

Oil production networks in the Russian Arctic: societal impacts and future possibilities

The project focuses on oil production networks that shape the interaction among indigenous peoples, oil companies, and other actors in the Russian Arctic. The main aim of the project is to determine how these networks could be constructed to ensure the coexistence of profitable industries and sustainable communities. One of the main instruments to achieve this goal is adaptive governance.

Adaptive governance involves developing new rules, searching for more flexible governance mechanisms, regular access to information, and social learning of new rules. It is distinguished by systemic flexibility and a high level of responsiveness to changes, including development of adaptive capacities of the system (Chaffin and others 2014; Djalante 2012; Olsson and others 2004).



The crucial aspects of adaptive governance:

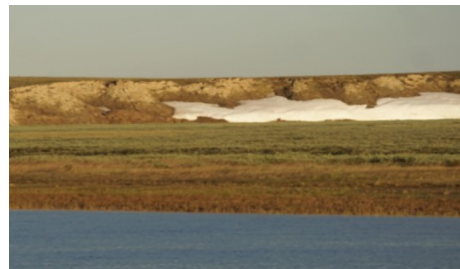
- the existence and application of formal rules;
- structures of governance
- decision-making procedures
- forms of benefit sharing
- programs aimed at increasing system adaptability

The main obstacles for adaptive governance in Russia:

- lack of formal procedures for decision-making; paternalistic attitude of the state and companies towards indigenous peoples; stereotypes of companies and state authorities about indigenous people

Tools for adaptive governance in the Russian Arctic and Subarctic regions:

- state legislation, international standards, customary law, corporate policies
- coordination and partnership councils; associations of indigenous people, indigenous people
- complaints procedures; public hearings; consultations
- social and economic partnership agreements; compensations; sponsorship agreements; informal agreements
- nomadic schools, cultural projects on preservation of traditional culture, educational programs and trainings; medical support



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