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## **BREAKFAST MEETING**

**Thursday, September 17, 2009**

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

**Building & Preserving Alaska's  
Future: An Update on Corps  
Projects and Issues**

Colonel Reinhard Koenig, District Commander,  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Next Meeting: October 1: Growth & Economic Development in the Mat-Su Borough, John Duffy, Borough Manager, Matanuska-Susitna Borough

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# News Release

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### Corps Issues Permit Modification for Kensington Mine

ANCHORAGE – Following required regulatory processes, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, issued a modification today to a permit issued in 2005 to Coeur Alaska, Inc.

The modification extends the time limit for completion of the authorized work to July 31, 2014. It also updates the project plans and tables to accurately reflect wetland mapping updates and corrections, minor variations from construction activities authorized under the initial permit, subsequent modifications and other on-site construction requirements.

The district reviewed more than 8,500 comments received during the public comment period and considered all of them in authorizing the modification.

The permit, as modified in 2005, included an authorization for Coeur Alaska to construct a mine tailings storage facility in Lower Slate Lake at the Kensington gold mine in Southeast Alaska.

For details about the modification, go to the Alaska District's Regulatory website at

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Alaska District  
*"Building and Preserving Alaska's Future"*

# U.S. Corps of Engineers to complete permit for Kensington gold mine

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in August granted a modified permit for Coeur Alaska's Kensington gold mine project in Southeast Alaska, allowing the project to move forward immediately after being stalled by years of litigation.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in June that Coeur Alaska had a valid 404 fill permit from the Corps to dispose of tailings from the mine in Lower Slate Lake. The Corps then called for public comment on minor modifications to the permit. However, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in July asked for a substantial delay in the issuance of the 404 permit to re-evaluate the tailings disposal plan and consider another option.

The EPA action raised concerns as to whether the Supreme Court's decision upholding the permit would be the final word in the long-standing dispute and whether the agency would veto the Corps' recent decision to re-issue the permit. The state, however, has been informed by the agency that it will not veto the permit.

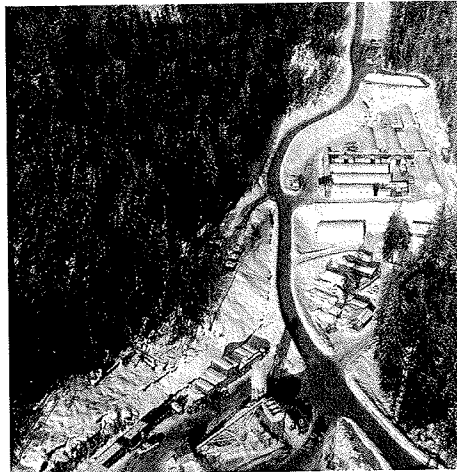
Alaska's state and congressional leadership welcomed the Corps' decision to move forward with the modified permit.

"The Corps made the right call," Governor Sean Parnell said. "They recognized this project has been approved through the right processes, and there's no reason for delay."

Senator Mark Begich said, "I am pleased to hear that, after reviewing the facts and more than 8,500 public comments, the Army Corps of Engineers made the right decision." Begich added, "the amended permit confirms my belief that the disposal of tailings in Slate Lake is the environmentally-preferable option, and when the project is complete will actually leave the lake with improved fish habitat."

Senator Lisa Murkowski pointed out that "Kensington will provide hundreds of badly needed jobs and tax revenues while having a minimal effect on the environment."

In July, Alaska's two U.S. senators, the state, RDC and others urged the Corps to follow the Supreme Court's ruling and make



Kensington is expected to provide 300 jobs during construction and millions of dollars in taxes and other revenues to the Juneau area. Gold production could begin in late 2010.

the necessary modifications to the permit so the project could proceed.

Murkowski and Begich sent a lengthy letter to the Corps detailing the senators' concerns with possible EPA intervention in the permitting of the mine, despite the Supreme Court ruling. The letter included detailed legal analysis refuting the EPA's arguments and pointed out factual errors in the agency's case, including the opinion of the senators and others that no substantially new or significant information on the mine has surfaced to prompt additional review.

"Because we care about the environment and also the people of Alaska, we found it profoundly distressing to have the EPA suggest yet another tailings disposal option..., especially in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court decision which specifically recognized the thorough review of alternatives undertaken in the permitting process leading to the Lower Slate Lake Corps 404 tailings permit," Murkowski and Begich said.

After mine closure and reclamation, Lower Slate Lake will boast substantially better fish habitat and aquatic life than what currently exists. Under the Lower Slate Lake option, only 0.4 acres of wetlands will

be lost over the long term, compared to a loss of 102 acres of wetlands and a permanent eight-story high tailings pile under the Paste Tailings Facility (PTF) option the EPA wanted the Corps to consider, following the Supreme Court decision. PTF is merely a variant of a fully-analyzed and already rejected dry stack option.

A second letter, signed by Murkowski and Begich along with 10 Senate colleagues, similarly called on the Corps to reject any further delay and raised concerns about the potential precedent of allowing EPA to challenge Corps-issued permits.

"We have signed this letter because of the far-reaching implications that decisions related to Kensington Mine could have – not just in Alaska, but throughout the United States. At the heart of the debate is whether a project that has complied with all environmental laws, that has gone out of its way to institute training and local hire of Native Americans, and has withstood years of legal challenge and won in the Supreme Court, can now be killed through additional bureaucratic delays," the 12 senators wrote.

RDC, which filed an Amicus Brief before the Supreme Court in support of Coeur Alaska's efforts to develop Kensington, wrote the Corps last month, warning that a new EPA review would result in yet another substantial delay, another winter without jobs for many Alaskans and potentially jeopardize the project since the permit would be vulnerable to appeals and more litigation.

In a letter to the EPA, William Martin, President of the Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, insisted tribal citizens are not trading jobs for pollution. "We are confident that all of our cultural, environmental and subsistence concerns have been adequately addressed," Martin pointed out. "If we thought this mine would harm our traditional way of life or harm our ancestral lands and resources, we would be its most vigorous opponents. But we are not. We agree with and support the permit previously issued."



## RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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### **RDC Action Alert: *Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf***

Comment Deadline is September 21, 2009

#### **Overview:**

The Obama administration intends to develop a new offshore energy plan for the nation over the next six months. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar is seeking input on where and how his department should move forward in developing the traditional and renewable energy resources of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Four public hearings were recently held across the nation, including Anchorage in April where over 600 people from across the state were in attendance.

Specifically, the Interior Secretary is seeking comments on all aspects of the "Draft Proposed Program," including energy development and economic and environmental issues in OCS areas. The new offshore energy program will likely emphasize renewable energy, with some new oil and gas development in certain areas.

Non-development interests have launched a nationwide effort to convince Secretary Salazar that no OCS development should occur off Alaska's coast. How RDC members and their associates and friends respond to this challenge could well determine Alaska's economic course for decades to come. A recent study by Northern Economics and the University of Alaska Anchorage reveals that OCS development has the potential to sustain Alaska's economy for generations.

#### **Requested action:**

Although the comment period has been extended to September 21<sup>st</sup>, please submit comments early and encourage your associates and friends to also do so. RDC members should reflect on experiences and facts unique to their own personal situation. Obviously, a secure supply of reasonably priced energy affects the economics of domestic mining, transportation, aviation, construction, commercial fishing and other resource development activity. The multitude of jobs these industries provide Alaskans drives our economy. Brief personalized comments from our members will go a long way in showing the Secretary the importance we place on "doing it right" in Alaska.

***In your comments, specifically support the Draft Proposed Plan covering the period 2010-2015 and encourage the Minerals Management Service to provide for a seamless transition to new oil and gas leasing programs in the future that will expand access to the nation's OCS energy resources.***

#### **How to comment:**

Please reference "**2010-2015 Oil and Gas Leasing in the Outer Continental Shelf**," in your comments and include your name and return address. You may submit your comments using one of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>

Under the tab "More Search Options," click "Advanced Docket Search," then select "Minerals Management Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click the submit button. In the Docket ID column, select MMS-2008-OMM-0045 to submit public comments and to view related materials on the DPP and select MMS-2008-OMM-0046 to submit public comment and to view materials on the Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS.

Mail:

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**Points to consider:**

- Access to Alaska's OCS resources may be a key element in the economic feasibility of the proposed natural gas pipeline from the North Slope to the Lower 48, one of President Obama's Top 5 Green Energy Priorities. Additional gas reserves beyond those already discovered are needed to make the project economic.
- Access to the OCS has the potential to sharply increase throughput in the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, which is currently operating at one-third capacity.
- For every barrel of oil America refuses to develop domestically, it will have little choice but to import an equal amount from overseas – where weaker environmental regulations often apply.
- A comprehensive energy plan for the nation must include Alaska, which accounts for over 30 percent of the nation's technically recoverable oil and gas resources.
- According to the federal government, more than 86 billion barrels of oil and 420 trillion cubic feet of natural gas lie undeveloped off U.S. shores in the OCS. That amounts to enough energy to replace 50 years worth of OPEC oil.
- A recent report issued by the Interior Department shows that these undeveloped reserves of the OCS represent about four times America's proven reserves of oil and natural gas.
- Based on USGS and MMS assessments, 50 percent of undiscovered oil resources and 36 percent of undiscovered natural gas resources lie offshore.
- The Alaska OCS is an important future source of U.S. energy supply with an estimated 27 billion barrels of oil and 132 trillion cubic feet of natural gas potentially in place. By comparison, total production from the North Slope since 1977 has been approximately 15.5 billion barrels.
- The Chukchi Sea is considered the nation's most prolific, unexplored offshore basin in North America.
- OCS development has an outstanding safety and environmental record spanning decades in Cook Inlet, the Gulf of Mexico, the North Sea and elsewhere.
- In Alaska, over 77 percent support OCS development. Nationwide, 61 percent of Americans support new offshore oil and gas development.
- Oil and gas production can occur in a responsible manner under a strong regulatory system, seasonal operating restrictions as needed, and mitigation measures to avoid conflicts with other resource and subsistence users.
- The OCS has the potential to sustain Alaska's economy for generations, sharply increase Alaska oil and gas production, create tens of thousands of new jobs and generate hundreds of billions of dollars in federal, state and local government revenues.
- According to a recent University of Alaska study, OCS production could provide an annual average of 35,000 jobs for 50 years and \$72 billion in new payroll.
- Sharing federal royalty payments from production in federal waters with coastal states and local communities is critical, as it significantly benefits local governments, promotes national economic interests and generates additional, new federal revenues by increasing state and local participation. Such sharing facilitates a closer partnership among federal, state and local agencies.
- Given demand for energy will rise as the economy recovers, America must continue to pursue new oil and gas development, even as the nation slowly transitions to the new energy sources of the future.
- Even under the most optimistic projections, petroleum products and natural gas are projected to account for almost 65 percent of domestic energy consumption in 2025 – requiring continued development of domestic oil and gas resources.
- Increased emphasis on renewable energy should not preclude or require less oil and gas development. America needs more of both to reduce its reliance on foreign oil.

For additional information on the hearing: <http://www.doi.gov/ocs/>

Institute for Energy Research: [http://www.instituteforenergyresearch.org/contact\\_form/](http://www.instituteforenergyresearch.org/contact_form/)

To view selected OCS testimony from Anchorage hearing:  
<http://www.akrdc.org/issues/oilgas/ocs/>

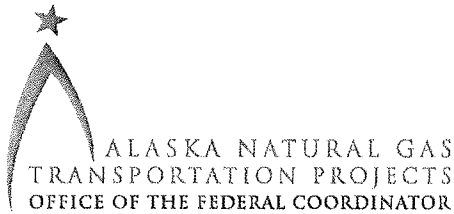
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**Comment Deadline is September 21, 2009**

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# News Release

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** September 15, 2009      **CONTACT:** Jennifer Thompson, (202) 406-0815

## **Big Labor Pushes Alaska Gas Pipeline Project**

Washington, D.C. – The Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline project received a major boost today at the AFL-CIO convention in Pittsburgh, PA. Tagged as the "important project to our nation's economic future," the project was endorsed in three resolutions unanimously passed by AFL-CIO convention delegates.

Drue Pearce, federal coordinator for the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects (OFC) said, "Today the Alaska natural gas pipeline project received a monumental endorsement from labor at the AFL-CIO annual convention. America needs world-class infrastructure projects that can give hard working Americans good paying jobs. This is just that kind of project and the AFL-CIO working families get it."

Vince Beltrami, the president of the Alaska AFL-CIO, addressed the national convention on the importance of this gas pipeline project to labor. "It would create tens of thousands of direct jobs and estimates exceeding 100,000 indirect jobs. From the engineering and manufacturing of pipe and other parts to the transportation, loading, shipping, and construction of the project and operations thereafter. So, as we adopt this resolution, I seek only to make this body aware of and hope to build support for the largest project in the country that moves us to a cleaner greener economy and puts thousands of our members to work."

Pearce reiterated her ongoing message about employment saying that there are jobs for all Americans, not just Alaskans. "This project will have direct and indirect impacts to many of our labor sectors all of which will be critical in supporting this project. I am pleased that Vince Beltrami took this message to Pittsburgh and that others publicly shared their support by unanimously passing the resolutions today."

To underscore labor's support, Frank Carroll, the Second District International vice president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers [IBEW] and who represents all of New England, came out in support of the project when speaking about his resolution. "Like the resolution says we need a world class infrastructure, significant investment in transportation, and a highly educated and well-trained workforce to put it all together. We must push further for additional projects that will not only bring jobs and rebuild the economy, but also aid our manufacturing sector and address the energy and environmental issues.

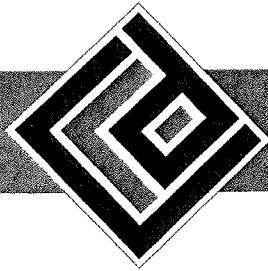
"One project that brings it all together is the proposed natural gas pipeline in Alaska," he continued. "Even though this project is thousands of miles from my home, it will benefit my community and communities across the country. This is the type of infrastructure projects we must continue to fight for. Ones that will rebuild our economy through good jobs."

The Office of the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects (OFC) was established by Congress in 2004 to expedite and coordinate federal permitting and construction of a pipeline and enhance transparency and predictability of the federal regulatory system to deliver natural gas from the Arctic to American markets. The OFC coordinates with over 20 federal agencies, the Canadian federal government, the State of Alaska (which leases all the known natural gas reserves and owns portions of the right of way), tribal governments and other stakeholders.

(Links to the AFL-CIO speeches in this press release can be found at the OFC website, [www.arcticgas.gov](http://www.arcticgas.gov) and Vince Beltrami's speech can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/akaficio>)

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Chairwoman Nancy Sutley  
Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force  
Via Internet

Dear Chairwoman Sutley and members of the Task Force:

The Resource Development Council (RDC) is writing to thank you for considering information and feedback from individuals, communities, organizations, and in particular, Alaskans on ocean policy. Your visit to Alaska in August demonstrated what we hope will be a long-term relationship and opportunity for communication and coordination for national ocean policy.

RDC is a statewide, non-profit, membership-funded organization founded in 1975. Our 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.

Alaska possesses more coastline than all other states in our nation combined. Subsequently, the impact of any oceans policy will affect Alaska significantly.

RDC urges cautious development of a national ocean policy, and encourages the task force to take into consideration programs that have already been established and proven to protect and manage the oceans. National oceans policy should include measures to address the need for more research and data collection in the oceans. Any ocean policy should coordinate with existing management programs and stakeholders with a focus on avoiding redundancy and maintaining access. Increased bureaucracy would hamper already slow processes, delaying projects vital to Alaska's economy with no added benefits to the environment.

For example, Alaska already has the best managed sustainable fishery in the world. The North Pacific Fisheries Management Council uses science as the foundation for its decision making process. We ask you to consider

what another bureaucratic layer would add. Indeed, fishing in Alaska provides over half of the nation's harvest of seafood landings, and is a significant employer in the state. Proactively, the Arctic fish management plan was developed closing the Arctic to fishing until further research is completed and data is collected. This action should not imply endorsement of a permanent closure of the area but rather, the need for a better understanding of the ecosystem prior to management decisions being made. Moreover, the need for additional research should not be used to indefinitely delay fishing in the region.

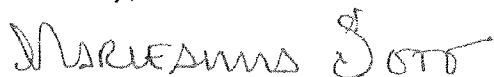
The ocean, specifically the nation's outer continental shelf, can also go a long way to helping the United States reduce its dependence on foreign sources of energy. Emphasis in any ocean policy must be placed on allowing access to these resources while protecting traditional uses such as subsistence hunting. We urge the administration to include Alaska on the forefront for development of offshore resources, including renewable and non-renewable resources.

In addition to fishing and energy, RDC's tourism, mining, and transportation members also rely on future access to the ocean for their responsible and ongoing operations. Shipyards, ports and transportation companies all benefit from activities and energy production in Alaska's waters. The Arctic Ocean, a potential new route for shipping and transportation will present new opportunities for Alaska, and the U.S.

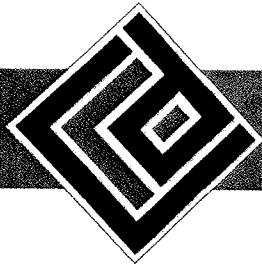
Because of the vast natural resource development potential in Arctic waters off the coast of Alaska, RDC is also very supportive of increased Coast Guard presence. With this presence must come additional infrastructure. New Coast Guard bases in Alaska will improve safety to remote villages, while also increasing national security.

In conclusion, RDC applauds the Administration for seeking input from stakeholders across the nation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

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Marleanna Soto  
Projects Coordinator



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August 26, 2009

Ms. Stephanie Stewart  
ADEC Pesticide Program  
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Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Ms. Stewart:

The Resource Development Council of Alaska, Inc. (RDC) is writing to ask the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) to approve the Alaska Railroad's application for a permit to use herbicides for vegetation management on track located between Indian and Seward.

RDC is a statewide business association comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's oil and gas, mining, forest products, tourism, and fisheries industries. RDC's membership includes Alaska Native corporations, local communities, organized labor, and industry support firms. 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 Alaska Railroad is truly an asset in this state, employing over 700 people year-round. Additionally, the Railroad transports over 540,000 passengers and over 6 million tons of freight each year. Much of this freight includes coal, fuel, aggregate, and building materials for projects around the state, making the Railroad a vital service to RDC members.

With approximately 650 miles of mainline and branch track, the Railroad's ability to maintain safe and reliable conditions is imperative to keep employees and the general public protected during operation. Despite efforts to manage vegetation through non-chemical methods, dangerous growth in the 90-mile stretch between Indian and Seward has led the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to demand improvements to the track, or risk it being shut down. In fact, between 1997 and 2008, the FRA issued 947 defects and 74 violations against the Railroad. In June 2009 alone, the FRA issued an additional 171 defects and 47 violations for safety issues and concerns related to vegetation. These violations carry hefty fines and further threats of track closures and speed limits, ultimately affecting the Railroad's customers. While the FRA acknowledges the Railroad's efforts to control vegetation without chemicals, the risks of obstruction, derailments, and slip and fall hazards are too great to not require increased vegetation management for continued operation.

Given these recurring warnings and violations, it is imperative the Railroad be permitted to implement an effective vegetation management solution. We support the Alaska Railroad's proposal to apply a general-use, water safe herbicide combined with nonionic surfactant. This method has been evaluated by a University of Alaska research team and proven to have no adverse effects on humans, fish, or wildlife. These "weed killers" are regulated and approved by other state and federal governments, and their application would be conducted by licensed, experienced contractors under the Railroad's supervision. Railroad employees and the public would be fully informed of the herbicide use and locations in which it would be applied.

The safe movement of trains is the number one reason to implement an integrated vegetation management program that includes herbicide use. The Railroad has conducted a thorough analysis of all management options, and has presented ADEC with a responsible plan to address the problem. It is for this reason RDC encourages ADEC to approve the Railroad's application as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

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Deantha Crockett  
Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc.

# Crossings



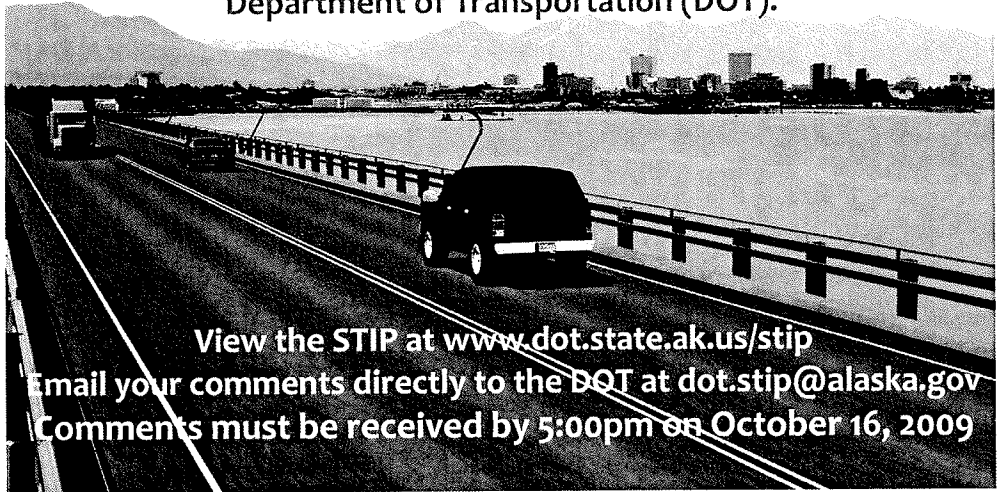
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## Upcoming events:

- Visit us at the DOT booth at the State Fair!
- STIP comments due October 16, 2009
- The next KABATA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, October 8, at 1:30pm at the Atwood Building in Anchorage, Conference room 1860
- AMATS Technical Advisory Committee meets 2:30-4:30pm on the second Thursday of the month
- AMATS Policy Committee meets 1:00-3:00pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month

## Your Opinion Matters — Please weigh in!

The 2010-2013 Draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) has been released. You can help ensure the benefits of the Knik Arm Crossing are realized by expressing your opinion to the Department of Transportation (DOT).



View the STIP at [www.dot.state.ak.us/stip](http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stip)  
Email your comments directly to the DOT at [dot.stip@alaska.gov](mailto:dot.stip@alaska.gov)  
Comments must be received by 5:00pm on October 16, 2009

## The Knik Arm Crossing benefits Alaskans

- Necessary infrastructure for projected population growth in Southcentral Alaska
- New route for Mat-Su commuters
- Supports resource development projects: natural gas pipeline, Chitna coal, and other coal, oil, gas, and mining opportunities
- Easy access to the new Goose Creek correctional facility
- Facilitates northbound freight benefitting the Interior and beyond
- Provides safety and transportation system redundancy for alternative travel routing and access between airports, ports and hospitals, and fire, police, and disaster relief

On August 27th, the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) Policy Committee unanimously rescinded its June 25 vote to move the Knik Arm Bridge from a short-term to a long-term project in Anchorage's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

This action means the Knik Arm Crossing is back on the short-term plan and moving forward to secure environmental approval and a Record of Decision.

Please continue to remain involved, as the entire AMATS process is based on transportation requirements and public input.



## AMATS Settlement Reached

On August 18, 2009, a settlement agreement was reached between the AMATS Policy Committee, the cities of Houston and Wasilla, and KABATA over the lack of public participation in a recent decision by AMATS to alter the timeline and scope for the Knik Arm Bridge. The settlement agreement requires

AMATS to abide by public participation plan guidelines that AMATS adopted in February 2009. The participation plan guidelines require specific notice and public comment procedures which were not followed as part of the AMATS action in June 2009 to alter the scope and timeline of the Knik Arm Crossing

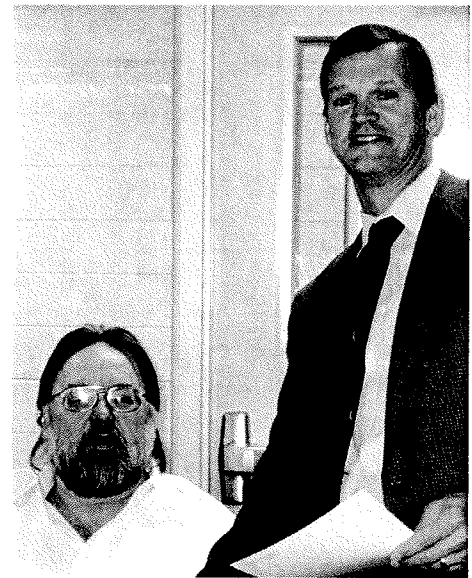
project. Policy committee members did not admit to any wrongdoing in the settlement. Andrew Niemiec, executive director of KABATA stated, "Legitimate Public process is good public policy and all parties unanimously agreed that was what needed to be at the forefront. The AMATS policy committee and

all parties reached consensus on what's right and inclusive." Niemiec continued, ***"The KABATA team looks forward to cooperative planning. The Knik Arm Crossing is a critical infrastructure development project for Alaska – we need to get it right!"***

## Houston drafts resolution in support of the Knik Arm Crossing

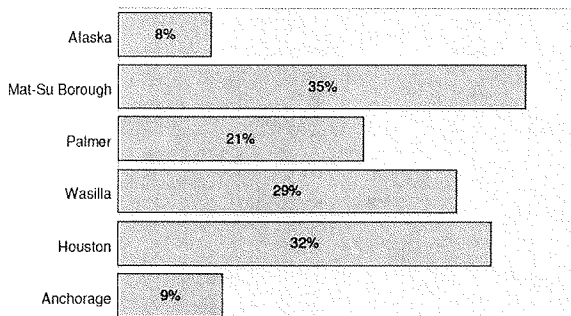
The city of Houston has passed a resolution affirming its support for the Knik Arm Crossing. In a letter dated August 13, 2009, Houston Mayor Roger Purcell congratulated the Governor on his "elevation to the Office of the Governor," and went on to voice the city's support for the Knik Arm

Crossing. The letter urges the administration's continued support of the Knik Arm Bridge Project. The resolution reiterated the great need for the bridge and the many benefits it will provide. Houston and the Mat-Su are the fastest growing areas of the state.



### Population Growth Percentage Change

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis



Former KABATA board member Darci Salmon was honored for his outstanding support and advocacy of the Knik Arm Crossing Project. KABATA Executive Director Andrew Niemiec presented the Resolution unanimously adopted by the KABATA Board.

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## CURRENT Agenda

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10/19/2009 MONDAY	
0730-0900	REGISTRATION
0900-0945	<p><b>Welcome, purpose and scope of conference (co-chairs)</b></p> <p><b>Opening remarks</b>  U.S. Ambassador David Balton (confirmed)  US. Senator Lisa Murkowski (tentatively confirmed)  US. Senator Mark Begich (tentatively confirmed)  Alaska Governor Sean Parnell (invited)</p>
0945-1015	BREAK – Sponsored health break
1015-1230	<p><b>Overviews of climate impacts, resources, and uses</b></p> <p><b>Impacts of climate change on the Arctic Ocean and adjacent seas</b>  Harald Loeng, Institute of Marine Research, Norway (confirmed)</p> <p><b>Living resources: What lives there now or may live there?</b>  Libby Logerwell - Biological resources in the Arctic (confirmed)  Alexander Glubokov - VNIRO, Russian Federation (invited)  Dirk Zeller, University of British Columbia (confirmed)</p> <p><b>Who uses it? – Panel to include industry and subsistence users</b>  Moderator - Paul McGregor (invited)  Lene Kielsen Holm, ICC Greenland (confirmed)  Jimmy Stotts, ICC Chair (invited)  Russian Federation representing commercial fishing  Norway representing commercial fishing</p>
1230-1400	LUNCH at the Hotel Captain Cook
1400-1530	<p><b>Concurrent sessions: policy and science</b></p> <p><b>Track 1</b></p> <p><b>International laws, commissions and management policies</b>  Overviews of current situation and future trends in policy and management  Moderator - Erik Molenaar, University of Utrecht, the Netherlands (confirmed)  Kjartan Hoydal, Ex. Dir. Northeast Atlantic Fisheries Commission (confirmed)  David Benton, Marine Conservation Alliance, USA (confirmed)  Canadian representative  Russian Federation representative</p> <p><b>Track 2</b></p> <p><b>Scientific perspectives on climate change and Arctic fisheries</b>  Overview of science topics with representation from Arctic nations, to include  Indigenous perspectives - Caleb Pungowiyi, Oceana (confirmed)  Physical oceanography - Tom Weingartner, UAF (invited)  Sea ice ecosystems - Dr. Tara Connelly, NRDC (confirmed)  Siberian/Barents/Kara ecosystems - Vitaly M. Smagin, AARI (invited)  Beaufort/Canadian Archipelago ecosystems</p>
1530-1600	BREAK
1600-1730	<p><b>Concurrent sessions continue:</b></p> <p><b>Track 1</b></p> <p><b>International laws, commissions, and management policies</b>  Panel of 4-5 people present case histories  Bill Wilson, NOAA (confirmed)  Leif Fontane, Organization of Fishermen and Hunters, Greenland (confirmed)</p> <p><b>Track 2</b></p> <p><b>Scientific perspectives on climate change and Arctic fisheries</b>  Science topics, continued  Chukchi / Beaufort ecosystems  Ocean acidification - Dr. Jeremy T. Mathis, University of Alaska Fairbanks (confirmed)  Physical, physiological and ecological constraints - Jeff Short, Oceana (confirmed)  Panel discussion</p>
1730-1745	CLOSING – preview of Day 2



<b>10/20/2009 TUESDAY</b>	
0845-0900	CALL TO SESSION
0900-1130	<b>Gap analysis of national/international laws and management structures</b> Facilitated panel of speakers from previous day presenting their views about gaps in national and international management based on experience and previous day's presentations
1130-1300	LUNCH at the Hotel Captain Cook
1300-1500	<b>Gap analysis of research, science and data availability</b> Facilitated panel of speakers from previous day presenting a consensus summary of scientific perspectives on climate change and Arctic fisheries.
1500-1530	BREAK
1530-1730	<b>Future Directions</b> Moderator summarizes previous discussions and then leads panel representing individual nations to discuss following topics: Potential solutions to promote conservation and management of future Arctic fisheries Possible steps by Arctic neighboring states to address issues such as transboundary stocks Actions by international community to ensure healthy fish stocks in high seas portion of central Arctic Ocean where there are no current agreements Moderator: U.S. Ambassador David Balton Terje Løbach, Legal Advisor, Directorate of Fisheries, Norway (confirmed) Tomas Heidar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iceland (confirmed) Kjartan Hoydal, Exec. Director, Northeast Atlantic Fisheries Commission (confirmed) Erik Molenaar, University of Utrecht, the Netherlands (confirmed) Duane Smith, President, ICC Canada (confirmed) Canadian representative Russian Federation representative
1730-1745	CLOSING - preview of Day 3
1900-2100	SPONSORED RECEPTION
<b>10/21/2009 WEDNESDAY</b>	
0845-0900	CALL TO SESSION
0900-1100	<b>Finding common ground</b> Small group breakouts to discuss ways forward
1100-1130	BREAK
1130-1230	<b>Report of small group discussions</b>
1230-1400	LUNCH at the Hotel Captain Cook
1400-1500	<b>Facilitated discussion of recommendations and next steps</b>
1500-1530	<b>Closing remarks</b>
1530-1600	BREAK
1600-1700	<b>Organizing Committee meets to plan publication and next steps, if any</b>



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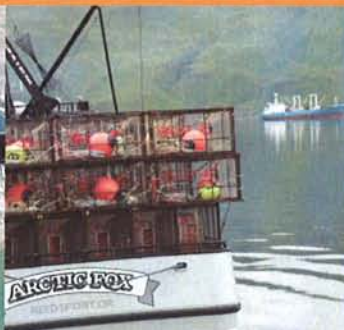
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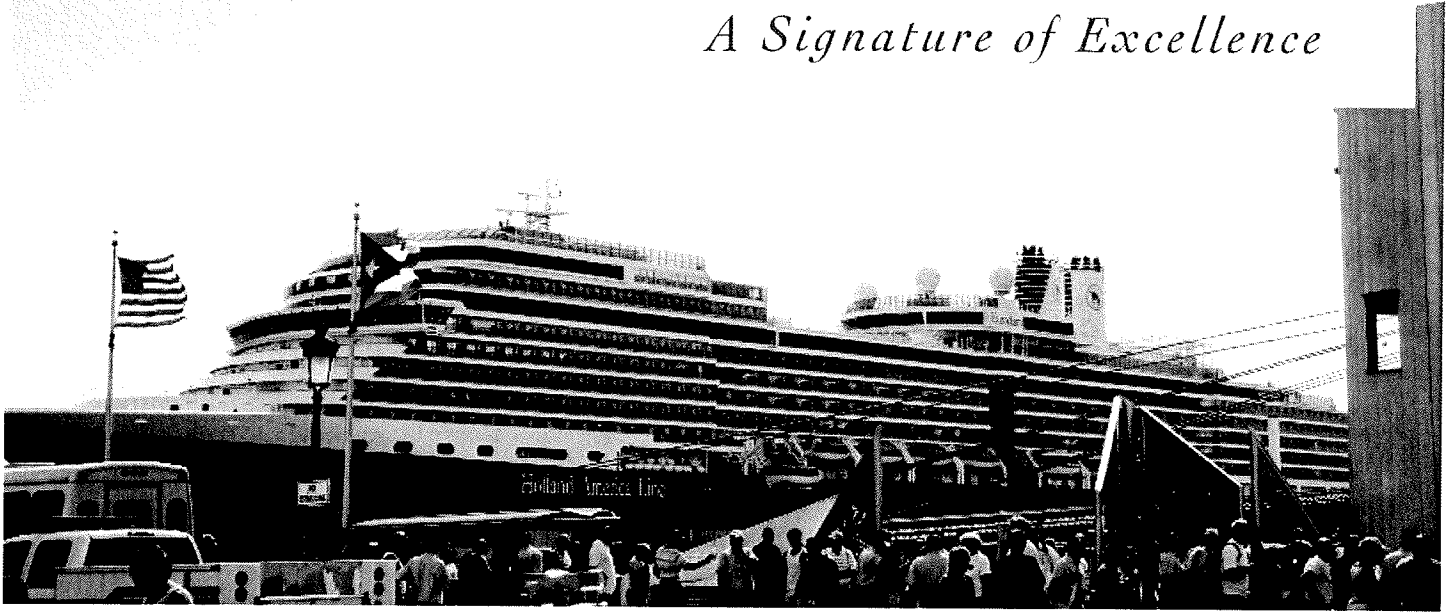
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