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Thursday, May 3, 2012

1. Call to order –Tom Maloney, President
2. Self Introductions
3. Head table Introductions
4. Staff Report: Rick Rogers, Executive Director
5. Program and Keynote Speaker:

***Port of Tacoma: Shipping Advantages for Alaska's  
Resource Development Projects***  
 John Wolfe, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Tacoma

Next Meeting: May 17:  
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### **RDC Action Alert:** ***Draft IAP/EIS for the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska***

**Deadline for Comment is June 1, 2012**

#### **Overview:**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has released the Draft Integrated Activity Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS) for the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A). The five volume document, available online at [www.blm.gov/ak](http://www.blm.gov/ak) proposes several alternative future management strategies for the 23-million acres of federal lands in the NPR-A on Alaska's North Slope. The public comment period will run through June 1.

The draft plan is the first that covers the entire NPR-A, including BLM-managed lands in the southwest area of the reserve which were not included in previous plans. Decisions to be made as part of this plan include oil and gas leasing availability, surface protections, Wild and Scenic River recommendations, and Special Area designations. The NPR-A IAP/EIS presents four alternative approaches for the planning effort:

- **Alternative A** is the No Action Alternative and reflects current management of NPR-A established in the 2004 and 2008 Records of Decision for the Northwest and Northeast NPR-A, respectively, and the Colville River Special Area Management Plan of 2008.
- **Alternative B** describes future management that emphasizes the protection of the surface resources of NPR-A. This alternative would close approximately 52 percent of the petroleum reserve to exploration and development. There would be substantial increases in areas designated as Special Areas, designation of extensive areas that would be unavailable for leasing around Teshekpuk Lake, in coastal bays and lagoons, and caribou habitat and primitive recreation values in the southwestern part of the Reserve, and recommendation for designation of twelve Wild and Scenic Rivers.
- **Alternative C** provides for smaller additions to Special Areas than Alternative B, withholds from leasing the most remote part of NPR-A that has the greatest potential for providing a primitive recreation experience, provides for leasing with extensive surface protection stipulations near Teshekpuk Lake, and recommends three rivers for designation as Wild and Scenic Rivers. Opportunity to lease oil and gas resources in three-quarters of the reserve would be allowed under Alternative C.
- **Alternative D** would allow BLM to offer all of the NPR-A for oil and gas leasing, while protecting surface values with a collection of protection measures.

#### **Action requested:**

Please testify at an upcoming public hearing and/or submit written comments in support of Alternative D, encouraging BLM to open all of NPR-A's subsurface to oil and gas leasing, while protecting important surface values with protection measures, combined with oil and gas leasing stipulations and best management practices.

**Deadline for Comment is June 1, 2012**

#### **Submit comments to:**

Online Submittal: [www.blm.gov/ak](http://www.blm.gov/ak)

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NPR-A IAP/EIS Comments

AECOM Project Office

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Hand-deliver to AECOM at their Anchorage address listed above or to BLM's Public Information Center in the Federal Building, 222 W. 7th Ave., Anchorage.

**Public Meetings:**

Barrow - May 21, Inupiat Heritage Center Multi-Purpose Room

Fairbanks - May 23, Noel Wein Library

Anchorage - May 24, Campbell Creek Science Center

All hearings are tentatively scheduled to formally begin at 7 pm and will be preceded with an open house at 6 pm.

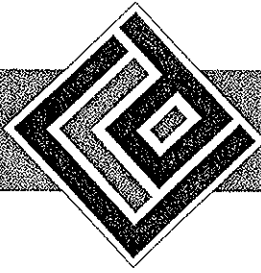
**Points to consider in your comments:**

- Given NPR-A was specifically designated by Congress for the production of energy resources and the need for new oil production has increased, it is vital that BLM provide access to NPR-A's highest prospective areas prospects. It should adopt Alternative D as its preferred alternative.
- All of the producing fields on the North Slope are located within 25 miles of the coast. Eliminating substantial acreage within the "Barrow Arch" could preclude the discovery of a major deposit in NPR-A.
- Industry's track record on the North Slope and the technological advances of the past decade, which have greatly reduced the development footprint, support full leasing in NPR-A.
- Seasonal stipulations, standards and other protective measures could be applied to safeguard sensitive areas.
- New oil and gas production from NPR-A would extend the life of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline and improve the prospects for the gas pipeline.
- Projected North Slope production declines could be reversed, depending upon how much additional oil is produced from NPR-A, but such potential could be severely compromised if access is not provided to oil-rich areas.
- BLM should make provisions for transportation corridors within NPR-A to facilitate future oil and gas development in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and other natural resource development in NPR-A.
- Given the technological advances of the mining industry in the Arctic and sub-Arctic and the growing need for strategic minerals, all of NPR-A should be open to mineral entry, as well as industrial mineral and coal leasing. The Department of the Interior should make this recommendation to Congress.
- South NPR-A is an important part of the 80-year old petroleum reserve —specifically set aside because of its energy and mineral potential. Access to this area should be accommodated with provisions to protect important surface values and traditional ways of life.
- The oil and mining industries have proven they can operate in a manner that protects the environment. The Arctic wildlife and environment can and will be preserved while petroleum and mineral resources are developed in NPR-A.
- Energy and mineral development in NPR-A would benefit the economy by creating increased revenues and employment, while enhancing national security.
- BLM should refrain from designating highly-restrictive conservation units in NPR-A, given the nation's growing need for energy and minerals, as well as the potential existence of world-class energy and mineral deposits in the reserve. Alaska already has an overwhelming majority of the nation's public lands closed to development

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April 23, 2012

The Honorable Don Young  
United States House of Representatives  
2314 Rayburn Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Young:

I am writing to express the Resource Development Council's opposition to the misguided and potentially-devastating Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) funding reduction to the Alaska Railroad Corporation's passenger service.

The U.S. Senate's action in S. 1813 would cut federal capital funds for the Alaska Railroad's passenger service by at least \$26 million or 71 percent. In our view, S. 1813 is discriminatory and just plain wrong.

The FTA is responsible for supporting essential public transportation throughout the country. In 2000, the agency agreed that the Alaska Railroad was eligible to participate in federal funding programs like every other eligible public transportation provider. However, initially, the FTA determined only 10 percent of the Alaska Railroad's public transportation services were eligible for federal funding, opposed to counting the entire passenger service miles. Given Alaska's uniqueness and special circumstances, such a determination was off base and simply wrong. The Alaska Railroad was targeted because it served mostly rural areas, unlike most state and local passenger railroads across the nation.

In 2005, the Alaska Congressional delegation attempted to correct the inequity by ensuring the Alaska Railroad could at least count 60 percent of its system toward the FTA funding. In 2006 and 2007, the railroad issued bonds backed by federal FTA formula funds, as many other transportation providers have done and continue to do so today.

In recent Senate deliberations, the Alaska Railroad's current 60 percent formula calculation was unfairly characterized as an "earmark" by some senators who want to reduce the railroad's formula miles back to 10 percent. Like in the initial 2000 determination, Alaska is once again handicapped by its uniqueness, which some senators fail or refuse to recognize. Unlike other states, Alaska still has very few highways. Most Alaska communities and many Alaskan residents live off the road system in isolated locations accessible only by air, ferry or rail. Moreover, the railroad efficiently delivers

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hundreds of thousands of visitors to Alaska's top tourism attraction, Denali National Park, and it is a key partner with the U.S. Forest Service in serving roadless areas of the Chugach National Forest, the nation's second largest. The railroad also provides free travel to U.S. military on active duty, and offer lower resident and student rates to support its population. Many Alaskans who live off the road system depend on the railroad to link them to urban communities for essential services. These residents are spaced out over hundreds of miles of wilderness and rugged terrain.

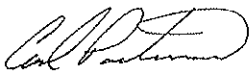
Their action through S. 1813 has placed the Alaska Railroad in serious financial jeopardy. If the bill in its current form becomes law, it would level a devastating blow on an essential part of Alaska's transportation network. The provision would force the Alaska Railroad to sharply reduce services and employment. If this cut is implemented, not only will there be a huge impact on passenger services, critical track and safety needs will not be met. In addition, the railroad will not have sufficient funds to repay \$135 million in remaining bond debt under the approval and understanding of the railroad's reliance on FTA funding.

The Senate bill singles out the Alaska Railroad as the only public passenger railroad operation to suffer such a large cut. Ironically, cutting FTA funding to the Alaska Railroad would not reduce federal spending or the budget deficit as funds taken from Alaska would simply be divided among other eligible transportation providers.

In conclusion, a stable and reliable passenger rail system in Alaska is critical and in some respects more vital than elsewhere, given the lack of other alternatives and transportation providers in our state. This letter is not a request for increased federal funding, we are only asking that the Alaska Railroad be treated fairly and that the current formula funding be retained.

Please mount a vigorous defense of the Alaska Railroad Corporation's current FTA funding formula. RDC appreciates your service to our state and we look forward to your efforts to stop this misguided funding reduction.

Sincerely,



Carl Portman  
Deputy Director



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# 37th Annual Meeting Luncheon

Thursday, June 21, 2012 • Dena'ina Convention Center • Noon

## Developing Hydrocarbons in an Anti-hydrocarbon Age: Risks & Opportunities

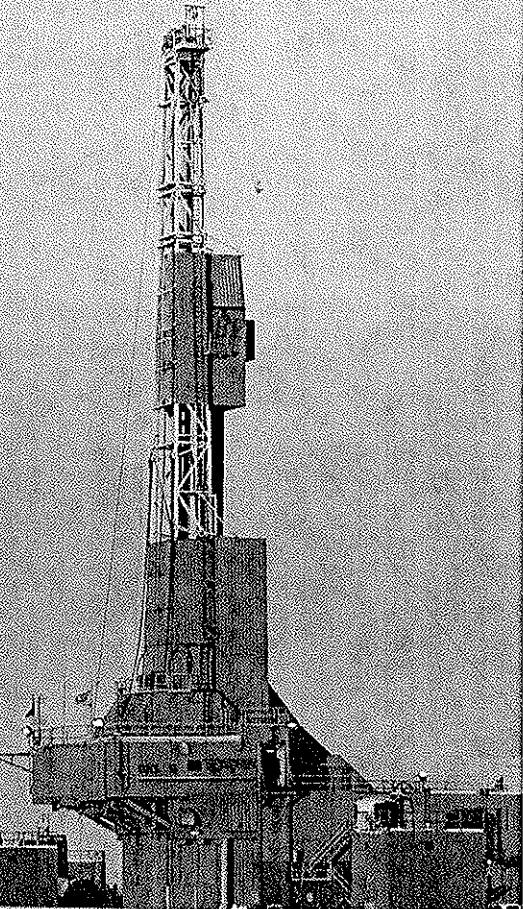
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## John Hofmeister

Founder and Chief Executive  
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John Hofmeister is a key member of the United States Energy Security Council, a bipartisan group which includes former Secretary of State George P. Shultz and two former secretaries of defense, William J. Perry and Harold Brown, as well as three former national security advisers, a former C.I.A. director, two former senators, a Nobel laureate, a former Federal Reserve chairman, and several Fortune-50 chief executives.

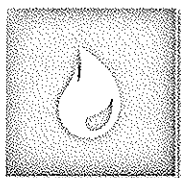
Upon retirement from Shell Oil Company in 2008, Mr. Hofmeister founded and heads the not-for-profit 501(c)(3), nationwide membership association, Citizens for Affordable Energy. This Washington, D.C.-registered, public policy education firm promotes sound U.S. energy security solutions for the nation, including a range of affordable energy supplies, efficiency improvements, essential infrastructure, sustainable environmental policies and public education on energy issues.

As Shell's President, Hofmeister launched an extensive outreach program, unprecedented in the energy industry, to discuss critical global energy challenges. The program included an 18 month, 50-city engagement program across the country during which Hofmeister led 250 other Shell leaders to meet with more than 15,000 business, community and civic leaders, policymakers, and academics to discuss what must be done to ensure affordable, available energy for the future.

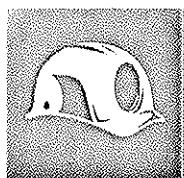
As a business leader who has participated in the inner workings of multiple industries for over 35 years, Hofmeister also has held executive leadership positions in General Electric, Nortel, and AlliedSignal (now Honeywell International).

Hofmeister serves as the Chairman of the National Urban League and is a member of the U.S. Department of Energy's Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee. He serves as non-executive Director of the Hunting PLC, London, UK, Lufkin Industries Inc., CAMAC Energy, Inc., and the Sodexo North America Business Advisory Board. Hofmeister also serves on the boards of the the Foreign Policy Association, New York; Strategic Partners, LLC; the Gas Technology Institute, and the Center for Houston's Future.

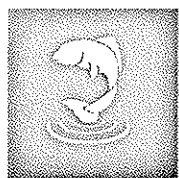
John Hofmeister is the author of "Why We Hate the Oil Companies: Straight Talk from an Energy Insider."



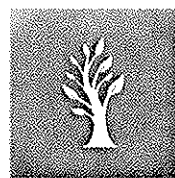
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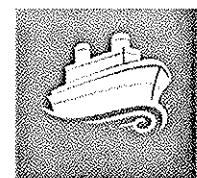
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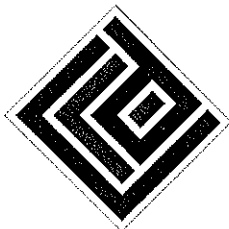
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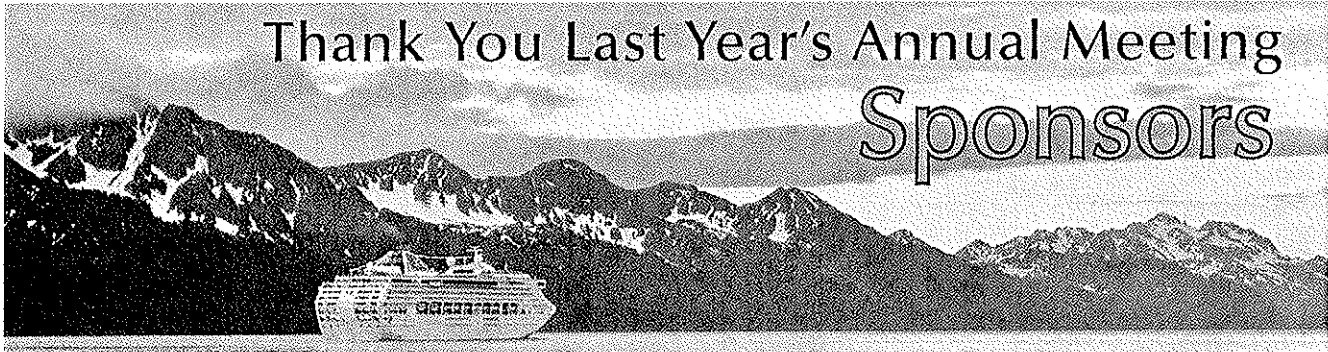


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  - DEIS on Effects of Oil & Gas Activities in the Arctic Ocean
  - National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Integrated Activity Plan
    - ANWR Comprehensive Conservation Plan Revision
      - Point Thomson DEIS
  - Shadura oil and gas project in Kenai National Wildlife Refuge
    - Alaska Coastal Management Program Ballot Initiative
- Endangered Species Act: Polar bear, Cook Inlet beluga whale, Steller sea lion, Ringed & Bearded Seals
  - ESA Draft Policy on Interpretation of the Phrase, "Significant Portion of its Range"
    - Sealaska Lands Bill
  - Long-range Transportation Plan for Alaska Federal Lands
    - Emission Control Area
      - Alaska Alliance for Cruise Travel (AlaskaACT)
      - Cruise ship access to Glacier Bay National Park
  - Equitable wastewater discharge regulations for cruise ships
    - Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning
  - National Ocean Council Development of Strategic Action Plans
    - National Ocean Council Ocean Policy SAP Guidelines
      - Eastern DPS Steller Sea Lion
    - Western Steller Sea Lion Biological Opinion
      - Pebble project
    - Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment
    - Greens Creek Mine tailings permit renewal
      - Wishbone Hill permit renewals
        - Chuitna coal project
      - Kensington Mine APDES permit
        - Jumbo Dome Mine project
      - Linc Energy coal exploration permits
        - Red Dog Mine expansion
        - Critical minerals legislation
        - Susitna Hydroelectric Project
        - Native 8(a) Business Program
          - Wood bison
          - NPDES Primacy
          - Knik Arm Bridge
      - Forest Service National Planning Rule
        - Tongass Land Management Plan
          - State & federal timber sales
        - Wrangell Island Timber Project EIS
      - Expansion of Southeast Alaska State Forest
        - Proposed Susitna Valley State Forest
          - Izembek Land Exchange
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