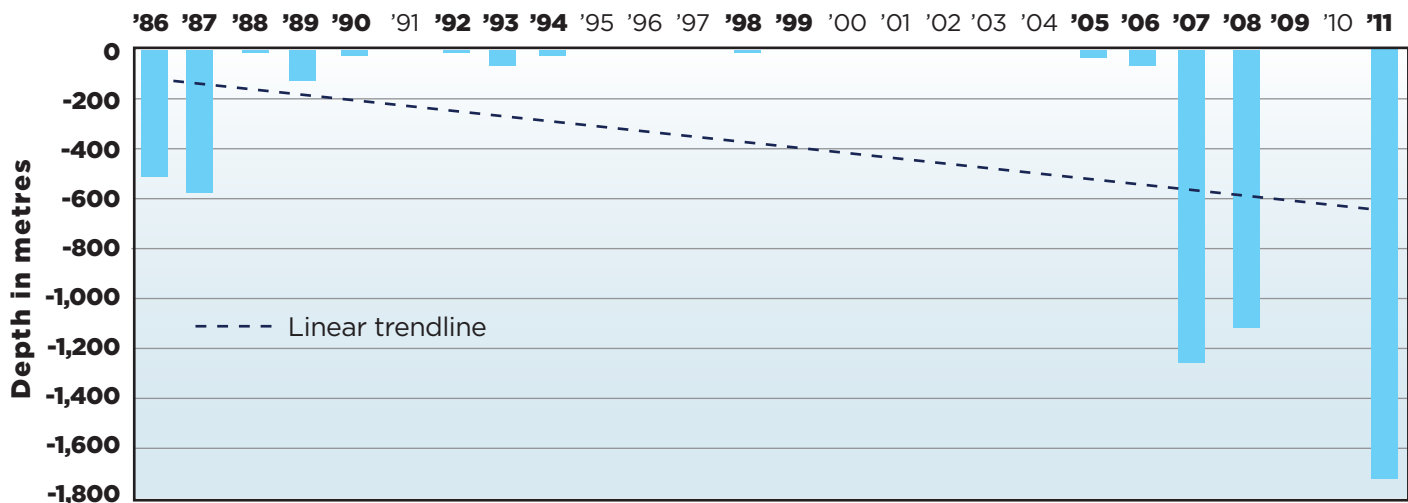


Trend toward Deeper Offshore Oil and Gas Lease Blocks in the Canadian Beaufort Sea, 1986–2011



The depth values shown here represent the deepest point for all lease permits issued in any given year. Years shown in light face had no lease sales. Offshore oil and gas lease data were obtained from INAC (www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/nth/og/le/df-eng.asp) in June 2011 (published March 1, 2011). Depth statistics were extracted from IBCAO bathymetry (www.ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/bathymetry/arctic/) using zonal statistics in ArcGIS®.