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BREAKFAST MEETING

Thursday, October 16, 2014

1. Call to order – Ralph Samuels, President
2. Head Table Introductions
3. Self introductions
4. Staff Report – Carl Portman, Deputy Director
5. Program and Keynote Speaker:

Alaska Industry Workforce Development Plans: Meeting the Needs of Alaskans

Commissioner Dianne Blumer

Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 6: Alaska and Natural Resources, Herbert Hunt, Advisor to Management, Petro-Hunt LLC and Representative, PacRim Coal, LP

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Growing Alaska Through Responsible Resource Development

Testimony of Marleanna Hall • Projects Coordinator, Resource Development Council Donlin Gold Gas Pipeline Public Hearing • Wednesday, October 15, 2014 • Anchorage, AK

Good evening. My name is Marleanna Hall and I am a Projects Coordinator at the Resource Development Council.

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.

RDC urges the State Pipeline Coordinator's Office to approve the right-of-way lease request for the gas pipeline for the proposed Donlin Gold project site. Donlin's application for a right-of-way lease for a natural gas pipeline from Cook Inlet to the proposed mine north of Crooked Creek, will be for the 14-inch diameter, 315-mile line beginning at the Beluga gas field 30 miles west of Anchorage and ending at the proposed Donlin gold mine site.

The gas pipeline will provide a stable source of energy for the Donlin project, and has the potential to offer the same to local communities if they choose to tie into the gas pipeline at a later date. Additionally, the construction of the pipeline, potentially beginning in 2016 and lasting three to four years, will provide jobs to Alaskans.

The pipeline will bring natural gas closer to rural Alaska, and potentially offer lower cost energy options to the region and job opportunities leading to reduced out-migration. The gas pipeline is also a better energy source than other options, and offers a better delivery method.

Donlin proposed the gas pipeline as an alternative after residents along the Kuskokwim expressed concerns about barge traffic delivering diesel to the project. The pipeline will reduce expected barge traffic on the river.

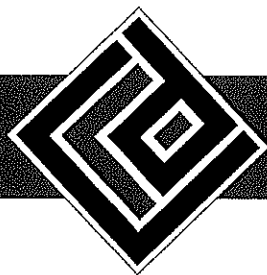
Furthermore, the gas pipeline infrastructure may offer development opportunities for properties along the pipeline corridor, including Calista and Cook Inlet Region, Inc. lands.

The Donlin project is located in a region of Alaska that experiences some of the highest unemployment rates and has very few other opportunities. Through the exploration stages, Donlin has shown a strong commitment to local hire and for supporting communities and cultures in the region. A project like this truly is a rare opportunity to improve the local economy where few other opportunities exist.

The mine project is on surface land owned by The Kuskokwim Corporation, and subsurface land owned by Calista Corporation. These lands were selected under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act specifically for their mineral development potential. Royalties paid to Calista will in part be redistributed to other regional and village corporations, pursuant to the 7(i) and 7(j) provisions of ANCSA.

If developed, RDC believes it will be done in a way that creates opportunity for local employment and economic growth, while protecting the subsistence resources and culture of the region, and protecting the environment. Donlin has committed to burying much of the pipeline to reduce visual impact and environmental footprint, as well as reclaim temporary infrastructure, such as roads and landing strips.

In closing, RDC again urges the State to approve the right-of-way lease request. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important project.



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Attn: FWS-R9-ES-2011-0104; FWS-R9-ES-2011-0072; FWS-HQ-ES-2012-0096

Division of Policy and Directives Management

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

4401 N. Fairfax Drive, PDM-2042

Arlington, VA 22203

Re: Comments of draft policy and rule changes impacting critical habitat designation and consultations

To Whom It May Concern,

The Resource Development Council (RDC) offers the following comments in response to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (collectively, the "Services") request for comments on their draft policy and proposed revisions to the procedures and criteria for designating critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

RDC is a statewide, 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 Services' proposed changes are an alarming shift in the interpretation and enactment of the ESA's critical habitat provisions. If adopted, the changes would unreasonably expand the Services discretion in designating critical habitat as well as determining which actions negatively impact the designations. This is in direct contrast to Congress' amendment to the Act in 1978, which was intended to narrow the Services' discretion and limit the magnitude of critical habitat designations.

RDC supports the comments offered by the Alaska Oil and Gas Association as well as the State of Alaska, and would like to reiterate the areas of utmost concern to our membership:

- The proposal to expand critical habitat designations to include unoccupied habitat that does not have the physical or biological features essential to the conservation of the species.

Under no circumstances should habitat be designated as critical for a species' survival if it doesn't contain the biological features necessary for survival, unless a determination by the Secretary is made that such areas are *essential* for the conservation of the species. Further, the Services should not expand critical habitat based on anticipated future habitat changes due to the effect of global climate change. Congress explicitly tied the habitat designation to "the time" at which a species is listed. The Services currently have authority to revise designations as necessary, and can make appropriate changes when necessary.


- The proposed changes to the definition of "Destruction or Adverse Modification" aren't clear and are inconsistent with the ESA

The Services proposed changes to the definition of "destruction or adverse modification," attempt to replace "survival and recovery" with the term "conservation value." Congress defined the term "conservation" as "the use of all methods and procedures which are necessary" to bring a listed species to the point where ESA protections are no longer required. The Services suggest a definition of "conservation value" that differs from Congress' definition of "conservation." The preamble to the proposed rule defines "conservation value" as "the contribution the critical habitat provides, or has the potential to provide, to the recovery of the species." The agency should not rely on a newly defined term in a preamble, especially when the preamble definition of "conservation" is different than the one imposed by Congress. Moreover, this new definition improperly focuses the adverse modification inquiry solely on recovery, not *survival* or recovery. RDC urges The Services to adopt a clear definition for "conservation value."

In addition to these concerns, RDC would like to emphasize the importance of the provision – section 4(b)(2) – that requires the Services to consider economic and other factors that may weigh against designation of certain areas as "critical habitat." The current proposals contradict this provision by expanding the Services' discretion in a manner that the agencies acknowledge will result in increasing the size and scope of critical habitat designations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,



Kati Capozzi
Projects Coordinator

RDC's 35th Annual Alaska Resources Conference

Wednesday and Thursday, November 19-20, 2014
Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center
Anchorage, Alaska

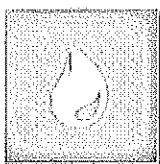
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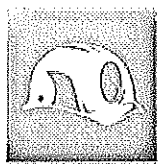
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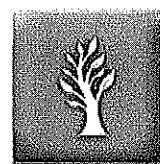
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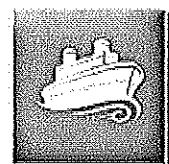
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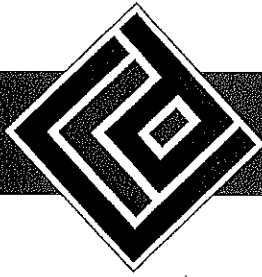
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Wednesday-Thursday, November 19-20, 2014

Dena'ina Convention Center, Anchorage

Wednesday, November 19th

- 7:00 **Registration/Check-in/Exhibits Open**
Eye-Opener Breakfast in Exhibit Area – **Sponsored by Wells Fargo**
- 8:00 **Opening Remarks**
- Alaskan Economic Trends: 2015 Outlook**
Neal Fried, Economist, Alaska Department of Labor
- Alaska Industry 2014 Year in Review and 2015 Outlook**
Oil & Gas: Kara Moriarty, President and CEO, Alaska Oil and Gas Association
Fisheries: Stephanie Madsen, Executive Director, At-Sea Processors Association
Forestry: Owen Graham, Executive Director, Alaska Forest Association
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Tourism: Gideon Garcia, Chief Operating Officer, CIRI Alaska Tourism
- 10:00 **Gourmet Break – Sponsored by ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.**
- 10:30 **Investment in Action**
Trond-Erik Johansen, President, ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
- Investing in Alaska's Future**
Janet Weiss, President, BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc.
- 11:30 **Networking Break**
- Noon **Keynote Luncheon – Sponsored by Northrim Bank**
The Arctic: Overcoming Challenges, Harnessing Great Opportunities
Thomas Mack, President and CEO, Aleut Corporation
Rex Rock, President and CEO, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation
- 1:30 **Cook Inlet and Interior Basin Outlook**
Greg Lalicker, President, Hilcorp
David Hall, President, Cook Inlet Energy
Jim Mery, Vice President, Doyon Ltd.
Corri Feige, General Manager, Linc Energy Operations, Inc.
- 3:00 **Gourmet Break – Sponsored by Cruise Lines International Association Alaska**
- 3:30 **The Arctic: Alaskan and Circumpolar Perspectives**
Drue Pearce, Senior Policy Advisor, Crowell & Moring LLP
- North Slope: New Development and Production Update**
Bill Hardham, Alaska Operations Manager, Repsol
Pat Foley, Senior Vice President, Caelus Energy Alaska, LLC
- 4:30 **VIP Reception – Hosted by ExxonMobil** Open to all attendees

Thursday, November 20th

7:00 Exhibits Open
Eye-Opener Breakfast in Exhibit Area

8:30 **Opening Remarks**

Point Thomson: One Step Closer to Production

Gina Dickerson, Point Thomson Senior Project Manager, ExxonMobil Development Company

**New Federal Regulations and Implications for Alaska Industry:
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Eric Fjelstad, Partner, Perkins Coie LLP

Emerging Energy & Climate Regulations: Impact on Alaska

Commissioner Larry Hartig, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

10:00 **Gourmet Break – Sponsored by Stoel Rives LLP**

10:30 **Celebrating 25 Years of Developing Potential: What's Next?**

Wayne Hall, Manager, Community and Public Relations, Teck

Lance Miller, Vice President, Natural Resources, NANA Regional Corporation

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11:30 **Networking Break**

Noon **Keynote Luncheon – Sponsored by Holland America Line**

Outlook for Commodities in Alaska Export Markets: From Minerals to LNG

Patricia Mohr, Vice President, Economics and Commodity Markets Specialist, The Scotiabank Group

1:30 **Progress Report on the Alaska LNG Project**

Larry Persily, Federal Coordinator, Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects

Steve Butt, Senior Project Manager, Alaska LNG Project

Bob Swenson, Deputy Commissioner for Oil and Gas, Alaska Department of Natural Resources (Invited)

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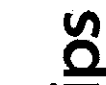
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