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BREAKFAST MEETING

Thursday, September 15, 2011

1. Call to order –Tom Maloney, President
2. Self Introductions
3. Headtable Introductions
4. Staff Report – Carl Portman, Deputy Director
5. Program and Keynote Speaker:

The State of Alaska's Comprehensive Strategy to Arrest the Throughput Decline in the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System

Commissioner Dan Sullivan, Alaska Department of Natural Resources

Next Meeting:

Thursday, September 29: *The Department of Interior's Role in Alaska Energy Development, Ned Farquhar, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior*

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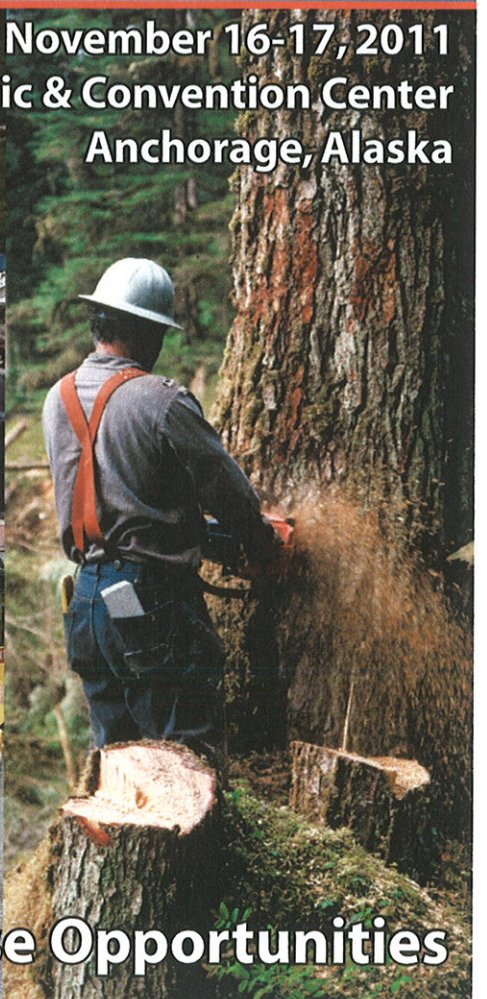
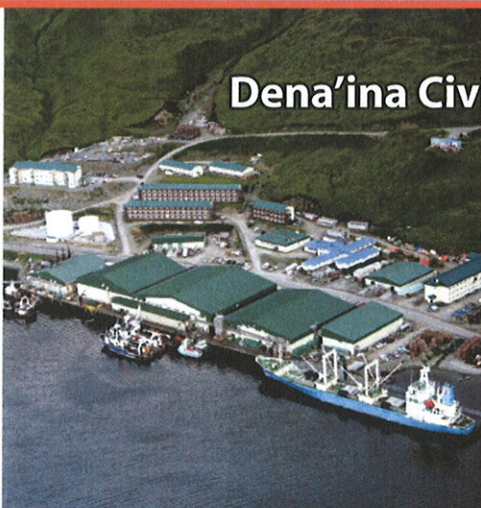
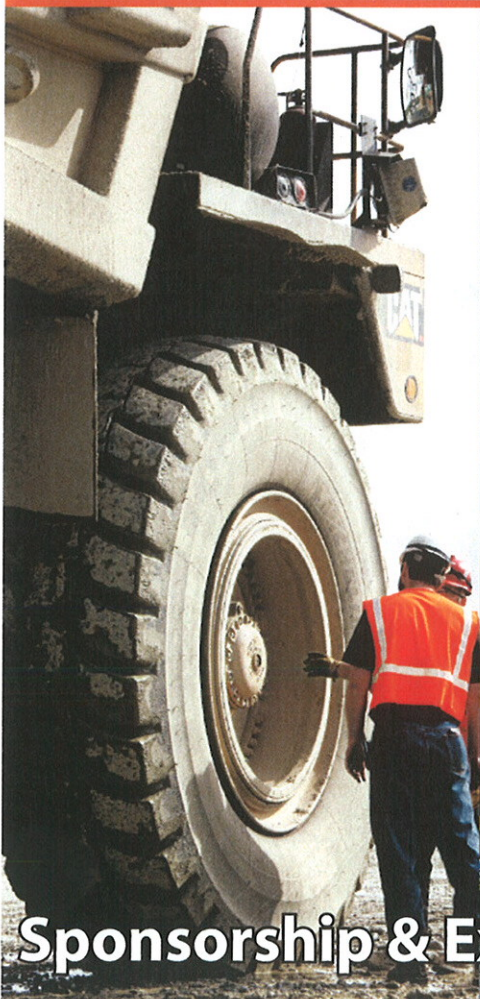
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RDC ACTION ALERT
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan

Overview:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has released its Draft Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Impact Statement for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). The public will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the CCP during a 90-day comment period which expires November 15. Public hearings will be held in September and October.

Despite State of Alaska opposition, the Service has determined that much of ANWR is eligible for Wilderness designation and four rivers are suitable for Wild and Scenic River designation. The lands reviewed for wilderness are split into three study areas – Brooks Range, Porcupine Plateau, and Coastal Plain. The draft CCP proposes six alternatives:

- Alternative A: No Action Alternative – No new wilderness (no revised Regional Management Guidelines)
- Alternative B: Recommends Brooks Range Wilderness Study Area (WSA) for designation
- Alternative C: Recommends Coastal Plain WSA for designation
- Alternative D: Recommends Brooks Range and Porcupine WSAs for designation
- Alternative E: Recommends all three WSAs for designation
- Alternative F: No new wilderness designations (with revised Regional Management Guidelines)

Both Alternative C and E recommend the Coastal Plain for wilderness, an action that would permanently close America's most promising onshore oil and gas prospect to future development. Moreover, the CCP also proposes recommending at least four new Wild and Scenic Rivers to Congress for designation.

Congress excluded the 1002 area of the Coastal Plain from ANWR's large Wilderness block in a compromise struck under the 1980 Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). The compromise also doubled the size of the refuge, designated 8 million acres Wilderness, and closed 92 percent to energy development. Congress also mandated a study of the 1002 area's wildlife, environment and petroleum resources. In 1987, the Department of the Interior concluded oil development would have minimal impact on wildlife and recommended Congress open the coastal plain to development. In 1995, Congress voted to open the Coastal Plain to exploration. Unfortunately, President Bill Clinton vetoed the measure.

The 1002 area, which accounts for only eight percent of the refuge, is estimated to contain upwards of 16 billion barrels of oil and 18 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Responsible development can and does occur in similar areas on the North Slope. Today, Alaskans overwhelmingly support new oil and gas exploration and development in ANWR and believe the energy resources beneath the Coastal Plain should be part of America's energy portfolio.

Although the Service has not identified a Preferred Alternative at this time, the Record of Decision from this planning process could recommend the designation of the Coastal Plain as Wilderness. Any proposed Wilderness designation would need to go before Congress for its approval.

Action requested:

RDC members should be actively engaged in the public process by submitting comments and testifying at upcoming public hearings in opposition to a Wilderness designation of the Coastal Plain. The Service should manage the 1002 area in a manner that preserves the option of responsible oil and gas development in the future. It is vital the Service hear from Alaskans about how critical ANWR's Coastal Plain is to Alaska's future economy and the nation's energy security. Those wanting Wilderness status for the refuge will likely turn out in force at public hearings and can be expected to generate heavy write-in and email campaigns. Please do not let them speak on your behalf!

Public Hearings:

Anchorage, Wednesday, September 21, Wilda Marston Theater at Loussac Library, 3:00-9:30 pm
Fairbanks, Wednesday, October 19, Carlson Center, 3:00-9:30 pm

How to comment:

Online Submittal: <http://arctic.fws.gov/ccp.htm>

Email: ArcticRefugeCCP@fws.gov

Fax: 907-456-0428

Mail: Sharon Seim, Arctic NWR, 101 12th Avenue, Room 236, Fairbanks, AK 99701-6237

A copy of the draft plan and additional materials are available at <http://arctic.fws.gov/ccp.htm>

Points to consider in your comments or verbal testimony:

- The option of future energy development in the 1002 area should remain on the table, precluding any new Wilderness designation over the Coastal Plain.
- Not only would new Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River designations violate the “no more” clauses of ANILCA, they would go against the original intent of Congress and the law.
- There is no need for additional Wilderness designations in ANWR, given most of the refuge is already closed to development and managed to maintain its wilderness character. Alaska already contains 58 million acres of federal Wilderness and accounts for 53 percent of America’s federal Wilderness areas.
- The Service has unreasonably restricted the scope of alternatives and public comment by refusing to consider an oil and gas development alternative in the draft CCP. ANILCA required the Service to study 1002 area’s petroleum resources and consider how oil and gas development could impact wildlife and the environment. It also directed the Secretary of Interior to provide Congress with recommendations with respect to such development. In 1987, the Department of the Interior concluded oil development would have minimal impact on wildlife and recommended Congress open the coastal plain to development.
- ANILCA mandated the Service to periodically revisit the issue of oil and gas activity within the 1002 area. This directive is as clear as the mandate the Service claims to have that requires it to revisit wilderness issues. There have been considerable advancements in oil and gas exploration and development in the nearly 25 years since the original study was completed.
- A federal Wilderness designation over the 1002 area would forever place off-limits North America’s most promising onshore oil and gas prospect to development and destroy the agreements made when ANILCA became law. In contrast, oil and gas development in the 1002 area would not disturb a single acre of federal Wilderness.
- Alaskans strongly oppose a Wilderness designation on ANWR’s coastal plain. In fact, 78 percent of Alaskans support oil exploration in the 1002 area. Every Alaskan Governor and every legislature and elected congressional representative and senator from Alaska has supported responsible development. The North Slope Borough also supports responsible development, as well as a majority of residents in Kaktovik, a village within the Coastal Plain.
- There are compelling national economic and energy security reasons for opening the 1002 area to responsible oil and gas development, including a safe and secure source of energy to the nation, create hundreds of thousands of jobs throughout the country, and refill the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, which is operating at one-third its original capacity and continually declining.
- Upwards of 16 billion barrels of oil and 18 trillion cubic feet of natural gas are estimated to lie within the 1002 area of ANWR.
- With advances in technology, it is possible to develop the coastal plain’s energy reserves while directly utilizing very little (potentially only 2,000 acres) of the 1.5 million acres in the 1002 area. Such development would allow access to energy Americans need without any significant disturbance to wildlife.

Deadline for comments: November 15, 2011



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September 13, 2011

Regulatory Commission of Alaska
701 W 8th Avenue Ste 300
Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Tariff revision TA211-4

Dear Commissioners Giard, Lisankie, Patch, Pickett, and Wilson:

The Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc. (RDC) is writing to express its support of Enstar's request to the Commission for approval of a Gas Sales Agreement (GSA) with Buccaneer Alaska, LLC.

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 proposed GSA with Buccaneer can provide a new supply of gas to Southcentral Alaska at a reasonable price, given the Cook Inlet market conditions. Southcentral residents rely on Enstar for their natural gas needs year-round. They need to know that their homes will remain heated in the coldest and darkest months of the year, and approval of this GSA will help provide that certainty.

RDC is extremely supportive of providing opportunities for new exploration and production in Alaska. The approval of the Buccaneer GSA will commit them to drilling two additional wells in the near future, and likely will encourage further exploration and development with other new players, and will also help facilitate exploration for new gas reserves. In addition, jobs associated with this development will significantly benefit Southcentral Alaska's economy while providing new energy supplies to its residents.

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

Sincerely,

Deantha Crockett
Projects Coordinator

Cc: Enstar via rates.planning@enstarnatural.gas.com



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September 6, 2011

Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Matanuska-Susitna Borough
350 E Dahlia Avenue
Palmer, AK 99645

Dear Mr. McKechnie:

The Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc. (RDC) is writing to express its support for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Resolution serial no. 11-112 in support of Usibelli Coal Mine's Wishbone Hill Project.

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.

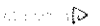
Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc., is currently in the process of renewing permits for the Wishbone Hill Project through the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR employs a thorough permitting process, which requires renewal every five years. This process upholds regulations governing air and water quality, reclamation standards to restore the land to its original condition or better, fish and aquatic resources monitoring, wildlife protection plans, and more.

In addition to being fully permitted and environmentally sound, the Wishbone Hill Project will help diversify the economy in the Borough and bring new jobs to the Sutton area, estimated at between 75-125 high-paying jobs located close to area residents. Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. is an Alaska-owned and operated company with an impeccable record of operating environmentally-sound projects and has received awards for reclamation efforts in the Healy area. Therefore, RDC wholeheartedly urges the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to pass this resolution in support of the Wishbone Hill project.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a comment letter in support of resolution No. 11-112.

Sincerely,

Deantha Crockett
Projects Coordinator



Washington senator asks EPA to protect Bristol Bay

MARY PEMBERTON, Associated Press
Updated 04:32 p.m., Monday, September 12, 2011

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Washington Sen. Maria Cantwell said Monday she would oppose a proposed huge copper and gold mine near Alaska's Bristol Bay if studies find it would harm salmon and thus put jobs in her own state at risk.

In a letter sent to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, Cantwell described Bristol Bay's salmon population as an economic lynchpin for commercial fishermen both in Alaska and Washington.

Nearly 1,000 Washington residents hold Bristol Bay commercial fishing licenses, she said.

"Thousands of my constituents have contacted me expressing their concerns regarding the potentially catastrophic and widespread long-term impacts of the proposed Pebble Mine, which would be the world's largest man-made excavation," Cantwell said in her letter.

Cantwell called on the Environmental Protection Agency to consider using the Clean Water Act to prohibit or restrict large-scale development around the bay if it would harm the world-class salmon-producing rivers in the region.

She also expressed her support of the agency's decision to conduct a thorough analysis of large-scale mining near the Pebble Mine project site.

Mike Heatwole, a spokesman for the Pebble Limited Partnership, told The Associated Press the senator never sought any information from the companies involved about the project or the scope of its environmental studies.

"As we believe everyone needs to understand, there's multiple perspectives about this project," Heatwole said. "The watershed assessment affects a wide area in southwest Alaska, not just the Pebble deposit, and this includes Native land, state land and U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management land."

In addition to commercial fishing jobs, nearly all major seafood operations that process Bristol Bay fish are based in Washington. Cantwell's letter said Bristol Bay commercial and recreational fisheries are worth at least \$500 million annually.

The EPA announced in February that it would analyze the potential impact of the Pebble mine proposal on watersheds feeding Bristol Bay.

The Bristol Bay Native Corp. and nine federally recognized Bristol Bay Alaska native tribes have asked the EPA to use its authority under the Clean Water Act to stop the mine from being developed. The analysis is expected to be released this fall.

Canada-based Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. and Anglo American plc in the United Kingdom have a 50-50 partnership in the Pebble project.

The companies have spent hundreds of millions of dollars scoping out the deposit, which Northern Dynasty describes as the largest undeveloped deposit of its type in the world with the potential of producing 53 billion pounds of copper, 50 million ounces of gold and 2.8 billion pounds of molybdenum over nearly 80 years.

The head of Bristol Bay Native Corp. which has over 9,000 shareholders, welcomed Cantwell's move. Jason Metrokin said in a statement that Pebble presents an "unacceptable risk to Bristol Bay salmon, which have supported our communities for thousands of years" while providing an important commercial, food and cultural resource.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, the ranking member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said Cantwell, also a member of the panel, is attempting to pre-judge development in Bristol Bay in what amounts to a serious violation of Alaska's state's rights that would undermine the established environmental review process that requires dozens of permits.

"A pre-emptive veto makes no more sense than a pre-emptive approval," Murkowski said in a statement.



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Murkowski: Preemptive Veto Would Trample Scientific Process

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, today released the following statement in response to a news report that Washington Democratic Sen. Maria Cantwell may seek a preemptive veto from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the proposed Pebble Mine:

“Attempts to prejudge development in the Bristol Bay area before a permit application has even been submitted would make a mockery out of the federal environmental review process. A preemptive veto makes no more sense than a preemptive approval.

“I am fully committed to protecting Bristol Bay and the fishing industry it supports, but a preemptive veto represents a serious violation of Alaska’s state’s rights and would undermine the science-based approach long promised by this administration.

“When and if a permit application is submitted – for Pebble or any other project – review process that NEPA provides,” Murkowski said.

On Feb. 7, in response to being petitioned to preemptively veto development, EPA announced plans to conduct a watershed assessment of the Bristol Bay area in Alaska. In response, Murkowski sent EPA a letter (attached) and recently toured the Pebble site with EPA Region 10 Administrator Dennis McLaren. During that visit, Murkowski pointed out that the wetlands throughout the Bristol Bay region are similar in character, and a preemptive veto could have widespread and unintended consequences for any development project, including airports and other infrastructure.

Today, Murkowski once again stipulated her support for the normal environmental review process and her opposition to EPA attempts to expand its authorities to include preemptive vetoes of development.

Murkowski is the Ranking Member on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee’s Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee.

Alaska oil and gas lease sale delayed 2 months for changes

By BECKY BOHRER

(09/09/11 07:51:07)

JUNEAU -- Alaska is pushing back what it says will be one of the biggest oil and gas lease sales in the U.S. this year, citing the potential for more acres to be added and a desire to give companies more time to prepare bids.

Earlier this summer, the state announced plans for a 14.7 million-acre lease sale involving state lands and waters. It said the acreage involved, covering roughly the size of Massachusetts, Vermont and Connecticut combined, would include 2 million acres in the Beaufort Sea as well as leases adjacent to the federally controlled Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska.

While Congress would have to allow drilling in areas like the refuge, Alaska's Department of Natural Resources has said drilling on nearby state leases could allow developers to draw untapped oil from beneath the federal lands.

The state planned to hold the sale Oct. 26 but is now pushing it to early December. The department, in a statement Thursday, said expiring leases and settled lawsuits could lead to more acreage being offered in the sale. Also, it said it wants to give companies more time to prepare bids.

A new date for the sale hasn't been announced.

State Natural Resources Commissioner Dan Sullivan said marketing Alaska leases is key to the overall effort to boost oil production. Alaska relies heavily on oil revenues to run state government, but production has been declining and the state has been looking for ways to reverse the trend. Gov. Sean Parnell's administration is seeking to open or improve access to more state lands for development while urging the federal government to follow suit. Parnell has also proposed reducing oil production taxes, an idea that stalled during the last legislative session.

Parnell has set a goal of having 1 million barrels of oil a day course through the trans-Alaska pipeline within a decade. So far this year, the line has moved an average of about 568,470 barrels per day.

Natural Resource staff has been pitching investment in Alaska to companies, in some cases traveling to corporate offices in the rest of the country to do so. They're also trying to get word about the sale out through national and international press -- as was done with the initial announcement at a U.S. Chamber of Commerce event earlier this year.

Sullivan said he can't predict the level of participation in the fall sale; it's also not clear that any additional acreage will even be added. A department spokeswoman said a public notice on lease terms would have been required by next week if the sale hadn't been delayed.

But, Sullivan said, officials want to make sure that every effort is made to bring this "huge" lease sale to the attention of oil and gas companies worldwide.



Southeast timber industry gets a shot of confidence

Legislature doubles size of Southeast State Forest, commits to industry

Posted: September 8, 2011 · 12:07am

By Pat Forgey

JUNEAU EMPIRE

The Southeast State Forest will double in size with Gov. Sean Parnell's signature Wednesday of a bill that adds about 23,000 acres to the forest, bringing it to nearly 49,000 acres.

Parnell said the additional land under the Southeast State Forest designation would "revitalize Alaska's timber industry."

The additional state forest land won praise from the timber industry and legislators, who called it "exciting" and "important," but they said it would also have little immediate impact.

That's in part because the amount of land in question is relatively small, and in part because it is already being used for timber production.

"It's exciting for us, it will help us keep what we have now, but we barely have any left," said Rep. Peggy Wilson, R-Wrangell.

Wrangell was once a hub of timber activity in Southeast, but Southeast's sawmill business is down to a single large mill and several tiny operations.

Even Southeast's largest mill, Viking Lumber of Klawock, would only be considered medium-sized in the Lower 48 or Canada, said Alaska State Forester Chris Maisch.

The Southeast State Forest's new 48,000-plus-acre size is estimated to be able to provide an allowable annual harvest of 12 million board feet, he said.

Viking is currently operating just one of three shifts, and needs 20 to 25 million board feet to keep the single shift working, he said.

"Even though we have nearly 50,000 acres, that's still a very small footprint in Southeast," Maisch said.

The single bill won't reverse Southeast's population decline, Wilson warned.

"It's not going to bring anybody back, but it might help us keep what we have," she said.

What the addition of the land to the state forest really does, and what made Wilson excited, was that it makes a long-term commitment to the region's timber industry.

Knowing that the land won't be sold, traded or given away means the state's Division of Forestry can safely invest money in pre-commercial thinning and other management that provides bigger harvest and more return down the road.

Pre-commercial thinning, meaning cutting back some of the poorer quality or less desirable species means that when an area is logged with trees 60-80 years of age, it may produce 2-3 times as much lumber than an unmanaged stand, he said.

"It brings us substantially more volume in most cases," he said.

A lot of the new land is already under such management, some of that with \$750,000 in federal stimulus funds Alaska competed for and won with its plans to pre-commercially thin it for better timber production.

"We were doing some of that prior" to inclusion in the state forest, but "we were somewhat hesitant because we didn't know we'd recoup those investments in the future," Maisch said.

State forest ownership is a sign of a commitment in the industry, said Owen Graham, executive director of the Alaska Forest Association.

"It won't help in the short term, the state is already preparing timber sales at the maximum rate it can sustain, but it will help manage timber better in

the long term," he said.

Graham said he wished there was more of Southeast's land, especially its timberland, in state and private hands and less in federal.

Politics and lawsuits there have diminished Tongass logging, and threatened the industry's survival, he said.

The federal Tongass National Forest has 90 percent of Southeast, he said.

"When we have a change in administrations it can just dry up overnight," Graham said.

Maisch said the state would likely look for more land that might be appropriate for the Southeast State Forest, but it has little to chose from.

"We have so little that just about everybody wants it, Natives, the university, everybody wants some," Wilson said.

Federal law allows the ban of log exports from federal land, but Maisch said the state couldn't do that. Alaska attempts to ensure the logs are processed locally by the types of sales it offers.

In addition to the Klawock mill, there are several mom-and-pop milling operations that also rely on state timber, he said.

In press release Wednesday, fellow Southeast Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Haines, also praised the bill adding to the Southeast State Forest.

"This is one more way we can keep the timber industry alive in Southeast Alaska," he said.

House Bill 105 was sponsored by Parnell, and passed unanimously in both houses of the Legislature.

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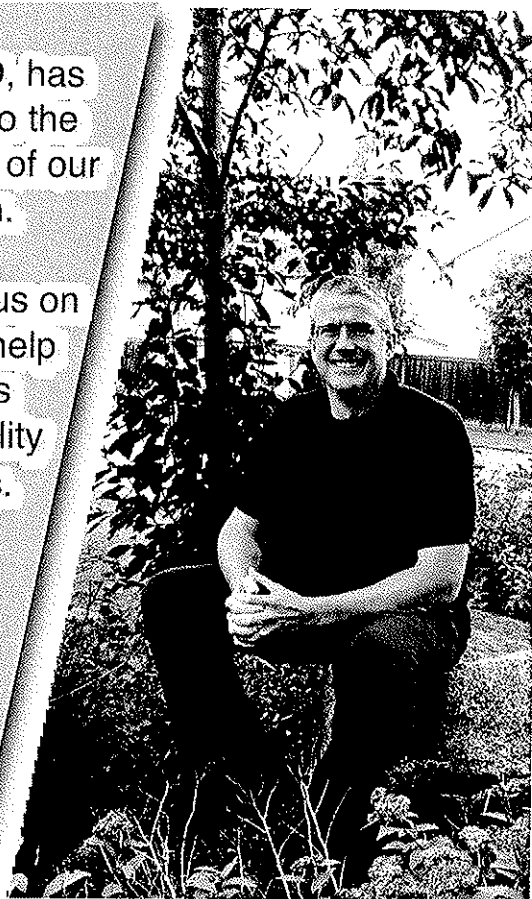
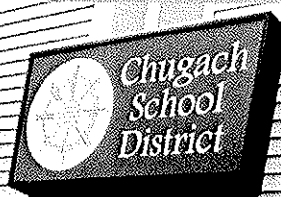
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