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NHL PLAYOFFS

Lightning top Panthers to cut series deficit

Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 33 shots and the Tampa Bay Lightning came back to beat the Florida Panthers 5-1 Saturday to cut their deficit in the first-round series to 2-1.

Tampa Bay's offense came alive, with goals from Jake Guentzel, Brayden Point, Nick Paul and Luke Glendening. Anthony Cirelli added an empty-netter with five minutes left, and Nikita Kucherov had three assists.

The Lightning will try to even things up in Game 4 on Monday at Sunrise. The Panthers, however, are 5-0 after taking a 2-0 lead in a playoff series.

Paul gave the Lightning their first lead of the series when he slipped a shot just inside the pad of Panthers goalie Sergei Bobrovsky in the second period. Guentzel made it a two-goal lead just 21 seconds into the third before the Lightning pulled away later in the period.

Matthew Tkachuk scored for the Panthers, his third of the series. Bobrovsky finished with 17 saves.

Vasilevskiy had given up seven goals in the first two games but was huge on Saturday. He bounced back from an early Panthers punch and withstood a flurry of Florida shots in the second and third.

GOLDEN KNIGHTS 4, WILD 3, OT

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Ivan Barbashev scored at 17:26 of overtime and Vegas beat Minnesota in Game 4 to even their first-round playoff series.

Nicolas Roy and Tomas Hertl each had a goal and assist, and Shea Theodore also scored for the Pacific Division champion Golden Knights. Adin Hill made 29 saves.

Marco Rossi, Marcus Foligno and Jared Spurgeon scored for Minnesota. Filip Gustavsson made 42 saves, including a pair of sprawling left pad saves of Reilly Smith's attempts with 3:49 left in regulation.

Game 5 is in Vegas on Tuesday, with Game 6 on Thursday back in Minnesota.

SENATORS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 3, OT

OTTAWA, Ontario — Defenseman Jake Sanderson scored on a long wrist shot from the left boards at 17:42 of overtime and the Ottawa Senators beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 4-3 on Saturday night to force a fifth game in the first-round series.

Sanderson kept the puck in at the blue line and fired the wrist shot that sailed through traffic and past goalie Anthony Stolarz into the top, right corner.

The teams needed extra time for the third straight game, with Ottawa finally breaking though after 3-2 overtime losses in Games 2 and 3.

Game 5 is Tuesday night in Toronto.

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WOLVERINES

atmosphere it created was exciting and "unbelievable" for coaches and players alike, Walters said.

"(During) warmups, it was already half full and in the second intermission they were singing the songs, dancing around with everybody's cellphone light," Walters said. "It was a really cool environment. Who knows, some of these guys as they advance may not play in front of crowds like that, so it's a really neat experience. Hats off to (the) owners and management who get those people in the building."

The players fed off the energy that the sea of fans filling both sides of the arena gave them all night long, and especially when they scored.

"It's definitely a new experience for sure," forward Taisetsu Ushio said. "I've never played in front of 6,000 people. It's awesome. That crowd is just always buzzing. Once we hit the goal, everyone (was) just loving it, and that's how we got the win."

He played a key role in the Wolverines' victory by recording assists on their first two goals and calling his own number in the third period, which ended up being the game-winner.

"It feels amazing," Ushio said. "It was going to be a tough game (and) it was going to be a close game."

Just 23 seconds after he made it a two-goal game with 5:46 left to play in regulation, the overzealous Wolverines had a lapse in their defense and gave up a goal to make it a one-score deficit again.

"I think the bench was a little high, we celebrated pretty hard and I didn't love it because there was still five minutes left in that game and (Fairbanks) is a proud organization," Walters said. "They're not going to just give it to us, especially as an in-state rival."

Even before they pulled their goalie late, the Ice Dogs were turning up the pressure on the Wolverines, but they didn't waver.

"I knew they were going to come out hard in the last 20 minutes, so we just had to answer it and play the same level as them and we just had to step up," Ushio said.

The most impressive and improbable of the scores Anchorage recorded Friday night came in the second period, when forward Cole Christiason found the back of the net despite his team being shorthanded on the ice.

"I was certainly happy we scored it, but it was a little bit of a broken play and I was a little bit worried that it was going to be an odd man rush going the other way. But we won the puck battle and it was a nice pass across," Walters said. "When you leave Cole Christian open right there in the slot, he's probably gonna have a pretty good chance of scoring that."

Another key contributor to the Wolverines' win was starting goalie Michael Manzi, who made 30 saves on 32 shots and was lights-out on penalty kills in particular.

"He's our backbone," Walters said. "Your starting goalie has to make big-time saves, and he certainly did on the penalty kill and late in that game. Your starter has to bail you out when your guys miss assignments, and he bailed us out a couple times tonight for us to keep the lead, and that's what you need out of your guy."

Notching this win has the team feeling confident heading into the next round.

"It builds momentum," Walters said. "You're just building energy, you're putting a lot of positives together, you're putting it in the bank and you're putting a lot of moments in the bank. You're going to be able to draw from these experiences later."

As far as who they will face in the Midwest Division champion series next week, the Wolverines await the results of Saturday's game between the Chippewa Steel and top-seeded Wisconsin Windigo in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. If the Steel win on their home ice, they keep their playoff hopes alive by forcing a fifth game, but if the Windigo come out on top, they clinch the series win and will host the first leg of the next best-of-five series against the Wolverines.

"We got a couple days off and we don't know who we play next weekend yet, but it doesn't matter," Ushio said. "Whoever we play, we just play the same way that we do."

LOREN HOLMES / ADN

Fairbanks Ice Dogs forward Gage Leonard and Anchorage Wolverines forward Jason Bourdukofsky tussle during a game in front of a sold-out crowd of 6,200 on Friday at Sullivan Arena in Anchorage.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

All Times AKDT

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	15	11	.577	—
Boston	15	14	.517	1½
Toronto	13	13	.500	2
Tampa Bay	13	14	.481	2½
Baltimore	10	16	.385	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	17	10	.630	—
Cleveland	15	11	.577	1½
Kansas City	14	14	.500	3½
Minnesota	11	16	.407	6
Chicago	7	20	.259	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	16	12	.571	—
Texas	15	12	.556	½
Houston	13	13	.500	2
Athletics	13	14	.481	2½
Los Angeles	12	18	.462	3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	19	8	.704	—
Philadelphia	14	13	.519	5
Atlanta	12	14	.462	6½
Miami	12	14	.462	6½
Washington	12	15	.444	7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	17	11	.607	—
Cincinnati	14	13	.519	2½
Milwaukee	13	15	.464	4
St. Louis	12	15	.444	4½
Pittsburgh	11	17	.393	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	18	10	.643	—
Los Angeles	17	10	.630	½
San Diego	17	10	.630	½
Arizona	14	13	.519	3½
Colorado	4	22	.154	13

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Friday's Results

Kansas City 2, Houston 0
Toronto 4, N.Y. Yankees 2
Minnesota 11, L.A. Angels 4
Miami 8, Seattle 4
Tampa Bay 1, San Diego 0
Athletics 6, Chicago White Sox 5
Texas 2, San Francisco 0
Boston at Cleveland, ppd.
Baltimore at Detroit, ppd.

Saturday's Results

Cleveland 5, Boston 4, 1st game
Detroit 4, Baltimore 3, 1st game
Minnesota 5, L.A. Angels 1
Chicago White Sox 18, Athletics 3
San Francisco 3, Texas 2
Boston 7, Cleveland 3, 2nd game
Detroit 6, Baltimore 2, 2nd game
Kansas City 2, Houston 0
Tampa Bay 4, San Diego 1
Seattle 14, Miami 0
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.

Sunday's Games

Toronto (Gausman 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Fried 4-0), 9:35 a.m., 1st game
Baltimore (Kremer 2-3) at Detroit (Skubal 2-2), 9:40 a.m.
Boston (Bello 1-0) at Cleveland (Allen 1-1), 9:40 a.m.
L.A. Angels (Soriano 2-3) at Minnesota (Ryan 1-2), 9:40 a.m.
Houston (Brown 3-1) at Kansas City (Bubic 2-1), 10:10 a.m.
Chicago White Sox (Martin 1-3) at Athletics (Bido 2-2), 12:05 p.m.
Texas (Leiter 2-0) at San Francisco (Hicks 1-3), 12:05 p.m.
Miami (Meyer 2-2) at Seattle (Evans 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Littell 0-5) at San Diego (Vasquez 1-2), 12:10 p.m.
Toronto (Bassitt 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Schmidt 0-1), 12:35 p.m., 2nd game

Monday's Games

Minnesota at Cleveland, 2:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 2:35 p.m.
Athletics at Texas, 4:05 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 4:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Friday's Results

Chicago Cubs 4, Philadelphia 0
Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 4
St. Louis 3, Milwaukee 2
Cincinnati 4, Colorado 7
Miami 8, Seattle 4
Tampa Bay 1, San Diego 0
Atlanta 6, Arizona 2
Pittsburgh 3, L.A. Dodgers 0
Texas 2, San Francisco 0

Saturday's Results

St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 5
Cincinnati 4, Colorado 4
San Francisco 3, Texas 2
N.Y. Mets 2, Washington 0
Philadelphia 10, Chicago Cubs 4
Atlanta 8, Arizona 7, 10 innings
Tampa Bay 4, San Diego 1
L.A. Dodgers 8, Pittsburgh 4
Seattle 14, Miami 0

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Megill 3-2) at Washington (Parker 3-1), 9:35 a.m.
Milwaukee (Quintana 3-0) at St. Louis (Fedde 1-2), 10:15 a.m.
Cincinnati (Lodolo 2-2) at Colorado (Feltner 0-1), 11:10 a.m.
Texas (Leiter 2-0) at San Francisco (Hicks 1-3), 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Schwellenbach 1-1) at Arizona (Pfaadt 4-1), 12:10 p.m.
Miami (Meyer 2-2) at Seattle (Evans 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Falter 1-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Glasnow 1-0), 12:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Littell 0-5) at San Diego (Vasquez 1-2), 12:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 0-5) at Chicago Cubs (Taillon 1-1), 3:10 p.m.

Monday's Games

N.Y. Mets at Washington, 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 2:40 p.m.
Atlanta at Colorado, 4:40 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Dodgers, 6:10 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

All Times AKDT

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Cincinnati	7	2	1	22	15	12
Columbus	6	1	3	21	14	9
Philadelphia	6	3	1	19	19	9
Charlotte FC	6	3	1	19	16	8
Inter Miami CF	5	0	3	18	13	6
Nashville	5	4	1	16	19	13
Orlando City	4	2	4	16	18	12
New York	4	3	3	15	11	9
New York City FC	4	4	2	14	12	13
New England	4	4	1	13	7	7
Chicago	3	4	3	12	18	22
Atlanta	2	5	3	9	11	19
D.C. United	2	5	3	9	11	22
Toronto FC	1	5	4	7	8	14
CF Montreal	0	7	3	3	4	14

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	6	1	2	20	17	6
Austin FC	5	4	1	16	7	10
Minnesota United	4	1	4	16	11	7
Colorado	4	2	4	16	14	14
Portland	4	2	3	15	16	13
San Diego FC	4	4	2	14	16	15
Los Angeles FC	4	4	1	13	13	14
Seattle	3	3	4	13	13	12
Real Salt Lake	4	6	0	12	11	15
FC Dallas	3	3	3	12	10	11
San Jose	3	6	1	10	20	19
Houston	2	4	4	10	10	14
St Louis City	2	4	3	9	5	6
Sporting Kansas City	2	7	1	7	16	21
LA Galaxy	0	6	3	3	6	16

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's Results

Cincinnati 2, Sporting Kansas City 1
New York City FC 1, Toronto FC 0
New York 1, CF Montreal 0
Philadelphia 3, D.C. United 0
Orlando City 3, Atlanta 0
New England 1, Charlotte FC 0
Columbus 2, San Jose 1
Real Salt Lake 3, San Diego FC 1
Houston 2, Austin FC 0
Nashville 7, Chicago 2
Seattle 1, Colorado 1, tie

Sunday's Games

Vancouver at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
FC Dallas at Miami, 1 p.m.
St Louis City at Los Angeles FC, 3 p.m.
Portland at LA Galaxy, 5 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

All Times AKDT

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Thursday's Results

New York 118, Detroit 116, New York leads series 2 - 1
Oklahoma City 114, Memphis 108
L.A. Clippers 117, Denver 83

Friday's Results

Orlando 95, Boston 91, Boston leads series 2 - 1
Milwaukee 117, Indiana 101, Indiana leads series 2 - 1
Minnesota 116, L.A. Lakers 104, Minnesota leads series 2 - 1

Saturday's Results

Cleveland 124, Miami 87, Cleveland leads series 3 - 0
Oklahoma City 117, Memphis 115, Oklahoma City wins series 4 - 0
Denver 101, L.A. Clippers 99, series tied 2 - 2
Golden State 104, Houston 93, Golden State leads series 2 - 1

Sunday's Games

New York at Detroit, 9 a.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 11:30 a.m.
Boston at Orlando, 3 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.

Monday's Games

Cleveland at Miami, 3:30 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 6 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Milwaukee at Indiana, 3 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 3:30 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 4:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 6 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

All Times AKDT

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7)

(x-if necessary)

Thursday's Results

Florida 2, Tampa Bay 0
Toronto 3, Ottawa 2, OT
Minnesota 5, Vegas 3
St. Louis 7, Winnipeg 2, Winnipeg leads series 2 - 1

Friday's Results

Montreal 6, Washington 3, Washington leads series 2 - 1
New Jersey 3, Carolina 2, OT, Carolina leads series 2 - 1
Edmonton 7, Los Angeles 4, Los Angeles leads series 2 - 1

Saturday's Results

Tampa Bay 5, Florida 1, Florida leads series 2 - 1
Vegas 4, Minnesota 3, OT, series tied 2 - 2
Ottawa 4, Toronto 3, OT, Toronto leads series 3 - 1
Colorado 4, Dallas 0, Colorado leads series 3 - 2

Sunday's Games

Winnipeg at St. Louis, 9 a.m.
Carolina at New Jersey, 11:30 a.m.
Washington at Montreal, 2:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 5:30 p.m.

Monday's Games

Tampa Bay at Florida, 3 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Ottawa at Toronto, 3 p.m.
New Jersey at Carolina, 3:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Vegas, 5:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 6 p.m.

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NFL DRAFT

believe in best player available and positional value. And you know we didn't necessarily expect (Sanders) to be available in the fifth round."

The Browns moved up to take Sanders, trading their own fifth-round pick (No. 166 overall) and a sixth-round selection (No. 192) to Seattle in exchange for No. 144.

After such a long delay, Sanders let out his emotions once he finally got the call.

With his brother Shilo live-streaming the proceedings on Twitch, Sanders could be seen putting on a Browns cap and dancing at his family's Texas home. Another video shared on X by the NFL showed Sanders jumping into the pool.

"I'm just thankful for opportunity, so that's all I can ask for," Sanders said. "The rest is on me."

The history of the draft includes plenty of stories of quarterbacks waiting much longer than expected to get drafted. Sometimes it ultimately worked out just fine for them.

Dan Marino was the sixth quarterback taken in the famous 1983 draft class and went 27th overall to Miami, where he would spend his entire Hall of Fame career. Aaron Rodgers was supposed to go among the first few picks in 2005 but went 24th to Green Bay, where he went on to win four MVP awards and a Super Bowl.

More recently, Will Levis was considered a near-certain first-round pick in 2023 but slipped into the second round before Tennessee took him at No. 33 overall.

But it's hard to come up with a fall as steep as this one.

Sanders was projected to go in the first round after he finished eighth in the Heisman Trophy balloting and threw for a school-record 4,134 yards last season. He instead found himself getting passed over as other quarterbacks got selected.

The New York Giants traded up to get the 25th overall pick on Thursday but opted for Mississippi's Jaxson Dart. New Orleans selected Louisville's Tyler Shough in the second round. In the third round, Seattle chose Alabama's Jalen Milroe and Cleveland took Gabriel.

Sanders was asked Saturday how his tumble down the draft board might fuel him as he starts his pro career.

"I've just got to prove and show what I'm capable of," Sanders said. "But what fuels me is my purpose in life and understanding the route that we're going to have to take. Understanding that I was able to get an opportunity when a lot of people didn't want to give me an opportunity. So that's what I'm truly thankful for. So that's what fuels me."

Sanders now is part of a crowded Browns quarterback room as Deshaun Watson is expected to sit out the upcoming season with a torn Achilles tendon. The group also includes Kenny Pickett, 40-year-old Joe Flacco and Gabriel, who was responsible for a Football Bowl Subdivision-record 188 total career touchdowns during a six-year career that also included stops at Central Florida and Oklahoma.

Some other familiar names also got taken Saturday.

Cam Skattebo, the running back who led Arizona State to a surprising College Football Playoff appearance, went in the fourth round to the New York Giants. Tennessee running back Dylan Sampson, the 2024 Southeastern Conference offensive player of the year, went later in the fourth round to Cleveland. Syracuse's Kyle McCord, who set an Atlantic Coast Conference single-season record by throwing for 4,779 yards last year, went to Philadelphia in the sixth round.

The two quarterbacks from the most recent CFP championship game went in the sixth round, with Pittsburgh taking Ohio State's Will Howard at No. 185 and Indianapolis selecting Notre Dame's Riley Leonard at No. 189. Texas quarterback Quinn Ewers, whose team lost to Ohio State in the semifinals, went to Miami in the seventh round.

Howard was one of seven Ohio State players to get selected Saturday, meaning 14 players from the reigning national champions were drafted. That left the Buckeyes one shy of the record for a seven-round draft, as Georgia produced 15 draft picks in 2022.

AP Pro Football Writer Josh Dubow and AP Sports Writer Joe Reedy contributed to this report.

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ALASKA NEWS

Dozens rally to support American Samoan family in Whittier charged with voter fraud ahead of first court appearance

Michelle Theriault Boots
Anchorage Daily News

Dozens of people rallied outside the Anchorage courthouse Friday in support of a family of Whittier residents from American Samoa being arraigned on charges of illegal voting, in a case that may have reverberations for a national effort to extend full citizenship rights to people born in the U.S. territory.

State prosecutors have charged the Whittier residents with illegally voting in local elections, contending that because they were born in the territory of American Samoa they are not citizens but nationals and don't have the right to vote.

People born in all other U.S. territories, including Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Northern Marianas, get American citizenship at birth. American Samoans are considered U.S. nationals. Prosecutors say the family members misrepresented themselves on paperwork. The family members — ranging in age from their 20s to 60s — are facing felony charges, some of which come with a term of up to 10 years in prison.

On Wednesday, the Whittier City Council passed a resolution calling for the state to amend the state constitution to allow citizens of U.S. territories to vote in local and state elections, and "reaffirming its support for equal voting rights" for citizens of the U.S. or its territories, including those born in American Samoa.

The cases represent the first time American Samoans have been prosecuted "solely on where they happened to be born," said Neil Weare, the co-founder of Right to Democracy, a national nonprofit that advocates for the rights of people living in U.S. territories, including American Samoa. Attorneys for the group are representing Tupe Smith, the first American Samoan family member to be charged with voter fraud, and attorneys from the group flew to Alaska for the arraignments.

Photos by **MARC LESTER** / ADN

From left, Michael Pese and Tupe Smith enter the Nesbett Courthouse with their son, Maximus Pese, 7. Several Whittier residents from American Samoa accused of illegal voting were arraigned in an Anchorage courtroom on Friday.

At the Friday rally, attended by several dozen people, people gathered for a prayer and sang "Lo Ta Nu'u," a traditional song celebrating Samoa, before taking a group photo and walking into the Nesbett Courthouse together.

In a basement courtroom, nine members of the family made a first court appearance and entered not guilty pleas. Another member was out of the area and is set to be arraigned next week. Several defendants were appointed public defenders after they said they couldn't afford a private attorney. All were released with no bail.

Millie Suli appears before a judge with support from Samuel Unutoa in an Anchorage courtroom on Friday.

The cases reveal how American Samoans are treated differently, said Michael Pese, one of the people charged and a Whittier volunteer firefighter.

"If America goes to war, we get drafted," he said. "But we don't have the vote."

Pese said he and his family hadn't expected "this much impact," but were glad for the support. The ultimate goal, he said, is not only to defend the criminal case against him but to see American Samoans allowed to vote.

"We're from American Samoa. It's in the name. Our territory has been a U.S. territory for 125 years, way longer than the state of Alaska has been a state," he said. "I hope we get the same rights."

Pese said that his family has lived in Whittier for more than a decade. His wife, Tupe Smith, in 2023 was the first to be charged after she ran for school board.

The family intends to remain in Whittier.

"It's our home," he said.

The issue has caused "unintended reverberations" in Whittier, said the community's mayor, Dan Blair, who also said he attended the rally in Anchorage on Friday as a citizen in support of the family.

Blair said people in the community are still unsettled by what they described as a raid by more than a dozen Alaska State Troopers, who arrived in the community in September to investigate the family members later charged with voter fraud. The city has filed public records requests for an explanation of the action.

"The large presence implied there was some attempt at intimidation of our community members, and it was unsettling," he said.

In Whittier, more than half of the schoolchildren have parents who are American Samoans, Blair said.

"The fear and the unknown — yeah, it's inevitable it gets to the children," he said.

POLITICS

Former Rep. Liz Cheney, in Anchorage lecture event, gives kudos to Alaska Sen. Murkowski

Yereth Rosen
Alaska Beacon

Former U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney, speaking at an Anchorage event on Thursday, had harsh words for much of her Republican Party but praise for a rare GOP member who, like her, is willing to criticize President Donald Trump: Alaska's senior U.S. senator.

"I can't be here in Alaska and not mention the incredible courage of Sen. Lisa Murkowski," Cheney said near the start of her event, held at a packed theater in the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts.

"You see it almost every day. There are very few Republicans who will be consistently counted on to do the right thing. And she's one of a very small group," Cheney said.

The former U.S. House member from Wyoming — and daughter of former Vice President Dick Cheney — spoke at a lecture hosted by the University of Alaska Anchorage and Alaska World Affairs Council. She took questions from veteran journalist Elizabeth Arnold, who teaches at UAA.

Like Murkowski, Cheney voted to impeach Trump for his attempts to overturn the 2020 election and opposed him in other ways.

Unlike Murkowski, who was reelected in 2022 over a Trump-backed challenger, Cheney lost her seat in the GOP primary to a Trump loyalist, Harriet Hageman, who now represents Wyoming's single House district.

That was after Cheney co-chaired the congressional committee that investigated the Jan. 6, 2021, riot and Trump's role in it, and after she had been stripped of her GOP leadership role by fellow House Republicans because of her opposition to Trump's actions.

She is aghast that Trump, now back in the White House, has pardoned those rioters, including those who attacked police officers — and that Republicans in office have gone along with those pardons.

"When you hear the Republicans, any Republicans, saying that they are the party that supports law enforcement, you know, please go back and look at the videos of Jan. 6," Cheney said. Remind those Republicans that Trump watched the events unfold on television for three hours without trying to stop the riot, she said.

"He watched police officers get brutally beaten by people who were carrying his flag; they were doing it in his name … And then, when he came into office, he pardoned all of those people," she said.

The Republican Party as a whole — with a few exceptions like Murkowski — has betrayed its convictions and even the U.S. Constitution to become "a personality cult" loyal only to Trump, Cheney said.

Today's GOP is "something we haven't seen in this country before," she said. "The party has walked away from the Constitution," said the former House member, who noted that she grew up as a Republican and cast her first vote for President Ronald Reagan.

Cheney spent much of her speech calling out House Speaker Mike Johnson and other Republican leaders of Congress who she said have enabled Trump's attacks on the rule of law and other bad actions.

"The problem with Mike is that he's fundamentally dishonest," she said.

And, she said, they have enabled rank incompetence and corruption in the Trump administration, the most serious of which is Trump's attack on the rule of law.

Voters should take action to counter the cult-like devotion that has given Trump and his administration "carte blanche," Cheney said.

"That's why it's crucially important that in 2026, the Republicans lose the majority in the House and the Senate," she said.

She also called on the audience and public at large to continue protesting Trump administration actions, writing letters to the editor, contacting members of Congress and state legislators and even consider running for office to replace bad officials.

It was a message embraced by the event audience. Many of those attending Cheney's address had walked over to the theater after attending a May Day anti-Trump protest held a few blocks away on downtown Anchorage's Delaney Park Strip. Several times during the Cheney event, the audience erupted in applause and cheers.

Cheney herself has continued to be politically active since losing her House seat.

She started a political action committee and has been supporting candidates she believes will counter the Trump movement — most notably, former Vice President Kamala Harris, who wound up losing the 2024 presidential election. She wrote a book, titled "Oath and Honor," that details the confrontations she had with fellow congressional Republicans over the efforts to overthrow the 2020 election results. She has also been teaching at the University of Virginia and traveling the country to speak at events like that held Thursday in Anchorage.

Returning to elected office remains a possibility, she said. "I don't know if I will end up being a candidate again myself. But it's certainly not something that I'm ruling out," she said.

That statement was greeted with enthusiastic audience applause, and some follow-up back-and-forth quips to close the evening.

"Clearly, I should move here to Alaska," Cheney said in response to the applause.

"We have ranked choice voting," Arnold said.

"And you have one good senator," Cheney replied.

"We have room for one more," an audience member called out.

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ENERGY

Arctic refuge oil exploration could begin as soon as this winter, court documents indicate

James Brooks
Alaska Beacon

Alaska's state-owned investment bank could get permission to start oil exploration work in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as soon as the third quarter of this year, according to court documents filed Friday in Anchorage.

In a status report on a series of lawsuits seeking to block oil development in the refuge, attorneys representing the U.S. Department of the Interior say the agency intends to issue a new document known as a "record of decision" that would cover oil and gas leases sold by the agency in 2020.

The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, the state's publicly owned investment bank, was the leading bidder on several oil and gas tracts during that 2020 lease sale.

The Biden administration suspended, then canceled the results of that sale, held in the last days of the first Trump administration, but a U.S. District Court judge overturned that cancellation.

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Cottongrass in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge on Sept. 2, 2006.

The leases remain suspended, but the status report — and a second one filed by AIDEA attorneys — shows the second Trump administration planning to reverse that suspension and reinstate the leases.

"Federal Defendants indicate that they are considering lifting the suspension, which could result in activities taking place pursuant to the leases in the near future," wrote attorneys representing the plaintiffs, several environmental and Alaska Native groups that have filed suit to block development. "Given the President's and Secretary's direction concerning resource development on the Coastal Plain, lifting the suspension is likely."

That would clear a path for AIDEA to begin seismic testing and other work necessary before oil drilling.

On Alaska's North Slope, most exploration activities take place in winter, when the region's tundra is frozen and travel is easier. Federal action by this fall could permit work in the winter of 2025-2026.

Attorneys for the federal government and AIDEA have asked the U.S. District Court to place a hold legal on proceedings through Sept. 30.

Plaintiffs, meanwhile, are asking for a prompt trial, where they will attempt to prove that the federal government acted incorrectly by opening the refuge to oil and gas leasing in 2020.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

How geoducks got caught in the crossfire of Trump's trade war

Sally Ho and Manuel Valdes
Associated Press

SUQUAMISH, Wash. — For over two decades, Suquamish tribal member Joshua George has dived into the emerald waters of the Salish Sea looking for an unusually phallic clam that's coveted thousands of miles away.

George is a geoduck diver. Pronounced "gooey-duck," the world's largest burrowing clam has been harvested in tidelands by George's Indigenous ancestors in the Pacific Northwest since before Europeans arrived.

In recent years it has also become a delicacy in China, with Washington state sending 90% of its geoducks there, creating a niche yet lucrative American seafood export.

But the escalating trade war between the U.S. and China is now crippling an entire industry that hand-harvests geoducks, leaving Washington state divers without work, Seattle exporters without business and Chinese aficionados with fewer of these prized clams.

"It's the first time in 24 years where I don't know when or if we'll be going back to work or if I have to find another job or what we're going to do," George said.

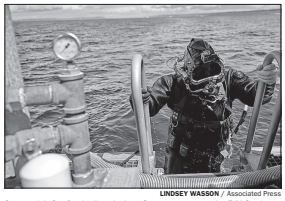
U.S. President Donald Trump's tariff-driven economic feud with China, which dates back to his first term in office, swiftly resumed in February within weeks of taking back the White House. By April, Trump had placed tariffs of at least 145% on China, which led China to retaliate with tariffs of 125% on the U.S.

Top U.S. officials are set to meet with a high-level Chinese delegation this weekend in Switzerland in the first major talks between the two nations since the latest tariffs were imposed, but it is unclear where those talks will lead.

Enter the geoduck, weighing about 2 pounds and so entrenched in local culture that it is the mascot for Evergreen State College in Olympia. The meaty mollusk is best described as sweet and briny, and it's often sliced raw for crisp sashimi out west while China consumers prefer it chewy in stir-fries or hot pot soups. Pre-tariff costs were as high as $100 per pound in restaurants, so it's a dish generally reserved for special occasions like Chinese New Year, or to celebrate a business gathering.

Unlike other products with long-lasting shelf life and standing inventory, the trade war has had an immediate, direct effect on the delicate geoducks, which are shipped alive the same day of harvest.

"The whole market, everybody just had to stop," said Jim Boure, general manager of Suquamish Seafoods, an enterprise of the Suquamish Tribe. "We started getting phone calls from buyers saying orders are canceled."



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Suquamish Seafoods diver Joshua George returns to the F/V Carriere after a sample harvest of geoducks to send in for testing on the waters of Puget Sound near Suquamish, Wash., on April 21.

Fewer geoducks are being harvested

The millions of pounds of geoducks shipped annually to China come from two main sources: wild harvests on tracts of seafloor that are split between the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and Puget Sound Treaty Indian Tribes, and tideland farms. The state's share is auctioned to private exporters that often hire contract divers to harvest them.

As of late April, Washington state divers had only pulled about half of the expected harvest from the state tracts, said Blain Reeves, an aquatic resources division manager for the state's Department of Natural Resources. Last year, the state and tribes collectively harvested about 3.4 million pounds of wild Washington geoduck for sale. The state generated $22.4 million in revenue for their half of the clams, which went toward paying for aquatic restoration projects locally. The state doesn't track how much is harvested by private farmers.

"If only half the pounds that were contracted are harvested, then our revenue is halved," Reeves said.

The Suquamish operation has no orders to harvest for at the moment, but it still must keep up with the maintenance to stay ready for business if and when China comes calling.

On a recent April day, George's team made a quick trip to collect a handful of the clams for state lab testing.

"When we're doing the job, and it's not all this other political stuff behind the scenes and everything else, we love this," said George, adding that diving, which takes place early in the day so that the geoducks are on an airplane by evening, has allowed him to watch his kids grow up.

Fellow diver Kyle Purser said he cherishes his underwater job, but now fears it's being taken away.

"When you're watching your money disappear and you've got families to feed and not knowing when you're going to get your next paycheck, (it's) very stressful," he said.

America's loss is Canada's gain

The geoduck import market was already facing weaker demand in recent years due to the Chinese economy's struggle to regain post-pandemic momentum. While the tariffs have only exacerbated troubles for geoduck sellers in Washington, there's also been an unintended consequence: The American trade war has inadvertently boosted the Canadian geoduck business, which is facing a mere 25% tariff from China in comparison to the 125% for the U.S.

Washington state in the U.S. and Canada's British Columbia province are the two primary places where the wild geoducks grow naturally for commercial harvest. The two countries did healthy business primarily serving Chinese appetites for decades, in part because quantities are limited. It's a labor-intensive and heavily-regulated harvest, as divers must go several feet below the surface to dig for them.

LINDSEY WASSON / Associated Press

Daniel McRae unloads a bag of harvested geoduck clams from his brother, Derrick McRae, on their boat near Illahee State Park in Bremerton, Wash., on April 22.

NG HAN GUAN / Associated Press

A customer looks at geoducks from Canada at a restaurant in Sanya in southern China's Hainan province on April 25.

"They love the fact that it tastes like the sea," said James Austin, president of Canada's Underwater Harvesters Association. "It's a product that's really a hit with the Chinese. It's all about the wild coastline. It's really prestigious."

Austin said he expects there will be 2.75 million pounds of Canadian geoducks harvested in 2025, worth approximately $60 million Canadian dollars ($43.4 million USD) in revenue.

While demand has been relatively low but still steady for Canadian's geoducks, Austin said they're now the leading exporters for China, which has helped them negotiate higher prices as a result. For example, after Canada got hit with a 25% tariff in March, export sale prices dropped to $12 per pound, and after the U.S. got hit with a 125% tariff in April, Canadian geoducks are now being sold for $17 a pound.

"We have no competitors right now," Austin said.

Yang Bin at Beihai Huaxiashougang Health Industry Company in Beihai city of Guangxi province in China said their seafood wholesale important business no longer gets geoduck from the U.S.

"We don't care about U.S. tariffs because we can get geoduck from other countries with stable prices," Yang said.

Waiting for geoducks

On their first week back to work since the tariff fight brought business to a standstill in Washington state, Derrick McRae and his brother pulled up about 800 pounds of wild geoducks in just one April day.

He donned a full-body diving outfit with an oxygen line tethered to his boat to dive under the cold waters of an inland sea channel west of Seattle. Kneeled on the seafloor, McRae used a water spray gun to move the sand covering the geoducks. In the cloud of sediment, he felt for the neck with his hand, pulling the clam and stuffing it in a net attached to him.

"We're just kind of waiting on the edge of our seats to see what happens next," McRae said.

At one of the southernmost inlets, farmer Ian Child said the tariff disruption is not just hurting his bottom line but the entire farming process. He usually places young geoducks in the sand in the summer, but he can't mix new crops with any existing unharvested clams.

"I think that the demand is still over there for the product," he said of China. "I think they still want it. It's just a matter of where the tariffs will land."

Associated Press researcher Yu Bing contributed from Beijing.

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