

BREAKFAST MEETING

Thursday, October 18, 2007

- 1)Call to order John Shively, President
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- 4) Staff Report Jason Brune, Executive Director
- 5) Program and Keynote Speaker:

What Does The Future Hold For Oil & Gas Development In Alaska?

Marilyn Crockett, Executive Director, Alaska Oil & Gas Association

Next Meeting: October Nov. 1st: TBA

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Growing Alaska Through Responsible Resource Development

Staff Report - October 18, 2007

• The special session on Governor Palin's plan for a third tax increase in three years on the oil industry begins today in Juneau and is scheduled to run through November 18. RDC members are deeply concerned that ACES (Alaska's Clear and Equitable Share) sends the wrong message to current and prospective investors in Alaska, especially as production continues to decline. RDC's October *Resource Review* features a cover story and editorials on the issue. In addition, RDC has published an eight-page special supplement on PPT and it is currently being mailed to over 42,000 super voters across the state. RDC staff attended the Palin administration's open houses on PPT in Anchorage and Wasilla, as well as legislative town hall meetings in Anchorage and Fairbanks. During the session, RDC will send out daily updates to its members and will be actively engaged in the public hearing process. Our presence will be felt in Juneau.

• RDC, AOGA and Alliance staff and board officers met with Randall Luthi, Director of the U.S. Minerals Management Service, earlier this month on the agency's new five-year OCS oil and gas leasing program in Alaska. MMS recently approved an OCS leasing program for 2007-2012, including offshore basins in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas, as well as the North Aleutian Basin. Federal offshore waters hold the greatest potential for bringing new energy resources to market in the next 10 years.

• RDC staff met with Dan Sullivan, Assistant Secretary for Energy, U.S. State Department, on Alaska energy issues, including the gas pipeline, NPR-A and offshore areas. Mr. Sullivan assured RDC his office stands ready to expedite international agreements between Canada and the U.S. on the construction and operation of the gas line.

• RDC is compiling comments on the recent U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service reports predicting polar bears will be gone from Alaska within 50 years. The newly-released information, presented to the Service in the form of nine administrative reports, will be considered within the context of the Service's one-year review of listing the polar bear under the Endangered Species Act. Comments are due October 22.

•The Bureau of Land Management is accepting comments on its Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) Draft Supplemental Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement. RDC has released an action alert on this important issue. The comment deadline has been extended to November 6. RDC staff recently met with BLM officials to discuss the new plan and its various alternatives. A copy of RDC's action alert is included in the packet.

•RDC has submitted a letter of support for the Usibelli Coal Mine to expand its operations northeast of Healy. Usibelli would like to expand west from its existing Two Bull Ridge Mine northeast of Healy. The area has been permitted for coal mining for more than 10 years, but reaching the full area will increase the disturbance area and require a larger bond for reclamation. A copy of RDC's comment letter is included in the packet.

• RDC has submitted scoping comments on Teck Cominco's request to extend mining of zinc and other minerals near the Red Dog Mine. The request has initiated the review of the 1984 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a Supplemental EIS (SEIS) is being prepared. The SEIS will include review and/or modification of EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permits. According to the scoping process, mining of the Aqqaluk Deposit would begin approximately in 2010, using the same facilities and much of the same waste stockpile areas as the current mine. The Aqqaluk Deposit would extend the mine site life to 2031. A copy of RDC's comment letter is included in the packet.

•RDC's 28th Annual Conference, *Alaska Resources 2008*, will take place on November 14-15 at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel. Please contact staff to help support this event. An updated agenda and list of current sponsors is included in the packet.

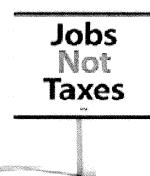
Upcoming Events of Note:

October 18 November 16 Special Session-ACES October 22-27 Alaska Federation of Natives Convention, Fairbanks November 1 Breakfast Meeting at Petroleum Club-Speaker TBD November 7-9 Alaska Miners Association Convention, Anchorage (info in packet) November 14-15 RDC's Annual Conference, *Alaska Resources 2008*, Anchorage (info in packet)



Take A Stand this Alaska Day – Thursday, Oct. 18

Request a free yard sign to show your neighbors what's at stake.



Alaskans need to take a stand for Jobs NOT Taxes. As the legislature convenes its special session on Alaska Day, Thursday, Oct. 18, to consider the state's plan to increase oil taxes for the third time in three years, it is important that legislators hear your view on this proposal.

Our oil pipeline is two-thirds empty and oil production continues to fall. New industry investment is vital to produce more oil to keep the pipeline going. Increasing oil taxes will not extend the life of Alaska's economic lifeline.

Take A Stand:

- Contact your legislators. They want to hear from their constituents. Tell them why you personally think the current oil tax system needs to stay in place.
- 2) Submit your opinion about the state's proposed tax increase directly on their website.
- 3) Display a free car magnet and yard sign to tell fellow Alaskans that you support "Jobs NOT Taxes".

Visit www.aoga.org to find convenient links to assist you in **Taking a Stand**.

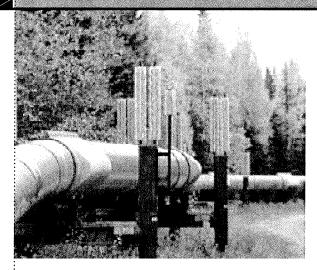


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According to the State of Alaska Department of Revenue, 25% of the oil flowing through TAPS must come from projects requiring significant new investment, in just three years. Increasing taxes adds costs to projects, and is not the way to attract this new investment.



What Others Are Saying:

"Frankly, we have not said that ACES improves the investment climate. Clearly, there is going to be a larger state share and that isn't going to make the economics of projects better."

- Commissioner Pat Galvin, Alaska Department of Revenue

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October 15, 2007

Patty McGrath Project Manager OWW-135 U.S. EPA Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue Seattle, Washington 98101

Re: Red Dog Mine Extension-Aqqaluk Project in Northwestern Alaska

Dear Ms. McGrath:

The Resource Development Council (RDC) appreciates the opportunity to comment during the scoping phase for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Red Dog Mine Extension – Aqqaluk Project in Northwestern Alaska.

RDC is a statewide organization made up of all resource sectors, business associations, labor unions, Alaska Native corporations, tourism providers, local governments and individuals. RDC's purpose is to encourage a strong, diversified private sector in Alaska and expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

The Red Dog mine, operated by Teck Cominco, is one of the largest employers in the NANA region, with the majority of employees being NANA Regional Corporation shareholders. The mine has not only been beneficial to NANA, but the shared wealth provision of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act directs that 70% of production royalty payments to NANA be redistributed to the other Regional Corporations in Alaska. In addition, the mine remains the sole taxpayer in the Northwest Arctic Borough. We encourage the EPA to fully analyze the significant positive impacts, both socially and economically, the project has had, and will continue to have on the region and throughout the state of Alaska.

Additionally, we believe the recent withdrawal of the water-pollution discharge permit by the EPA should be addressed separately from the Aqqaluk extension. The permit, issued in March, brought the mine into compliance with federal water quality requirements. Reviewing the permit with the SEIS could take many additional years, and therefore be detrimental to the project.

The mine has been described as a model of responsible resource development, founded on the principles of consensus, cooperation and mutual respect between a mining company and indigenous people. It is predicted that the original Red Dog site will be mined out between 2010 and 2012. Opening of the Aqqaluk addition is expected to extend the mine life to 2031, providing opportunity to sustain a successful partnership.

In conclusion, RDC supports a quick permitting process that leads ultimately to the opening of Aqqaluk. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Russell Kirkham Alaska Department of Natural Resources 550 W 7th Ave Ste 800 Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Mr. Kirkham:

The Resource Development Council is writing to express its support for revision of the permit to conduct surface coal mining activities under the Two Bull Ridge Mine permit held by Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc.

RDC is a statewide organization made up of all resource sectors, business associations, labor unions, Native corporations, tourism providers, local governments and individuals. RDC's purpose is to encourage a strong, diversified private sector in Alaska and expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

RDC supports surface mining activities in the Two Bull Ridge area, which sits five miles northeast of Healy. The proposed revision is entirely within the original permit area and would expand to include coal reserves north of the Two Bull Haul Road, which lies between the active mine area and the West Valley fill. As Usibelli has invested in infrastructure in the area, such as roads and power lines, it would be prudent use of the resource to extract as much coal as possible from Two Bull Ridge. Revision to the permit will add life to the mine and minimize new land outside of the permit that would be impacted to meet coal demand.

Usibelli has been mining coal in Healy since 1943 and has demonstrated a commitment to maintaining and improving the environment through its reclamation process at similar operations in the area. RDC believes that the aforementioned factors merit timely issuance of a revised permit to allow these operations to proceed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Deantha Crockett Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc.

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Action Alert: Northeast Planning Area - National Petroleum Reserve Alaska

Deadline for comment is November 6, 2007

Overview:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has released the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska Supplemental Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS). This supplement addresses a list of issues and contains a range of alternatives regarding the BLM's administration of public lands within the planning area. These alternatives are essentially unchanged from those analyzed in the Northeast NPR-A Final Amended IAP/EIS and corrects inadequacies in that plan identified in a 2006 decision of the U.S. District Court of Alaska. The Court found that the amended 2006 IAP/EIS failed to fully consider the cumulative effects of oil and gas leasing in the planning area and in the adjacent Northwest NPR-A planning area. The new supplement adds this analysis.

Under the recently-released IAP/EIS, 373,000 acres north and east of Teshekpuk Lake is further evaluated for leasing. This area was off-limits in a 1998 plan crafted by the Clinton administration for the Northeast area of the reserve, but was open to leasing in the amended 2005 plan. This area is considered to be among the most oil-rich acreage in NPR-A, perhaps containing two billion of barrels of oil. The area also contains large populations of waterfowl and caribou. It is coveted by local residents for subsistence hunting.

The four alternatives in the 2007 amendment range from opening 87 percent to 100 percent of the 4.6 million acres of the Northeast planning area to oil and gas exploration and development. While the agency clearly supported increased leasing in the 2005 plan over the 1998 proposal (Alternative A–No Action), the latest version does not indicate which alternative of the four BLM prefers. The alternatives offer two types of mitigation for impacts to resources – prescriptive to performance-based. Given industry's track record of coexisting with wildlife on the North Slope and the technological advances of the past decade, which have greatly reduced the development footprint, RDC supports Alternative C, full leasing.

Action Requested:

RDC urges its members to submit comments encouraging BLM to provide access to the Northeast planning area's richest oil and gas prospects. Alternative C would provide such access.

Submit written comments to:

Northeast NPR-A Supplemental IAP/EIS Comments ENSR Project Office 1835 South Bragaw Street, Suite 490 Anchorage, AK 99508 Faxes may be sent to (888) 907-3677

Deadline for comment is November 6, 2007

Points to consider for your comments:

• Given NPR-A was specifically designated by Congress for the production of energy resources and the need for new oil production has increased, it is vital that BLM provide access to the Northeast planning area's greatest prospects. Alternative C would provide such access.

- All of the producing fields on the North Slope are located within 25 miles of the coast. Eliminating substantial acreage within this belt could preclude the discovery of a major deposit.
- The areas currently off-limits in Alternative A may contain more than two billion barrels of recoverable oil.
- Industry's track record on the North Slope and the technological advances of the past decade, which have greatly reduced the development footprint, support full leasing.
- Alternative C would utilize prescriptive to performance-based standards and procedures to mitigate impacts of energy development. In addition, seasonal stipulations and other protective measures would be applied to safeguard sensitive areas. While Alternative C would open 100 percent of the area's 4.6 million acres to oil and gas exploration, permanent facilities would be prohibited on more than 1,113,000 acres.
- The industry has proven it can operate in a manner that protects the environment. The Arctic wildlife and environment can and will be preserved while petroleum resources are developed. Industry employs a variety of measures and operating procedures to mitigate impacts and protect environmentally sensitive areas.
- Oil and gas development in the petroleum reserve would benefit the economy by creating increased revenues and employment, while enhancing energy and economic security.
- Revenues and employment generated by oil and gas development would be significantly greater under Alternative C than under the no action alternative.
- The Department of Energy estimates the contribution of North Slope crude to domestically produced oil supplies would decline from 18 percent to 14 percent by 2020, but such a decline could be mitigated by opening Northeast NPR-A to oil and gas exploration. Projected production declines could potentially be reversed, depending upon how much additional oil is produced from NPR-A, but potential could be severely compromised if access is not provided to oil-rich areas.
- While opponents claim the changes to BLM's amended plan are merely cosmetic, the analysis of the increased activity in the 2007 draft expanded and substantially revised consideration of additional measures for minimizing impacts. BLM also considered results of recent scientific studies completed since 2005.
- The 2007 draft also addresses the cumulative impact of increased activity in the Northeast planning area when combined with increased activity in the Northwest planning area.
- The 2007 draft also takes into account issues ranging from climate change and potential Endangered Species Act protections for polar bears to the rising price of oil.
- Authorizing leasing is but a first step in opening an area to oil and gas development. There will be additional opportunities throughout the process, through the application of numerous permit approvals and other actions, to protect natural resources.

Deadline for comment is November 6, 2007

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Schedule of Events

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Special Events

Attention Prospective Trade Show Exhibitors!

Please call AMA. Various suppliers to the mining industry are represented at the trade show.

Trade Show Silent Auction: Rock Specimens from Alaska

Donations accepted! Contact Anita Williams at awilliam@alaska.net.

Suppliers' Reception

Meet your friends and view the trade show exhibits at an opening mixer from 5:00-6:30pm on Wednesday, November 7. A ticket good for one drink is included in your registration packet. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided courtesy of the trade show exhibitors. Cash bar.

Mining District Breakfast

Have breakfast with your friends and hear the latest news from various mining districts around Alaska. The breakfast will be held at 7:00am, Thursday November 8. Space is limited.

USGS Scoping Workshop

All interested parties are invited to contribute their ideas at a public meeting to define and prioritize focus areas for the "Geologic and Mineral Deposit Data for Alaskan Economic Development" project for

2009 and beyond. Open to the public 5:15-6:15pm Thursday November 8.

History Night - Alaska Mining Hall of Fame

The induction of new members will be held at 7:00pm, Thursday November 8. Open to the public.

UAF School of Mines & Friends Breakfast

Obtain the latest news on activities in the UAF School of Mineral Engineering. Attend breakfast with fellow alumni and school supporters at 7:00am Friday, November 9. Space is limited.

Miners Banquet

The AMA Convention wraps up with the Miners' Banquet on Friday evening at 7:00pm. Dinner, entertainment, the AMEREF Raffle drawing, presentation of awards, and visiting with friends combine for an exciting evening. No host cocktails available at 6:30pm.

Rock and Mineral Show

Displays of rocks and minerals from around Alaska. Trade, buy and sell. Open to the public. Friday, November 9 (5:00-9:00pm), and Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11 (10:00am-5:00pm) in the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rooms.

Student Poster Session

Students interested in mineral exploration, engineering, operations, management, economics, reclamation, environmental permitting and other subjects pertinent to the mining industry are invited to present their research and technology posters to attendees. This is an excellent opportunity for students to discuss career opportunities and challenges with professionals in multiple disciplines. Poster sessions will be held on Wednesday November 7th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Space is limited to 10 tables. For registration forms or more information contact Holly Morris at (907) 696-6215 or hlm@mlfaalaska.com.

AMA Convertion Short Courses

Short courses are open to all (need not be an AMA member and need not be registered for the convention).

Short Course #1:

Application of Heavy Mineral Methods in Stream Sediment and Till to Exploration Instructor: Dr. Harvey Thorleifson, Director, Minnesota

Geological Survey

Time: 8:30am – 5:00pm, Mon - Tues Nov 5 - 6. Cost: \$300, \$350 after Oct 15. Fee includes lunch. Enrollment is limited to 50 participants. **Optional fee payable at class** for University of Alaska Continuing Education Credits. Location: Sheraton Hotel

The Alaska Miners Association is pleased to offer a course that will review basic principles and recent developments in heavy-mineral-based mineral exploration methods, including gold grains, base metal indicators, and kimberlite indicator minerals. It will include presentations and hands-on exercises dealing with survey design, sampling and sample processing methods, geochemical analyses, mineral chemistry, quality assurance/quality control, as well as examples from precious metal, base metal, and diamond exploration.

Short Course #2:

Current Practice in Acid Rock Drainage Prediction

Instructors: Stephen Day, P.Geo., Principal Geochemist, – SRK Consulting Ltd.

Time: 8:30am - 5:00pm, Tues, Nov 6.

Cost: \$175, \$225 after Oct 15. Fee includes lunch.

Enrollment is limited to 50 participants. **Optional fee payable at class** for University of Alaska Continuing Education Credits.

Location: Sheraton Hotel

TRADE SHOW

Attend the Trade Show during the convention. Many mineral industry suppliers will participate. **Open to the public** Wednesday, November 7, 8:00am – 6:30pm Thursday, November 8, 8:00am – 5:00pm Friday, November 9, 8:00am – 2:00pm

Wednesday Morning, November 7

Agency Geologic Investigations

Updates by USGS, BLM, and DGGS scientists on Alaska work programs in progress or completed during the past year.

Wednesday Afternoon, November 7 Exploration Project Highlights

An overview of various early stage exploration projects from around the State of Alaska. The session will include project talks on Southeast, Southcentral, Interior, Southwest, Western and Northern Alaska.

Thursday Morning, November 8 AMA Session: Issues Affecting Alaska Miners This session will update miners on current industry issues.

Acid rock drainage (ARD) and the associated process of metal leaching (ML) can be important issues at any construction project where rock is exposed to flowing water. This seminar will provide an introduction to the methods available to predict the reactivity of rock and the chemistry of drainage in contact with rock, and the use of the results to identify technologies to address ML/ARD. The seminar will appeal primarily to engineers and geoscientists working in the mining, transportation and utility industries.

Short Course #3:

Properly Filing Mining License Tax and State Royalty

Instructor: Johanna Bales, Alaska Department of Revenue, and **Rick** Fredericksen, Alaska Department of Natural Resources

Time: 2-hour sessions at 2:00pm on Tue, Wed, or Thu, Nov 5, 7, and 8, with 24 participants per session.

Cost: \$50. Location: Third Floor, Sheraton Hotel.

This short course provides training on accurately complying with the requirements of the Mining License Tax and Royalty. The primary focus will be on the small operators and accountants to ensure the filings are correct. Participants may arrange for private meetings on the afternoon following each course or by later appointment.

Short Course #4:

MSHA Surface Refresher

Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm, Sat Nov 10. Cost: Free – Pre-registration required. Lunch not included.

ROCK & MINERAL SHOW

Rock and mineral displays. Trade, buy and sell. **Open to the public** Friday, November 9, 5:00pm – 9:00pm Saturday & Sunday, Nov 10 & 11, 10:00am – 5:00pm **Yukon and Kuskokwim Rooms**

Technical Sessions

Thursday Afternoon, November 8 Alaska Exploration Projects

Presentations will give highlights of 2007 exploration activities in Alaska and updates on specific properties.

Friday Morning, November 9

A Social License to Operate Overviews of social responsibilities for exploration and mining operations in Alaska will be presented.

Friday Afternoon, November 9

Development and Mine Operations

Current mine development projects will be discussed as well as updates on selected mining operations.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship opportunities are available at a variety of levels for the convention, short courses, coffee breaks, student poster sessions, and other events. Sponsors receive personal recognition at the event and they receive promotion through the convention website and convention materials. For more information contact Sharon Cox at the Alaska Miners Association.

AMA Convention

Registration Form

ALASKA MINERS ASSOCIATION Convention and Trade Show November 5 – November 11, 2007	Short Course #1 (Nov. 5 - Nov. 6 in the Sheraton Hotel) "Heavy Mineral Indicators" Pre-Registration
Name	After Oct 15 \$350 Student Rate \$50 (Registration Fee Includes Lunch) I want Continuing Education Credits (fee paid at class) yes
Company Address City State Zip	Short Course #2 (Nov. 6 in the Sheraton Hotel) "Acid Rock Drainage" Pre-Registration After Oct 15 Student Rate
Telephone Fax	(Registration Fee Includes Lunch) I want Continuing Education Credits (fee paid at class) yes no
Email Date MEMBERSHIP Individual Member	Short Course #3 (in the Sheraton Hotel) "Properly Filing Mining License Tax and State Royalty" First Come First Served\$50
SPECIAL EVENTS Wednesday, November 7 Luncheon Thursday, November 8 Mining District Breakfast Luncheon Luncheon S30.00 Friday, November 9 UAF School of Mines Breakfast S25.00 Luncheon S30.00 Friday, November 9 UAF School of Mines Breakfast S25.00 Luncheon S30.00 Banquet S55.00 Total A Deadline for Pre-Registration is October 15, 2007	Payment Method:

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Hotel

Book by October 15 and the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel will provide rooms at the special rate of \$99 (single or double) for those attending the AMA convention. Reserve your room early. You must contact the Sheraton Hotel directly for room reservations. When calling, state that you are attending the Alaska Miners Convention so you can receive these special rates.

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and Non-members: \$375.

Please take advantage of the special Early Bird Rate! Register online at www.akrdc.org or return this form by mail to:

Resource Development Council 121 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 250 Anchorage, Alaska 99503 or fax to (907) 276-3887

Fees include a \$50 non-refundable processing fee. No refunds after Friday, November 2, 2007. Participant substitution is permitted, please call staff with changes. For additional information, call RDC at (907) 276-0700.

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Call the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel at 800-478-8700 by November 5 for room reservations. Specify "RDC Conference" for the best rate. The rate is \$99 for either a single or a double.

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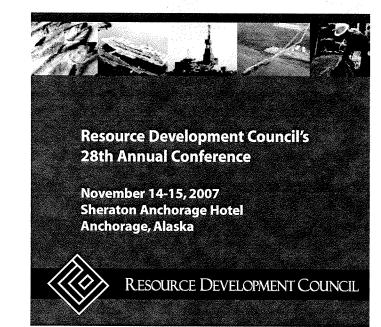
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Wednesday – November 14th

- 7:00 a.m. Registration/Check-In/Exhibits Open Eye-Opener Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 Opening Remarks

8:15 Cook Inlet: 2008 & Beyond

- Mitch Little, Alaska Asset Team Leader, Marathon Oil Company
- 8:45 North Slope Exploration & Development Projects: A Look Ahead Doug Suttles, President, BP (Exploration) Alaska, Inc. Jim Bowles, President, ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. Doug Wilson, Alaska Exploration Manager, Anadarko Petroleum
- 9:30 Gourmet Break Sponsored by ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
- 10:00 North Slope Exploration & Development Projects: A Look Ahead Ken Sheffield, President, Pioneer Natural Resources Alaska Rick Fox, Alaska Assets Manager, Shell E&P, Inc. (Invited) John Zager, Manager, Alaska Assets, Chevron
- 10:45 Current News From Washington On Alaska Gas Drue Pearce, Federal Coordinator, Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects
- 11:15 Networking Break
- 12 Noon Keynote Luncheon -1977-2007: How Oil Has Transformed Alaska's Economy Scott Goldsmith, Economist, Institute for Social & Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage Neal Fried, Economist, Alaska Department of Labor Mike Burns, Executive Director, Permanent Fund Corporation
- 2:00 p.m. Canadian Arctic Gas & Energy Update Philip Jennings, Director General, Petroleum Resources Branch, Energy Policy Sector, Natural Resources Canada (*Invited*)
- 2:30 The Threat To Our Prosperity: Alaska's Looming Energy Crisis Mayor Mark Begich, Municipality of Anchorage
- 3:00 Gourmet Break Sponsored by CH2M HILL
- 3:30 The Arctic Initiative Lars M. Hvalbye, Senior Advisor, Technology, StatoilHydro
- 4:00 Industry-Community Partnerships, Challenges & The Path Forward Mayor Edward Itta, North Slope Borough Mayor John Williams, Kenai Peninsula Borough
- 5:00 VIP Networking Reception at Josephine's Hosted by Government of Canada, open to all conference attendees

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Thursday – November 15th

- 7:00 a.m. Eye Opener Continental Breakfast Exhibits open
- 8:00 The Endangered Species Act: Current Listings, Candidate Species & Implications For Alaska's Economy Ken Taylor, Deputy Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish & Game Jeff Leppo, Seattle Office Managing Partner, Stoel Rives LLC Caryn Rea, Senior Biologist, ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
- 9:30 Gourmet Break Sponsored by Stoel Rives LLC
- 10:00 Are The Clean Water, Clean Air, & Endangered Species Acts Being Used To Advance An Anti-Development Agenda? Marilyn Crockett, Executive Director, Alaska Oil & Gas Association Bob Stiles, President, DRven Corporation, Development Manager, Chuitna Coal Project Stephanie Madsen, Executive Director, At-Sea Processors Association
- 11:15 Networking Break
- Noon Keynote Luncheon -Expanding Alaska's Energy Horizons: Major Issues & Current Efforts Henri Bisson, Bureau of Land Management
- 1:00 p.m. Grand Raffle Drawing Champagne and Sparkling Cider Toast – Sponsored by Harbor Enterprises/ Petro Marine Services

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