

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Growing Alaska Through Responsible Resource Development

BREAKFAST MEETING

Thursday, October 1, 2009

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

**Growth & Economic Development
In The Mat-Su Borough**
John Duffy, Borough Manager

Next Meeting: October 15: Red Dog's Engagement Program & The Next 20 Years: Jim Kulas, Manager of Environmental and Public Affairs, Teck Alaska and Rosie Barr, Resources Manager, NANA Regional Corporation

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Growing steps

BY ANDREW WELLNER
Frontiersman

MAT-SU — Between barge docks, cement shipments and rail spurs, it's a heady time for the Mat-Su Borough's fledgling Port MacKenzie.

"They've been working on developing it for many years. Now, all of a sudden, things have started coming together in the last few years," said Dave Hanson, the borough's director of Economic Development.

Hanson said the \$3 million in economic recovery money the federal Economic Development Administration announced last week will tack nearly 8 acres onto the borough's existing 6-acre dock. The borough has to come up with \$1 million to match that money, Hanson said, but it plans to do that mostly through in-kind contributions; namely, gravel. There's a lot of gravel on borough land near the port.

To some, the barge dock might look like just a gravel pad jutting out into the water. But, Hanson said, that gravel pad is a major piece of the port that allows a number of other things to happen.

"You have to have this or you can't do the next step," he said.

More space on the barge dock means more room for companies who use the port area to assemble big modules for use on the North Slope and elsewhere. The bigger pad also gives the borough a place to land a second trestle going out to its deepwater dock, which means more efficient loading and unloading of vessels since trucks won't have to turn around on the deepwater dock as they do now.

And then there's the rail loop. Well, it's not a rail loop. Not yet at least.

Right now the borough is constructing a stretch of road leading out to where the loop will be built. Eventually, it will build the loop as well. But borough officials are building it as a road, with the railroad in mind for later.

Still, Hanson said, even having a gravel road through the borough's land is significant.

"You open up a huge amount of territory for industrial use," he said.

And once the rails are in place, the port will be in business. Hanson said that shipping by trucks — as port customers do now — is three to four times more expensive than shipping by rail.

Brad Sworts, transportation planner at the borough, said having a railroad so much closer to the Interior than the ports of Whittier and Seward could help spur development of natural resources and reduce shipping costs for companies sending fuel and other bulk commodities to those areas.

"It's the distance to tidewater that makes the difference," he said.

But that's not to say the borough is leaving trucks out of the equation. An ongoing port project is working to reduce the grade of the road heading down to the port.

"This summer we had a project that pushed through the last hill," Sworts said.

Next summer they'll bring in big scrapers. The road leading from the top of the bluffs down to the dock will wind up being longer but significantly less steep.

And even with all these projects yet to be completed, Sworts said, companies are already using the port. Still, the projects on deck and underway are a big deal, Hanson said.

"Frankly, right now we are right on schedule, we are doing real well and it's quite exciting," he said.

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Grants flow for Point work

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WASILLA — A pair of grants from different sources will be applied to work in the Point MacKenzie area.

The first comes from the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority. The Mat-Su Borough is getting \$310,910. The Knik Tribal Council and the Native Village of Eklutna are getting \$107,637 each. Anchorage is getting \$522,000 and the State Historic Preservation Office will receive \$120,976.

Borough Manager John Duffy said the money earmarked for the Valley will be used to survey the proposed bridge landing and surrounding area for anything that is archaeologically significant.

“You have to, by law, identify and, if you find any historic or archeological property or artifacts, you need to mitigate and protect them,” he said.

Although the area has quite a rich history — the Knik townsite, one of the earliest white settlements in the Valley, is in the area, as are numerous now-abandoned Native settlements. Duffy said he doesn’t anticipate much will be found in the bridge landing area.

“We’ve reviewed a lot of that area because of previous efforts out there and we don’t suspect that there’s anything,” he said.

Still, he said, if something is found, it’s enough to change the bridge project.

“It doesn’t stop it, but boy I’ll tell you what, you redesign the project to avoid it,” he said.

The provisions in federal law governing this sort of thing are similar to those governing parks, he said.

“We’re facing that with the rail-line extension (from the Alaska Railroad’s mainline to Port MacKenzie) because one of the routes does touch two parks, two recreational areas,” Duffy said.

The second and larger grant is \$3 million from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to expand the barge dock and the borough-owned port in the area.

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich announced the grant Friday. The money will tack an additional 7.86 acres onto the existing dock, Duffy said.

He said the grant is well-timed since the borough is beginning work to put in a rail-loop in the area and will be pulling out a lot of gravel and other material to do it. That gravel will be useful as fill for the dock or for another project — leveling out the road going down to the water.

“Now we can do some real efficiencies out there,” he said.

Having a bigger dock will also allow the borough to get a lot more done there. Companies that need an area to assemble huge shipping modules will have it. One in particular, CH2MHill, is looking to use the dock to assemble housing modules to be sent to the North Slope.

And, a bigger dock means the borough can look at expanding its deep draft dock. That dock uses a trestle bridge. Trucks moving to the ships have to turn around on the trestle to get back. The barge dock expansion will give the borough a place to build an exit ramp.

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PRESS RELEASE: 2009 Tileston Award

Fort Knox gold mine near Fairbanks, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and three seafood processors in Unalaska have been selected to receive the Second Annual Tileston Award, named after long-time Alaskan conservationist Peg Tileston and her long-time husband and former state mining director Jules Tileston. The award celebrates resource developers whose success is measured both in their positive effect on our jobs and economy as well as our environment. Developers who, as Peg says, do it right.

When Fort Knox and ADF&G restored fish habitat and Arctic grayling to Fish Creek and when Unalaska's seafood processors made oil out of fish waste to generate heat and electricity, they captured the spirit of the Resource Development Council (RDC) and Alaska Conservation Alliance (ACA) annual Tileston Award, "if it is in Alaska, it must be done right!"

The Alaska Conservation Alliance and the Resource Development Council both agree that economic development and environmental stewardship are not mutually exclusive goals. The Tileston Award is not viewed as a 'green' award for the resource development industry or as 'economic' recognition for a conservation organization. "It is a uniquely Alaskan award established to honor organizations, individuals, and/or businesses that create solutions and innovations advancing the goals of economic development and environmental protection," said ACA Executive Director Caitlin Higgins.

The city of Unalaska and RDC member Frank Kelty nominated Alyeska Seafoods, Westward Seafoods, and Unisea Inc. for their processing and use of high quality fish oil in their plant operation; used as a 50 percent blend in the city's diesel generators and steam boilers and export for other uses. Kelty said he wanted to nominate the seafood processors to bring awareness to their efforts.

"It was a pleasure for us to nominate them," Kelty said, "few people know that they have been using fish oil out here for years and years."

Fort Knox and ADF&G are being awarded for taking it upon themselves to repair damage done to fish habitat from past activities of other mining operations in Fish Creek near Fairbanks. Their efforts established a viable Arctic Grayling population in Fish Creek and reversed Fish Creek's listing as an Impaired Water Body. Though the mine has brought and estimated \$250 million economic boost to Fairbanks and Alaska, the mine's restoration work can be considered priceless.

"It is impossible to place a dollar value on the results of [the] reclamation efforts, but the intrinsic value of clean water and a productive fishery cannot be overstated. In addition to the current benefits realized downstream, the economic benefits will carry their strengthening influence far into the future," said Lorna Shaw, Community outreach director for Fort Knox.

The first Tileston Award went to the Alaska Board of Forestry in 2008 was recognized at a reception in its honor as part of the Alaska Municipal League's conference on climate change.

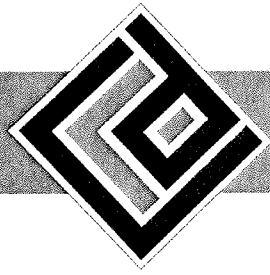
An award ceremony is scheduled for this year's Tileston Award recipients Thursday, October 1 at the Hilton's Top of the World Lounge, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information please contact Alaska Conservation Alliance at 258-6171 or the Resource Development Council at 276-0700.

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The Resource Development Council is a statewide, non-profit, membership-funded organization made up of businesses and individuals from all resource sectors, as well as Native corporations, support sectors, labor unions, and local governments. Through the Council these interests work together to promote and support responsible development of Alaska's resources.

The Alaska Conservation Alliance is the statewide umbrella group for approximately 40 member organizations with a combined membership of over 38,000 Alaskans. The Alliance unites Alaska's conservation community to speak with one strong voice in the State Capitol.



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September 28, 2009

EPA Region 10
Shell Chukchi OCS Air Permit
1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, AWT-107
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: Shell air quality permit for Chukchi Sea oil and gas exploration

The Resource Development Council (RDC) is writing to support the timely issuance of air permits required by the Clean Air Act for oil and gas exploration in the Alaska Outer Continental Shelf.

RDC is a statewide 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.

Shell needs the air discharge permit by the end of this year or in early January to make large financial commitments regarding its 2010 drilling activities. Without regulatory certainty, the company will once again be forced to cancel its drilling program.

In recent years, Shell has paid the federal government over \$2.2 billion for the right to explore leases in the Beaufort and Chukchi seas. Given that fact, RDC believes federal regulatory agencies such as the EPA have an obligation to process permit applications in a timely manner. Shell has been pursuing this permit at a direct cost of over \$13 million. The company's indirect costs can be measured in the billions of dollars and its entire Alaska investment is at risk if it cannot secure this critical air permit.

The emissions from exploration drilling operations will be temporary, and in the Chukchi Sea, they will occur some 60 to 100 miles or more offshore. Shell has consistently met or exceeded requirements for operating in the Arctic, including its onsite oil spill response fleet, stakeholder engagement, baseline data collection and marine mammal avoidance measures. Even without a permit in hand, Shell is exceeding regulatory requirements for emission discharges by retro-fitting its drill rig

with advanced best available control technology at a cost of \$25 million. Actual emissions from its operations would be nominal – well under national air quality standards – and would occur in an isolated, remote area far removed from any population center.

RDC supports access to the OCS, especially in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas. The responsible development of potentially-immense oil and gas deposits in Alaska would significantly boost the economy, create thousands of jobs, extend the life of the trans-Alaska pipeline, improve the economic viability of the proposed natural gas pipeline from the North Slope to the Lower 48, and reduce America's reliance on foreign energy. 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. 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.

Even with the Obama administration's goal to decrease America's dependence on oil, fossil fuels will still account for two-thirds of our energy consumption in 2025. The OCS is the most logical choice for meeting this demand, given its immense potential. If not the OCS and the North Slope, then where else do we go to meet this demand? For every barrel of oil America refuses to develop domestically, our nation will have little choice but to import another from overseas – where weaker environmental regulations and emission standards often apply.

OCS exploration cannot occur in Alaska until the EPA moves forward in a timely manner with the critical air permit. RDC urges the EPA to grant the permit without further delay. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this important issue.

Sincerely,

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
For Alaska, Inc.

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Carl Portman
Deputy Director



AIR PERMIT INFORMATION SHEET

Air Quality Permit proposed to Shell Gulf of Mexico to Operate the Frontier Discoverer Drillship in the Chukchi Sea, Alaska

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: AUGUST 20 - OCTOBER 5, 2009

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public comment on a proposed Clean Air Act permit for Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc. (Shell), 3601C Street, Suite 1000, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. The proposed permit will allow Shell to operate the Frontier Discoverer drillship and its fleet for a multi-year exploratory oil and gas drilling program within its current lease blocks from lease sale 193 on the Chukchi Sea outer continental shelf (OCS), beyond 25 miles from Alaska's seaward boundary. Because the drillship operations would be a "major" source, the permit must ensure that the operations meet the requirements of the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) program. The proposed permit is also based on non-guideline ISC3-PRIME modeling system used to predict air pollutant concentrations.

You are invited to comment on the proposed Shell OCS/PSD permit for the Chukchi Sea. You may also comment on the non-guideline methodology used to determine ambient air quality impacts. You may submit oral or written comments on the proposed permit at the public hearings. You do not need to attend the public hearings in order to submit written comments. You may send written comments to the address above.

All comments sent to EPA must be postmarked by October 5, 2009.

Send comments on the proposed permit to:

EPA Region 10
Shell Chukchi OCS Air Permit
1200 6th Ave, Ste. 900, AWT-107
Seattle, Washington 98101
Fax: 206-553-0110
Email: R10ocsairpermits@epa.gov

For questions about the proposed permit, contact:

Pat Nair, Permit Writer
EPA Region 10
Phone: 208-378-5754
Fax: 208-378-5744
Email: nair.pat@epa.gov

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

September 23, 2009

North Slope Borough Assembly Room
1689 Okpik Street, Barrow, Alaska
Informational meeting: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Public hearing: 5 p.m. – (end of comments)

September 25, 2009

Loussac Public Library Assembly Chamber
3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, Alaska
Informational meeting: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Public hearing: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Inupiat translation will be available at the meeting and hearing in Barrow. You can also participate in the public hearing by telephone at the teleconference centers in Atkasuk, Wainwright, Point Lay, and Point Hope.

For More Information

Suzanne Skadowski
Community Involvement Coordinator
EPA Region 10, Seattle, Washington
206-553-6689 or toll-free 800-424-4372
Email: skadowski.suzanne@epa.gov

Web: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/airpage.nsf/Permits/chukchiap>

PERMIT DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

EPA has prepared a detailed document called a "statement of basis" that explains the derivation of the proposed permit conditions and the reasons for them. The record for this permit action includes Shell's application and addendums, all supplemental information submitted by Shell, the statement of basis, the proposed OCS/PSD permit and all other materials relied on by EPA. The permit application, the statement of basis for the permit, and the proposed OCS/PSD permit are available at the locations listed below. Please call in advance for available viewing times.

Barrow City Office, 2022 Ahkovak Street, Barrow, Alaska, 907-852-4050

Wainwright City Office, 1217 Airport Road, Wainwright, Alaska, 907-763-2815

Atkasuk City Office, 5010 Ekosik Street, Atkasuk, Alaska, 907-633-6811

Kali School Library, 1029 Ugrak Ave, Point Lay, Alaska, 907-833-2312

Point Hope City Office, 530 Natchiq Street, Point Hope, Alaska, 907-368-2537

EPA Alaska Office, Federal Building, 222 West 7th Ave, Anchorage, Alaska, 907-271-5083

The permit application, statement of basis, proposed permit and a permit information sheet are also available on the web at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/airpage.nsf/Permits/chukchiap>. The permit record is available at the EPA Region 10 Library, 1200 6th Ave, Seattle, Washington, 206-553-1259. To request a copy of these materials or a copy of the permit record, contact Suzanne Skadowski as described above.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the proposed permit during the public comment period. If you believe any condition of this permit is inappropriate, you must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments supporting your position by the end of the comment period. Any documents supporting your comments must be included in full and may not be incorporated by reference unless they are already part of the record for this permit or consist of state or federal statutes or regulations, EPA documents of general applicability, or other generally available referenced materials. These proceedings are subject to the requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 124.

All timely comments will be considered in making the final decision, included in the record, and responded to by EPA. EPA will prepare a statement of reasons for changes made in the final permit and a response to comments received and will provide all commenters with notice of the final permit decision. **All comments sent to EPA must be postmarked by October 5, 2009.**

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED PERMIT

Sources of Air Emissions

The Discoverer is a turret-moored drillship with air emission sources that include generators for the drilling systems and associated self-powered equipment (such as air compressors, hydraulic pumps, cranes, boilers and other small sources), small boilers for heating and a small incinerator. The Discoverer's operations at an exploratory drill site will be supported by an associated fleet that consist of a primary icebreaker, a secondary icebreaker, a supply ship, an oil spill response ship, and oil spill workboats. The supply ship will make up to eight trips a year from Wainwright or Barrow to the Discoverer. As provided in the OCS regulations, emissions from a support vessel are counted as emissions from the OCS source when the Discoverer is anchored at a drill site and the support vessel is within 25 miles of the Discoverer.

The main pollutants that will be emitted from the Discoverer and its support vessels are nitrogen oxides (NO_x), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), particulate matter (PM, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5}), carbon monoxide (CO), and volatile organic compounds (VOC).

Air Pollution Controls

The proposed OCS/PSD permit requires Best Available Control Technology (BACT) on the Discoverer, to limit emissions of air pollutants while the Discoverer is anchored at a drill site. Control measures on the Discoverer include the use of ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel to reduce emissions of SO₂, Selective Catalytic Reduction controls and an oxidation catalyst on the six largest engines to reduce emissions of NO_x, and

catalyzed diesel particulate filters on all smaller, older engines to limit emissions of VOC, CO, and particulate matter (PM, PM10, and PM2.5). The proposed permit also requires the use of good operation and maintenance procedures and good combustion practices on the Discoverer and the support vessels to ensure emission limits are met. The permit also requires record-keeping and reporting necessary to determine compliance with the permit terms and conditions.

Air Quality Demonstration

As part of the permit application process, Shell is required to use air quality monitoring information and modeling to demonstrate that air quality in the vicinity of their drilling operations in the Chukchi Sea will continue to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and PSD increments.

In addition to emission limitations and permit requirements that impose BACT, the proposed Shell OCS/PSD permit also includes annual emission limits for NOx, daily emission limits for PM10 and PM2.5, and other operational restrictions to ensure that emissions from the Discoverer and its support vessels do not exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards or PSD increments while the Discoverer is anchored at a drill site. Examples of operational restrictions include: a limit on drilling to a total of 168 days between July 1 and December 31 of each year, and limits on the amount of fuel that can be combusted.

The proposed permit is based on the non-guideline ISC3-PRIME modeling system used to predict air pollutant concentrations. This modeling system has not been approved by the EPA for general use, but has been tested for use in arctic conditions. PSD increments are limits on the amount that air quality can be degraded by actual emissions. The following percentages of the applicable PSD increments are predicted to be consumed by Shell’s operations: 3-hour Sulfur Dioxide (SO2): 14.45 %; 24-hour SO2: 30.77%; annual SO2: 10.50%; annual Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2): 83.20%; 24-hour Particulate Matter Less than 10. (PM10): 94.00%; and annual PM10 11.18%.

The proposed permit, if effective, would allow the Discoverer and the support vessels to emit air pollutants as specified in Table 1.

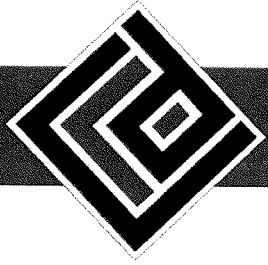
Table 1 - Permitted Air Pollutant Emissions from Discoverer and Associated Fleet as OCS Source at all Locations

Air Pollutant	Emissions (tons per year)
Carbon Monoxide	762
Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)	1965
Particulate Matter Less than 2.5 (PM2.5)	184
Particulate Matter Less than 10 (PM10)	210
Particulate Matter	260
Sulfur Dioxide (SO2)	181
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	166

Additional Project Information

EPA Region 10 has also received five notices of intent from Shell requesting authorization for coverage under the Arctic General Permit (AKG-28-0000) for exploration activities in its current leases blocks from lease sale 193 within the Chukchi Sea. Shell’s notices of intent and information about the Arctic General Permit are available at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/WATER.NSF/NPDES+Permits/General+NPDES+Permits>.

<p>Mailing List</p> <p>To be added to our mailing list for future information about this air permit and other EPA actions on the North Slope, contact:</p> <p>Suzanne Skadowski Community Involvement Coordinator EPA Region 10, Seattle, Washington 206-553-6689 or toll-free 800-424-4372 Email: skadowski.suzanne@epa.gov</p>
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September 28, 2009

Air Docket
Environmental Protection Agency
Mailcode 6102T
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in response to your solicitation for public comments regarding the proposal of Emission Control Area (ECA) designations for geographic control of emissions from ocean-going ships.

The Resource Development Council (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.

In its ECA application to the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the EPA included Southeast and Southcentral Alaska, indicating a need for emission control in these areas. However, EPA has stated, "Our air quality modeling does not extend beyond the 48 contiguous states, therefore, it will be necessary to find other ways to measure the health and environmental impacts of marine emissions on health and human welfare outside the continental United States." Furthermore, the EPA has committed to collaboration with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) on ECA designations, yet has overlooked air sampling done by ADEC that proves pollutant levels in coastal communities of Alaska are well below state and national air quality standards. Without its own air quality modeling, the EPA should not turn a blind eye to the State of Alaska's science surmising that no harmful affects on human health or environment exist in the air of these communities.

In addition to requiring scientific studies to justify an ECA, the IMO requires an economic analysis be done to consider the cost of implementing new standards, and the subsequent economic impacts to local communities. The Alaskan communities served by ocean-going ships, as well as the remainder of the state's residents, would certainly feel the effect of immense cost increases to vessel operations. This must be a factor that is taken into consideration before including Alaska in an ECA designation.

Creating an ECA in Alaska without sufficient air quality modeling will greatly impact Alaskans in all walks of life. RDC members across all resource sectors stand to be adversely affected: transportation companies that bring goods in and ship cargo out of the state will face significant cost increases in continued operations. Cruise ships, which bring an estimated one million visitors to Alaska annually, will face a nearly

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impossible task of complying with designations, given they will remain within the ECA boundaries during the entire trip. Exportation of commodities, particularly Alaska's natural resources like oil and gas, minerals, and timber, will become increasingly more expensive if ships carrying them have to incur higher operating costs.

In conclusion, RDC requests that you exclude Alaska from any ECA designations until adequate air quality modeling and economic impact analyses are conducted for the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deantha Crockett".

Deantha Crockett
Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc.

Cc: Governor Sean Parnell



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On behalf of the Board of Directors of RDC, we would like to thank the communities of Fairbanks, Denali and Healy for making our annual community outreach trip special and successful. We would also like to thank our sponsors, including Alaska Railroad Corporation, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, Anglo American US LLC, Black Diamond Catering, Chena Hot Springs Resort, ExxonMobil, Holland America Line, Rep. Jay Ramras and Pike's Waterfront Lodge, John Binkley and Riverboat Discovery Tours, Keith Sanders (RDC Board Member), and Usibelli Coal Mine.



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RDC's 30th Annual Conference

Alaska Resources 2010

Wednesday and Thursday, November 18-19, 2009
Dena'ina Convention Center
Anchorage, Alaska

Despite the global recession, Alaska's future remains bright with exciting opportunities across the state's resource development sectors. Ongoing development and production in Alaska's resource industries continue to move forward, providing jobs, income and revenues, all signs of relative economic strength compared to the rest of the nation.

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**Managing Resources
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19-21 October 2009

Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage, Alaska

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More than 200 persons are expected to attend, representing governments, fisheries agencies, and stakeholders.

Current Agenda

www.nprb.org/iafs2009/agenda.html

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

19 October

0730-0900	Registration
0900-0945	• Welcome, purpose and scope of conference (co-chairs) • Opening remarks
0945-1015	BREAK – Sponsored coffee break
1015-1230	Overview • Impacts of climate change on the Arctic Ocean – IPCC expert • Living resources: What lives there now or may live there? – Fisheries scientist • Who uses it? – Panel to include industry and subsistence users
1230-1400	LUNCH
1400-1530	International laws, commissions, management and scientific data • What we know • Trends and implications
1530-1600	BREAK – Sponsored health break
1600-1730	International laws, commissions, and management (continued)
1730-1745	Closing – preview of Day 2

20 October

0845-0900	Call to session
0900-1130	Use of science and data availability
1130-1300	LUNCH
1300-1500	Panel sessions – Arctic nations • Gap analysis of National laws and management structures within the Arctic Region
1500-1530	BREAK – Sponsored health break
1530-1730	Facilitated discussion and scenario development: • What are potential solutions to promote the conservation and management of future Arctic fisheries? • What steps need to be taken between Arctic neighboring states to address issues such as transboundary stocks? • What should the international community do about ensuring healthy fish stocks in the high seas portion of the central Arctic Ocean where there are no current agreements?
1900-2100	Sponsored reception

21 October

0845-0900	Call to session
0900-1100	Small group breakouts to discuss ways forward
1100-1130	BREAK – sponsored coffee break
1130-1230	Report of small group discussions
1230-1400	LUNCH
1400-1500	Facilitated discussion of recommendations and next steps
1500-1530	Closing remarks
1530-1600	BREAK – sponsored coffee break
1600-1700	Committee members meet to plan publication and next steps, if any

For Immediate Release

Contact Wayne Stevens

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State Chamber of Commerce Presents
John Shively with
2009 Outstanding Alaskan of the Year
William A. Egan Award

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce Presented John Shively with the 2009 William A Egan Award at their annual Fall Conference and Trade Show in Homer on Tuesday.

Throughout his 44-year career in Alaska, Shively has always taken a keen interest in Alaska's people and their future. Mr. Shively graduated in 1965 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. He came to Alaska in 1965 from New York State as a VISTA volunteer. His first duty station was Bethel and then he was transferred to Yakutat. He intended to come up and spend a year in Alaska, and then go back home.

While in Yakutat John met a young man named Byron Mallott, who was the mayor. The city had problems, so Byron asked John to come over to help put the city back together. Later as John went on to do work for VISTA he met Willie Hensley another up and coming Native leader. Then John did some work for the Alaska Federation of Natives, and then back to work for Byron Mallot who was now head of Rural Community Action Program, Inc. known as RurALCAP. Byron was one of the young leaders who became very active in the Native claims movement, and he got John interested in it. John became very active in the final years before the settlement trying to educate people in rural Alaska about the settlement.

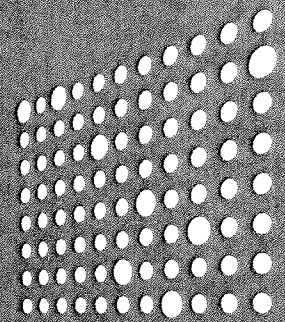
After leaving VISTA, John worked in the health field and wrote the grants that established the first two Native run health organizations – the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation and the Norton Sound Health Corporation.

He has held a variety of positions working with the Alaska Native community including Deputy Director and Executive Director of RurALCAP and Executive Vice President of the Alaska Federation of Natives from 1972 to 1975.

He then joined NANA Regional Corporation, serving in a variety of positions from 1975 through 1994, first as Vice President of Operations, then as Senior Vice President and later as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for NANA Development Corporation. Among his many activities during his time at NANA, one of the most significant was his involvement in the development of the Red Dog Mine, the world's largest zinc mine.

In 1983, Governor Bill Sheffield named Mr. Shively his Chief of Staff. Mr. Shively left that position in 1985, doing consulting work for a number of clients until his return to NANA in 1986. He also took on the challenge of Chairman and CEO of the United Bancorporation Alaska, Inc., and United Bank of Alaska during very trying times in 1987-88.

Under Governor Tony Knowles, Mr. Shively was the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, serving in the position from February 1995 until September 2000, the second longest tenure of any person in that position in Alaska's history. During his nearly six-year tenure, he was responsible for overseeing the management of more than 80 million acres of state land.



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Governor Knowles appointed Mr. Shively to the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Board of Trustees in January 1999. He was also named by the Governor to lead the 1999 state employee SHARE campaign, which set a record for giving that year.

In 2000, John co-founded and was the Senior Partner in Jade North, LLC, an Alaska based consulting firm specializing in natural resource and Alaska Native issues.

In 2002 John became the Vice President of Government and Community Relations for Holland America Line.

In 2008 he assumed his current position as the Chief Executive Officer of the Pebble Partnership, a company formed to explore the potential of developing a copper/gold/molybdenum deposit in southwest Alaska.

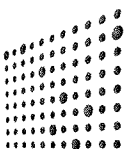
John has been a Regent for the University of Alaska and served on a number of other boards including; Anchorage Symphony, Democratic Leadership Council, Junior Achievement of Alaska, Inc., Alaska Federation of Natives Legislative and the Resource Development Council Board of Directors where for five years he served as president. In the early 1990's, the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska tapped Mr. Shively to head up a successful statewide campaign to raise nearly \$1 million.

John is the author of a number of publications on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and other Native and rural issues.

In 1992, he received the Denali Award from AFN for his contributions to the Native community. The award is the highest honor given by the Alaska Federation of Natives to a non-Native.

The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce is proud to award John Shively the title "Outstanding Alaskan of the Year" for his remarkable service to the state of Alaska and its people.

The celebrated and prestigious William A. Egan award is given to individuals who have made substantial and continual contributions of statewide significance while working in the private sector. Each year, nominations are kept strictly confidential and the selection is made by the casting of a secret ballot by all past chairs of the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce. The recipients of the Outstanding Alaskan of the Year form an impressive list of Alaskan "Who's Who" and dates back to its first honoree in 1964.



The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce and Alaska Business Monthly Magazine join forces to present Alaska's "Top 49ers"

Two of Alaska's most-respected organizations have joined forces to present this year's Top 49er Luncheon. Alaska Business Monthly and the Alaska State Chamber will co-host and present the Top 49 Alaskan-owned and -operated businesses in the state, for 2008. Always anticipated each year, the Top 49er presentation offers a snapshot, and in-depth look at the viability and resourcefulness of Alaskan business enterprise in the State.

This is the first year ABM and the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce have joined together to present the 49ers. "We decided these companies have a statewide presence, and the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce was a good partner for this kind of program," said Jim Martin, Vice President and General Manager of the Alaska Business Monthly. The Chamber's long-time association as a voice and advocate for Alaskan business are well known. "It's win-win for both of us."

The companies featured employ Alaskans, and many have Outside subsidiaries as well. "It's amazing what these companies do," said Jim Martin, Vice President and General Manager of Alaska Business Monthly. "These home-grown corporations are some of the wealthiest in the state, and in the case of one company, had 2008 gross revenues of more than \$2 billion. We have never seen that kind of prosperity from any company in our 25 years of doing this listing."

Wayne Stevens, President/CEO of the Alaska State Chamber, said, "In a year with many concerns and challenges for business in the State, we see in the Top 49ers, leadership and vitality that will continue to set the pace for Alaskan business growth into the future. We're also encouraged to see more large Alaskan companies headquartered and remaining here, which brings outside revenue, and jobs back into the state."

The luncheon is scheduled at the Dena'ina Center on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009, with doors opening at 11:30 a.m. For more information, or to make reservations, call Alaska Business Monthly at 907-276-4373 or 1-800-770-4373.
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