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Exploring a Nexus of National and Human Security: Food and Energy Challenges in the U.S. Arctic

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Abstract: Changes in the U.S. Arctic are challenging both the national and human security dynamics of the region. Historically, the region's significance had been defined by national security concerns, but the emerging concept of human security has come to provide a useful framework through which to define and demonstrate the nexus between the two. This paper provides an overview of the relationship between national and human security and the concerns shared by individuals working in both areas, with a more narrowed focus on the interrelated issues of both food and energy security within the U.S. Arctic. Considering the substantial overlap of aspects of food and energy on both national as well as human security, an analysis of the relationships involving each provides meaningful and extended context of the term "security" for the Arctic region.

Keywords: Arctic; energy security; food security; human security; national security

1. Introduction

Since satellite observation began in 1979, the Arctic has experienced ever-diminishing volumes of summer ice, with 2018 being younger and thinner than previous years [1]. From that development alone, numerous implications have been examined for the opening of the Arctic region, many stemming from increases in maritime access to Arctic waters [2]. For those implications raised with the opening of the Arctic, numerous issues are presented regarding Arctic shipping routes, the economic benefits of transporting goods through the region, and its geostrategic importance as a power projection platform for military forces [3–5]. Others note the opening of the Arctic and the dash for resources to underscore the potential effects of competition and confrontation with other nations, including Russia [6] and China [7,8].

Historically, national-security challenges involving the U.S. Arctic have been framed by the Cold War and the need to provide for the early warning and detection of Soviet bombers and, later, ballistic missiles. Previously, Alaska played a major role during WWII, as the Japanese invasion of a U.S. territory sparked unprecedented national security inertia and ignited a regional military buildup that changed both the demographics and future of Alaska [9]. Various strategic qualities today continue to demonstrate Alaska's geostrategic importance to national security [10].

Since the '90s, the concept of human security has continued to become an established approach centered on a distinct differentiation from the traditional military-state context of national security. The United Nations has led the way in developing a purpose for the distinction in "a powerful approach" as a "proven analytical and planning framework that supports more comprehensive and preven-

tive responses” [11]. In the U.S. Arctic, Alaska continues to have a unique relationship with human security, including challenges resulting from climate change, social pathologies, and disasters that differ greatly than those experienced in the lower 48 states. While Alaska has fewer than a million people, the original population consisted of Native peoples who have lived in the state for thousands of years. Today, the population is an amalgamation of these Native peoples and other Alaska state residents, who co-depend on a safe and stable security environment in which to live.

Numerous studies and definitions regarding national security exist, with continued strides in human security scholarship, research and analysis being made every day. Less common is scholarship that combines both, possibly due to the relative newness of human security as an accepted security concept and the complexities involved in developing an effective framework that integrates the two concepts. To that end, this article offers an example based upon observable connections between national and human security under the driving influences of both food and energy security within the U.S. Arctic.

National security priorities in the U.S. Arctic have often overshadowed human security as a security concept, challenging access to and the sustainability of food and energy security requirements. History reminds us that insufficient quantities and types of food often lead to food insecurity, malnutrition, civil unrest, or even violence. To date, most studies involving food security have focused on three primary discourses: access to local foods, Native Alaskan issues, and economic factors [12]. In the North, energy can be just as crucial for survival. Oil and the resulting petroleum investments and revenue serve as the main revenue source for the state of Alaska [13]. Oil also remains the primary source of energy for smaller rural areas, which depend on diesel electric power [14].

The research goal is to illustrate a nexus between national and human security within the context of a changing U.S. Arctic. In particular, this study examines the roles of energy and food security within the U.S. region of Alaska, with a more narrowed examination of the shared energy and food security complexities which overlap the two central security categories. Consequently, the authors offer a view to understanding how the distinctions, connections, and overlap made between both national and human security provide significant insight concerning the northern-related security composition of the person, the natural world, and the social-civic construct.

2. Background

2.1. Defining National Security

Defining “national security” remains somewhat problematic due to the changing nature of the national security interests of the U.S. throughout the nation’s history [15]. The meaning of national security has continued to expand, contract, and morph across the past several administrations due in

large part to changes in focus influenced by both national and international events of significance [13]. Following the aforementioned literature, we utilize a definition of national security from a broader context involving not only a state-centric perspective and its application to safeguarding the nation, its people, and their culture but likewise the integration of human security as a noted requisite to address non-traditional security threats [16]. Although scholars widely recognize the need to integrate human and national security as a model for international use, Cosby [17], supporting a broader definition, underscores the need for the integration of human security as a basis for U.S. National Security development and the conduct of foreign policy.

This article subscribes to the classification of the Arctic from the *U.N. Arctic Human Development Report*, which includes the entirety of the state of Alaska [18]. Since the attack on Pearl Harbor and the subsequent invasion that materialized during the Aleutian Campaign of World War II, Alaska’s role in national security has required a steady and ever-increasing multilevel government and interagency approach to provide for U.S. national security concerns [10]. Today, Alaska continues to serve at the forefront of U.S. national security through significant national defense responsibilities as a primary location for critical missile defense infrastructure, including both the ground-based interceptors located at Fort Greely and the Long-Range Discrimination Radar at Clear Air Station [19]. Furthermore, the U.S. Coast Guard, as an organization subordinate to the Department of Homeland Security, continues to provide primary operational surface capabilities for the U.S. Arctic maritime environment as well as the mission to conduct international maritime-related law enforcement. Soon, Alaska will be home to 54, or approximately one fifth, of the entire arsenal of 5th-generation fighters [20].

2.2. Defining Human Security

The concept of human security was developed during the post-Cold War ‘90s and has largely been differentiated from national and military security in stressing that individuals as stakeholders are the key focus rather than the state [13]. Often, definitions revolve around the need to protect individuals and provide for principles such as freedom, dignity, and/or livelihood. Others focus on protecting individuals from things, such as “freedom from fear” and “freedom from want” [21]. According to the UN, “human security is needed in response to the complexity and the interrelatedness of both old and new threats—from chronic and persistent poverty to ethnic violence, human trafficking, climate change, health pandemics, international terrorism, and sudden economic and financial downturns” [22].

Human security as a defined concept has evolved greatly in the 21st century [23] and has continued to gain traction based on a realization that security issues extend well beyond the national military-centric, if not international military-centric concerns of the past. The extension of these concerns has been demonstrated in the U.S. mili-

tary's increased involvement in non-warfighting operations, such as humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, as well as in its newfound efforts to address climate change as a national security interest [23]. Within the Arctic, residents currently do not face external nation state–based hostilities due to a system of regional governance and cooperation that has been fostered by the Arctic Council [24]. The region does, however, face numerous human-security challenges in the changing dynamics of vegetation, wildlife, and the very environment itself. Still, beyond the external aspects of national security, Alaska in particular faces multiple human security challenges due to food [25] and energy security [26] issues.

2.3. Defining Food Security

According to the U.K. Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs, “a country and people are food secure when their food systems operate efficiently in such a way as to remove fear that there will not be enough to eat” [27]. At the international level, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations considers food security a success “when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life” [28]. In a broader sense, food security can effectively be considered on four levels: (a) individual/household, (b) regional, (c) national, and (d) global. Within each level, seven key themes help provide even more in-depth measurement of food security through availability: access, affordability, nutrition and quality, safety, resilience, and confidence [27]. Although such definitions provide some meaning, difficulties do exist as food-security metrics might not reflect the problems involving static information, which could impact the flexibility needed to proactively respond to dynamic regional realities [29]. Such problems could be the case for the North, especially as the U.S. Arctic continues to experience significant environmental and socio-economic change, where policy and operations will need to consider the looming impacts of food security at the local, state, and regional levels.

2.4. Defining Energy Security

The International Energy Agency defines energy security as the uninterrupted availability of energy sources at an affordable price. Energy security has many aspects. On the one hand, long-term energy security mainly deals with timely investments to supply energy in line with economic developments and environmental needs. On the other hand, short-term energy security focuses on the ability of the energy system to react promptly to sudden changes in the supply–demand balance [30].

Dimensions of energy-security definitions, according to the International Energy Agency, include (a) availability, (b) affordability, and (c) acceptability; Hughes [31] added a fourth dimension (accessibility). An additional issue related

to energy security that will be incorporated into the above is energy independence. Greene examines oil independence, [32] noting that, should oil remain a dominant energy source in the near future, oil dependence will continue to be an economic threat in numerous scenarios. He also outlines in his analysis that the U.S. can achieve oil independence through a combined effort to reduce consumption while increasing its oil supply.

3. The Roles of Food and Energy Security in the U.S. Arctic: National Security

3.1. Food Security

Food security in a changing Arctic is complex and based upon multiple influencing factors that impact the availability, access, distribution, and infrastructure of the indigenous communities, urban-area populations, and industries that support it [33]. According to the Alaska Resource Development Council, seafood harvests in Alaska for 2018 accounted for more than 60% of the total U.S. fishing harvest, with an economic impact of \$2 billion that extends beyond Alaska and to the entirety of the U.S. [34]. To threaten both the food security and economic benefit of Arctic seafood, changes within the Arctic marine food web could be altered soon because of climate change. These changes could affect the migration patterns of fish, with potentially adverse impacts on marine mammals, and, thus, traditional hunting for indigenous coastal communities [35].

Another notable consideration to the issue of food security is the conduct of illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing [36]. In the U.S. Arctic today, the consistent security challenge has largely involved the conflicting fishing activity of various nations, especially Southeast Asia. IUU fishing and China is an illustrative example. With the world's largest population, China's demand for fish is significant and steady, with supplies unable to be satisfied by resources located in its own coastal waters, driving activity abroad to meet economic and food security needs [37]. In response to depletion near inland shores, China has increased subsidies to fishing industries to build larger vessels with increased range, resulting in broader security-related issues beyond near-coastal fishing [38]. Furthermore, China's Beidou navigation satellite system offers the capability to transmit short messages or track other units that could be used to coordinate fishing as well as “maritime reconnaissance” [39]. The capability of transiting greater distances with substantially more vessels has continued to pose a threat to U.S. national security in the Arctic, especially when enforcement authorities lack the ability to monitor illicit activity. Moreover, China has consistently demonstrated a willingness to traverse sovereign boundaries and ignore generally accepted international norms [40].

Brady observes that food security is key to the Chinese national security strategy and, to that end, related pressures have already adversely impacted local fishing industries

globally [8]. She likewise points to a Chinese-based report that notes the nation's interest in Arctic fisheries. Although the previous example focuses on China, the intent is not to associate the State with sanctioned criminal activity but to illustrate a web of the documented complexities often involving several other actors. Although Chinese sub-state actors represent the primary violators, the China government overtly supports the regulation of fisheries while maintaining an active voice to influence frameworks and governance as regulation becomes codified, as demonstrated by the 2017 Central Arctic Ocean Fishing ban, which China has also signed [41]. Furthermore, the moratorium on fishing in U.S. Arctic waters also remains one of the strongest protective mechanisms in response to uncertainty of various impacts to fish, which is widely endorsed and supported by virtually all stakeholders [42].

3.2. Energy Security

Alaska's role in national energy security is largely defined by oil production and exportation. The state has in the past been the anchor for U.S. petroleum production and has contributed significantly to the industry since the late 1960s, when oil was discovered in quantities significant enough for large-scale production. While continued development has helped ensure U.S. energy independence and dominance [43,44], within the larger context of the Arctic, the development of gas and oil is of great interest to numerous countries [45,46].

Pillar II of the National Security Strategy embraces dominance in the energy sector through diversification and affordable sources [44]. In support of that goal, the U.S. finally became an energy net exporter for the first time in 75 years [47,48]. However, the extent to which U.S. net exportation is sustainable depends on many factors, including Alaska's contribution to oil and gas. Future production in Alaska partially relies on access to new reserves, including on- and offshore sources. Recent passage of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act required the Secretary of the Interior to establish and administer a competitive oil and gas program from the coastal plain (section 1002) located in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), effectively ending the 1980 ban [49]. ANWR commenced in 2018 with lease sales, which marked the beginning stages of resource exploitation [50]; in addition, extraction through shale has further supported the National Security Strategy to ensure energy independence and dominance while reducing leverage against the United States via increases in U.S. net exportation [51]. Recent ANWR estimates forecast a 90% increase (3.2 billion barrels) of oil crude production and 6.8 billion barrels of oil from 2031 to 2050 [48].

The Beaufort and Chukchi Seas represent the two primary, potential offshore production areas. However, in March 2019, a federal judge ruled and revoked the use of 120 million acres in the U.S. Arctic Ocean nullifying an executive order issued by the current administration [52,53]. As such, projects in either sea seem unlikely, given regu-

latory and commodity pricing forces that continue to make production in northern waters economically unappealing at this time.

Aside from Arctic oil, Arctic natural gas has had an increasingly important role for U.S. energy security. However, recovering natural gas in the North has proven difficult, as limited transportation resources and associated costs of extraction challenge the drilling companies' ability to access resources [54]. Moreover, market prices and liquefied natural gas (LNG) which helps boost resource value) technicalities further complicate the appeal of natural gas production. Alaska is not new to natural gas, though. Cook Inlet basin still represents the nation's oldest natural gas production site since export began in 1967 [55]. Notably, operations and transport of natural gas from Cook Inlet are relatively cheap compared to LNG development originating from the North Slope of Alaska. During the Walker Administration, Alaska pursued options to produce its northern gas to market, eventually brokering a deal with China in hopes of establishing a 100-year contract [56]; however, the deal fell apart politically and economically, even as aspects of national security emerged as part of the concern, especially in the context of general bilateral foreign trade issues [57].

4. The Roles of Food and Energy Security in the U.S. Arctic: Human Security

4.1. Food Security

4.1.1. The Donut Hole: A Lost Food Source

Human food security has long been linked to fish as a food source, and U.S. Arctic waters have played an important role in food security for many populations since WWII. A prime example of current impacts to the U.S. Arctic as a result of historical practices is unregulated and unrestricted fishing, which has led to a collapse of the "Donut Hole" located in the Aleutian Basin of the Bering Sea (Figure 1). As a once healthy and thriving fisheries region, known for its productivity of pollock, it drew the attention of numerous international fishing fleets from nations, including the People's Republic of China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Poland [53]. The Donut Hole, as Balton outlines, is the result of the extension of the fishery zones from both the United States and the former Soviet Union. The area inside of the waters were beyond the jurisdictional control of bordering coastal states.

The collapse of the Donut Hole was a long time coming considering the historical backdrop provided by Bailey [58]. The narrative he provides outlines that the Bering region developed post World War II as an important food source for a Japan that was facing not only "malnutrition" but also "social unrest resulting from food shortages" [58]. As Japan developed and modernized its fishing fleet and adapted its wartime radar technology (fish finding), so too did others in the region, including the Republic of Korea and the USSR. Bailey [59] describes that, initially, interest in foreign fishing fleets in the Bering were of little interest, until concern de-

veloped in the 1960s that the scope of these operations was beginning to impact the halibut and crab populations, as well as the salmon headed back to spawn in Alaska. In 1976, the United States would take a more assertive role to influence fishing practices of these fleets and prioritize domestic fisherman when it unilaterally extended the Fisheries Conservation Zone (FCZ) out to 200 miles [60].

The eventual result proved to be one of the most significant global fisheries collapses on record [58]. Bailey [59] notes the sometimes startling consequences of actions or the lack for taking action. Reported pollock catches from the Donut Hole were at 360,000 tons in 1985, with the total reported catch coming in at 1.5 million tons by 1989. Although interest existed to examine the negative impacts, by this point, it was already too late. Three years later, reported catches in the area amounted to approximately 10,000, signaling a complete collapse of pollock within the area. Ultimately, a moratorium was achieved internationally, with an agreement being signed in 1994, the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea.

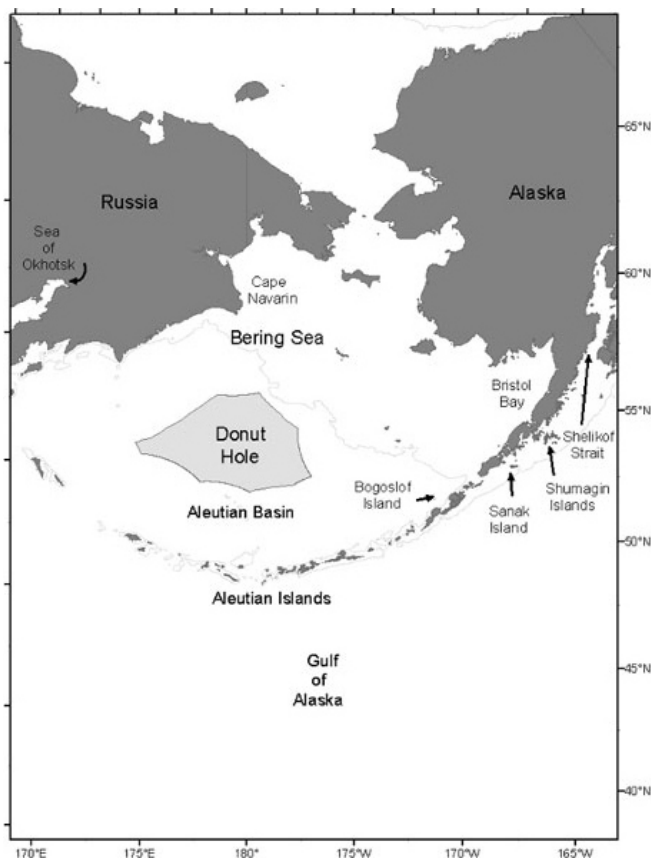


Figure 1. The donut hole [58].

4.1.2. Lack of State Agriculture

Simply put, Alaska is currently food insecure and, unlike most regions of the United States, does not maintain a balance between locally produced, imported, and exported foods [61]. Aside from shorter growing seasons and cold-temperature issues, several other categories of factors explain various agricultural challenges in Alaska, including environmental, geophysical, biological, and socioeconomic difficulties [62]. Of all the food consumed by Alaskans, only 5 to 10% is produced in the state [58,63]. Additionally, as roughly 10% of a family's income is dedicated to food in the lower 48, 14% is the norm for a family in Alaska [64]. The more distant one is from an urban area in Alaska, the greater the cost of food, with milk costing \$15 a gallon in the community of Kotzebue [65]. Importantly, Kotzebue's study notes that a high cost does not equate to quality but rather reflects the economic cost of distribution to the far end of the supply chain which is largely shouldered by the consumer. Consequently, access, costs, and potential disruption to the supply chain become dynamic contributors to food insecurity. Fairbanks, the second-most densely populated city, sits 180 miles south of the Arctic Circle. As the second largest city, it is estimated to maintain a 3- to 5-day food supply in local stores, compared to Anchorage, which has a 5- to 7-day supply [66]. There is also a distinct imbalance between Alaska rural and urban food sources and consumption. For example, wild food harvest [67] for 2017 in rural areas averaged 276 pounds per person, while urban harvest accounted for 19 pounds per person on average [68] underscoring the reliance on locally procured food in rural areas versus the store bought food in the urban.

4.2. Energy Security

Although improved home construction has increased energy efficiency, the majority of homes in places like Fairbanks were not suitable for the subarctic climate, largely because builders were from the lower 48 states and were not familiar with the environmental conditions [69]. Consequently, energy costs for households in the high latitudes remain higher due to their heavy reliance on oil to heat their homes in the winter. Alaska's harsh winters, energy-intensive oil and natural gas industries, and small population, place the state's per capita energy consumption as third highest in the nation, after Louisiana and Wyoming [14]. Alaska's unique power grid connects to Anchorage, Fairbanks, and the Kenai Peninsula, or what is commonly called the "Rail Belt" [70]. Microgrids constitute the remainder of electrical grids in smaller towns and villages (Figure 2).

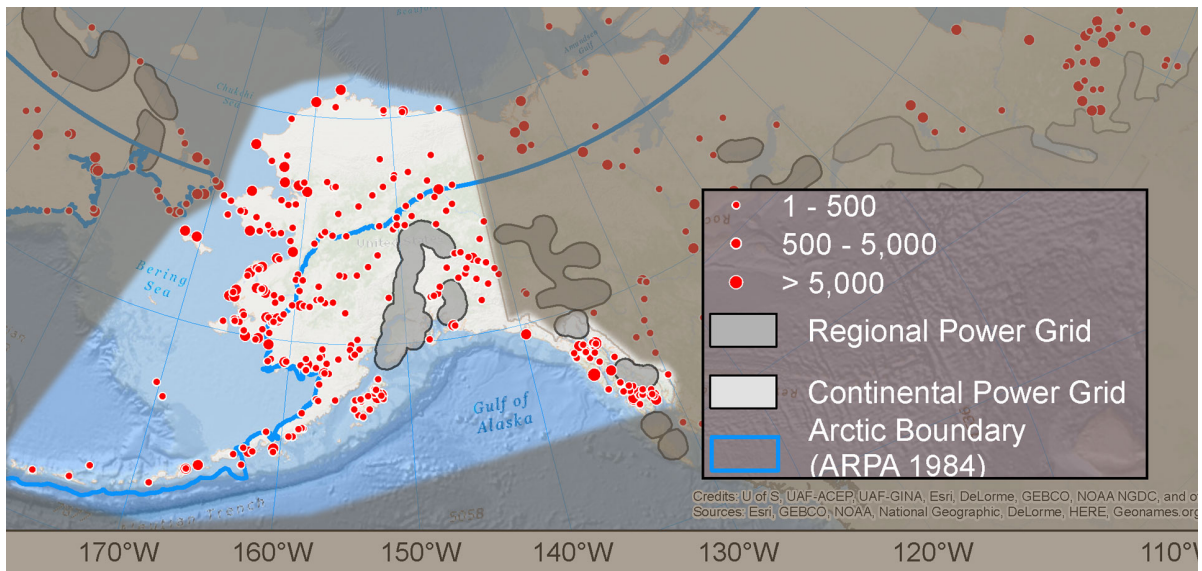


Figure 2. Pan-arctic circumpolar off-grid settlements [71].

To adapt to household and commercial energy difficulties, Alaska’s policy makers routinely consider legislation and sometimes even disaster declarations to supplement and fund the annual funding of the Power Cost Equalization Program [72]. Efforts also include opportunities to transition from fossil fuels. In 2010, Alaska’s legislature established the Alaska State Energy Policy, which set a goal for Alaska to increase its electric generation from renewable and alternative energy sources to 50% by 2025 [14]. Hossain, Loring, & Marsik, [26] argue that rural Alaska should “have reliable access to socially acceptable energy generation or provisioning services, at a level sufficient to conducting a sustainable life.”

Combined with volatility in oil prices and a constant political battle over the state’s oil tax regime, energy security for Alaska has been less than nominal, especially since the 2008 global fiscal crisis. Moreover, rural Alaska’s dependence on fuel oil remains vulnerable to problems, some of which involve national and human security. For example, in the fall of 2011, Nome Alaska experienced a severe storm that prevented the annual scheduled delivery of fuel to the community. Estimates of increased fuel prices ranged from \$5.40 to \$9 per gallon if brought in by plane. In the end, the solution involved a Russian ice-hardened tanker escorted by a USCG ice breaker to deliver vital fuel in January 2012—in mid-Winter—with reserves running low [73].

5. Convergence of National and Human Security in the U.S. Arctic

5.1. Food Security

From a national security perspective vis-à-vis economics, Alaska’s \$3 billion seafood industry supports the nation’s \$6 billion seafood industry [74] and subsequently contributes

to not only U.S. but global food security. Alaska led all states in volume, with landings of 60 billion pounds with a value of \$1.8 billion, as well as 158 processing plants and wholesalers and nearly ten people employed [75]. According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, [68] fish directly accounted for nearly 54% of wild food harvest in rural Alaskan areas while providing about 14% of caloric needs and 95% of protein needs in 2017 (Figure 3). Indirectly, the same report indicates other food sources that are dependent on fish (land mammals) and/or impacted by illicit fishing practices (marine mammals).

The effects of climate change on food security remain a convergence both at the federal and local levels but for different reasons. Conversely, from a human security perspective, indigenous and rural communities throughout the U.S. Arctic remain affected by several factors, including changing food availability and vulnerability, as well as limited transportation infrastructure. Caulfield [76] underscores that, for smaller and indigenous communities, the problems are even more manifest because they are impacted by the availability of essentials, fluctuations in pricing, and a long and often costly distribution process. For many of these communities, subsistence hunting and fishing are important in both a literal (survival) and cultural food security context. The use of cash or bartering in Alaska often buys necessities, such as snowmobiles, fuel, food, and ammunition [77]. Moreover, higher prices (e.g., for food and energy) require people to work multiple jobs, which in turn limits time for subsistence hunting and fishing, thus adding to food insecurity. Importantly, food security through availability and access, coupled with subsistence hunting and fishing, plays a critical role in the health security in rural communities [78]. In general, an estimated 65% of Alaska residents utilize some form of subsistence [78].

Composition of wild food harvest by rural Alaska residents, 2017

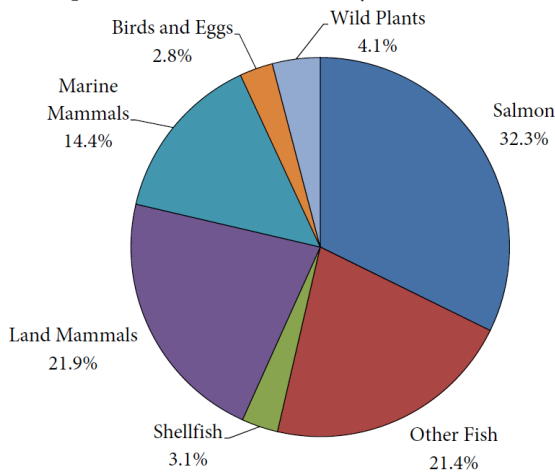


Figure 3. Wild food harvest in rural Alaska [62].

5.2. Energy Security

Conversely, some scholars and policy makers argue that policies that support oil and gas exploitation make a “mockery” of sustainability [79]. The prospect of oil and mineral exploration poses significant challenges to food, health, and environmental security but also presents opportunities. Gjörv *et al.* [80] states, “Security in the Arctic has focused on issues of power, resource exploitation, and territory these issues continue to influence government policy. While the idea of energy security persists with governments to secure energy resources, often power is exerted over those who are dependent on those untouched resources” [80].

Should, however, crude oil production on the North Slope decline below 300,000 barrels per day, ice and increased wax settlement follow in the pipeline [43]. This increases maintenance costs and potentially forces the exploitation of ANWR to develop the additional flow needed to mitigate potential increased maintenance costs as well as to ensure continued energy dominance. Adding to the complexity of providing for energy security and economic profitability, the cost for oil and natural gas resource development in Alaska, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, sits 50 to 100% higher than it does in Texas [43].

The entire LNG value chain, including liquefaction, shipping, and regasification, complicate the global natural gas industry and play a role in economic, environmental, and national security policy [81]. Regarding human security, Northern communities have consistently expressed a desire for natural gas to help offset heating costs and pollution. However, the State of Alaska has had a different focus on its desire for natural gas, namely the pursuit of exportation, which does nothing for communities directly, but could offer indirect benefits as revenues are collected. However, several obstacles prevent the full use of LNG beyond extraction,

including treatment, liquefaction, transport, storage, and regasification, to name a few. Gasification alone involves numerous technical difficulties associated with LNG, which requires a significant amount of energy to render natural gas into a liquid state at -161°F and $1/600^{\text{th}}$ its original volume [82]. In addition, given the global LNG competition involving supply from Australia, the Middle East, and Russia, Alaska has a very limited geographic market area in which to sell its potential—of which China represents one of the few places currently.

6. Conclusions

The nexus of both human and national security interests within the U.S. Arctic is remarkable considering the recognized challenges regarding security in the larger Arctic setting. The relationship and overlap between human and national security interests within the U.S. Arctic increasingly demonstrate a strong connection to changing dynamics of the region and how those changes not only serve as an example to the overlapping nature of the national and human security, but how this region will continue to serve as a benchmark in exposing those concerns. While, globally, it is increasingly recognized that human security concerns are becoming more pronounced as international conflict between nation states declines [23], Alaska remains of significant geostrategic importance to U.S. due to national security interests and its location [10].

Human security concerns within the U.S. Arctic are likewise both complex and prominent. As a land of extremes, Alaska will remain as long as people continue to live in an environment rife with challenges such as isolation and climate, yet rich in remarkable beauty, resources, and cultural roots and strengths. While external global threats might not loom large for individuals within the region [24], the changing climate is altering the physical landscape in relation to permafrost and, as a consequence, the longer term viability of Arctic infrastructure and its residents way of life. To drill down into the human security aspects of the U.S. Arctic, climate change has altered the physical landscape such that indigenous peoples of the U.S. Arctic are finding it difficult to “put food on the table” [83]. Still, as a state on the front lines of climate change, its efforts in proactive adaptation planning will serve to potentially reduce not only the costs but the impacts of a changing climate [84].

1. *Intersection of Energy Security with a National Security Backdrop.* As previously noted, Alaska’s role in providing energy to meet the national security requirements of the U. S. is both very real and significant. In historical and contemporary contexts, Alaska has significantly contributed to and enabled the nation to achieve both energy dominance and independence [85]. Vast oil and natural gas estimates indicate the presence of other production areas, such as the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas which could prove to further reinforce energy security and independence going into the future. These areas could serve to extend

the significance of the U.S. Arctic as an energy resource-rich region well into the future. However, the appetite as well as the cost for development and operations may come into conflict with this region realizing its full potential and the energy security supply it could provide.

2. *Intersection of Food Security with a National Security Backdrop.* The \$3 billion seafood industry of Alaska continues to support the economic largesse of a \$6 billion U.S. parent industry. Nationally, Dutch Harbor has led the nation with the highest amount of seafood landed for more than two decades, with approximately 770 million pounds alone in 2017 [75]. Likewise, as the report highlights, this industry provides approximately 15% of rural Alaskans' employment, with an extended national impact of creating 99,000 full-time equivalent jobs. The perspectives drawn from this evidence illustrate how the economics of fisheries relate to both the national security significance of a food rich region, but further underscore how seafood contributes to the economic basis of human security at a more localized level. Current impacts to fisheries from illicit activity continue to represent issues closely associated with national security, with the potential to escalate into higher tension or conflict. However, as previously developed, the region is not on the cusp of conflict as diplomatic intervention has proven itself effective in negotiated agreements to safeguard valuable fishing areas.
3. *Intersection of Energy Security with a Human Security Backdrop.* The costs associated with the development of energy resources within the U.S. Arctic are sizeable and are at odds with sustainability and other initiatives related to longer term climate-change adaptation. At the same time, the traditional need for energy is real, particularly considering the backdrop of Alaska's cold winters and ensuing energy consumption rates as compared to the Lower 48. Beyond the simple need to meet the energy demands of Alaska through the use of home heating oil and natural gas, the state's economy depends greatly on the production of these resources for its revenue and longer term financial viability. This unique juxtaposition leaves Alaska at odds with itself. Although the state contributes to the energy and human security needs of those who live and work there, revenue, resulting from the royalties realized from the sovereign wealth fund represent the largest contribution toward investment, and thus, returns (currently Alaska's largest revenue source)—which comes at a time when climate change and environmental issues have become more contentious.
4. *Intersection of Food Security with a Human Security Backdrop.* The collapse of the Donut Hole as a food source from a National Security perspective serves to simultaneously demonstrate both the economic and food production capability of the region, and yet,

its fragility. Whereas Bailey notes that the socioeconomic aspects of the collapse might not significantly affect the local fishing and indigenous communities, overfishing of the region has indeed had a longer term impact, as fishing harvests for a variety of has species have declined appreciably [58]. From this loss, however, the "Doughnut Hole Convention" was developed and has global implications for safeguarding the fishery and thwarting the larger scale occurrence of IUU. This agreement underscores a success in providing for the protection of a region that substantially influences national and international food capacity and that generates national security significance of the convention as a forum for international agreement.

A further review of several outliers regarding the overlap of Human and National Security interests in the U.S. Arctic should be further considered. In the greater context of human security and its emphasis beyond both food and energy security, numerous other areas of shared concern are worthy of analysis, including the economic, environmental, and health security challenges of the region. While certain aspects of this paper have touched on each of these areas, the U.S. Arctic as a sub-region is very different from other parts of the Arctic, and especially the contiguous United States. The needs of the individual intersect with those of the region, or the state, on important topics including subsistence hunting, home heating, and the effects of climate change. A similar, broader concern is also observed in addressing the health security needs of the U.S. Arctic during an economic downturn. This concern in itself has the potential to undermine the national as well as human security stability in a region that is on the front lines of climate security concerns while great power competition continues to entrench itself throughout the Circumpolar North.

National and human security should not be regarded as mutually exclusive—in either policy or behavior. Although the two can contrast or complement each other, the integration of the two becomes increasingly more important as a consideration, especially as human security continues to evolve in understanding, acceptance, and application. This article provided a means by which to examine energy and food security, in the context of the broader concept of human and national security, to illustrate the overlapping concerns within the U.S. Arctic. Any number of other human security-related categories could be studied in the same manner, within the researcher's spatial (and/or longitudinal) framework. Human security has a way of "humanizing" national security. It helps reveal how the relationship between the two contributes to a greater understanding of security in general while offering a more interrelated appreciation toward defining and describing both national and human security.

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