

Growing Alaska

Through Responsible
Resource Development



2007-2008 Annual Report

Resource Development Council

Organization

The Resource Development Council (RDC) is a statewide, non-profit, membership-funded organization founded in 1975. The RDC membership is comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's oil and gas, mining, timber, tourism, and fisheries industries, as well as Alaska Native corporations, local communities, organized labor, and industry support firms. RDC's purpose is to link these diverse interests together to encourage a strong, diversified private sector in Alaska and expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

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Members

Together, Growing Alaska

RDC members are essential to a strong Alaska economy. They play an important role in promoting responsible resource development in the state and are building a secure foundation for future generations to enjoy the same Alaska that we do today.

And it's not just who you think. Key resource developers, such as oil and gas, mining, timber, tourism, and fishing industries are all a fundamental part of RDC. But so are the Native corporations, local governments, labor unions, support sectors, retailers, financial institutions, utilities, air carriers, moving companies, hospitals, marketing firms, insurance providers, law offices, business journals, and economic development organizations. All recognize resource development is Alaska's backbone and key to a prosperous future. Our members are rig operators, drill helpers, whaling captains, tour guides, fishermen, loggers, and subsistence hunters. They are city managers, legislators, pipefitters, engineers, salespeople, bankers, pilots, truck drivers, nurses, journalists, publicists, brokers, lawyers, commissioners, caterers, travel agents, and photographers.

Imagine what such a group can accomplish. RDC helps its members to responsibly bring their projects to fruition by facilitating communication amongst diverse interests and encouraging our members to support one another. State and federal laws mandate a process that every industry must follow, whether it's mining, fishing, oil and gas, or others. We see participation by all parties to be the key to success with issues having differing interests. And at RDC, we are proud of what we've accomplished this year by linking such different people together to effectively and responsibly develop Alaska's resources. We're proud that we can ask a fisherman to discuss potential oil and gas leasing in the North Aleutian Basin. Proud we can consult with North Slope residents on the polar bear ESA listing. We pride ourselves on listening, and ultimately learning from one another.

RDC members have more in common than you'd think. Our diverse membership is our strength, and our members provide an objective outlook on Alaska resource development issues. RDC members are a team that recognizes the importance of sensible development by striking a solid balance between a healthy environment and a vibrant economy.

As Alaskans, we are all in this together.



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A Transition of Leadership: John Shively Completes 5th Term as President . . .

After serving an unprecedented five consecutive terms as President of the Resource Development Council, John Shively will continue to serve on the Executive Committee and help guide the organization on public policy issues vital to Alaska's future.

A long-time Alaska business leader, John was recently named Chief Executive Officer of the Pebble Partnership. Previously, he served as Vice President of Government and Community Affairs for Holland America Line. He is a former Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, a former Chief of Staff to Governor Bill Sheffield, and served 17 years with NANA Regional Corporation. He was actively involved with NANA in obtaining the land selection rights for the area in which the Red Dog zinc mine is currently located.

Born and raised in New York, John moved to Alaska in 1965 as a VISTA volunteer. He has served on numerous boards over the course of his career, including the Alaska Permanent Fund, the University of Alaska Board of Regents and, most recently, the Climate Impact Assessment Commission.

In 1992, the Alaska Federation of Natives honored him with the prestigious Denali Award for his contributions to the Native community. He is an avid bicyclist and has been a fundraising leader and participant in the American Lung Association's annual Clean Air Challenge. John and his wife, AJ, have a daughter, Natasha.



2008-2009 Board of Directors

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John Sturgeon, Konkor Forest Products, Anchorage
Jim Taro, Southeast Stevedoring, Ketchikan
Mayor John Williams, Kenai Peninsula Borough
John Zager, Chevron, Anchorage

. . . Rick Rogers elected 2008-2009 President



Rick Rogers currently serves as Vice President of Lands and Resources with Chugach Alaska Corporation. Prior to joining Chugach 11 years ago, Rick filled various roles in the Alaska timber industry, including Senior Forester for the University of Alaska's land trust office; as a consultant to private landowners and timber purchasers; as Tribal Forester for Metlakatla Indian Community; and as a Forester for the State at Icy Bay and Ketchikan.

Upon earning his Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of Illinois, Urbana, Rick was drawn west working in Idaho and Utah before settling in Alaska in 1981. He cut his teeth in arguably the most remote logging camp in Alaska, preparing timber sales and overseeing harvest operations at Icy Bay on Alaska's gulf coast. While not known as a hot spot for meeting women, here Rick met Phyllis, to whom he has been married for 24 years. They have two daughters, Heidi and Emily.

Having witnessed firsthand the erosion of what was once a very robust timber industry in Alaska, Rick feels strongly that Alaskans must be vigilant in promoting sound public policies affecting resource industries. To contribute toward that effort, in addition to serving as RDC's new president, he is a director of the Alaska Forest Association and has served on the Alaska Board of Forestry since 2003.

Past Presidents 1975-2008

John Shively
Holland America Line
2003-08

Charles W. Johnson
Era Aviation
2002-03

Robert B. Stiles
DRven Corporation
2000-02

James Branch
ExxonMobil
1999-2000

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1997-99

Scott L. Thorson
Network Business Systems
1996-97

Elizabeth Rensch
Analytica Alaska, Inc.
1995-96

David J. Parish
Exxon Corporation
1994-95

James L. Cloud
National Bank of Alaska
1993-94

Paul S. Glavinovich
Geologist
1992-93

John Rense
NANA Development Corporation
1991-92

Bill Schneider
Associated General Contractors
1990-91

Ethel H. "Pete" Nelson
Texaco, Inc.
1989-90

J. Shelby Stastny
Ernst & Whinney
1988-89

Joseph R. Henri
Southcentral Timber Development
1987-88

Boyd Brownfield
Frank Moolin & Associates
1986-87

Charles R. Webber
1983-86

Mano Frey
Laborers Local 341
1982-83

Charles F. Herbert
Geologist
1981-82

Tom Fink
Schroer-Fink Insurance Agency
1980-81

James G. "Bud" Dye
Lee Houston & Associates
1979-80

Lee E. Fisher
Coopers & Lybrand
1978-79

Robert Fleming & Robert Penney
Founding Co-Presidents
1975-78

Staff



From left to right are Marleanna Soto, Jason Brune, Carl Portman, and Deantha Crockett.

Jason Brune, Executive Director: Jason has been with RDC for eight years. He is a graduate of Carleton College with a degree in Biology. In addition, he has completed his Masters Degree coursework at Alaska Pacific University in Environmental Science. Leading the organization, Jason works to advance RDC's legislative agenda in Juneau as well as communicate RDC's well-thought out positions on state and federal issues affecting Alaska. Jason and wife Robyn have two children, Rowan and Bronwyn, and a black lab named Barney.

Carl Portman, Deputy Director: Carl has been with RDC for 27 years. Alaska-raised, he is a graduate of the University of Alaska Fairbanks with degrees in Journalism and Business Administration. Carl works on state and federal issues affecting our members, developing action alerts, writing comment letters, providing public comment, and keeping the membership engaged in these issues. He also helps coordinate fundraising for RDC's events and writes and edits RDC's newsletter, the Resource Review. Carl has a yellow lab named Maggie.

Deantha Crockett, Membership Director/Projects Coordinator: Deantha has been with RDC for three years. A lifelong Alaskan, she was one of the 55 delegates to the Conference of Young Alaskans and will be completing her degree in Political Science from the University of Alaska Anchorage this fall. Deantha works diligently to recruit and retain individuals and companies to RDC's diverse membership. In addition, she researches and writes comments for state issues affecting RDC members, delivering public comment when needed. She also oversees development of the Annual Report. Deantha has a chocolate lab named Dalley.

Marleanna Soto, Projects Coordinator/AMEREF Development Director: Marleanna has been with RDC for one year. Born and raised in Alaska, she graduated from the University of Alaska Anchorage with a degree in Business Administration-Management. She oversees RDC's website, which boasts over one million hits per year, developing content and layout. Marleanna also develops comments and researches issues important to the RDC membership. She oversees fundraising for the Alaska Mineral and Energy Resource Education Fund (AMEREF), by coordinating the Coal Classic Golf Tournament, raffles, and corporate giving. Marleanna and Dan have a son, Alex, and two black labs, both named Joey.

Over One Million Hits Annually and Growing

Learn about RDC's Board and staff and become a member

Access overviews and history of Alaska's major industries

Read vital action alerts, issue information, and comments

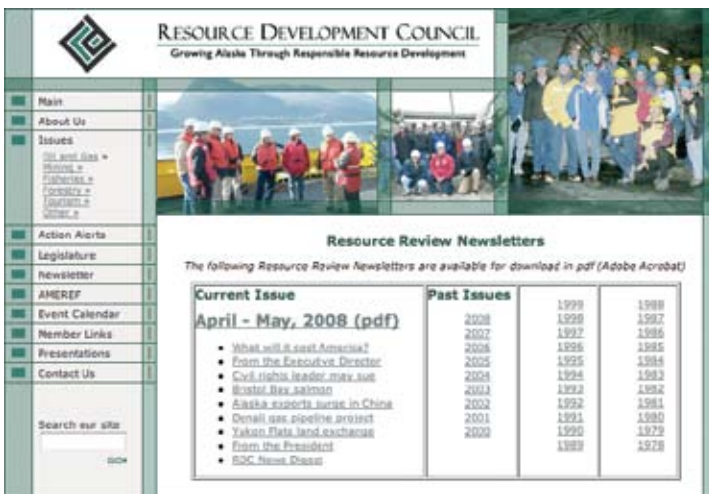
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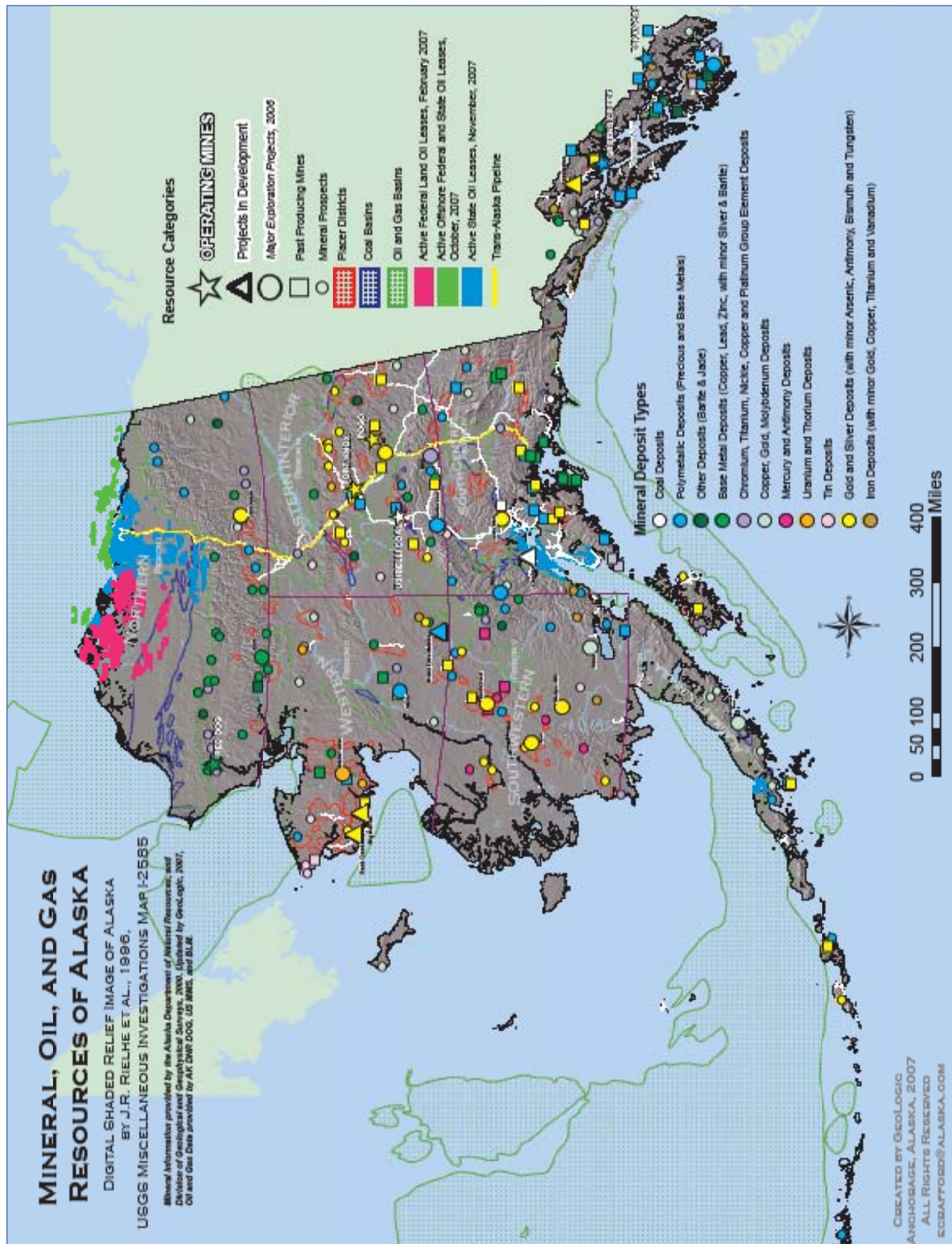


RDC's newsletter, the *Resource Review*, is available in electronic format (from 1978 to present)

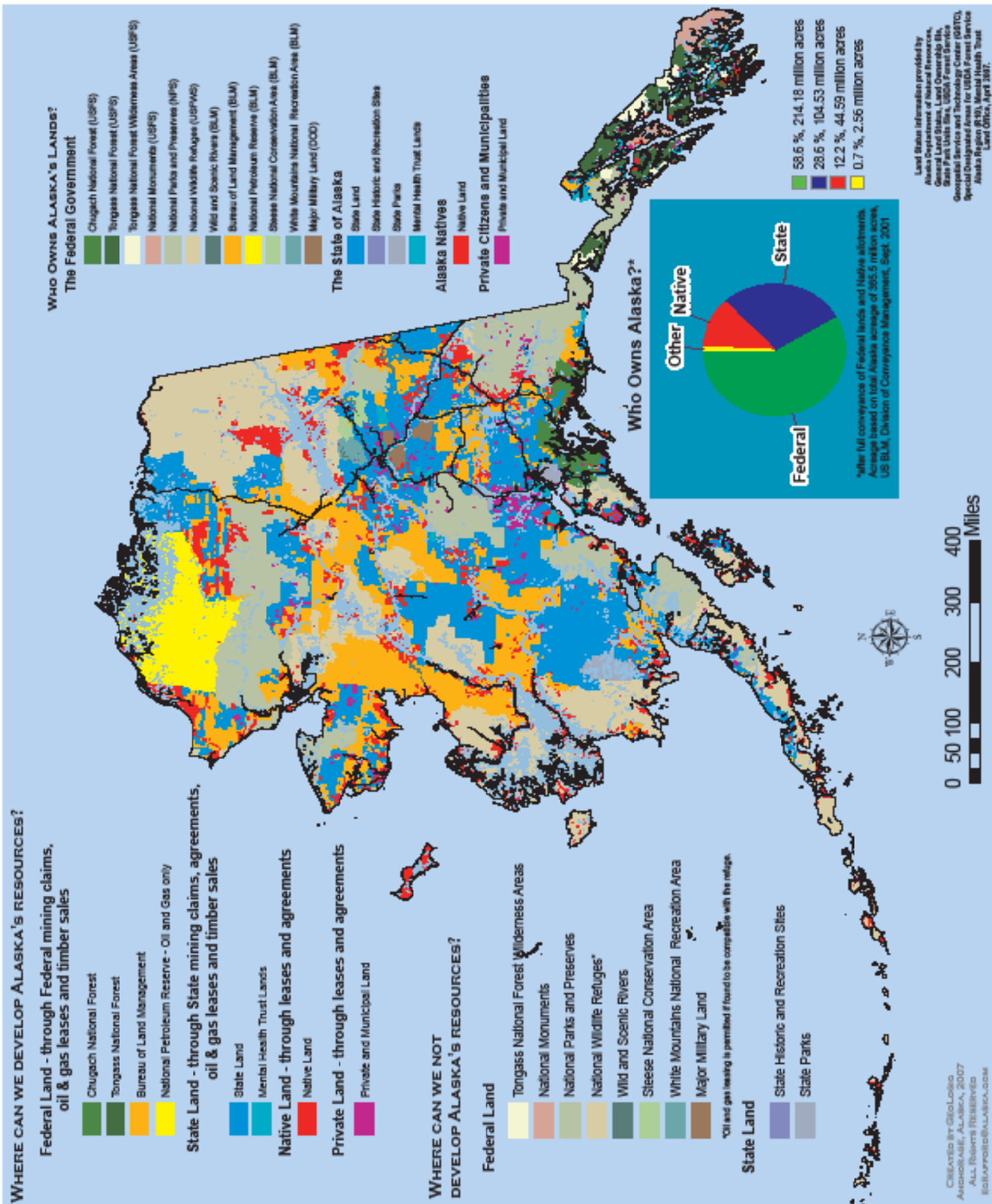
Newsletters cover a wide range of issues and events, including guest opinion columns from industry and government leaders across America.

All of this and more at www.akrdc.org

Map: Resources of Alaska



Map: Alaska Land Status





Gas Pipeline

Since its inception, RDC has advocated for the commercialization of Alaska's North Slope gas resources. We submitted thoughtful comments and testified before the legislature on the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA). RDC also prepared comments specific to the TransCanada AGIA application and ConocoPhillips' and BP's Denali Project. In addition, RDC submitted comments in support of the Point Thomson plan of development. We will remain engaged as the Legislature considers these vitally important proposals.

State Fiscal Policy

RDC has long advocated for a comprehensive, responsible, and long-range state fiscal plan. Indeed, in order to encourage new businesses to invest in Alaska, it is imperative Alaska has its fiscal house in order and show it is open for business. RDC also actively advocates for equitable and stable tax and royalty structures.



Kensington

Alaska's Kensington gold mine has gone through multiple Environmental Impact Statements and spent millions of dollars on environmental studies and engineering plans. Over the years, RDC has submitted numerous comment letters, given testimony, and engaged our membership in doing the same. Most recently, litigation stopped Kensington from moving into production. This litigation has worked its way through the system and is currently being considered for review by the U.S. Supreme Court. RDC has signed on as an amicus (friend of the court) with the Pacific Legal Foundation in support of Kensington.

Tileston Award

RDC joined with the Alaska Conservation Alliance to create the Tileston Award in honor of organizations, individuals, and/or businesses that create solutions and innovations advancing both economic development and environmental stewardship. The award recognizes two long-time Alaskans, Peg and Jules Tileston, who worked on seemingly different sides of conservation and development issues but who always agreed "that if it is in Alaska, it must be done right!" The initial recipient of the award was the Alaska Board of Forestry, recognized at a reception at the Alaska Municipal League's Communities Conference on Climate Change.



Photo: Anchorage Daily News



Endangered Species

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is increasingly being used to shut down development opportunities in Alaska. Over the course of the last year, RDC has been highly engaged in ESA issues. RDC has submitted technical comments, provided public testimony, issued action alerts, and engaged our membership on proposed ESA listings of polar bears, Cook Inlet beluga whales, Lynn Canal herring, yellow-billed loons, Steller sea lions, North Pacific right whales, and others.

Mining Shutdown Ballot Initiatives

Newly-proposed ballot initiatives threaten serious harm to Alaska's mining industry. RDC has worked closely with its members to educate Alaskans on the importance of mining to the state and the rigorous permitting process and environmental oversight already in place. RDC encourages its members to become fully educated on the initiatives prior to voting in the August, 2008 primary by visiting www.againsttheshutdown.com.



AMEREF

Founded in 1982, the Alaska Mineral & Energy Resource Education Fund (AMEREF) is a non-profit partnership between the Department of Education and private industry. AMEREF's mission is to provide Alaska's students with the knowledge to make informed decisions relating to mineral, energy, and forest resources. AMEREF provides educational materials, in the form of Alaska Resource Kits and training to Alaska's educators at no cost. RDC staff coordinates AMEREF's corporate donations and annual fundraisers, including the Coal Classic Golf Tournament, numerous raffles, and matching grants. Executive Director Michelle Brunner joined AMEREF in May 2008. For more information, visit www.ameref.org, or email kits@ameref.org.

Workforce Development

RDC recognizes Alaska's resource industries will face a severe labor shortage in the coming years. Through participation in and sponsorship of the Putting Alaska's Resources to Work (PARW) Coalition, RDC remains engaged in meeting this challenge. The PARW coalition is broad based and combines the expertise of educational institutions, industry, labor unions, and vocational training centers to ensure Alaska's workforce needs are met as more development opportunities come to fruition. The coalition identifies expected workforce needs, training to fill those needs, and placement of trainees in Alaskan jobs.



Other Important Issues

RDC developed comment letters, action alerts, and/or provided public testimony for each of the following additional issues in 2007-2008: Red Dog Mine Aqqaluk Project, Pebble Project, OCS/NPR-A oil and gas leasing, Tongass Land Management Plan, Sealaska Lands Bill, Yukon Flats land exchange, Mat-Su gravel mining ordinances, Tulsequah Chief project, Usibelli Coal Mine expansion, EPA vessel discharge permits, state NPDES primacy, ballot initiative reform, Port of Anchorage expansion, Rapanos Clean Water Act jurisdiction guidance, Port MacKenzie Rail expansion, Essential Fish Habitat, Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization, Knik Arm Bridge, cruise ship initiative reform, proposed fish and game refuges in Southwest and Interior Alaska, and much more!

Events

Breakfast Meetings

Informative breakfast meeting forums were held the first and third Thursday of each month, September-May at the Petroleum Club of Anchorage. Attendees were able to learn about hot resource development issues and network with their peers. A list of past speakers, copies of presentations, and meeting materials are available on the RDC website.



Annual Meeting Luncheon



RDC's 32nd Annual Meeting Luncheon, "Developing Our Resources While Honoring The Past," featured Marie Greene of NANA Regional Corporation, Matthew Nicolai of Calista Corporation, and Bobbi Quintavell of Arctic Slope Regional Corporation. One of RDC's two fundraisers, the 2007 program sold out with over 660 attendees. A list of our generous sponsors, as well as copies of speaker remarks and the event program can be found on the RDC website.

Annual Conference

RDC's two-day conference, "Alaska Resources 2008" featured panels discussing issues of importance to Alaska resource industries, a trade show, VIP reception open to all attendees, and a raffle drawing and champagne toast at the conclusion of the event. The event was RDC's largest fundraiser and was attended by over 500 individuals. An overview of the conference, including a list of our generous sponsors, event agenda, videos of speakers, powerpoint presentations, raffle winners, and the event program can be viewed on the RDC website.



Legislative Fly-In

The RDC Board of Directors travels to Juneau as a group each legislative session to meet with members of the Legislature and Administration to discuss issues of importance to RDC members. Issues discussed during the 2008 Fly-In included a long-term fiscal plan, AGIA, and the impact of ballot initiatives on the Alaskan economy. RDC's policy positions and energy policy recommendations are presented on pages 14-15.

Community Outreach Trip

Each fall, the RDC Board and staff travel to an Alaska community to explore a range of industry-related issues. These trips help foster a greater understanding of local issues as RDC Board members meet with business leaders and tour local operations. In September, RDC visited the Mat-Su Borough and toured transportation, mining, agriculture, public works, and tourism operations. The Board came away with a very positive impression of the community and the industries that help support the local economy.



Women In Resources Reception

RDC female Board members and staff hosted the Fourth Annual "Women In Resources" Reception for over 40 female legislators and administration officials. The attendees had an opportunity to network with each other and enjoy a casual and relaxing evening during the legislative session in Juneau.

Special Events

Throughout the year, RDC holds many special events at the request of our members. Often these events are co-hosted with sister organizations such as the Alaska Oil and Gas Association, the Alaska Miners Association, the Alaska Forest Association, the Alliance, and the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce. This year we welcomed Minister Richard Neufeld from British Columbia, Congressman Don Young, and Anglo American CEO Cynthia Carroll to present to our members on resource issues. We also held forums on AGIA, the Denali Alaska Gas Pipeline Project, BP's Statistical Review, and the Business Roundtable on Climate Change.



Coal Classic Golf Tournament in Support of AMEREF

RDC staff organized the 15th Annual Coal Classic Golf Tournament to benefit AMEREF. Goodie bags, prizes, and the chance to win a new car lured golfers to participate, but the real allure was the generous support for AMEREF (through golf teams, breakfast, lunch, beverage cart, hole, driving range, and other sponsorships). Volunteers from sponsor companies participated by selling Par 3 Poker cards, photographing teams, distributing snacks, and more, all on a beautiful June day.

RDC Softball Team – 2007 League Champions!

Coached by Board president John Shively, RDC staff and members participated in the summer 2007 coed recreational softball league. Staff and members dominated the league and took home the championship plaque!



2008 Policy Positions

General Issues

Fiscal Policy & Planning

- Advocate development of a comprehensive, responsible, and long-range state fiscal plan.
- Support equitable and stable tax and royalty policies.
- Support some use of the Permanent Fund earnings to help fund state government.
- Support development of a strategic economic development plan.

Access

- Advocate increased access to and across public lands for resource development.
- Advocate multiple-use of public lands.
- Continue to assert the state's rights on navigable waters and submerged lands.

Regulation/Permitting

- Encourage the state to promote and defend the integrity of Alaska's permitting process.
- Advocate clear, timely, and streamlined state and federal permitting systems based on sound science, economic feasibility, and protection of property ownership rights.
- Encourage the state to lower the costs associated with Alaska's permitting process.
- Support NPDES primacy for the State of Alaska.

Infrastructure

- Encourage the state to develop a prioritized transportation strategy that supports resource exploration and development activities.
- Encourage the state to develop a prioritized energy/power generation and transmission strategy that supports resource exploration and development activities.
- Support financially sound improvements and additions to the state's land, marine, and air transportation infrastructure, as well as the state's communication, power generation and transmission infrastructure.

Education

- Support growing the Alaska Mineral and Energy Resource Education Fund (AMEREF) program.
- Support initiatives to educate students and the general public on responsible resource development activities in Alaska.
- Support growing the state's emphasis on workforce development.

Industry Specific Issues

Oil & Gas

- Support initiatives to encourage new exploration and development of Alaska's oil and gas deposits, as well as enhanced production from existing fields.
- Encourage public policy decisions to improve the commercial viability of developing Alaska's North Slope and Interior natural gas resources.
- Advocate for a tax policy which enhances the State of Alaska's competitiveness for exploration and development investments.
- Encourage methods to improve the commercial viability of developing Alaska's heavy oil resources.
- Educate and advocate for opening the coastal plain of the ANWR to oil and gas development.
- Support offshore oil and gas development and work to maximize benefits to Alaska through advocacy for federal revenue sharing and/or community impact assistance.

Energy

- Support simplified leasing and permitting of non-conventional fuel resources to encourage development of the state's resources and provide energy to local areas.
- Encourage development of new electrical generating and transmission systems to provide stable sources of electricity for economic development and existing electricity consumers.
- Support utilization of Alaska's coal resources for value-added industries and power generation in addition to export to international markets.

Mining

- Encourage new exploration and development of Alaska's mineral resources, as well as increased production from existing deposits.
- Advocate continuation and expansion of the airborne geophysical mapping program and the on-the-ground follow up work required to realize the full benefits of the program.

Fisheries

- Support fisheries policies that ensure access, markets and revenues for Alaska fishermen and coastal communities, and a healthy competitive environment for an Alaskan seafood processing industry.
- Support reduced fisheries waste and better utilization of Alaska fisheries resources, improved product value and development of new product forms.
- Support funding of fisheries and marine mammal research.

Forestry

- Advocate a reliable and economical long-term federal and state timber supply.
- Support adequate funding and enforcement of the Alaska Forest Practices Act.
- Encourage funding of forest management initiatives that address long-term forest health and reforestation.

Tourism

- Support increased and expanded tourism opportunities and improved visitor facilities throughout Alaska.
- Advocate additional aircraft landing sites and reduced restrictions on over-flights.
- Support amending the new cruiseship law to ensure compliance with federal tax restrictions, and avoid regulatory redundancy.



Energy Policy Recommendations

The mission of the Resource Development Council is the responsible development of Alaska's natural resources. Many large natural resource development opportunities exist throughout Alaska. Adequate and reliable supplies of energy and delivery are fundamental to economic and responsible resource development throughout the state.

The following five barriers exist to successfully providing this development support. RDC's solutions to overcome these barriers follow:

BARRIER

Large rural resource development projects need power. Rural utilities do not have the means or security to invest in the power generation and therefore have an inability to accommodate risks to large projects. Risks are localized rather than regionalized.

SOLUTION

Assure fair returns on energy investments for both energy producers and purchasers and provide state security for making these investments.

BARRIER

Inequitable public funding distribution for rural energy grants.

SOLUTION

Re-examine funding formulas for rural energy grants and programs.

BARRIER

Independent interests on the rail belt energy grid are conflicting and inefficient.

SOLUTION

Establishment of a unified organization for the development and administration of generation and transmission delivery resources.

BARRIER

No clear rules for acquisition of non-utility energy resources.

SOLUTION

Establish a standardized payment methodology and acquisition criteria.

BARRIER

Implementation of state energy policy is inhibited by the inability to recruit and retain qualified energy professionals.

SOLUTION

Re-position energy professionals in exempt class.





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