Aerial photograph of the Mackenzie River Delta during the annual ice-breakup period, showing the lake-richness and habitat complexity of this ecosystem. It covers an area ~13,000 km², contains 45,000 lakes, and is an important representative of low-elevation river deltas around the circumpolar arctic that may become affected by sea level rise and declining effects of spring ice-breakup. Featured in the center of the image is a distributary channel, with a winter road-track showing up prominently on top of the floating channel ice (image taken late May 2007 - L. Lesack, see L23404, doi:10.1029/2007GL031656).