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BREAKFAST MEETING

Thursday, May 21, 2015

1. Call to order – Eric Fjelstad, Vice President
2. Self Introductions
3. Head Table Introductions
4. Staff Report – Rick Rogers, Executive Director
5. Program and Keynote Speaker:

Alaska Dispatch News
The year in Transition and Vision for the Future
 Alice Rogoff, Publisher, Alaska Dispatch News

Upcoming Meeting:

Tuesday, June 30: RDC 40th Annual Meeting Luncheon featuring U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, Noon, Dena'ina Convention Center

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COMMENTARY

Set budget now, then turn to the long term

By ALICE ROGOFF Alaska Dispatch News

I am embarrassed for our state. Our Legislature seems to have caught the disease of the U.S. Congress, of gridlock and political posturing as a goal and threats of government shutdown as a solution.

That isn't the way Alaskans solve problems. This is a state of proud, self-sufficient and practical people who fix things when they're broken.

The underlying problem the need to change our state's financial picture isn't going away. While oil prices may be rising now, no one in the oil industry believes that total oil production will grow meaningfully in the next decade. We have to supplement oil revenue with other sources for the next chapter of Alaska's future, using our own wealth and savings somehow, raising taxes of some sort, and perhaps borrowing against our wealth for long-term investment in new economic activity: gas, LNG, infrastructure where it supports growth, and so forth. But later has to come quickly, to keep our economy from shrinking. State government spending really does influence our liquidity, our jobs, and Alaskans' standard of living. Worse, we can't get to fixing the big picture until we pass a funded budget. That has produced the gridlock.

Somehow, the parties have stopped trying to find common ground on spending and how to fund it. Meanwhile, the clock is ticking.

Under our Constitution, we have a deadline to meet to keep our government funded. The ticking stops next Tuesday at midnight.

In all the political posturing, one baseline fact has gotten lost: Our annual, state government spending per person (and adjusted for inflation) hasn't really grown since the early 1980s. Even when capital spending is added, averaged over the same long term, there hasn't been substantial growth. We have not spent "like drunken sailors," as some say. We just have more people.

This answers the question, broadly at least, of how much state government we want to have. Voters have signed on for this general level of spending per person for over 30 years, through good and bad times. This is just plain fact. Numbers don't lie. So finding the belt-tightening needed this year shouldn't be cause to grind our government to a halt. Yes, budget choices have to be made. No, I don't personally believe the real amount of public education should be sacrificed. But compromises are within reach, and legislators were elected to find them.

Please do so. Then we can all get about looking at solving for the long term.

All the wealth that past generations of leaders planned for and built is here. It's available to us. And it fundamentally changes the equation. We just have to start the public debate on how best to tap into it. There is no time to waste to start that process, keep our economy moving and restore confidence to the businesses and consumers who are watching. We all want to do our part at being problem solvers.

This week, I attended a meeting hosted by Gov. Bill Walker, along with a cross-section of others in the business community, to air this topic more broadly. I suspect that the consensus in that room is mirrored across the state. The message to our Legislature is simple: Move on, now, to the longterm fixes. We need our leaders to act like leaders, not just draw lines in the sand.

So legislators, pass a funded budget and let us re-prioritize and find financial solutions once that's done.

Alice Rogoff is publisher of Alaska Dispatch News.



Don't give up – we can do this
by Rachael Petro

Let's get something straight. Alaska's operating budget has grown out of control this past decade. It is on an unsustainable path that will mortgage Alaska families and businesses with more taxation and more long-term debt. The Alaska Chamber's top priority is "to support reduction of State spending to sustainable levels." That requires hard work and difficult decisions, but it's the right thing to do.

Despite what you may hear in press conferences and headlines, the Alaska Legislature did their job. They listened to Alaskans, and built and passed an operating budget that reduced overall spending. It wasn't easy. But in fact, 70 percent of the Legislature approved that compromise budget. A step in the right direction supported by Alaskans.

In a scientific poll conducted earlier this year, an overwhelming majority of those polled recognized the current state budget situation as "a problem." When asked how to deal with that problem, the overwhelming response was to "make deep cuts to state spending, even if it means a reductions in services." Like the Chamber and its members, the majority of Alaskans polled support getting State spending under control.

Negotiations now are no longer about how to responsibly reduce the State budget deficit. Instead, negotiations hinge on actually increasing deficit spending! The budget proposed by the Governor in the ongoing special session totals \$5.78 billion, a \$55 million increase over the legislature's compromise budget, and a \$34 million increase over the budget he proposed in February. The Governor campaigned on a 16 percent budget reduction, put forward an eight percent budget in February and now proposes additional spending.

We applauded Governor Walker and the tone he set in his January State of the Budget address. His budget, like his remarks, focused on getting a hold on Alaska's spending problem. Only then, he admonished, would we turn our attention to taxes. In his press conference just this week, the Governor frankly stated that his efforts to reconvene his transition team would be to look specifically at new revenues, with no focus on how to reduce spending leaving his 16 percent reduction promise unfulfilled.

One thing is clear. Adding more money to the budget is not the solution. Doing so increases the deficit and moves Alaska further away from a sound fiscal future. Waiting doesn't simply put off making cuts, it means that next year will demand deeper and more difficult cuts.

Getting Alaska's fiscal house in order requires dramatic changes to the lifestyle to which we have all become accustomed. It won't be easy, but most Alaskans agree it's time.



ALASKA CHAMBER

A sustainable budget should match spending levels to long-term revenues. The initial steps are not complicated – they are what we as individuals and businesses do daily to remain solvent. However, the critical step is reducing unnecessary spending. This means getting rid of the nice-to-haves. The second step is to find and create efficiencies for the must-haves.

The Chamber supports the work our elected officials have done creating a compromise budget for 2016 which garnered support by 70 percent of the Legislature. Now it's time to fund it and move Alaska forward. Delays by those that seek to grow the budget only divide Alaskans without fixing the real problem. The Chamber supports using State budget reserves and/or investment earnings today in order to ease our transition to sustainable budgets for years to come.

Balancing policies governing Alaska business is crucial to our survival and success as Alaskans. This means we must be disciplined in our pursuit of sustainable State budgets resisting knee-jerk policies that could jeopardize our long-term future. We must prioritize our must-have State services. Then we must find, create and maximize efficiencies in delivering those services. We must manage our savings and investments with our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in mind.

We must continue to come together as Alaskans and do what businesses and households do daily — live within our means. Short-term pains will be balanced by a sustainable budget path forward that will create a more secure fiscal future. Alaskan's long-term prosperity depends on it, and it's the right thing to do.

Rachael Petro serves as the President and CEO of the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce. The Alaska Chamber's mission is to improve Alaska's business climate.



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May 12, 2015

Seattle Port Commissioners
Pier 69
2711 Alaskan Way
Seattle WA 98121

RE: Foss Maritime Terminal 5 Lease

Hand delivered c/o Commission Clerk

Dear Commissioners of the Port of Seattle:

I am writing on behalf of the Resource Development Council for Alaska (RDC), to respectfully request you uphold your decision to support the maritime industry, local trades, and the long standing mutually beneficial business ties between Alaska and the greater Puget Sound region by retaining Foss Maritime's existing lease of Terminal 5.

RDC is an Alaskan, non-profit, membership-funded organization founded in 1975. The RDC 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.

The economic ties between Alaska and the State of Washington, City of Seattle and the Port of Seattle date back to the earliest days of settlement of Alaska. It is no mere coincidence that the Commission's headquarters address is on Alaskan Way. The recent "Ties that Bind" report commissioned by the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce earlier this year highlights the magnitude of the contribution of Alaska to the Seattle and Puget Sound economy.

Puget Sound literally runs on oil from the Alaska arctic. Alaska supplies nearly half of all crude oil refined in Puget Sound. An estimated 12,000 Puget Sound jobs and \$780 million in labor earnings are connected with refining Alaska oil. One quarter of all Puget Sound maritime industrial support activity is connected with Alaska producing 5,300 jobs and a \$390 million annual payroll.

RDC is concerned of the serious ramifications an unprecedented reversal of a valid port lease would have to both the Alaska and Washington economies. If populist politicians and extreme environmental activists can dictate who can use the essential port infrastructure under your charge, then no industrial and commercial activity in the Port is immune.

If offshore exploration is offensive to the environmental sensibilities of Seattle, who is next? The aerospace industry with its carbon footprint? Will the Port be asked to review every decision of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to determine if Alaska fisheries are green enough to curry favorable treatment of the 1,000 Puget Sound fossil fuel-propelled vessels that fish in our Alaska waters and contribute to over 10,000 Puget sound jobs? What other commercial activities might not be deemed politically correct by this populist sentiment?

The Port of Seattle has an important mission to create jobs by advancing trade and commerce, promoting economic growth, and stimulating economic development. Sadly the Terminal 5 lease is being used as an ill thought publicity stunt by environmental activists, and a political springboard for short-sighted politicians.

Cancelling the Foss Terminal 5 lease is unlikely to thwart the exploration of the vast oil and gas potential of Alaska's offshore, but it would risk long-term economic damage to the Port, and to the Puget Sound and Alaska economies. We urge you to stay true to your mission and reaffirm the Terminal 5 lease with Foss.

Sincerely,



Rick Rogers,
Executive Director

CC: Ed Murray, Mayor, City of Seattle
Sally Bagshaw, Seattle City Council
Tim Burgess, Seattle City Council
John Okamoto, Seattle City Council
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ACTION ALERT

Draft Arctic Specific Regulations: Comment Deadline May 27, 2015

Overview

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) have released draft Arctic-specific regulations pertaining to oil and gas exploration and development in the Alaska Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Alaska OCS has the potential to be an essential and integral part of the nation's "all of the above" domestic energy strategy. The proposed Arctic-specific regulations focus solely on the OCS within the Beaufort and Chukchi seas.

In a report http://www.npcarcticpotentialreport.org/pdf/AR_Exec_Summary.pdf requested by the Secretary of Energy of its long-standing advisory council, the National Petroleum Council recently concluded that offshore exploration in Alaska must begin now to help offset a projected sharp decline in domestic oil production in the next decade and beyond. It further found that an efficient regulatory framework is a key factor in economically viable Arctic development. Left unchanged, the proposed regulations may inhibit the ability to develop critical Arctic resources and even increase risks to safety and the environment.

Action Requested

This comment period, and upcoming BOEM decisions on Shell's plans to explore its Chukchi leases this year, will play a crucial role in the feasibility and fate of Arctic exploration, and your voice is needed in support of reasonable regulations and decisions. RDC members are encouraged to submit comments on the proposed regulations by May 27, 2015. Comments may be submitted online: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the search tab on the main page, enter BSEE-2013-0011. After clicking search, locate the document, then click "Submit a Comment."

By Mail: Attention: Regulations and Standards Branch, 381 Elden Street, HE3314, Herndon, VA, 20170-4817. Reference "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations on the Outer Continental Shelf-Requirements for Exploratory Drilling on the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf (1082-AA00)."

Points to consider for your comments:

- The draft regulations should be revised, taking into account the National Petroleum Council's Arctic report. While some provisions in the draft regulations are aligned with the NPC study, others would benefit from the research and recommendations in the study.
- It is important that the new Arctic-specific regulations are clear, well-reasoned and based on science and study. Unfortunately, the draft regulations fall short and many of the requirements are disconnected from knowledge and research.
- The Draft Arctic Regulations are not justifiable from a cost-benefit perspective. BOEM and BSEE have applied assumptions that understate the cost of certain requirements and have overstated the benefits of the proposed regulatory package. The benefits of the proposed regulation are calculated based on the assumption that a catastrophic oil spill will occur in the U.S. Arctic OCS in the next ten years. However, this assumption is at odds with the

broadly acknowledged fact—a fact even acknowledged in the draft regulations—that the probability of such an event is extremely low.

- The Draft Arctic Regulations do not define a workable process pursuant to which an operator can apply to use equivalent technology to a Same Season Relief Rig (SSRR). The lack of a defined process for the approval of equivalent technology will prevent operators from being able to adapt their programs as new technologies become available. This stifles innovation in a field that is uniquely equipped to engineer improved solutions to the technical challenges associated with Arctic exploration.
- The Draft Arctic regulations will significantly complicate the permitting environment for the U.S. Arctic OCS by imposing redundant and potentially conflicting regulatory requirements on operators. For example, the Draft Arctic Regulations include the potential for discharge restrictions, which intrude on the jurisdiction of EPA and increase regulatory uncertainty for operators without providing additional benefits to the environment.
- The Integrated Operations Plan (IOP) requirement set forth in the Draft Arctic Regulations is redundant with existing requirements for Exploration Plans (EP). Additionally, the requirement that an IOP be submitted 90 days in advance of EP submission appears to be a regulatory end-run around the OCSLA requirements relating to the time-frame for EP approval.
- The Draft Arctic Regulations include a requirement for a Blow-Out Preventer (BOP) pressure test every seven days, which is not justifiable from a risk-based perspective as it unnecessarily increases the wear-and-tear on assets. Current BSEE regulations require a BOP test every 14 days.
- The Draft Arctic Regulations establish an early end of season date for drilling activities well in advance of the average onset of ice pack – cutting an already short operating season in the Arctic even shorter. Despite this move to limit season length in the Arctic OCS, the Draft Arctic Regulations do not provide any corresponding relief on the issue of lease terms.
- In its recent report, the National Petroleum Council said the U.S. should immediately begin oil and gas exploration and development in the U.S. Arctic or risk a renewed heavy reliance on imported oil in the future. In order for the U.S. to keep domestic production high and imports low, oil companies should start probing the Arctic now because it takes 10 to 30 years of preparation and drilling to bring oil to market. The Department of Energy has warned that oil production from shale deposits in the Lower 48 will sharply decline in the next decade.
- The development of the U.S. Arctic OCS has the potential to be a significant contributor to our nation's energy security, as well as a significant source of long-term jobs for Americans. It is estimated that economic activity from the development of Arctic energy resources would create an annual average of 54,700 jobs nationwide with a cumulative payroll of \$154 billion over the next 50 years.
- The federal government estimates there are 23.6 billion barrels of recoverable oil and 104.4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas planning areas. America's offshore Arctic oil and gas deposits could be among the largest in the world.

Alaska Oil & Gas Association ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 28, 2015 — Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center, Anchorage

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U.S. Senator
Lisa Murkowski



Adam Sieminski

Opening remarks by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senate

Keynote: "Effects of low oil prices and EIA's short- and long-term energy outlooks"
by Adam Sieminski, Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Join us Thursday, May 28, 2015

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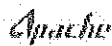
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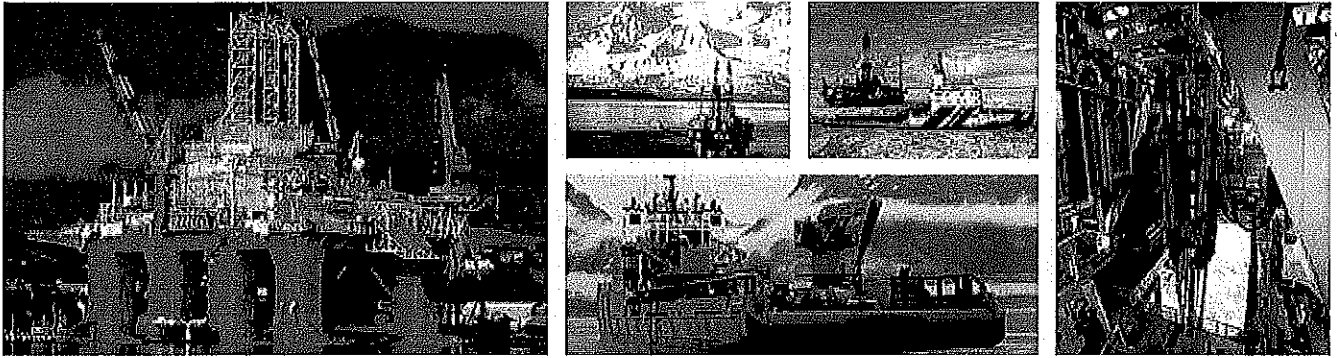
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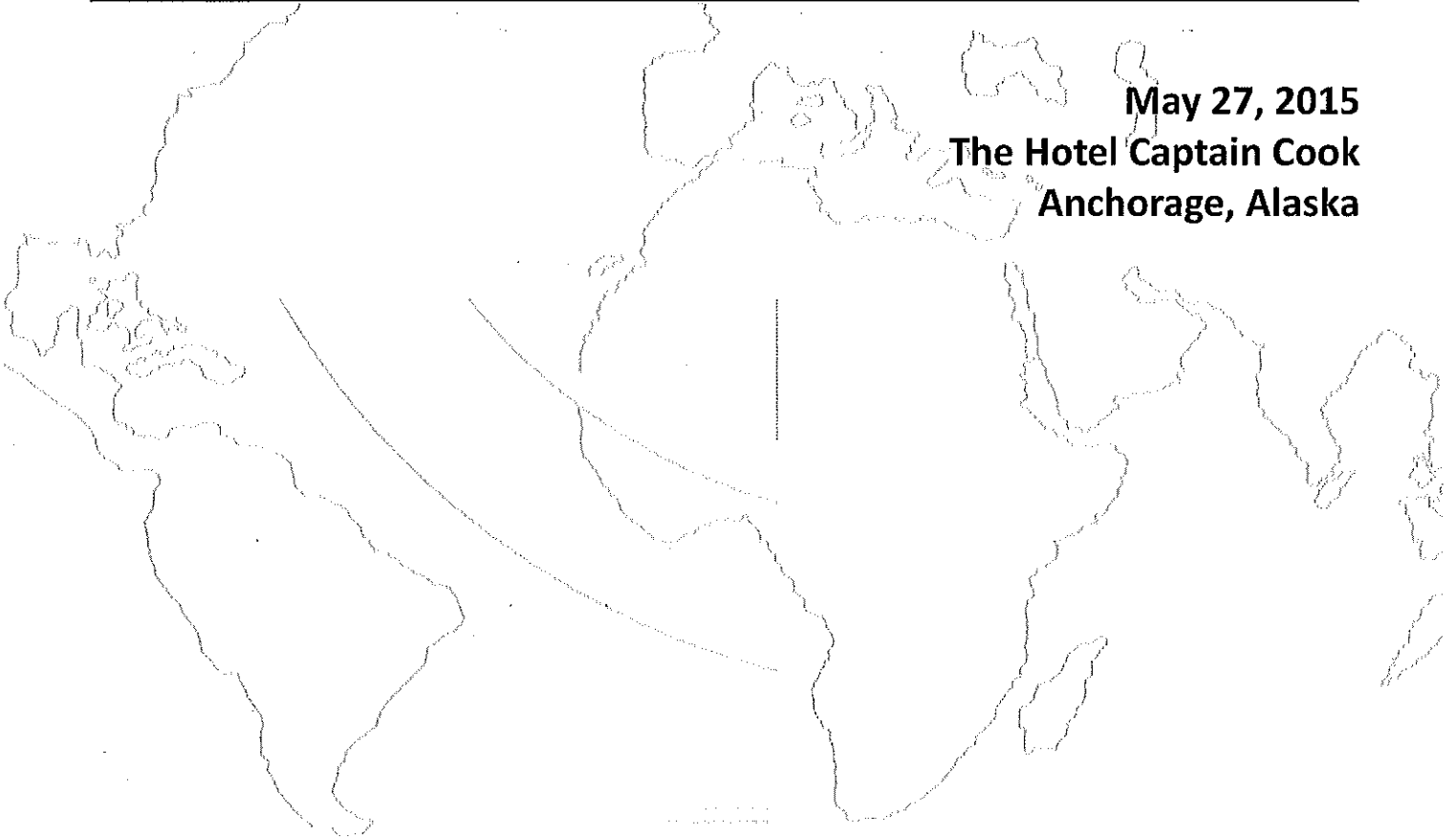


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Arctic Offshore Operations Conference 2015

May 27, 2015
The Hotel Captain Cook
Anchorage, Alaska



Conference Schedule

Arctic Offshore Operations Conference

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

9:00 am **Registration Opens**
Continental Breakfast & Exhibits

9:55 am **Audience is Seated — Discovery Ballroom**

10:05 am **ARRIVAL OF THE ROYAL PARTY**
His Majesty King Harald V of Norway
Received by Per Hagen, Regional Director, INTSOK, USA

Welcome and Introduction
John Hurter, INTSOK USA Country Manager

10:10 am **Opening Message by His Majesty King Harald V of Norway**

Presentation Title
Rex A. Rock, President, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ARSC)

**Safe Exploration and Production of Arctic Hydrocarbons:
Best Lessons and Technology Progress Since the Barents 2020 Project**
Peter Bjerager, Director of Division Americas, Oil & Gas, DNV-GL

10:55 am **His Majesty King Harald V of Norway and His Party Depart**

11:00 am **Coffee Break with Exhibits**

11:15 am **Exploration in Arctic Areas with Minimal Environmental Impact: The Use of Electro Magnetic Methods**
Dr. Svein Ellingsrud, Senior Vice President, EMGS

Safe Drilling in the Arctic: Geosteering by Seismic While Drilling
*Egil Tjaland, Ph.D., Head of the Department of Petroleum Engineering and Applied Geophysics,
Norwegian University of Science and Technology*

Floating Facilities in Ice
Rolf Eide, Senior Director, Aker Solutions

12:15 pm **Buffet Lunch with Exhibits**

PANEL DISCUSSION

1:00 pm **Focus on Environment and Operations — Industry Discussion on Oil Spill Preparedness and Recovery**
Moderator: *Bill Schoellhorn, Exploration Director Alaska, Statoil*

Panel Members:

- *Terje Ljones, Sales Manager - Oil Recovery Systems, Frank Mohn AS*
- *Joe Stacey, Vice President, StormGeo*
- *Anders Jørgensen, Senior Advisor Oil Spill Response, Norlense*
- *Mikael Rydberg, Business Area Manager, Oil Spill Detection, Miros AS*

2:15 pm **Coffee Break with Exhibits**

3:30 pm **Ice Actions on Fixed and Floating Structures: Best Engineering Practice**
Arnor Jensen, Regional Director, Multiconsult

Non-intrusive Corrosion and Erosion Measurement for Integrity Management in Arctic Environment
Trond Olsen, President, ClampOn

Challenges of Explosion Risk Management in Arctic Environments
Scott G. Davis, President, GexCon

PANEL DISCUSSION

3:30 pm **Keys to Successful Arctic Offshore Operations**
Moderator: *Jeff Kinneeveauk, President, ASRC Energy Services Alaska*

Panel Members:

- *Chris Mack, Jr. General Manager 1 Operations, Marine Transportation, Foss Maritime*
- *Lori Davey, General Manager, Fairweather, LLC*
- *Peter Bjerager, Director of Division Americas, Oil & Gas, DNV-GL*
- *Eric Fjelstad, Esq., Managing Partner, Anchorage Office, Perkins Coie, LLP*

4:45 pm **Networking, Reception and Exhibits**

5:45 pm **Conference Closes**

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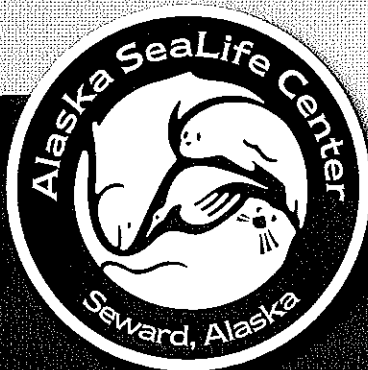
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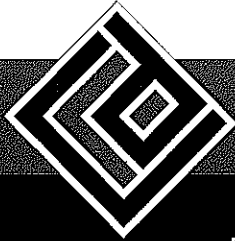
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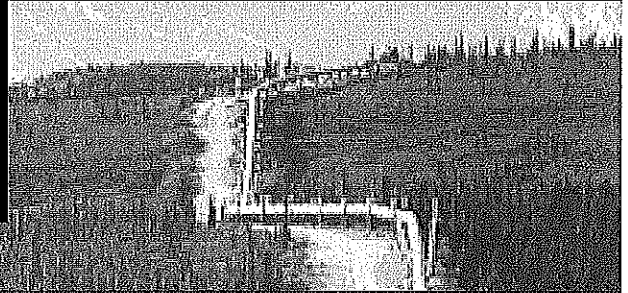
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Keynote Speaker

Chairman, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee



U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski



Guest Speaker



U.S. Senator John Thune, South Dakota *(Invited)*

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The RDC Annual Meeting is one of the largest business events of the year! Sponsorship supports vital advocacy work, legislative and government agency testimony, and other activities. Our members consider their involvement in RDC an investment in Alaska and their long-term interests. Sponsorship promotes your company and demonstrates your commitment to growing our economy. RDC appreciates your consideration of the sponsorship options inside this packet. Thank you!

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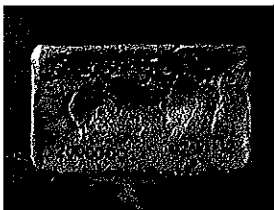
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- Arctic Specific Regulations for offshore oil and gas exploration and development
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 - Proposed Incidental Harassment Authorization in Cook Inlet
- Draft Environmental Assessment for proposed 3-D Seismic in Cook Inlet
 - Shadura oil and gas project in Kenai National Wildlife Refuge
 - Instream flow reservations
 - Waters of the U.S. Rule (jurisdictional wetlands)
 - Wetlands Compensatory Mitigation
 - Keystone XL Pipeline – National Interest Determination
- Endangered Species Act: beluga whale, Steller sea lion, Ringed & Bearded Seals, Archipelago Wolf
- Revision to definition of Critical Habitat under ESA, Humpback Whale delisting, proposed yellow cedar listing
 - Sealaska Lands Bill
 - Health Impact Assessments and HIA Toolkit
 - Multi-sector General Permits
 - Emission Control Areas
- Cruise ship access to Glacier Bay National Park/Cruise ship wastewater permit
 - Equitable wastewater discharge regulations for cruise ships
 - Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning
 - National Ocean Policy
 - Sustainable fishery management and certification
 - Donlin Gold Project
 - Pebble project
- Antidegradation Implementation Regulations Plan
- Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment and Proposed Determination
 - Bristol Bay Area Plan
 - Mineral Closure Order
- Central Yukon/Bering Sea - Western Interior/Eastern Interior land management plans/ACECs
 - Greens Creek Mine tailings permit renewal
- Usibelli coal mining projects: Wishbone Hill, Hoseanna and Emma creeks, Jumbo Dome
 - Chuitna Coal Project
 - Kensington Mine
- Red Dog/DeLong Mountain Transportation System Port permits
 - Critical minerals legislation
 - Coal bed methane
 - Forest Service National Planning Rule litigation
- Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan Revision
 - Chugach National Forest Land Management Plan
- Lake Clark Park and Preserve Land Management Plan
 - Big Thorne Timber Sale litigation
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61st Annual Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute in Anchorage

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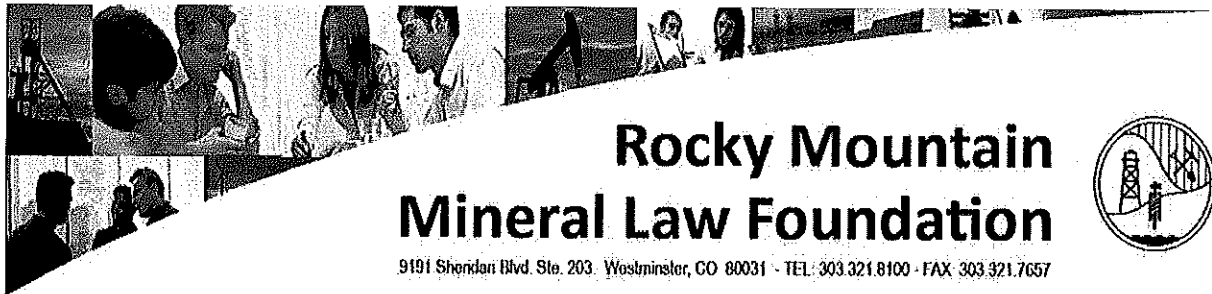
The Annual Institute is the flagship event for the Foundation in its ongoing dedication to the scholarly and practical study of the law and regulations relating to mining, oil and gas, water, public lands, environmental protection, and other related areas.

The Annual Institute opens with the General Session on Thursday morning. That afternoon and for the remainder of the conference, attendees can choose among the Mining, Oil & Gas, Water, Public Lands, Environmental, International, and Landman's Sections.

Among the northernmost cities on Earth, Anchorage features dozens of parks and 122 miles of paved bike paths. Warmed by a maritime climate and a summer sun that doesn't set until 11:00 pm, visitors can spend the day fishing Ship Creek downtown, hiking the nearby mountains, photographing glaciers, visiting museums and theaters, dining at fine restaurants, and enjoying a city with one of the highest concentrations of microbreweries per capita in the country. All with a backdrop of the salmon-rich waters of Cook Inlet and the 5,000-foot-plus peaks of Chugach State Park. Dozens of wilderness adventures are within a quick drive from downtown, and a short plane ride opens up endless adventures. That's one reason why Anchorage's Lake Hood is the world's busiest floatplane base.

On Wednesday evening, attendees are invited to a hosted Dessert Reception in the Anchorage Museum. Also being planned is a Young Professionals Reception on Wednesday evening, and then the traditional Thursday evening reception on the deck of the Dena'ina Convention Center, with its glorious views of the Chugach Range.

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