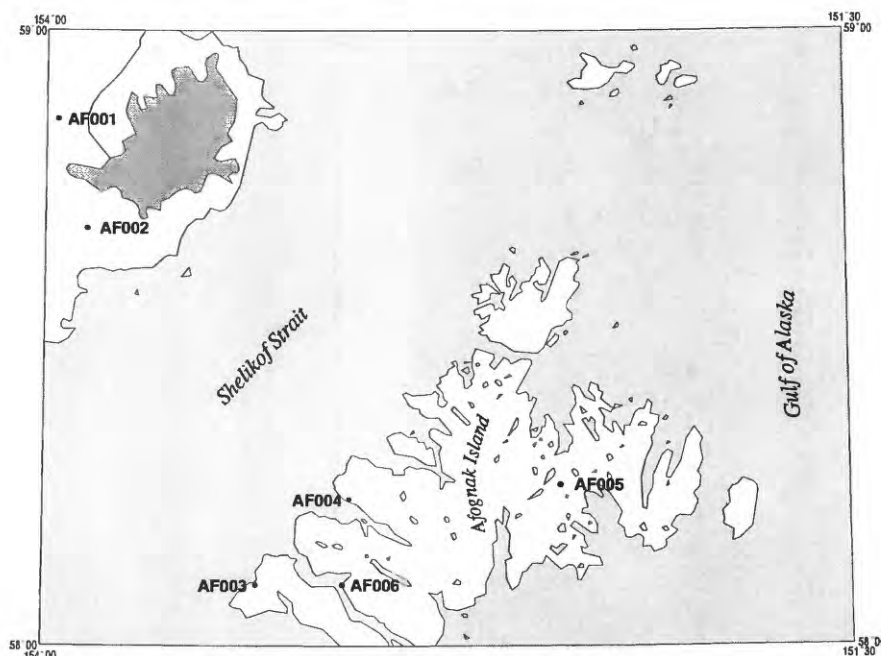


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Afognak quadrangle

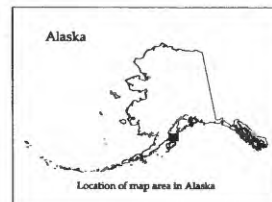
Descriptions of the mineral occurrences shown on the accompanying figure follow. See U.S. Geological Survey (1996) for a description of the information content of each field in the records. The data presented here are maintained as part of a statewide database on mines, prospects and mineral occurrences throughout Alaska.



*Distribution of mineral occurrences in the Afognak
1:250,000-scale quadrangle, Alaska*

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Site name(s): Wm. Douglas Group

Site type: Prospect

ARDF no.: AF001

Latitude: 58.857

Quadrangle: AF D-6

Longitude: 153.964

Location description and accuracy:

This site represents a large claim block noted on U.S. Bureau of Mines maps in 1973. It is located west of the Douglas River and centered in sec. 21, T. 15 S., R. 28 W. (MacKevett and Holloway, 1977, locality 4; Church and others, 1992, sheet 1, locality 10).

Commodities:

Main: Au ?

Other: Ag ?

Ore minerals:

Gangue minerals:

Geologic description:

No significant mineralization was found during a brief reconnaissance of the area (Church and others, 1992); however, some quartz veining and disseminated pyrite has been noted in the general area (Church and others, 1994). Some potential for polymetallic veins exists. Jurassic and Cretaceous sedimentary rocks underlie the claims. A small Tertiary intrusive has been tentatively mapped approximately 2 miles east of the site location as plotted.

Alteration:

Age of mineralization:

Deposit model:

Polymetallic vein ? (Cox and Singer, 1986; model 22c).

Deposit model number (After Cox and Singer, 1986 or Bliss, 1992):

22c

Production Status None

Site Status: Inactive

Workings/exploration:

Production notes:

Reserves:

None.

Additional comments:

Site is in Katmai National Park.

References:

U.S. Bureau of Mines, 1973; MacKevett and Holloway, 1977; Church and others, 1992;
Church and others, 1994.

Primary reference: Church and others, 1992

Reporter(s): S.H. Pilcher (Anchorage)

Last report date: 08/11/98

Site name(s): Big River

Site type: Occurrence

ARDF no.: AF002

Latitude: 58.68

Quadrangle: AF C-6

Longitude: 153.87

Location description and accuracy:

This site is northeast of the Big River on an unnamed tributary in sec. 26, T. 17 S., R. 28 E. (Church and others, 1992, sheet 1, locality 11). The location is accurate to within 1/2 mile.

Commodities:

Main: Cu

Other: Ag, Au, Mo, Pb, Zn

Ore minerals: Chalcopyrite, molybdenite, pyrite, sphalerite

Gangue minerals: Quartz

Geologic description:

At this site quartz-sulfide veins and disseminated sulfides occur in an altered Tertiary plug exposed in a creek drainage. Pyrite, chalcopyrite, sphalerite, and molybdenite are present in quartz veins up to 6 centimeters in width. Metal values run to greater than 20,000 ppm copper, and up to 2000 ppm zinc, 200 ppm lead, 200 ppm silver, 200 ppm cobalt, 100 ppm molybdenite, and 1.1 ppm gold (Church and others, 1994, table 15). Bedrock in this general area consists of sedimentary units of the Kaguyak Formation (Late Cretaceous) and sill-like and crosscutting Tertiary intrusive bodies of tonalite and granodiorite.

This site occurs within a broad zone of geochemical anomalies located southwest of Fourpeaked Mountain and northeast of the mouth of Big River. Within this zone many silt samples are anomalous in arsenic, cobalt, copper, lead, and zinc (Church and others, 1994). Panned concentrates contain arsenopyrite, barite, chalcopyrite, pyrite, scheelite, sphalerite, and wulfenite. The site is also within a smaller zone of silts which are anomalous in boron, molybdenum, and tungsten.

Alteration:

The intrusive rock at this site exhibits argillic and quartz-sericite alteration associated with abundant quartz veining.

Age of mineralization:

The mineralization is associated with a small Late Tertiary stock.

Deposit model:

Polymetallic vein, concealed porphyry copper or porphyry copper-molybdenum (Cox and Singer, 1986; models 22c, 17, 21a).

Deposit model number (After Cox and Singer, 1986 or Bliss, 1992):

22c, 17, 21a

Production Status None

Site Status: Inactive

Workings/exploration:

Samples were collected and analyzed by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Production notes:

Reserves:

Additional comments:

Site is located in Katmai National Park.

References:

Church and others, 1992; Riehle and others, 1993; Church and others, 1994.

Primary reference: Church and others, 1994

Reporter(s): S.H. Pilcher (Anchorage)

Last report date: 08/11/98

Site name(s): Raspberry Beach

Site type: Mine

ARDF no.: AF003

Latitude: 58.1

Quadrangle: AF A-5

Longitude: 153.34

Location description and accuracy:

This site is the beach at Drivers Bay on the northwest coast of Raspberry Island (Cobb, 1972, MF 468, locality 2; Cobb, 1973, Bulletin 1374, figure 11, locality 6; MacKevett and Holloway, 1977, locality 2). The beach is approximately 1/2 mile long and probably has been placered at various locations.

Commodities:

Main: Au

Other:

Ore minerals: Gold

Gangue minerals:

Geologic description:

This site was first mentioned by Brooks (1915, p. 47) who reported that low grade placer gold had been found on Raspberry Island. The latest reported activity took place in 1935. The deposition of beach placer gold is thought to have resulted from the reworking of coastal deposits of glacial gravels and tills.

Alteration:

Age of mineralization:

Quaternary

Deposit model:

Gold placer (Cox and Singer, 1986; model 39a).

Deposit model number (After Cox and Singer, 1986 or Bliss, 1992):

39a

Production Status Yes; small

Site Status: Inactive

Workings/exploration:

In 1935 it was reported that 2 or 3 men were prospecting and mining here. Some drilling was done on valley gravels located between Raspberry Beach and Onion Bay to test the viability of a dredge operation (Capps, 1937, p. 172). Results were apparently poor and the drill project was abandoned.

Production notes:

A small amount of gold was produced but no records are available.

Reserves:

Additional comments:

References:

Brooks and others, 1915; Capps, 1937; Cobb, 1972, (MF 470); Cobb, 1973, (B 1374); Cobb, 1979, (OFR 79-860); MacKevett and Holloway, 1977.

Primary reference: Capps, 1937

Reporter(s): S.H. Pilcher (Anchorage)

Last report date: 08/11/98

Site name(s): Malina Bay

Site type: Prospect

ARDF no.: AF004

Latitude: 58.24

Quadrangle: AF A-4

Longitude: 153.05

Location description and accuracy:

This prospect is located on the north shore of Malina Bay which is 2.5 miles southeast of Tanaak Cape on the west coast of Afognak Island (Cobb, 1972, MF 470, locality 1; Berg and Cobb, 1967, figure 15, locality 1; MacKevett and Holloway, 1977, locality 2). Location is probably accurate to within 1/2 mile.

Commodities:

Main: Ag, Au

Other:

Ore minerals: Gold, unknown silver mineral

Gangue minerals: Quartz

Geologic description:

The discovery of an auriferous quartz vein at Malina Bay was first reported in 1911 (Brooks and others, 1912). The vein is described as being up to 14 feet in width and occurring along a contact between slate and granite and diorite (Martin, 1913, p. 133-134). No additional information on this site has been reported.

The intrusive rocks appear to be part of the Afognak Plutonic Complex of probable Jurassic age. The slate belongs to a schistose belt of Jurassic-age metasedimentary and metavolcanic rocks which extends northeast from Kodiak Island.

Alteration:

Age of mineralization:

Deposit model:

Auriferous quartz vein

Deposit model number (After Cox and Singer, 1986 or Bliss, 1992):

Production Status None

Site Status: Inactive

Workings/exploration:

Information received by Martin (1913, p. 133-134) indicated that a 140-foot-long adit had been driven several years previously; however, there was some uncertainty as to whether the work was done on this prospect.

Production notes:

Reserves:

Additional comments:

The site is located on land conveyed to Koniag Corporation.

References:

Brooks and others, 1912; Martin, 1913; Capps, 1937; Cobb, 1972, (MF 470); MacKevett and Holloway, 1977; Cobb, 1979, (OFR 79-860); Connelly and Moore, 1979.

Primary reference: Martin, 1913

Reporter(s): S.H. Pilcher (Anchorage)

Last report date: 08/11/98

Site name(s): Unnamed

Site type: Occurrence

ARDF no.: AF005

Latitude: 58.3

Quadrangle: AF B-2

Longitude: 152.4

Location description and accuracy:

This occurrence is located southeast of Portage Lake in T. 22 S., R. 19 W. The location is only accurate to within 5 miles.

Commodities:

Main: Au(?)

Other:

Ore minerals: Unknown sulfide minerals

Gangue minerals:

Geologic description:

An unknown person reported to S.W. Nelson (USGS) in 1979 that sulfide minerals occur in calcareous rocks and that a possible granitic intrusive was nearby.

Alteration:

Age of mineralization:

Deposit model:

Polymetallic vein ? (Cox and Singer, 1986; model 22c).

Deposit model number (After Cox and Singer, 1986 or Bliss, 1992):

22c

Production Status None

Site Status: Inactive

Workings/exploration:

Production notes:

Reserves:

None.

Additional comments:

Report of sulfides based on oral communication to S.W. Nelson (USGS) in 1979.

References:

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Primary reference: This record

Reporter(s): S.H. Pilcher (Anchorage)

Last report date: 08/11/98

Site name(s): Muskomee Bay

Site type: Occurrence

ARDF no.: AF006

Latitude: 58.1

Quadrangle: AF A-4

Longitude: 153.07

Location description and accuracy:

This site is located just south of Muskomee Bay in sec. 17, T. 24 S., R. 23 W. (MacKevett and Holloway, 1977, locality 3; Foley and others, 1989, locality 34). Location is probably accurate to within 1/2 mile.

Commodities:

Main: Au

Other: Pb, PGE

Ore minerals:

Gangue minerals:

Geologic description:

Data from U.S. Bureau of Mine files indicate lode claims with gold, lead, and PGE listed as commodities (Foley and others, 1989). No other data are available.

Alteration:

Age of mineralization:

Deposit model:

Polymetallic vein ? (Cox and Singer, 1986; model 22c).

Deposit model number (After Cox and Singer, 1986 or Bliss, 1992):

22c

Production Status None

Site Status: Inactive

Workings/exploration:

Production notes:

Reserves:

None.

Additional comments:

This site is on land conveyed to Koniag Corporation.

References:

U.S. Bureau of Mines, 1973; MacKevett and Holloway, 1977; Foley and others, 1989.

Primary reference: MacKevett and Holloway, 1977

Reporter(s): S.H Pilcher (Anchorage)

Last report date: 08/11/98

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