### **BREAKFAST MEETING**

# Thursday, December 6, 2007

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

### Alaskan Workforce Development: Oil Spill Response In The Beaufort Sea

Bernie Nidowicz, President, AES Response Operations LLC and Vice President, ASRC Energy Services

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# (ey Votes on Oil Tax Increase

Senate	Lease Deductions	Mainten- ance Costs	Standard Deduction	Statute of Limitations	Retro- activity	In-State Requirement	Final Bill
Bunde	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO
Cowdery				in this part	-44		
Davis	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES
Dyson	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Ellis	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
Elton	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
French	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
Green	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO
Hoffman	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO
Huggins	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO
Kookesh	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
McGuire	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Olson	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
Stedman	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO
Stevens	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Therriault	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Thomas	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
Wagoner	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Wielechowski	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
Wilken	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES

Compromises Future Investment Compromises Future Investment
Lease Deductions - Allows DOR, through regulation, to determine deductible lease costs
Maintenance Costs - Disallows deductions for unscheduled maintenance with lost production
Standard Deduction - Caps PBU, Kuparuk opex ded. at 2006 level + 3% annual increase
Statute of Limitations - Increases statute of limitations for audits from 4 to 6 years
Retroactivity - Removes retroactive application to July 1, 2007
IncState Requirement - Removes arroyleing limiting deductions to facilities built in otate.

In-State Requirement - Removes provision limiting deductions to facilities built in-state

House	25% Rate	Transporta- tion Costs	Standard Deduction	Statute of Limitations	TIE Credits	In-State Requirement	Final Bill
Buch	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Chenault	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Cissna	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Coghill	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Crawford	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dahlstrom	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
Doll	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Doogan	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Edgmon	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Fairclough	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Foster	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	
Gara	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Gardner	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Gatto	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Gruenberg	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Guttenberg	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Harris	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Hawker	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
Holmes	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Johansen	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
Johnson	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Joule	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Kawasaki	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Keller	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Kelly	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
Kerttula	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
LeDoux	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Lynn	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Meyer	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Nelson	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES NO
Neuman	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
Olson	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	
Ramras	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Roses	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Salmon	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Samuels	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Seaton	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES YES
Stoltze	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Thomas	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
Wilson	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO

Compromises Future Investment

25% Rate - Increases base tax rate from 22.5% to 25%
Transportation Costs - DOR sets "just and reasonable" TAPS costs, w/o FERC or RCA
Standard Deduction - Caps PBU, Kup. opex ded. at 2006 level + 3% annual increase
Statute of Limitations - Increases statute of limitations from 4 to 6 years TIE Credits - Denies deductions for prior investments in fields currently producing

In-State Requirement - Limits deductions to facilities built in-state

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL ALASKANS

# The Anti-Mining Initiative Could Shut Down All Major Metal Mines in Alaska

Opponents of mining projects are now gathering voter signatures on petitions to try to place an antimining initiative on the 2008 Alaska state ballot. Promoters of this initiative want you to think it would only apply to the potential Pebble Project. In fact, it's a deceptive and drastic proposal that could shut down all existing major metal mines in Alaska and prohibit any new ones.

The anti-mining initiative is so broad and badly written that it would affect all major metal mines — both existing and future — on all State, Federal, University, Borough, and Native land. Its provisions would effectively prohibit the operation of any major mineral mines even if they comply with all existing State and Federal environmental regulations. For example, the fine print in the initiative would prohibit the operation of any major metal mine over 640 acres if it creates any waste rock or tailings. Obviously, it is impossible for any mine to operate without creating waste rock or tailings.

The anti-mining initiative is not required to ensure clean water and its effects are not limited just to future mines. The provisions of the initiative would prohibit any water discharge from a major metal mine – even if it meets all existing water quality standards. Promoters of the initiative claim it exempts mines that have "all their permits." But as those of us in the industry know, working mines need to get new permits and permit renewals on a regular basis. Working mines never have "all" the permits they will ever need.

Lt. Governor Sean Parnell and Richard Mylius, Director of the Alaska Division of Mining, Land and Water, have formally reviewed the anti-mining initiative. They both concluded that the initiative would prohibit the potential Donlin Creek and Pebble projects and all other future major metal mines – and could force the shutdown of existing mines, including Red Dog, Fort Knox, Pogo, and Greens Creek.

The anti-mining initiative threatens thousands of existing and future jobs – and up to \$10 billion in state revenues. It would be devastating to mining employees and their families, to local businesses that provide goods and services to Alaska mines, and to many communities near mining projects – especially in rural areas of Alaska where there are few job opportunities. A fiscal impact assessment issued by the Department of Natural Resources estimates the State of Alaska would lose up to \$10 billion or more in revenues if the anti-mining initiative passes.

The anti-mining initiative undermines a fair and open environmental review and permitting process. Alaska's metal mines already have to meet strict State and Federal environmental laws and regulations. There is already a rigorous State and Federal permitting process. Most of us would agree that a decision on whether to prohibit or allow a mining project should not be made until all necessary environmental studies have been completed. Each project should be judged on its own merits. But the anti-mining initiative would arbitrarily prohibit mining projects statewide and shut down mines without any environmental review process – and without any scientific evaluation of whether a mine project actually would harm the environment.

You can help stop the drastic anti-mining initiative by not signing it and by talking with your family and friends. Explain that the initiative is really a deceptive proposal that should not be signed or supported by Alaskans who care about fairness, jobs and the future of our state.

For more information, contact Council of Alaska Producers, Karl Hanneman President, 907-586-2425



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# Native groups sue state to try to halt Pebble ballot initiatives ILLEGAL: Blocking the prospect would violate rights, they argue.

By JAMES HALPIN jhalpin@adn.com

(Published: November 22, 2007)

Prominent Native organizations have sued the state of Alaska to stop certification of two ballot initiatives, alleging the initiatives, designed to stop development of the controversial Pebble Mine prospect, are unconstitutional.

The Association of ANCSA Regional Corp. Presidents and CEOs and the Alaska Federation of Natives joined to file a suit, naming Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell and the state as defendants, alleging the initiatives violate the Alaska Constitution. The Council of Alaska Producers, a coalition of mining companies, filed a separate suit with the same purpose in mind.

Parnell initially rejected the first version of a proposed initiative, but his decision was overturned in October by a Dillingham Superior Court judge, who allowed the signature-gathering to begin.

The plaintiffs allege, in part, that the initiatives violate federal law because they would prevent Native corporations from developing their mineral resources. They also allege "the initiative process cannot be used to enact laws that are beyond the power of the Legislature to enact. (The initiative) is thus not within the law-making powers of the Legislature and thus cannot be enacted by initiative."

The initiatives would affect any metal-producing mine that is larger than 640 acres, so existing mines, including the Red Dog zinc mine near Kotzebue and the Fort Knox gold mine in Fairbanks, could be shut down if one becomes law, the pro-mining camp claims.

But the initiatives' supporters claim they wouldn't affect existing mines, including the future operations of current facilities. Pebble's opponents aren't against mining, just this mine, said Art Hackney, a consultant for the Renewable Resources Coalition, which opposes the Pebble project.

The decision to file suit against the state was rash and was an attempt to overstep the groups' legal bounds, he said.

"I think it's a foolish overreaction," Hackney said. "The people have the right to petition their government."

The initiatives would ban releasing a toxic pollutant "in a measurable amount that will affect human health or welfare or any stage of the life cycle of salmon" into surface or underground water. They would also prohibit mines from storing or disposing of mining waste or tailings that could release "acids, dissolved metals, toxic pollutants or other compounds" to waters used by people or by salmon.

Initiative supporters hope to have the signature-gathering process complete and the proposed law on the ballot next year.

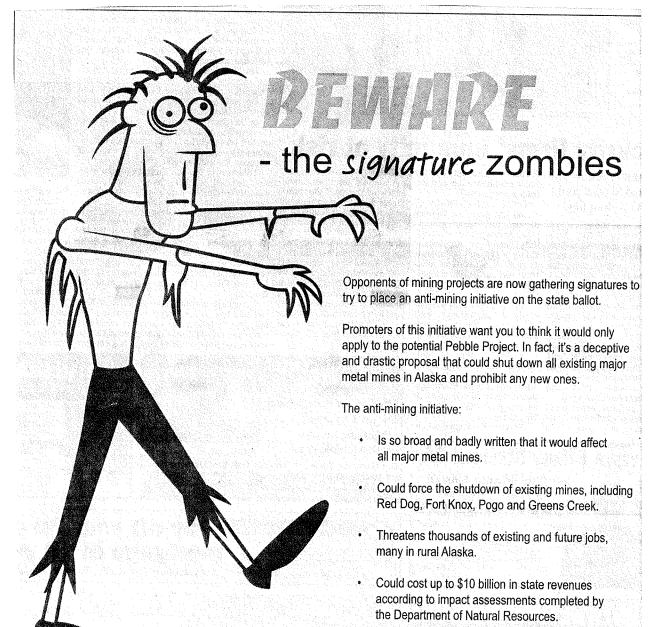
The Pebble prospect, which straddles two river drainages that feed the massive Bristol Bay salmon fishery in Southwest Alaska, has long been the subject of controversy because of its size and location.

It is one of the largest mineral deposits of its kind in the world, according to the mining companies exploring it. But its size and accompanying mining techniques threaten to destroy a wildly productive salmon fishery at the headwaters of Bristol Bay, critics of the mine say.

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Don't get caught by the signature zombies.

and permitting process.

Let's keep the benefits of mining on track for Alaska -- for generations to come.

Undermines a fair and open environmental review

Don't sign if you don't know.



### Don't throw your signature – and rights – away.

Special interest groups are circulating a petition under the guise of trying to stop the Pebble project. But, this initiative would affect far more than one project and could shut down all large-scale mining in Alaska.

IF YOU WANT a sustainable economy for rural Alaska, DO NOT SIGN THIS PETITION. We have limited opportunities and this initiative would destroy all hope of developing an economy that provides jobs for our youth in the villages.

### This initiative could:

- Prohibit development of prospects like Donlin Creek, which brings jobs, hope and revenue to the Calista region.
- Shut down existing mines, including Red Dog, Fort Knox, Pogo, Kensington, Greens Creek, Rock Creek and Big Hurrah.
- Unfairly TAKE JOBS AND REVENUE AWAY FROM RURAL ALASKA.
- End large-scale mining in Alaska and the many benefits it provides to all Alaskans.
- Direct benefits like the \$10.9 million Red Dog expects to pay this year to the Northwest Arctic Borough as their payment in lieu of taxes.
- Jeopardize thousands of jobs that keep village economies healthy. Red Dog alone paid more than \$20 million in wages to the Native people working at the mine.
- Threaten tens of thousands of dollars in contributions to local non-profits and scholarship programs to train Alaska Natives for Alaska mining jobs.

The Red Dog Mine provides the economic engine for the Northwest Arctic Borough, its residents and all Alaska Natives through resource sharing.

### WE CANNOT AFFORD TO ENDANGER THIS RELATIONSHIP.

Learn as much as you can and say "no thanks" when the petition gatherers ask you to sign the anti-mining initiative. The initiative is not about one project. It's about an effort to shut down Alaska's future.

# Chairman's Message

From The Story Knife Calista Newslotter November, 2007



**Art Heckman** *Board Chairman* 

Delegates to the Annual Alaska Federation of Natives Convention in Fairbanks voted overwhelmingly not to support the Alaska Clean Water Initiative. This initiative was designed to stop mineral development projects in the Bristol Bay Region. This would

directly impact, and ultimately end future Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Section 7(i) and 7(j) revenue distributions generated through development of ANCSA corporation-owned natural resources.

Natural resource revenue derived from Native corporation land is shared under ANCSA Sections 7(i) and 7(j) among all 12 Alaska Native Regional corporations and 223 village corporations. Future revenue sharing will be jeopardized if the Alaska Clean Water Initiative becomes law because the initiative is written so broadly that Native corporations could not develop their own mineral resources - a source of jobs and growth in rural economies.

When we were elected to serve as Directors of Calista Corporation, we pledged to protect the corporation's assets. This initiative would make it impossible to develop the natural resource assets our predecessors dedicated so much time and effort to acquire when they selected and obtained title to the lands containing those resources.

Since the enactment of ANCSA in 1971, the 46 village corporations in the Calista region have cumulatively received more than \$90 million dollars in 7(j) distributions. This revenue was generated from subsurface royalties on oil and mineral production, and from timber on Native lands in Southeast Alaska. At times, these revenue sharing distributions have been - and will remain - critical revenue sources for some village corporations.

This subsurface royalty income is a significant economic resource that aids village corporations to purchase the critical and increasingly costly fuel required by village residents in rural Alaska. Much of this fuel is used in subsistence hunting and fishing, and it heats our homes. Dividends and distributions from village corporations to their shareholders are also enabled through ANCSA 7(j) payments.

If the "Clean Water Initiative" becomes law, economic development in the region and future resource revenue sharing under ANCSA 7(i) and 7(j) will be in jeopardy. All Native corporation shareholders and village residents should be informed about the potential impact of this initiative on their own village corporations, jobs and communities.

We ask you not to sign the initiative as it goes into your voting districts. If the initiative does go to a vote, we ask you not to vote in favor of the initiative.

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# Clean Water Initiative

The delegates at the 2007 Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) voted against a clean water measure that actually conceals an anti-mining initiative. This initiative would put a stop to mining all around Alaska. The mining industry is an important part of our development as a corporation, and provides a great many jobs to Shareholders around the Region.

Those who oppose the Initiative think that, if passed, the standards for water purity at mines would become unreasonable. Those who support the proposition say that the rules set forth in the Initiative would protect the subsistence way of life.

The group that opposes the Initiative is made up of several members who oppose the Pebble Mine project in the Illiamna area. The group also has members who are non-residents but have business interests in the Illiamna area. These individuals have more concern for their own special interests instead of looking at the overall economic growth and opportunity of the entire region.

Calista opposes the Clean Water Initiative for two reasons. First, it will damage the economy in the Calista Region by taking jobs and training away from Shareholders who depend on them. Second, Alaska already has some of the strictest water quality standards in the world, and the Initiative would classify bare rock and dirt as toxic pollutants. This would basically cripple the industry, as it would prevent movement of the displaced rock and dirt that occurs in mining.

Calista Corporation's future, and the future of its Shareholders are intertwined with the fate of natural resource development. We have a vested interest in continuing to provide opportunities for our people. The mining industry provides employment, training and opportunities for Shareholders and residents of the Region. In addition, they also infuse cash into the economy by purchasing goods and services whenever possible from rural businesses, which contributes to the growth and long-term development of the rural economy.

Calista supports the mining industry for its dedication to preserving the environment as well as for the potential that it holds for our Region.



Ad in <u>support</u>
of the
anti-mining
Initiative



# FOREIGN MINING COMPANIES are handing Alaskans

# NUGGETS



### NUGGET #1

The foreign mining companies say that a clean water initiative would shut down existing mines, like Fort Knox.

### TOSS THAT NUGGET

Existing mines are all protected under this initiative.



### **NUGGET #2**

The foreign mining companies who want to develop Pebble Mine are trying to convince Alaskans that setting high standards for clean water will kill all mining.

### TOSS THAT NUGGET

This initiative will only apply to new large scale mines and only if they can't assure Alaskans that their mine won't pollute drinking water and salmon.



### **NUGGET #3**

Foreign mining companies say the state will lose billions of dollars in revenue if a clean water initiative is passed.

### TOSS THAT NUGGET

False. Alaska taxes mining at a rate of less than 1%. But if there is even one mishap in Bristol Bay, Alaska will definitely lose much more.



### **NUGGET #4**

The foreign mining companies say that the Clean Water Initiative will undermine a fair permitting process.

### TOSS THAT NUGGET

The Clean Water Initiative does exactly the opposite. It simply ensures that new mines must not release toxic pollutants that will harm people or salmon.

Alaska Miners are a great resource to our state. BIG foreign mining concerns are only interested in getting the gold – and getting out.



Sign a Clean Water Initiative petition book at your local grocery store or hardware store or at the airport.

YOUR SIGNATURE FOR CLEAN WATER IS A VOTE FOR THE ALASKA THAT WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE.

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Governor Palin Announces AGIA Applications**

November 30, 2007, Anchorage, Alaska – Governor Sarah Palin today announced five companies have submitted applications for the exclusive right to build a natural gas pipeline to transport North Slope gas to market.

The applicants are Alaska Gasline Port Authority, AEnergia L.L.C., TransCanada, Sinopec ZPEB and Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority.

"America needs Alaska's gas to provide an affordable, steady, reliable stream of clean energy to residential, commercial and industrial consumers," said Governor Palin. "Today's progress toward building an Alaska gas pipeline demonstrates to the world that we are well on our way toward achieving that vital objective."

Applications were submitted under the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act, or AGIA, passed by the Alaska Legislature in May 2007. AGIA addresses Alaska's fundamental requirements, which fall roughly into three categories: protecting Alaska's interests with reasonable commercial terms, meeting the needs of Alaskans with in-state gas and labor opportunities, and procedural elements that facilitate an expedited pathway toward state and federal approval and a timely open season to solicit capacity on the line.

"Today marks yet another milestone in our quest to commercialize our vast reserves of North Slope gas," Palin said. "With five good companies investing a lot of money just for the opportunity to compete for the exclusive, \$500 million AGIA license, they have shown how profitable a project this can be for them, and how Alaska has created a positive environment in which to do business."

Each application will be reviewed to determine whether it has complied with AGIA's mandatory terms. Governor Palin and her team have consistently stated that applications must meet each of AGIA's 20 requirements to be considered for the award of the AGIA license.

"Americans rely on natural gas now more than ever. Natural gas provides nearly one-fourth of the nation's energy supply, with consumption up by about 30 percent in the last 20 years," Governor Palin added. "Bringing Alaska's North Slope gas to market in an environmentally responsible manner may reduce the burden on energy consumers and lessen American dependence on foreign energy sources."

Following the completeness review, all applications will be made public. Applicants can apply to have proprietary information or trade secrets protected. Using public

comments, the gasline team will apply the AGIA evaluation criteria to determine which application "maximizes benefits to the people of the state."

The commissioners of the Departments of Natural Resources and Revenue will forward a written decision with their recommendation for a single licensee. The legislature will then have 60 days to approve the commissioners' proposed action.

"The sooner we proceed to the licensing phase of the AGIA process and the sooner we get this line constructed, the sooner Alaskans will reap its benefits," said Governor Palin.

Alaskans can follow the review process online at www.state.ak.

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

### ConocoPhillips Submits Proposal to Advance the Development of the Alaska Gas Pipeline Project

HOUSTON, November 30, 2007 --- ConocoPhillips [NYSE:COP] today announced that it has submitted a proposal to the governor of Alaska to advance the development of the Alaska Gas Pipeline Project. The proposed pipeline would transport approximately 4 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas from the Alaska North Slope to markets in Canada and the United States.

ConocoPhillips is prepared to make significant investments, without state matching funds, to advance this project as part of this proposal. The company already has efforts underway to begin new field data acquisition to support the pipeline permit applications.

"We desire to work directly and purposefully with the state of Alaska and the Legislature to advance this project as quickly as possible," said Jim Mulva, chairman and chief executive officer of ConocoPhillips. "We also expect to approach other parties to explore ways through which their participation could add value to this effort."

During the initial phase of the project, Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc. will provide engineering and technical support and other related project services.

ConocoPhillips is an integrated petroleum company with interests around the world. For more information and to see a copy of the complete proposal, go to www.conocophillips.com.

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Governor Palin Unveils Savings Plan**

December 5, 2007, Anchorage, Alaska – Keeping her commitment to save for the future, Governor Sarah Palin today announced details of a two-year \$7.1 billion savings plan.

Governor Palin also released the results of the Voices Across Alaska survey, an online survey where Alaskans shared opinions on how the state surplus should be saved and invested. More than 10,000 participated in the web survey.

"We are celebrating a milestone in Alaska's history – an opportunity to save for the future and work toward a more predictable budget that will help every Alaskan deal with the very real challenges of living in our Great Land," said Governor Palin.

Using the survey results as a general guideline, the two-year savings plan calls for:

- Investing \$2.6 billion in the Education Fund to help fund public education in the future.
- Creating a \$1 billion fund whose earnings would be used for future transportation infrastructure.
- Depositing \$450 million in funds from the FY08 surplus into TRS to reduce the unfunded liability and provide future savings in the State's required contributions to TRS.
- Replenishing the Constitutional Budget Reserve with \$379 million.
- Investing \$250 million in an alternative energy fund. This fund would be used for energy projects recommended by a strategic energy plan, which could include hydroelectric, wind, geothermal, biomass and tidal power.

Governor Palin also proposes to deposit \$2.4 billion from the Permanent Fund earnings reserve to the Permanent Fund principal. The FY 09 Operating and Capital Budgets will be released in Anchorage next week.



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NE NPR-A Supplemental IAP/EIS Comments **ENSR** Corporation 1835 South Bragaw Street, Suite 490 Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Dear NE NPR-A Planning Team:

On behalf of the Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc. (RDC), I am writing to urge the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to adopt Alternative C as the Preferred Alternative in the Final Supplemental Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS) for the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NE NPR-A).

RDC is a statewide, non-profit, business association comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's oil and gas, mining, timber, tourism and fisheries industries. Our membership also includes Native regional and village corporations, local governments, organized labor and industry support firms. RDC's mission is to help grow Alaska's economy through the responsible development of the state's natural resources.

As we have consistently stated in earlier comments regarding NPR-A, RDC believes full leasing should occur in the planning area. Three decades of oil and gas activity in the Arctic clearly demonstrate that industry has the capability to operate throughout Alaska's North Slope while maintaining high standards of safety and environmental sensitivity.

New advances in technology have greatly reduced industry's footprint, allowing for the preservation of more surface acreage within the oil fields for wildlife habitat. In addition to technological advances, scientific studies conducted since 1998 have greatly improved the agency's knowledge of the biological resources within the planning area.

New exploration and production technologies will be best employed if industry is allowed to explore those lands within the petroleum reserve with the highest prospects for a commercial discovery. 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 important that BLM provide access to the Northeast planning area's best prospects. Alternative C would provide such access. North Slope oil and gas deposits have occurred almost exclusively within a 25-mile

strip of the Beaufort Sea coastline. Alternative C would open acreage within this belt – acreage that could hold significant deposits.

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 the 1998 plan for the Northeast area, but was open to leasing in the amended 2005 plan. It is considered to be among the most oil-rich acreage in NPR-A, perhaps containing two billion barrels of oil. RDC recognizes this area contains large populations of waterfowl and caribou and is coveted by local residents for subsistence hunting.

While Alternative C would open 100 percent of the Northeast area's 4.6 million acres to oil and gas exploration, permanent facilities would be prohibited on more than 1,113,000 acres. A variety of protective measures and stipulations would be employed to mitigate impacts of energy development and other land uses on resources in the planning area. These protective measures would provide BLM flexibility to adopt management decisions to uncertain and changing environmental conditions, and provide more consistent management across the entire northern portion of NPR-A.

Alternative C would retain the setbacks around streams and lakes provided by the 1998 IAP/EIS and it would establish new setbacks north and east of Teshekpuk Lake. It would also utilize performance-based stipulations and mitigation measures.

RDC continues to maintain its support for Alternative C. However, it also recognizes Alternative D has merit as a reasonable compromise that provides access to much of NPR-A's most prospective acreage while providing measures to mitigate impacts. Alternative D should be adopted as the Preferred Alternative, should Alternative C be eliminated in the decision-making process.

While Alternative D would open 95 percent of the Northeast area to oil and gas exploration, permanent facilities would be prohibited on more than 1,451,000 acres. Management practices would emphasize consultations with local residents and coordinated scientific studies to protect wildlife habitat, subsistence use areas, and other resources. Under Alternative D, Teshekpuk Lake (approximately 211,000 acres) would be indefinitely deferred from leasing. This deferral would preclude exploratory drilling and pipeline construction.

Alternative D makes available approximately 389,000 acres that were unavailable in the 1998 Record of Decision. This acreage is within the area of highest oil and gas potential in the Northeast planning area, and is within the Teshekpuk Lake Special Area. A number of protective measures have been developed as requirements and standards to protect important resources and subsistence activities.

While RDC supports reasonable mitigation measures, future leasing, exploration and development could be discouraged by inefficient costly requirements that duplicate and contradict existing standards and regulations. Mitigation measures

should be science-based and cost efficient. They should not include arbitrary requirements or subjective terms open to wide-ranging interpretations. Moreover, many of the proposed measures appear to transfer BLM responsibilities to the lessee, compounding expenses of new oil and gas activities.

With regard to controlling the expense of proposed mitigation measures, RDC recommends that BLM identify where administrative, operational and cost efficiencies can be realized on various monitoring programs and research requirements. In some instances, companies should be encouraged to share mitigation efforts when they agree to coordinate and collaborate on specific projects and programs. It would be helpful if BLM could identify when and how companies could share efforts and compliance requirements.

Alaska's oil and gas industry continues to innovate and invest in environmentally-sound business practices. It operates under the most advanced and stringent regulations and oversight in the world. Under this set of circumstances, it makes sense to open the entire Northeast planning area for leasing, or at the very least, the areas outlined under Alternative D.

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, employment and oil and gas production would likely be greater under Alternative C than under the other alternatives.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Supplemental IAP/EIS.

Sincerely,

Carl Portman
Deputy Director

### **Dale Lindsey**

Alaskans have lost a community and business leader, a visionary and risk-taker, a devout family man and friend ... and one heck of a Resurrection Bay silver salmon angler.

Lifelong Alaskan Dale Lindsey passed away at home in Seward on November 21, 2007, after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 71.

Dale was born in Seward on January 6, 1936, and lived there on the same family property since he was 9 months old. He and his wife, Carol, acquired Andy's Oil Delivery in Seward in 1959 and transformed the company into Harbor Enterprises, Alaska Oil Sales, Petro Marine Services, and North 60 Petro Ltd., with employees in Southcentral and Southeast Alaska and Western Canada.

His business success, his integrity, compassion, personal charisma and his tireless commitment to the community encouraged everyone who knew him.

In 1995, Dale was named the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce's "William A. Egan Alaskan of the Year," and in 1997, he and Carol were inducted into the Alaska Business Hall of Fame.

Dale joined Andy's Oil Delivery in 1956 as a truck driver. Previously he had worked as a locomotive fireman for the Alaska Railroad, as railroading was a family tradition. His father, brother and grandfather were career Alaska Railroaders. He was also a commercial fisherman with his brother-in-law, Ray Anderson, in Chignik, but was better known as a shrewd poker player among his fellow fishermen.

Under Dale's leadership, Petro Marine pioneered international marketing in the Russian Far East, successfully competed with global competitors in the growing Bering Sea fuel market and through acquisitions expanded from Seward throughout Southcentral Alaska, and eventually into Southeast and the Yukon Territory.

Throughout his life, he was driven by a sense of purpose and a vision of what the future could be. Dale never let this obsession alter his genuine enjoyment and appreciation for the present: his family, friends, employees and loyal customers.

Among his favorite pastimes was taking friends and business associates trolling and jigging for silver salmon in Resurrection Bay aboard his boat(s), all named "The Forty Niner."

As host on the Forty Niner, Dale went overboard. Literally. In addition to baiting hooks and setting downriggers, landing fish and serving fried chicken lunches and ice cream bars to his guests, he more than once took an accidental dip into the bay.

Service and loyalty were the hallmarks of his philosophy, traits that he carried forward in his business and personal conduct. They were the cornerstones of his life. Whether it was the Forty Niner or his business, Dale liked things clean, tidy and orderly. He was known as "Mr. Clean" at the office and at home.

Success never changed him. He was kind, generous, down-to-earth and had a terrific sense of humor throughout his career and life. Dale was as comfortable clearing dishes from the table after he and Carol hosted a dinner at their home as he was in hammering out the crucial details of a business deal.

He owned several crab fishing vessels during his career. He was a founding partner of Winstar and Ultrastar Exploration LLC ... the first Alaskan-owned independent oil and gas companies to explore and drill for oil on the North Slope.

Just as his entrepreneurial endeavors demonstrated his enduring belief in the free enterprise system, his contributions to public service organizations and his commitment to philanthropy reflected a profound sense of responsibility, respect, and appreciation for Alaska and Alaskans. He was very proud of his Alaskan heritage.

Dale served on the boards of the Alaska Sealife Center, the Alaska Railroad Corporation and Northrim Bank. He was also a member of Commonwealth North, Resource Development Council for Alaska, The Alliance, Junior Achievement of Alaska and many other public service boards and commissions. He and Carol have been among the most prolific supporters of the Alaska Sealife Center, along with many other Alaskan charities and several global Christian missions.

Dale is survived by Carol, his wife and partner of 53 years; son Keith and daughter-in-law, Dorene, of Seward; son Kurt and daughter-in-law, Diana, of Anchorage, and a daughter, Tammi, also of Anchorage. He was preceded in death by two sons, Craig and Kent; his parents, Ed and Eva Lindsey; a brother, Jack Lindsey, and sister Shirley Webb. He has four grandchildren: Matthew and wife Tiffany, and Kristopher of Anchorage, and Autumn and Craig Lindsey of Keystone Heights, Florida. A sister, Margaret Anderson, also lives in Seward.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Seward Community Library/Museum Project, City of Seward, Box 167, Seward, AK, 99664; Alaska Community Foundation, 400 L Street, Suite 100, Anchorage, AK, 99501, or a charity of choice.

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### 2007 RDC RAFFLE PRIZE LIST

Drawing will be held Thursday, November 15, 2007 At the conclusion of RDC's Annual Conference: Alaska Resources 2008

### Holland America Seven-Day Cruise for Two

Donated by Holland America Line Won by Jeff Dallman

### Two Round Trip Tickets on Alaska Airlines

Donated by Alaska Airlines Won by Allen Bingham

### 40-lb. Case of Frozen Alaska Red King Crab

Donated by Westward Seafoods, Inc. Won by Mike Moora

### Two Round Trip Tickets on PenAir

Donated by PenAir Won by Bill Hite

### 35-lb. Case of Sockeye Salmon Filets

Donated by LGL Alaska Research Associates Won by Brent Murphy

### Two Round Trip Train Tickets between Anchorage – Denali

Donated by the Alaska Railroad Corporation Won by Emily Cross

### Helicopter Ride for Four People

Donated by Evergreen Helicopters of Alaska, Inc. Won by J. Keysor

### **Dell Vostro 1500 Laptop Computer**

Donated By Network Business Systems Won by Judy Patrick

### Two Nights Accommodation at the Laughing Raven B&B in Homer

Donated by Mo Hillstrand and Jeff Foley Won by Susan Bramstedt

### Kenai Fjords National Park Cruise for Two

Donated by Kenai Fjords Tours Won by Ella Ede

### eTrex Vista Hiking Companion GPS

Donated by The Surveyors Exchange Co. Won by Karen Matthias

### Mendenhall Glacier Helicopter Tour and Guided Walk

Donated by TEMSCO Helicopters Won by Jim Mendenhall

### Chainsaw

Donated by Koncor Forest Products Won by Marie Greene

### Rod and Reel

Donated by Weston Solutions, Inc. Won by Jim Palmer

### \$100 Gift Certificate to Allure Day Spa

Donated by Lynden Won by Stephanie Massie

### \$100 Nordstrom Gift Certificate

Donated by Alaska Executive Search Won by John Sturgeon

### **Sheraton Hotel Package**

Donated by Sheraton Anchorage Hotel Won by Clayton Walker

### Mounted Aerial Photograph of Mt. Hunter

Donated by AERO-METRIC Anchorage Won by Lyle Madsen

### Sunday Brunch for Four

Donated by Millennium Alaskan Hotel Won by Bill Brophy

### Framed Shane Lamb Print

Donated by Marathon Oil Company Won by Jack Colonell

### Forget-Me-Not Print

Donated by Alaska USA Federal Credit Union Won by Rachel Batres

### Maps of Alaska

Donated by Mapmakers Alaska Won by Jim Palmer

### Logo Items and Leatherman Tool

Donated by Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. Won by Ron Letey

### Logo Jacket and Portfolio

Donated by Alaska Housing Finance Corp. Won by Rick Montgomery

### Case of Golf Balls

Donated by Perkins Coie LLP Won by Mitch Erickson

### Fleece Vest and Polo Shirt

Donated by Enbridge Inc. Won by Skip Reierson

### Two Logo Jackets

Donated by Mikunda Cottrell & Co., Inc. Won by Sheila Bergey and Janyce Harpel

### **TOTE Dry Bag**

Donated by Totem Ocean Trailer Express Won by Phil Cochrane

### Two Waterproof Backpacks

Donated by ASRC Energy Services Won by Lorna Shaw and Natasha Shively

### Wall Clock and Coffee Mugs

Donated by the City of Wasilla Won by S. Halloran

### Ft. Knox Logo Items

Donated by Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. Won by Eric Dompeling, Bob Dugan, and Robert Pledger

### Travel and Shoe Bag

Donated by US Travel Won by Bob Barndt

### George Schmidt Memorial Raffle and Silent Auction In Support of AMEREF

Drawing and Silent Auction was held Friday, Nov 9, 2007 at the AMA Annual Convention and Trade Show, Miner's Banquet, Sheraton Anchorage Hotel. The Holland America 7-day for 2 Cruise was the raffle grand prize.

7-day Cruise for 2 on Holland America Line Donated by Holland America Line Won by Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse

Ulu with Antler Handle/Stand Donated by Coeur Alaska Won by Hal Ingalls

Romance Package

Donated by Sheraton Anchorage Hotel Won by Mike Michand

\$100 Gift Card to Nordstrom Donated by Lynden Inc. Won by Warren Woods

ConocoPhillips Gift Basket Donated by ConocoPhillips Won by Stephen Hodgson

Chocolate Gift Pack

Donated by Alaska Wild Berry Products Won by Mike Cammack

\$100 Alaska Laser Wash Gift Certificate Donated by Alaska Laser Wash, Inc. Won by David Wright

TOTE Duffel Bag and Wine Glass Set Donated by Totem Ocean Trailer Express Won by Liz Crafford

iPod Shuffle Donated by GeoLogic Solutions Won by Jerry Covey

\$25 Gift Card to Eddie Bauer Donated by Anonymous Won by James Mendenhall

Travel Mugs Donated by Rain for Rent Won by James Mendenhall, John Cole, Don

Stevens, Hal Ingalls Tesoro Truck Set & \$50 Fuel Card Donated by Tesoro Alaska Company Won by Howard Grey

\$50 Gift Card to Glacier Brewhouse Donated by Glacier Brewhouse Won by Jewell Larrabee

Roadside Safety Bag

Donated by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company Won by Clayton Walker

UCM Set: Candy, Mugs, Hats Donated by Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. Won by Memo Martinez, Steve Borell, Bruce Tweet, Holly Morris

Matching Pebble Denim Shirts Donated by The Pebble Limited Partnership Won by Hal Ingalls

Pebble Denim Shirt Donated by The Pebble Limited Partnership Won by John Cole

Pebble Jackets

Donated by The Pebble Limited Partnership Won by Don Stevens, Roger Burgraff, Chris Valrose, Paul Richards, Joni Manuel

Matching Fort Knox Sweatshirt Set Donated by Fort Knox Gold Mine Won by Steffy

Fort Knox Hats (10) Donated by Fort Knox Gold Mine Won by Liz Crafford

Fort Knox Hat & T-Shirt (10) Donated by Fort Knox Gold Mine Won by Mary Shields

Fort Knox Hat & T-Shirt Set Donated by Fort Knox Gold Mine Won by Arne Bakke, John Lukens, Thor Brandt-Erichsen

Donated by Alaska Horn & Antler Won by Dave Heatwole

Garmin Rino GPS Donated by Fort Knox Gold Mine Won by Richard Schok

Usibelli Fleece Jacket Donated by Usibelli Coal Mine Won by Jason Brune, Jesse Cervin

Pebble Hats (10) Donated by The Pebble Limited Partnership Won by Bruce Gamble

North to the Future

Donated by Fort Knox Gold Mine Won by Carolyn Ellis, Angie Grant

CAT Tractor Replica Donated by Anonymous Won by Howard Grey Bushnell Binocular Donated by Anonymous

Won by Rufus Bunch

Jade Seal Hunter Donated by Alaska Horn & Antler Won by Memo Martinez

Fort Knox Shirts

Donated by Fort Knox Gold Mine Won by Balassa Daughty, Leo Anthony

\$50 Tesoro Fuel Card Donated by Tesoro Alaska Company Won by June McAtee

Silent Auction

Walrus Ivory Native Mask Donated by Calista Corporation Won by Jenny Harmon

500 Pounds Freight Donated by Northern Air Cargo Won by Kevin Rogers

Garmin GPS MAP 76CSx Donated by The Surveyors Exchange Won by Russ Cox

Commemorative Bowl Donated by Alaskans for Don Young

Won by Yoli Caro Alaska Aces Hockey Ticket Vouchers (2) Donated by Alaska Aces Won by Dave Lappi

Alaska Aces Hockey Ticket Vouchers (2) Donated by Alaska Aces Won by Alayna Krsnak

Pebble Project Jacket Donated by The Pebble Limited Partnership Won by Elaine Nisson

Handmade Reversible Aprons Donated by Barbara Hayden Won by Marilyn Borell, Marleanna Soto

\$100 Gift Card to Best Buy Donated by Anchorage Sand & Gravel Won by Kip Knudson

\$100 Gift Card to Home Depot Donated by Anchorage Sand & Gravel Won by Deb Clune

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Donated by NANA Development Corporation Won by Jenny Harmon Adult Passes to H2Oasis (2)

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TOTE Duffel Bag and Wine Glass Set Donated by Totem Ocean Trailer Express

Won by Monique Henriksen Tesoro Truck Set & \$50 Fuel Card Donated by Tesoro Alaska Company Won by Jen Athey

Pebble Project Jacket Donated by The Pebble Limited Partnership Won by Dave Heatwole

UCM Set: Candy, Mugs, Hats Donated by Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. Won by Kevin Adler

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Tesoro Truck Set, Duffel & \$50 Fuel Card Donated by Tesoro Alaska Company Won by Paul Sterk

Gardening Set Donated by Dana Novak Won by Kelley Gill

\$50 Gift Card

Donated by Moose's Tooth/Bear Tooth Won by Kip Knudson

Glacier Adventure Cruise Donated by Cook Inlet Region, Inc. Won by Holly Morris

\$50 Gift Card to Allure Donated by Allure Day Spa & Hair Design Won by Kelley Gill

Garmin Rino GPS Donated by Fort Knox Gold Mine Won by Joni Manuel

CAT 777D Off Highway Truck & Mugs

Donated by Anonymous Won by Lorna Shaw

Hand-Beaded Christmas Tree Donated by KC Jones Won by Carolyn Lyman

Gold Nugget

Donated by Silverado Gold Mines Inc. Won by Dave Heddol-Smith

Glass Cheese Plate, Fused Glass Icicle, Artist Cards Donated by Robin Murphy

Won by KC Jones \$50 Gift Card to ORSO Donated by ORSO Won by Linda Lappi

\$100 Certificate to Mayflower Catering Donated by Chiulista Services Won by Jeanine Schmidt

Mendenhall Glacier Flightseeing/Heli Tour for 2 Donated by TEMSCO Helicopters, Inc. Won by Clayton Walker

Fir Stump Basket Donated by Alaska Horn & Antler Won by Tom Henderson

Stone Eagle Head Donated by Alaska Horn & Antler Won by Meg Day

Chainsaw Donated by Koncor Forest Products Company Won by Deantha Crockett

International Harvester TD-15 Crawler Donated by Anonymous Won by Jeanine Schmidt

Signed/Framed Randall Compton Print Donated by Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. Won by Ken Gerondale

Ride in a Caterpillar 785 Haul Truck Donated by Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. Won by Holy Morris

Lump of Alaska Clean Coal Donated by Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. Won by Jenny Harmon

Green Fees for Two at AGC Donated by Anchorage Golf Course Won by Kip Knudson

Framed Sydney Laurence Print Donated by Wells Fargo Won by Mike Satre Gemini-3 Metal Detector

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