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Focus North: Facts about the northern areas Produced for the Norwegian Atlantic Committee

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At the request of the Norwegian Atlantic Committee, Ocean Futures has produced ten thematic studies about the Barents Sea and the northern areas, called *Focus North*. Each study is about four pages long. The studies can be found on the website of the Norwegian Atlantic Committee at: <http://www.atlanterhavskomiteen.no/Tema/Nordomraadene/nordomraadene.html>

The Series of studies consists of:

- [Focus North 1](#): Nuclear Challenges
- [Focus North 2](#): Fishing and Aquaculture
- [Focus North 3](#): Arctic Climate Change
- [Focus North 4](#): Environment and Marine Transport
- [Focus North 5](#): Oil and Gas
- [Focus North 6](#): Maritime Jurisdiction and Commercial Activity
- [Focus North 7](#): Environmental Contaminants in the Arctic
- [Focus North 8](#): Developments in Arctic Shipping
- [Focus North 9](#): Forestry and Minerals
- [Focus North 10](#): Electricity Production

Background

The Barents Sea and the northern areas are important issues in Norwegian politics. Norwegian and foreign companies and organizations pay increasing attention to the commercial and environmental aspects of the exploitation of hydrocarbon resources. The oil and gas in the north are also important from many other points of view. But there are more to the northern areas than Shtokman and Melkøya. Even though each of the Focus North studies is short, the ambition has been that they together will provide a holistic view of the northern areas and the opportunities and challenges these parts of the world offer.

The Norwegian Atlantic Committee commissioned the *Focus North* studies. The Committee and its Secretary General, Mr Chris Prebensen, have a long standing interest in and a longer commitment than most other in Norway to the study of the affairs of the northern areas. Mr Prebensen and the Editor Ms Marit Rye Ramberg have been Ocean Futures' contact persons during the preparation of the Focus North studies (see the photos).



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Ocean Futures is responsible for the content of the *Focus North* studies. The studies have been prepared by Senior Research Fellow Steven Sawhill and Professor Willy Østreng. Much emphasis has been put on presenting realistic assessments based on verifiable data and facts.

For copies of the studies: Contact the Norwegian Atlantic Committee

The studies are also available in printed versions. For more information, please, contact Mr Chris Prebensen and Ms Marit Rye Ramberg at chris@dnak.org and marit@atlanterhavskomiteen.no or on phone (+47) 22 40 36 00.