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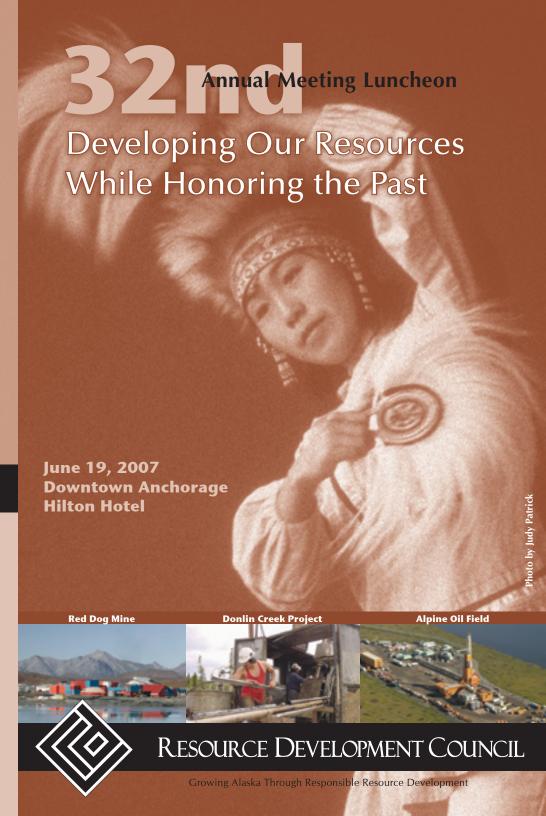
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# **Resource Development Council**

The Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc., is a statewide, non-profit, membership-funded organization comprised of individuals, local communities, Native corporations, organized labor and businesses from all resource and service sectors, including oil and gas, fisheries, timber, mining, tourism, transportation, finance, telecommunications and technology. Through RDC these broad interests work together to promote and support responsible development of Alaska's resources.

## **RDC's Mission Statement**

Growing Alaska through responsible resource development

## **RDC's Goals**

- Promote sound resource development in Alaska.
- Educate the public, policy makers, and students on resource issues.
- · Link diverse interests on resource issues.
- Sustain and expand a diverse membership.

# **How RDC Works For You**

- Educate policy makers and the general public about the role of resource development in sustaining Alaska's economy
- Influence and shape state and federal public policy
- Support pro-business legislation and administrative actions
- Build consensus among broad interests to influence public policy in support of responsible resource development
- Encourage investment in Alaska
- Advocate for a stable taxation policy
- Write technical comments and testimony on federal and state land management
- Advocate for infrastructure expansion
- Intervene in public interest litigation
- Recognize the importance of education by administering the Alaska Mineral and Energy Resource Education Fund (AMEREF)

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# **Resource Development Council**

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- Resource Review newsletters
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- Presentations from RDC public forums
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## **Major Issues 2006-2007**

- Gas pipeline
- Gas reserves tax (Ballot Measure 2)
- Oil & gas leasing statewide, OCS, NPR-A
- Oil production tax
- ANWR advocacy
- Endangered Species Act: Polar Bear, Cook Inlet beluga whale, Steller sea lion, SW Alaska sea otter, Steller & Spectacled eiders, Right whale, Yellow-billed loon
- Pebble mine project
- Kensington gold mine project
- Rock Creek mine project
- Jumbo Dome road corridor mine permit
- Chuitna coal project
- Cruise ship initiative & legislative reform
- Glacier Bay cruise ship quota
- Tongass Land Management Plan
- State & federal timber sales
- Essential Fish Habitat Proposed Rule
- Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization
- Federal/State legislative & regulatory policy
- State long-term fiscal plan
- Proposed fish & game refuges in Southwest & Interior Alaska
- Wetlands proposed rulemaking
- Bay Draft Management Plan & EIS
- Cook Inlet NPDES permit
- National Park Service inholder regulations
- State mixing zone regulations
- Alaska Railroad extension to Ft. Greely
- AMEREF K-12 resource development education program
- Freshmen Legislative Dinner
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# **2007 Policy Positions**

#### Access

- Advocate increased access to and across public lands for resource development.
- Advocate multiple-use of public lands.
- Continue to assert the state's rights on navigable waters and submerged lands.

#### Fiscal Policy -

- Advocate development of a comprehensive, responsible, and long-range state fiscal plan.
- Support equitable and stable tax and royalty policies.
- Support establishment of Percent of Market Value (POMV) as a means of distribution from the Permanent Fund.

#### **Regulation/Permitting** –

- Encourage the state to promote and defend the integrity of Alaska's permitting process.
- Advocate clear, timely, and streamlined state and federal permitting systems based on sound science, economic feasibility, and protection of property ownership rights.
- Encourage the state to lower the costs associated with Alaska's permitting process.

#### Infrastructure -

- Encourage the state to develop a prioritized transportation strategy that supports resource exploration and development activities.
- Encourage the state to develop a prioritized energy/power generation and transmission strategy that supports resource exploration and development activities.
- Support financially sound improvements and additions to the state's land, marine, and air transportation infrastructure, as well as the state's communication, power generation and transmission infrastructure.

#### Education

- Support growing the Alaska Mineral and Energy Resource Education Fund (AMEREF) program.
- Support initiatives to educate students and the general public on responsible resource development activities in Alaska.
- Support growing the state's emphasis on workforce development.

#### **Mining**

- Support initiatives to encourage new exploration and development of Alaska's mineral resources, as well as increased production from existing deposits.
- Advocate continuation and expansion of the airborne geophysical mapping program and the on-the-ground follow up work required to realize the full benefits of the program.

# **2007 Policy Positions**

#### Oil & Gas

- Support initiatives to encourage new exploration and development of Alaska's oil and gas deposits, as well as enhanced production from existing fields.
- Encourage public policy decisions to improve the commercial viability of developing Alaska's North Slope and Interior natural gas resources.
- Support stability in oil and gas taxes by opposing amendments to the Oil and Gas Petroleum Profits Tax legislation passed by the Legislature in 2006.
- Encourage methods to improve the commercial viability of developing Alaska's heavy oil resources.
- Educate and advocate for opening the coastal plain of the ANWR to oil and gas development.
- Support offshore oil and gas development and work to maximize benefits to Alaska through advocacy for federal revenue sharing and/or community impact assistance.

#### Energy

- Support simplified leasing and permitting of non-conventional fuel resources to encourage development of the state's resources and provide energy to local areas.
- Support efforts to restart the Healy Clean Coal Project.
- Encourage development of new electrical generating and transmission systems to provide stable sources of electricity for economic development and existing electricity consumers.
- Support utilization of Alaska's coal resources for value-added industries and power generation in addition to export to international markets.

#### **Fisheries**

- Support fisheries policies that ensure access, markets and revenues for Alaska fishermen and coastal communities, and a healthy competitive environment for an Alaskan seafood processing industry.
- Support reduced fisheries waste and better utilization of Alaska fisheries resources, improved product value and development of new product forms.
- Support funding of fisheries and marine mammal research.

## **Forestry**

- Advocate for a reliable and economical long-term federal and state timber supply.
- Support adequate funding and enforcement of the Alaska Forest Practices Act.
- Encourage funding of forest management initiatives that address long-term forest health and reforestation.

#### Tourism

- Support increased and expanded tourism opportunities and improved visitor facilities throughout Alaska.
- Advocate additional aircraft landing sites and reduced restrictions on over-flights.
- Support amending the new cruise ship law to ensure compliance with federal tax restrictions, avoid regulatory redundancy, and protect Alaska businesses from unreasonable disclosure of pricing practices.

## What is AMEREF?



AMEREF is the Alaska Mineral & Energy Resource Education Fund, a partnership between the Alaska Department of Education and private industry to provide educational material, in the form of Alaska Resources Kits, to Alaskan teachers. The kits contain a standards-based, Alaska-specific interdisciplinary set

of lessons, activities, and support materials which provide students with balanced information about Alaska's rich heritage with mineral, energy, and forest resources.

Kit materials include samples of oil, minerals, and rocks indigenous to Alaska, videos, an interactive CD, posters, maps, reference books, Sitka spruce cross-sections, and dozens of lesson plans and learning activities. The kits have been accepted in all of Alaska's 54 school districts and demand continues to grow. Alaska teachers and industry scientists continually revise and update the kits to keep them current. The kits are so flexible they are used in classrooms from kindergarten through high school for science, math, social studies, Alaska studies and other subjects.

# **AMEREF's Mission Statement**

AMEREF's Mission is to provide Alaskan students with the knowledge and skills to make informed and objective decisions relating to mineral, energy, and forest resources.

# **Request Additional Information**

If you know a teacher that would like to receive a kit or you are interested in helping support the AMEREF program and responsible resource education for Alaskan children, please email kits@ameref.org or call (907) 276-KITS (5487).

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