gravity features: Large low associated with above plutons.

Aeroradioactivity features: Large high associated with above plutons.

Telegeologic features: Large arcuate linear feature immediately west of tract.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Minor scattered Mo, W; same as tracts 8 and 16.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Minor scattered Mo, Cu, Bi; same as tracts 8 and 16.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): At Shakan (52) identified inferred Mo resources; there and elsewhere undiscovered hypothetical Mo resources; marginally economic; unquantified; moderate probability of occurrence.

Probabilistic assessment: None; although the tract is large and the one known deposit has inferred resources, no consistent pattern of supporting bedrock or stream-sediment geochemical anomalies is present.

Discussion: Coincident with tract 8; coincident in part with tract 16.

References: Chapin, 1918; Smith, 1942; Twenhofel and others, 1946; Grybeck and others, 1984.

Rank: II

Tract name and location: Kupreanof Mountain, Kupreanof Island

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Mesozoic volcanic rocks and bedrock geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Cu-Zn-Pb skarn or Cyprus massive sulfide.

Commodities of interest: Cu, Pb, Zn.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Northern Copper Company prospect (12).

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Moderate to high.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: None present.

Gravity features: North of the large Duncan Canal low.

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: Linears of Duncan Canal fault zone are east of tract.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: None.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Zn, Pb, Cu; minor Co, Ag.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Cu, Pb, Zn resources; subeconomic; unquantified; moderate probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Included entirely within tract 1.

References: Wright and Wright, 1908; Buddington, 1923; Twenhofel and others, 1946; Karl and others, 1980; Grybeck and others, 1984.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 7

Rank: II

Tract name and location: Salmon Bay; Prince of Wales Island.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Stream-sediment and bedrock geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Uncertain: felsic plutonic U or carbonatite.

Commodities of interest: REE, Th, U, Cu, Pb, Zn, Mo.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Salmon Bay (57) occurrence.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Moderate.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: In elongate low.

Gravity features: Rounded high to west; elongate low to east.

Aeroradioactivity features: Local small highs.

Telegeologic features: None observed.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Scattered minor Mo, La, Nb.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Northern end: Mo, Zn, Pb, minor Au, Ag; southern end: Cu, Mo, Be, La, Nb, Ba.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative REE resources; subeconomic; unquantified; moderate probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Deposit type is not established.

References: White and others, 1952; Wedow and others, 1953; Houston and others, 1958; Overstreet, 1967; Eakins, 1975; Karl and others, 1980; Grybeck and others, 1984.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 8

Rank: II

Tract name and location: Northern Prince of Wales Island.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Northern Prince of Wales Island plutons and adjacent hornfelsed pelitic and semipelitic rocks and stream-sediment and bedrock geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Au-quartz vein.

Commodities of interest: Au, Ag.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): See tract 5: Dry Pass (50), Shakan Bay mine/prospect (52).

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Low.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: See tract 5: large high anomaly associated with northern Prince of Wales Island plutons.

Gravity features: See tract 5: large low associated with above plutons.

Aeroradioactivity features: See tract 5: large high associated with above plutons.

Telegeologic features: Large arcuate linear feature immediately west of tract.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Small scattered W, Mo; same as tracts 5 and 16.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Minor scattered Mo, Cu, Bi; same as tracts 5 and 16.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Au, Ag resources; subeconomic; unquantified; low probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Coincident with tract 5; overlaps part of tract 16.

References: Chapin, 1918; Buddington, 1930; Smith, 1942; Twenhofel and others, 1946; Grybeck and others, 1984.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 9

Rank: II

Tract name and location: Thomas Bay; mainland northeast of Petersburg.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Bedrock geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Au-quartz vein.

Commodities of interest: Au, Ag.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Thomas Bay (20) prospect.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Low.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Near small anomaly on major regional gradient.

Gravity features: Northwest of and near small high.

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: Linears of Coast Range megalineament within tract.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned concentrate geochemical anomalies: None found.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Zn, Cu, Pb, Mo, Au, Ag, As.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Au and Ag resources; subeconomic; unquantified; high probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Quartz veins scattered throughout tract.

References: Buddington, 1923; Grybeck and others, 1984.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 10

Rank: II

Tract name and location: Southern Kuiu Island.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Stream-sediment geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Polymetallic vein.

Commodities of interest: Cu, Pb, Zn, Ag, Sb.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Point St.
Albans occurrence (49).

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Low.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Strong to moderate, moderate- to small-sized anomalies.

Gravity features: On north side of high.

Aeroradioactivity features: None present.

Telegeologic features: Several linear and arcuate linears in tract.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Mo, W, Zn in northern part of tract;
Y, Nb near pluton to south; Mo near Point St. Albans.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Weak Mo, Zn, Cu, Co in northern part; Ag, As, Au, Pb, Cu in southwestern part;
Ag, As, Sb, Zn, Pb, Cu in southeastern part of tract.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Cu, Pb, Zn, Ag resources; subeconomic;
unquantified; high probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Veins inferred to be associated with small plutons.

References: Houston and others, 1958; Berg and Cobb, 1967; Karl and others, 1980; Grybeck and others, 1984.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 11

Rank: II

Tract name and location: Blashke Islands.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Mafic-ultramafic rocks, aeromagnetic anomaly, and bedrock geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Zoned mafic-ultramafic Cr-Cu-Ni.

Commodities of interest: Cu, Ni, Cr.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Blashke Island (58) occurrence.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Moderate.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Very strong, steep-sided, small anomaly that has elongate extensions to north and south.

Gravity features: Small high.

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: Arcuate trends.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Ni, Co, Cr.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Ni, Cr, Co, Cu, Pb.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Cu, Ni, Cr resources; subeconomic; unquantified; high probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Aeromagnetic anomalies extending to north and south beneath sea may indicate concealed extensions of mafic-ultramafic rocks.

References: Kennedy and Walton, 1946; Walton, 1951, Taylor, 1967; Clark and Greenwood, 1972; Grybeck and others, 1984; Himmelberg and others, 1986.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 12

Rank: II

Tract name and location: Kane Peak; northeastern Kupreanof Island.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Mafic-ultramafic rocks and stream-sediment and bedrock geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Zoned mafic-ultramafic Cr-Cu-Fe.

Commodities of interest: Fe, Cr, Ni.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Kane Peak occurrence (16).

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Moderate.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Strong, large high.

Gravity features: Strong high.

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: None observed.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Co, Ni, Cu.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Ni, Cr, Co; also Cu, Pb, Zn, Mo.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Ni, Cr resources; subeconomic; unquantified; high probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Ni, Cr, and Co "anomalies are not above those expected from ultramafic rocks.

References: Walton, 1951; Taylor, 1967; Taylor and Noble, 1969; Grybeck and others, 1984.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 13

Rank: II

Tract name and location: Cornwallis Peninsula; northern Kuiu Island.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Aeromagnetic anomaly and bedrock geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Uncertain: bedded barite, carbonatite, or Medford massive sulfide(?).

Commodities of interest: Sr, Ba, Pb, Zn, Cr, Ni.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Fossil Bluffs (3) prospect and Saginaw Bay (1), Cornwallis Point (2) and Keku Islets (5,6) occurrences.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Moderate.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Strong, deep, large high.

Gravity features: None observed.

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: None observed.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Pb, Zn, Ba, Nb.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Cu, Zn, Pb, La, Nb, Mo, Ni, Cr.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Cu, Pb, Zn, Ba, Sr resources; subeconomic; unquantified; high probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Deposit type is not established; barite and witherite veins may be related to concealed deposits; overlies tract 20 in part.

References: Buddington, 1925; Buddington and Chapin, 1929; Smith, 1933; Twenhofel and others, 1949; Cobb, 1978; Karl and others, 1980; Grybeck and others, 1984.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 14

Rank: III

Tract name and location: Southern Kupreanof and southwest Zarembo Islands.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Middle Tertiary felsic and intermediate volcanic rocks.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Polymetallic vein, epithermal vein.

Commodities of interest: Cu, Pb, Zn, Mo, W(?), Au.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Kushneahin Lake (24) occurrence.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Moderate to high.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Various strong to moderate, moderate- to large-sized anomalies, plus an unusual circular low on southwestern Kupreanof Island.

Gravity features: Generally broad high.

Aeroradioactivity features: Local anomalies associated with felsic volcanics.

Telegeologic features: Several linears in tract.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Cu, Pb, Mo, Sn, W, La, Y, Nb, Be on Kupreanof Island; Mo, W, Pb, on Zarembo Island.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Zn, Cu, Pb, As, Ag, Nb, Be, La, Mo, Y on Kupreanof Island; Pb, Zn, Cu, Au, As, Nb, Be, La, Mo, Sn on Zarembo Island.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Cu, Pb, Zn, Mo, Au resources; subeconomic; unquantified; high probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Overlaps parts of tracts 1, 19 and 28.

References: Grybeck and others, 1984.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 15

Rank: III

Tract name and location: Glacier Basin; mainland northeast of Wrangell.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Stream-sediment geochemical anomalies and pelitic schists.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Au-quartz vein.

Commodities of interest: Au, Cu, Pb, Mo.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): See tracts 2 and 3.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Moderate.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: None observed.

Gravity features: Low(?).

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: Linears associated with Coast Range megalineament.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Au in southwest part of tract; see tracts 2 and 3.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Au, Pb, Cu, Zn, Mo in southwest part of tract; Pb, Zn, Mo, Au, Ag, As in northeast part of tract.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Au, Cu, Pb resources; subeconomic; unquantified; moderate probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Includes all of tract 2 and part of tract 3.

References: Wright and Wright, 1905, 1908; Chapin, 1918; Buddington, 1923; Gault and others, 1953; Karl and others, 1980; Grybeck and others, 1984; Newberry and Brew, 1989.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 16

Rank: III

Tract name and location: Northern Prince of Wales Island.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Hornfelsed rocks adjacent to northern Prince of Wales Island pluton.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Cu-Zn-Pb-W skarn.

Commodities of interest: Mo, W, Cu.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Dry Pass (50) and Devilfish Bay (54) occurrences.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Low.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Large high anomaly associated with northern Prince of Wales Island plutons.

Gravity features: Large low associated with above plutons.

Aeroradioactivity features: Large high associated with above plutons.

Telegeologic features: Large linear arcuate feature immediately west of tract.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Small scattered W, Mo; same as tracts 5 and 8.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Small scattered Mo, Cu, Bi; same as tracts 5 and 8.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Mo, Cu, W resources; subeconomic; unqualified; low probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Overlaps tracts 5 and 8 in part.

References: Herreid and Kaufman, 1964; Grybeck and others, 1984.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 17

Rank: III

Tract name and location: Le Conte Bay-Stikine River; mainland east and northeast of Petersburg.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Stream-sediment and bedrock geochemical anomalies and pelitic schists.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Au-quartz vein, metamorphosed massive sulfide(?).

Commodities of interest: Au, Pb, Zn.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Le Conte Bay (21) occurrence.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Low.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Adjacent to strong major regional gradient; some isolated strong, small anomalies to west.

Gravity features: On steep gradient.

Aeroradioactivity features: None known.

Telegeologic features: Dense linears of Coast Range megalineament in tract.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Zn, Au, As.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Pb, Zn, Au, Mo.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Au, Pb, Zn resources; subeconomic; unquantified; low probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Overlaps with tract 3 to south.

References: Buddington, 1923; Grybeck and others, 1984.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 18

Rank: III

Tract name and location: Thorne and Stevenson Islands; northeastern Prince of Wales Island.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Stream-sediment and bedrock geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Sedimentary exhalative Zn-Pb.

Commodities of interest: Cu, Pb, Zn, Mo.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): None present.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: None.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Between two linear highs of moderate strength and size.

Gravity features: At northern end of broad high.

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: None observed.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Two overlapping areas, one with Mo, Cu, Zn, and the other with Cu, Pb, Zn.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Cu, Pb, Zn, minor Cr and Ni.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Cu, Pb, Zn resources; subeconomic; unquantified; high probability of occurrence.

Discussion: No evidence of mineralization found.

References: None.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 19

Rank: III

Tract name and location: Zarembo and Etolin Islands.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Middle Tertiary granitic rocks and bedrock geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Polymetallic vein, porphyry Mo.

Commodities of interest: Mo, W, Cu, Pb, Zn, Au, Ag, Cr, Ni.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): None.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Moderate.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Pluton-associated moderate to strong, large- to moderate-sized anomalies in most of tract.

Gravity features: Alternating highs and low, mostly lows.

Aeroradioactivity features: Local moderate anomalies; see tract 30.

Telegeologic features: Several arcuate linears in tract.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Mo, W over most of tract; Ni, Cr, Pb in southeast part; Pb, Nb in northwest part.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Cu, Pb, Zn, Au, Mo, Cr, Ni.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Cu, Pb, Zn, Mo resources; subeconomic; unquantified; high probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Overlaps tracts 1 and 30 in part.

References: None.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 20

Rank: III

Tract name and location: Saginaw Bay; northern Kuiu Island.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Stream-sediment and bedrock geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Polymetallic vein(s).

Commodities of interest: Cu, Pb, Zn, Mo, Cr, Ni, Co.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Saginaw Bay
(1) occurrence (see tract 13).

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Low.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: In low between two strong highs.

Gravity features: Mostly in low.

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: Linears parallel to bay and fault zone.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Mo, Ba.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Cu, Pb, Zn, Mo, Ni, Cr, Co.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Cu, Pb, Zn, Mo resources; subeconomic; unquantified; low probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Overlaps tract 13 in part; deposit type not established.

References: None.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 21

Rank: III

Tract name and location: Northeast of Kake; northwestern Kupreanof Island.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Bedrock geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Sedimentary exhalative Zn-Pb(?).

Commodities of interest: Cu, Zn.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): None.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: None(?).

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Linear anomaly through tract.

Gravity features: None observed.

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: Two arcuate linears near tract.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: None detected.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Cu, Zn.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Cu, Zn resources; subeconomic; unquantified; low probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Adjoins tract 22; deposit type not established.

References: None.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 22

Rank: III

Tract name and location: Northeast of Kake; northwestern Kupreanof Island.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Bedrock and stream-sediment geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Besshi massive sulfide(?).

Commodities of interest: Cu, Pb, Ni, Cr, Mo.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): None.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: None(?).

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Linear anomaly through tract.

Gravity features: None observed.

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: Two arcuate linears near tract.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Ni, Co.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Cu, Pb, Ni, Cr, Mo.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Cu, Pb, Ni, Cr, Mo resources; subeconomic; unquantified; high probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Adjoins tract 21; deposit type not established.

References: None.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 23

Rank: III

Tract name and location: Turn Mountain; northwestern Kupreanof Island.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Bedrock and stream-sediment geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Gabbroic Ni-Cu, zoned mafic-ultramafic Cr-Cu-Ni.

Commodities of interest:

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): None.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: None(?).

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Very strong, moderate-sized high.

Gravity features: Strong, large high.

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: Arcuate linears present.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Cu, Zn.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Co, Cr, Cu, Pb, Zn, Mo.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Co, Cr, Ni resources; subeconomic; unquantified; high probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Co anomalies in different rock types; Cr anomaly is not above that expected from ultramafic rocks.

References: None.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 24

Rank: III

Tract name and location: Sukoi and Mitkof Islands; near Petersburg.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Aeromagnetic anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Zoned mafic-ultramafic Cr-Cu-Ni, gabbroic Ni-Cu.

Commodities of interest:

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): None.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Low(?).

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Moderate to strong, small- to moderate-sized anomalies.

Gravity features: None reported.

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: None observed.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: None.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Co, Cr, Ni, Cu.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Co, Cr, Ni, Cu resources; subeconomic; unquantified; moderate probability of occurrence.

Discussion: None.

References: None.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 25

Rank: III

Tract name and location: Coffman Cove; northeastern Prince of Wales Island.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Stream-sediment and bedrock geochemical anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Polymetallic vein(?).

Commodities of interest: Cr, Ni, Cu.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): None.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: None(?).

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Small linear anomaly; next to interpreted fault.

Gravity features: Small positive anomaly.

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: None observed.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: Cr, Ni, Cu.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Cu, Pb, Zn, Co, Cr, Ni.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Cu, Pb, Zn, Co, Cr, Ni resources; subeconomic; unquantified; high probability of occurrence.

Discussion: This area might be on the southern extension of tract 11.

References: None.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 26

Rank: III

Tract name and location: Canoe Passage; Etolin Island

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Bedrock geochemical samples along Canoe Passage fault zone.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Polymetallic vein.

Commodities of interest: Cu, Mo.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): None.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: None to low.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: None observed.

Gravity features: None observed.

Aeroradioactivity features: None detected.

Telegeologic features: Strong linear along Canoe Passage fault zone.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: None detected.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Cu, Mo, Ni.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Cu, Mo resources; subeconomic; unquantified; low probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Overlaps part of tract 19.

References: None.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 27

Rank: III

Tract name and location: Kupreanof, Zarembo, and Etolin Islands.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Middle Tertiary alkalic and subalkalic plutons.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Felsic plutonic U.

Commodities of interest: REE, U, Th.

Name(s) of mines and/or prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): None.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Low to moderate.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Several moderate to strong, moderate to large-sized anomalies (see tract 19).

Gravity features: None reported.

Aeroradioactivity features: Local moderate anomalies (see tract 19).

Telogeologic features: Arcuate linears in several areas.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and/or panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: La, Nb, Y, Pb.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Be, Nb, Sn, Cu, Mo, La, Co, Cr.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered speculative Be, Nb, La, Y resources; subeconomic; unquantified; moderate probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Overlaps parts of tracts 1, 14, 19, and 30.

References: None.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 28

Rank: IV

Tract name and location: Kuiu, Kupreanof, and Zarembo Islands.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Lower Tertiary Kootznahoo Formation.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: Sandstone U.

Commodities of interest: U, Th.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): Port Camden (7, 8) and Hamilton Creek (10) occurrences.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Moderate to high.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: None observed

Gravity features: None observed.

Aeroradioactivity features: Local small anomalies.

Telegeologic features: None observed.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: None.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: U.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Undiscovered U and Th resources; subeconomic; unquantified; moderate probability of occurrence.

Discussion: Masked largely by middle Tertiary volcanic rocks (see tract 14); overlapped by several other tracts; all known outcrop areas were overflown by low-flight-level, helicopter-mounted, 4-channel radiometer survey.

References: Eakins, 1975; Dickinson, 1979a,b; Dickinson and Campbell, 1983; Dickinson and Pierson, 1988; Dickinson and Vuletich, in press.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 29

Rank: IV

Tract name and location: Portage Mountain; northern Kupreanof Island.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Aeromagnetic anomaly.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: None known.

Commodities of interest: Cu(?).

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): None.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: None(?).

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Strong, large high.

Gravity features: None observed.

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: None observed.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: None detected.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Cu.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Not applicable.

Discussion: Overlaps part of tract 1.

References: None.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 30

Rank: V

Tract name and location: Steamer Knoll; northwestern Etolin Island.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Aeromagnetic anomaly.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: None known.

Commodities of interest: None known.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): None.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: Moderate.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Strong, large anomaly.

Gravity features: None observed.

Aeroradioactivity features: None detected.

Telegeologic features: Strong linears.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: None.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: None.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Not applicable.

Discussion: Source of aeromagnetic anomaly is unclear.

References: None.

MINERAL-RESOURCE TRACT NO. 31

Rank: V

Tract name and location: Zarembo Island and Zimovia Straits.

Tract boundaries based on distribution of: Aeromagnetic anomalies.

Mineral deposits

Type(s) of deposits known or inferred to be present: None known.

Commodities of interest: Co, Cr, Ni, Cu.

Name(s) of mines and(or) prospects (Locality numbers from Grybeck and others, 1984): None.

Production: None reported.

Quantified resources: None reported.

Level of past exploration activity: None.

Geophysics

Aeromagnetic features: Strong, small highs associated with hornblendite bodies.

Gravity features: None observed.

Aeroradioactivity features: None observed.

Telegeologic features: None observed.

Exploration geochemistry

Stream-sediment and(or) panned-concentrate geochemical anomalies: None.

Bedrock geochemical anomalies: Co, Cr, Ni.

Resource assessment

Classification of resources (see Appendix A): Not applicable.

Discussion: None.

References: None.

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APPENDIX A. CLASSIFICATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND GLOSSARY OF MINERAL RESOURCE TERMS USED BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF MINES AND U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (1980).

Cumulative Production	IDENTIFIED RESOURCES		UNDISCOVERED RESOURCES	
	Demonstrated		Probability Range	
	Measured	Indicated	Hypothetical	Speculative
ECONOMIC	Reserves		Inferred Reserves	
MARGINALLY ECONOMIC	Marginal Reserves		Inferred Marginal Reserves	
SUBECONOMIC	Demonstrated Subeconomic Resources		Inferred Subeconomic Resources	
Other Occurrences	Includes nonconventional and low-grade materials			

RESOURCE/RESERVE DEFINITIONS

A dictionary definition of resource, "something in reserve or ready if needed," has been adapted for mineral and energy resources to comprise all materials, including those only surmised to exist, that have present or anticipated future value.

Resource.--A concentration of naturally occurring solid, liquid, or gaseous material in or on the Earth's crust in such form and amount that economic extraction of a commodity from the concentration is currently or potentially feasible.

Original Resource.--The amount of a resource before production.

Identified Resources.--Resources whose location, grade, quality, and quantity are known or estimated from specific geologic evidence. Identified resources include economic, marginally economic, and subeconomic components. To reflect varying degrees of geologic certainty, these economic divisions can be subdivided into measured, indicated, and inferred.

Demonstrated.--A term for the sum of measured plus indicated.

Measured.--Quantity is computed from dimensions revealed in outcrops, trenches, workings, or drill holes; grade and(or) quality are computed from the results of detailed sampling. The sites for inspection, sampling, and measurement are spaced so closely and the geologic character is so well defined that size, shape, depth, and mineral content of the resource are well established.

Indicated.--Quantity and grade and(or) quality are computed from information similar to that used for measured resources, but the sites for inspection, sampling, and measurement are farther apart or are otherwise less adequately spaced. The degree of assurance, although lower than that for measured resources, is high enough to assume continuity between points of observation.

Inferred.--Estimates are based on an assumed continuity beyond measured and(or) indicated resources, for which there is geologic evidence. Inferred resources may or may not be supported by samples or measurements.

Economic.--This term implies that profitable extraction or production under defined investment assumptions has been established, analytically demonstrated, or assumed with reasonable certainty.

Subeconomic Resources.--The part of identified resources that does not meet the economic criteria of reserves and marginal reserves.

Undiscovered Resources.--Resources, the existence of which are only postulated, comprising deposits that are separate from identified resources., Undiscovered resources may be postulated in deposits of such grade and physical location as to render them economic, marginally economic, or subeconomic. To reflect varying degrees of geologic certainty, undiscovered resources may be divided into two parts:

Hypothetical resources.--Undiscovered resources that are similar to known mineral bodies and that may be reasonably expected to exist in the same producing district or region under analogous geologic conditions. If exploration confirms their existence and reveals enough information about their quality, grade, and quantity, they will be reclassified as identified resources.

Speculative Resources.--Undiscovered resources that may occur either in known types of deposits in favorable geologic settings where mineral discoveries have not been made, or in types of deposits as yet unrecognized for their economic potential. If exploration confirms their existence and reveals enough information about their quantity, grade, and quality, they will be reclassified as identified resources.

APPENDIX B. CLASSIFICATION OF MINERAL DEPOSITS

(Modified from Nokleberg and others (1988) with additions from original sources cited in that compilation.)

Metalliferous lode deposits in this report are classified into 17 types, which are described below. This classification of mineral deposits is derived mainly from the mineral-deposit models developed by various specialists and compiled in Cox and Singer (1986) and to a lesser degree from the models in the prior compilations of Erickson (1982) and Cox (1983a,b). In addition, two of the mineral-deposit models used here were developed for use in Alaska by Nokleberg and others (1988). They are the metamorphosed sulfide and felsic-plutonic uranium models. The deposit types are listed in the same order as they are listed in Cox and Singer (1986).

GABBROIC Ni-Cu DEPOSIT

(Adapted from synorogenic-synvolcanic Ni-Cu deposit of Norman J Page in Cox and Singer, 1986, p. 28, by Nokleberg and others, 1988, p. 6)

This deposit type consists of massive lenses and disseminated sulfides in small- to medium-size gabbroic intrusions in metamorphic belts of metasedimentary and metavolcanic rocks. In most areas of Alaska the depositional environment consists of post-metamorphic intermediate-level intrusions of norite, gabbronorite, and ultramafic rocks. Common minerals include pyrrhotite, pentlandite, and chalcopyrite, sometimes with pyrite; Ti- or Cr-magnetite; and PGE minerals and alloys. Accessory cobalt minerals also occur in some deposits. Notable examples of gabbroic Ni-Cu deposits in Alaska are the Funter Bay, Brady Glacier, Bohemia Basin, and Mirror Harbor deposits, all in southeastern Alaska.

ZONED MAFIC-ULTRAMAFIC Cr-Pt (\pm Cu, Ni, Co, Ti, or Fe) DEPOSIT

(Adapted from Alaskan PGE deposit type of Norman J Page and Floyd Gray in Cox and Singer, 1986, p. 49, by Nokleberg and others, 1988, p. 6)

This deposit type consists of crosscutting ultramafic to mafic plutons that have approximately concentric zoning and contain chromite, native PGE, PGE minerals and alloys, and Ti-V magnetite. In most areas of Alaska, the emplacement environment consisted of postmetamorphic and postdeformational, intermediate-level intrusion of mafic and (or) ultramafic plutons. Common minerals include combinations of chromite, PGE minerals and alloys, pentlandite, pyrrhotite, Ti-V magnetite, bornite, and chalcopyrite. Notable examples are the Kernuk Mountain deposit in west-central Alaska, the Union Bay, Duke Island, and Klukwan deposits, and the Salt Chuck mine, all in southeastern Alaska.

CARBONATITE DEPOSIT

(Adapted from Donald A. Singer, in Cox and Singer, 1986, p. 51, for this report)

This deposit type consists of a variety of rare-earth-element (REE)-bearing and other carbonate minerals in and associated with carbonatite dikes, sills, breccias, sheets, veins, and large masses. The depositional environment is interpreted to be any associated with multiple stages of igneous, deuteric, and metasomatic crystallization in carbonatite magma. Tectonically, most carbonatite deposits are on continental shields and are associated with fault lineaments and/or alkaline volcanism. A wide variety of minerals may be present, including the common minerals barite, strontianite \pm siderite \pm rhodochrosite \pm ankerite \pm bastnaesite \pm chlorites, together with chalcopyrite, pyrite, sphalerite, \pm galena and other minerals in the REE-bearing carbonatites. Alteration is commonly fenitization and, locally, chloritization. Nokleberg and others (1988) did not recognize any carbonatite deposits in Alaska; we consider it possible that both the Salmon Bay and Cornwallis Peninsula occurrences are of this type, however.

Sn GREISEN, Sn VEIN, and Sn SKARN DEPOSITS

(Adapted from Bruce L. Reed and Dennis P. Cox, in Cox and Singer, 1986, p. 58, 61, 67, by Nokleberg and others, 1988, p. 5)

These three deposit types commonly occur in the same area and sometimes grade into one another. The Sn greisen deposit type consists of disseminated cassiterite, cassiterite-bearing veinlets, and Sn sulfosalts in stockworks, lenses, pipes, and breccia in greisenized granite, mainly biotite and (or) muscovite leucogranite emplaced in a mesozonal to deep volcanic environment. Sn greisens are generally associated with late-stage, fractionated granitic magmas. Associated minerals include molybdenite, arsenopyrite, beryl, scheelite, and wolframite. Alteration minerals consist of incipient to massive replacement quartz, muscovite, tourmaline, and fluorite. Notable examples are the Kougarok deposit on the Seward Peninsula and the Coal Creek deposit in southern Alaska.

The Sn vein deposit type consists of simple to complex fissure fillings or replacement lodes in or near felsic plutonic rocks, mainly mesozonal to hypabyssal plutons, commonly with dike swarms. The deposits tend to occur within or above the apices of granitic cusps and ridges. The deposit minerals are extremely varied and include cassiterite, wolframite,

arsenopyrite, molybdenite, scheelite, and beryl. Alteration minerals consist of sericite, tourmaline, quartz, chlorite, and hematite. The one possible example is the Lime Peak deposit in east-central Alaska.

The Sn skarn deposit type consists of Sn, W, and Be minerals in skarns, veins, stockworks, and greisen near intrusive contacts between epizonal(?) granitic plutons and limestone. The deposit minerals include cassiterite, sometimes with scheelite, sphalerite, chalcopyrite, pyrrhotite, magnetite, and fluorite. Alteration consists of greisen near granite margins and metasomatic development of andradite, idocrase, amphibole, chlorite, chrysoberyl, and mica in skarn. The notable example is the Lost River mine on the Seward Peninsula.

Cu-Zn-Pb (\pm Au, Ag), W, and Fe (\pm Au) SKARN DEPOSITS

(Adapted from Dennis P. Cox and Theodore G. Theodore
in Cox and Singer, 1986, p. 86, 90, 94, by Nokleberg and others, 1988, p. 5)

Cu-Zn-Pb skarn deposit type consists of chalcopyrite, sphalerite, and galena in calc-silicate skarns that replace carbonate rocks along intrusive contacts with quartz diorite to granite and diorite to syenite plutons. Zn-Pb-rich skarns tend to occur farther from the intrusion; Cu- and Au-rich skarns tend to occur closer to the intrusion. The depositional environment is mainly calcareous sedimentary sequences intruded by felsic to intermediate granitic plutons. Associated minerals include pyrite, hematite, magnetite, bornite, arsenopyrite, and pyrrhotite. Metasomatic replacements consist of a wide variety of calc-silicate and related minerals. Notable examples of Cu-Zn-Pb skarn deposits are the Bowser Creek, Rat Fork, Sheep Creek, and Tin Creek deposits. Notable examples of Cu-Au and Au skarn deposits in Alaska are the Nixon Fork-Medfra mine in west-central Alaska and the Jumbo mine in southeastern Alaska.

The W skarn deposit type consists of scheelite in calc-silicate skarns that replace carbonate rocks along or near intrusive contacts with quartz diorite to granite plutons. The depositional environment is along contacts and in roof pendants of batholiths and in thermal aureoles of stocks that intrude carbonate rocks. Associated minerals are molybdenite, pyrrhotite, sphalerite, chalcopyrite, bornite, pyrite, and magnetite. Metasomatic replacements consist of a wide variety of calc-silicate and related minerals. Notable examples are the deposits and mines in the Gilmore Dome area of the Fairbanks district in east-central Alaska.

The Fe skarn deposit type consists of magnetite and (or) Fe sulfides in calc-silicate skarns that replace carbonate rocks or calcareous clastic rocks along intrusive contacts with diorite, granodiorite, granite, and coeval volcanic rocks. The depositional environment is along intrusive contacts. The chief associated mineral is chalcopyrite. Metasomatic replacements consist of a wide variety of calc-silicate and related minerals. Notable examples are the Medfra deposit in west-central Alaska, the Nabesna and Rambler mines in southern Alaska, and the Kasaan Peninsula mine in southeastern Alaska.

PORPHYRY Cu-Mo, PORPHYRY Cu, AND PORPHYRY Mo DEPOSITS

(Adapted from Dennis P. Cox and Theodore G. Theodore, *in* Cox and Singer, 1986, p. 115, 120,
by Nokleberg and others, 1988, p. 5-6)

The porphyry Cu-Mo deposit type consists of stockwork veinlets of quartz, chalcopyrite, and molybdenite in or near porphyritic intermediate to felsic intrusion. The intrusions occur mainly as stocks and breccia pipes that intrude batholithic, volcanic, or sedimentary rocks. The depositional environment is high-level intrusive porphyries that are contemporaneous with abundant dikes, faults, and breccia pipes. Associated minerals include pyrite and peripheral sphalerite, galena, and gold. Alteration minerals consist of quartz, K-feldspar, and biotite or chlorite. Notable examples are the Taurus deposit in east-central Alaska, the Orange Hill, Bond Creek, Baultoff, Horsfeld, Carl Creek deposits in southern Alaska, and the Pyramid deposit in the Alaska Peninsula.

The porphyry Cu deposit type consists of chalcopyrite in stockwork veinlets in hydrothermally altered porphyry and adjacent country rock. The porphyries range in composition from tonalite to monzogranite to syenitic porphyry. The depositional environment is epizonal intrusive rocks with abundant dikes, breccia pipes, cupolas of batholiths, and faults. Associated minerals are pyrite, molybdenite, magnetite, and bornite. Alteration consists of sodic, potassic, phyllic, argillic, and propylitic types. An example is the Margerie deposit in southeastern Alaska.

The porphyry Mo deposit type consists of quartz-molybdenite stockwork veinlets in granitic porphyry and adjacent country rock. The porphyries range in composition from tonalite to granodiorite to monzogranite. The depositional environment is epizonal. Associated minerals are pyrite, scheelite, chalcopyrite, and tetrahedrite. Alteration is potassic grading outward to propylitic, sometimes with phyllic and argillic overprint. Notable examples are the Bear Mountain deposit in the northeastern Brooks Range, and the Quartz Hill deposit in southeastern Alaska.

POLYMETALLIC VEIN DEPOSIT

(Adapted from Dennis P. Cox, *in* Cox and Singer, 1986, p. 125,
by Nokleberg and others, 1988, p. 4)

This deposit type consists of quartz-carbonate veins, often with silver and gold, and associated base-metal sulfides. The veins are related to hypabyssal intrusions in sedimentary and metamorphic terranes or to metamorphic fluids forming during waning regional metamorphism. The associated intrusions range in composition from calcalkaline to alkalic and occur in dike swarms, hypabyssal intrusions, and small to moderate-size, intermediate to felsic plutons, locally associated with andesite to rhyolite flows. The depositional environment is near-surface fractures and breccias within thermal aureoles of small to moderate-size intrusions, including within the intrusions. The deposit minerals include native gold, electrum, pyrite, and sphalerite, sometimes with chalcopyrite, galena, arsenopyrite, tetrahedrite, Ag sulfosalts, and argentite. Alteration consists of wide propylitic zones and narrow sericitic and argillic zones. Notable examples are the Independence and Golden Horn mines, and the Broken Shovel and Beaver Creek deposits in west-central Alaska, the Quigley Ridge, Banjo, Spruce Creek, and Stampede deposits in the Kantishna district of east-central Alaska, the Cleary Summit and Ester Dome mines in the Fairbanks district of east-central Alaska, the Sedanka and Bonanza Hills deposits of the Alaska Peninsula, and the Golden Zone deposit of southern Alaska.

FELSIC PLUTONIC U DEPOSIT

(Adapted from Nokleberg and others, 1988, p. 6, for this report)

This deposit type consists of disseminated U, Th, and REE minerals in fissure veins and alkalic granite dikes in or along the margins of alkalic and peralkalic granitic plutons or in granitic plutons, including granite, alkalic granite, granodiorite, syenite, and monzonite. The depositional environment is mainly the margins of epizonal to mesozonal granitic plutons. Common minerals include allanite, thorite, uraninite, bastnaesite, monazite, uranothorianite, and xenotime, sometimes with galena and fluorite. Notable examples are the Mount Prindle deposit in east-central Alaska and the Bokan Mountain deposits in southeastern Alaska.

CYPRUS MASSIVE SULFIDE DEPOSIT

(Adapted from Donald A. Singer, *in* Cox and Singer, 1986, p. 131, by Nokleberg and others, 1988, p. 2-3)

This deposit type consists of massive sulfides in pillow basalt. The depositional environment consists of submarine hot springs along an axial graben in oceanic or back-arc spreading ridges, or hot springs related to submarine volcanoes in seamounts. Common minerals are pyrite, chalcopyrite, sphalerite, and lesser marcasite and pyrrhotite. The sulfides occur in pillow basalts that are associated with tectonized dunite, harzburgite, gabbro, sheeted diabase dikes, and fine-grained sedimentary rocks, all part of an ophiolite assemblage. Beneath the massive sulfides in places is stringer or stockwork pyrite, pyrrhotite, minor chalcopyrite, and sphalerite. The sulfide minerals are locally brecciated and cemented. Alteration in the stringer zone consists of abundant quartz, chalcedony, chlorite, and some illite and calcite. Some deposits are overlain by Fe-rich and Mn-poor ochre. Notable examples are the Knight Island and Threeman mines, and the Copper Bullion deposit, all in coastal southern Alaska.

BESSHI MASSIVE SULFIDE DEPOSIT

(Adapted from Dennis P. Cox, *in* Cox and Singer, 1986, p. 136, by Nokleberg and others, 1988, p. 2)

This deposit type consists of thin, sheetlike bodies of massive to well-laminated pyrite, pyrrhotite, and chalcopyrite, and other less abundant sulfide minerals, within thinly laminated clastic sedimentary rocks and mafic tuffs. The rock types are mainly marine clastic sedimentary rocks, basaltic and lesser andesitic tuff and breccia, and local black shale and red chert. The depositional environment is uncertain, but may possibly be submarine hot springs related to submarine basaltic volcanism. Associated minerals include sphalerite and lesser magnetite, galena, bornite, and tetrahedrite, with gangue quartz, carbonate, albite, white mica, and chlorite. Alteration is sometimes difficult to recognize because of metamorphism. Notable examples are the Midas, Latouche, Beatson, Ellamar, and Fidalgo-Alaska mines in the Prince William Sound region of southern Alaska.

EPITHERMAL VEIN DEPOSIT

(Adapted from Dan L. Mosier, Takeo Sato, Norman J. Page, Donald A. Singer, and Byron R. Berger, *in* Cox and Singer, 1986, p. 145, 150, 154, by Nokleberg and others, 1988, p. 4)

This deposit type consists of quartz-carbonate-pyrite veins with a wide variety of minerals, including gold, silver sulfosalts, chalcopyrite, argentite, galena, sphalerite, and arsenopyrite. The veins occur in felsic to intermediate volcanic rocks, sometimes overlying older volcanic sequences or igneous intrusions. One class of epithermal vein deposits such as those at Creede, Colorado, has high Pb, Zn, and Ag, sometimes high Cu, and low Au; another class, such as those at Sado, Japan, has high Au, moderate to low Ag, sometimes high Cu, and generally low Pb and Zn concentrations. For both groups, the host volcanic rock composition ranges from andesite to rhyolite. The depositional environment is intermediate to felsic

volcanic arcs and centers. Associated minerals include electrum, chalcopyrite, copper and silver sulfosalts, with lesser tellurides and bornite. Alteration minerals include quartz, kaolinite, montmorillonite, illite, and zeolites. Notable examples are the Aquila and Shumagin deposits, and the Apollo-Sitka mine on the Alaska Peninsula.

KUROKO MASSIVE SULFIDE DEPOSIT

(Adapted from Donald A. Singer, *in* Cox and Singer, 1986, p. 189, by Nokleberg and others, 1988, p. 2, and further modified for this report)

This deposit type consists of volcanogenic, massive to disseminated sulfides that occur in felsic to intermediate marine volcanic and pyroclastic rocks and interbedded sedimentary rocks. The volcanic rocks are mainly rhyolite and dacite with subordinate basalt and andesite. The depositional environment is mainly hot springs related to marine volcanism in island-arc or in extensional regimes. Common minerals include pyrite, chalcopyrite, sphalerite, barite, and lesser galena, tetrahedrite, tennantite, and magnetite. Local alteration to zeolites, montmorillonite, silica, chlorite, and sericite may occur. Notable examples are the Arctic, Smucker, and Sun deposits in the Brooks Range, the WTF, Red Mountain deposits, and Delta district deposits in east-central Alaska, and the Greens Creek, Glacier Creek, Khayyam, and Orange Point deposits in southeastern Alaska.

The Medford deposit type is generally similar to the Kuroko, but consists of smaller tonnage bodies in lower Paleozoic and Mesozoic rocks.

SANDSTONE U DEPOSIT

(Adapted from Christine Turner Peterson and Carroll A. Hodges *in* Cox and Singer, 1986, p. 209, by Nokleberg and others, 1988, p. 3)

This deposit type consists of concentrations of U oxides and related uranium minerals in localized, reduced environments in medium- to coarse-grained feldspathic or tuffaceous sandstone, arkose, mudstone, and conglomerate. The depositional environment is continental basin margins, fluvial channels, fluvial fans, or stable coastal plain, sometimes with nearby felsic plutons or felsic volcanic rocks. Common minerals include pitchblende, coffinite, carnotite, and pyrite. A notable example is the Death Valley deposit in west-central Alaska.

SEDIMENTARY EXHALATIVE Zn-Pb DEPOSIT

(Adapted from Joseph A. Briskey, *in* Cox and Singer, 1986, p. 211, by Nokleberg and others, 1988, p. 3)

This deposit type consists of stratiform, massive to disseminated sulfides in sheetlike or lenslike tabular bodies that are interbedded with euxinic marine sedimentary rocks, including dark shale, siltstone, limestone, chert, and sandstone. The depositional environment consists mainly of marine epicratonic embayments and intracratonic basins, with smaller local restricted basins. Common minerals include pyrite, pyrrhotite, sphalerite, galena, barite, and chalcopyrite. Extensive alteration may occur, including stockwork and disseminated sulfides, silica, albite, and chlorite. Notable examples are the Lik and Red Dog Creek deposits in the northwestern Brooks Range.

BEDDED BARITE DEPOSIT

(Adapted from Greta J. Orris, *in* Cox and Singer, 1986, p. 216, by Nokleberg and others, 1988, p. 3, and further modified for this report)

This deposit type consists of stratiform, massive barite interbedded with marine cherty and calcareous sedimentary rocks, mainly dark chert, shale, mudstone, and dolomite, but also with quartzite, argillite, and greenstone. The depositional environment consists of epicratonic marine basins or embayments, often with smaller local basins. The local association of bedded barite deposits associated with sedimentary exhalative Zn-Pb or Kuroko massive sulfide deposits (described above) suggests that deposits may also form in extensional and island-arc environments. Alteration consists of secondary barite veining and local, weak to moderate sericite replacement. Associated minerals include minor witherite, pyrite, galena, and sphalerite. Notable examples are the Nimiuktuk deposit in the northwestern Brooks Range and the Castle Island mine in southeastern Alaska.

LOW-SULFIDE Au-QUARTZ VEIN DEPOSIT

(Adapted from Byron R. Berger, *in* Cox and Singer, 1986, p. 239, by Nokleberg and others, 1988, p. 4)

This deposit type, abbreviated to "Au-quartz vein" in the descriptions, consists of gold in massive, persistent quartz veins in regionally metamorphosed volcanic rocks, metamorphosed graywacke, chert, and shale. The depositional

environment is low-grade metamorphic belts. The veins are generally late synmetamorphic to postmetamorphic and locally cut granitic rocks. Associated minerals are minor pyrite, galena, sphalerite, chalcopyrite, arsenopyrite, and pyrrhotite. Alteration minerals include quartz, siderite, albite, and carbonate. Notable examples are the Big Hurrah mine on the Seward Peninsula, the Chandalar district mines in the southern Brooks Range, the Willow Creek district mines, the Nuka Bay, Monarch, Jewel, Granite, and Cliff mines in southern Alaska, and the Alaska-Juneau, Jualin, Kensington, Sumdum Chief, Treadwell, Nido, and Chichagoff mines in southeastern Alaska.

METAMORPHOSED SULFIDE DEPOSIT

(Adapted from Nokleberg and others, 1988, p. 3, for this report)

This deposit type consists of stratabound, massive to disseminated sulfides hosted in moderately to highly metamorphosed and deformed metavolcanic or metasedimentary rocks. Metamorphism and deformation have obscured protoliths of host rocks and deposits so as to preclude classification into more specific deposit types. The interpreted host rocks for these deposits are mainly felsic to mafic metavolcanic rocks and metasedimentary or metavolcanic schist and gneiss. Common minerals include chalcopyrite, sphalerite, galena, and bornite, sometimes with pyrite, magnetite, and hematite. Alteration is usually difficult to recognize because of metamorphism. These deposits occur mainly in the regional metamorphic rocks in southeastern Alaska in either the Coast plutonic-metamorphic complex or the Alexander belt. Notable examples are the Sweetheart Ridge, Sumdum, and Moth Bay deposits, all in southeastern Alaska.

APPENDIX C. ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS REPORT.

Symbol	Chemical Element(s)
Ag	Silver
As	Arsenic
Au	Gold
Ba	Barium
Be	Beryllium
Bi	Bismuth
Co	Cobalt
Cr	Chromium
Cu	Copper
F	Fluorine
Fe	Iron
La	Lanthanum
Mo	Molybdenum
Nb	Niobium
Pb	Lead
Pt	Platinum
RA	Radioactive elements
REE	Rare-earth elements
Sb	Antimony
Sn	Tin
Sr	Strontium
Th	Thorium
Ti	Titanium
U	Uranium
V	Vanadium
W	Tungsten
Y	Yttrium
Zn	Zinc

