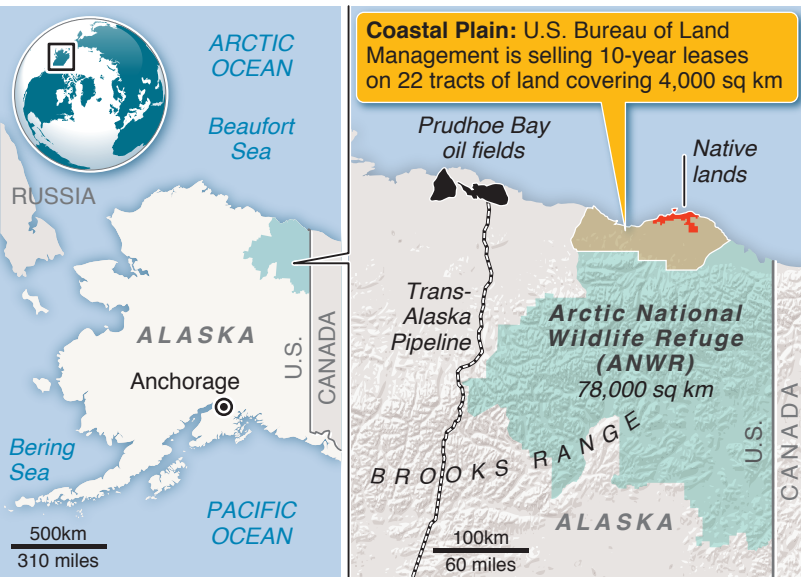


Trump auctions Arctic to oil drillers

In one of the final acts of his administration, Donald Trump has opened bidding on drilling leases in a pristine Arctic wildlife refuge in Alaska, rushing to lock up deals before President-elect Joe Biden takes office



Coastal plain is estimated to contain up to 11.8 billion barrels of recoverable oil reserves



Environmental and tribal groups say sale will cause irreparable damage to tundra ecosystem vital to polar bears, caribou, and other wildlife