Background:

Adak Island (150,000 acres) was once a military site that housed bombing of Dutch Harbor and the Japanese occupation of the Aleutian Islands. In 1942-1943, the Strategic Air Command stationed 10,000 American soldiers and 18,000 military and civilian personnel on Adak Island. The Navy later took over the site, and in 1944 it was called the Adak Naval Air Station. It was decommissioned in 1970 and remained under the jurisdiction of the Navy until 1997.

Example: Adak Island
Alaska Maritime NWR

Cleanup actions:

Although much of the contaminated area at Adak has been remediated, petroleum and hazardous contamination remains on the island. The Navy has used dredging, excavation, and on-site bioremediation to clean up the site. The Navy is also working with the USFWS and Native groups to find solutions to the ongoing petroleum contamination problem. The Navy is expected to remove the remaining 7 active petroleum sites. In addition, they have spent much time and energy fighting court cases involving the rights of the Navy to the site.

Conclusion:

Alaska is an abundant wildlife place and was untouched in many ways. However, it is reality, Alaska is now facing contamination issues. At the moment, Adak Island is an excellent example of the timely conclusion. It is a high priority to continue to work closely with the USFWS and Native groups to find solutions to the ongoing petroleum contamination problem.

Example: Amchitka Island
Alaska Maritime NWR

Cleanup actions:

The NPS and USFWS continue to work with the US Army Corps of Engineers on the contamination issues. The Navy has been involved in many cleanup efforts, including dredging, excavation, and on-site bioremediation. The Navy has also spent much time and energy fighting court cases involving the rights of the Navy to the site. The Navy is expected to remove the remaining 7 active petroleum sites. In addition, they have spent much time and energy fighting court cases involving the rights of the Navy to the site.

Conclusion:

Alaska is an abundant wildlife place and was untouched in many ways. However, it is reality, Alaska is now facing contamination issues. At the moment, Amchitka Island is an excellent example of the timely conclusion. It is a high priority to continue to work closely with the USFWS and Native groups to find solutions to the ongoing petroleum contamination problem.