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UPDATE ON THE STATE OF ALASKA'S EFFORTS AND NEEDED REFORM OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

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Alaska's Efforts and Needed Reform of the
Endangered Species Act

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Introduction

1:15pm – 1:45pm - Endangered Species Act Primer

Jeff Leppo, Partner, Stoel Rives, LLP, Attorneys at Law

1:45 – 3pm - Panel Discussion

Moderator: Glenn Haight, Alaska Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development

Panel: Brad Meyen, Alaska Department of Law

Jeff Leppo, Stoel Rives, LLP

Doug Vincent-Lang, Alaska Department of Fish & Game

Dr. Matt Cronin, University of Alaska Fairbanks

3:15 – 4:30pm - Deliberation and Discussion

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Background

- Department of Commerce was appropriated funds to –
 - study the scientific efficacy used to determine ESA listings,
 - maintain the state’s position in ongoing litigation,
 - identify the economic impacts of listings and
 - lead an outreach plan to convey information with potential partners.
- Department of Law is providing legal response on a number of ESA related listings
- Department of Fish & Game is conducting several studies to determine the scientific efficacy in recent and pending ESA actions.
- The University of Alaska Fairbanks is conducting genetics research to determine when polar bears separated from brown bears, and ice flow pattern analysis during that period of time.
- Department of Commerce is conducting a review to determine the economic impacts of ESA listings on business development.



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