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As you consider Alaska Resources 2010, do so with a renewed and enriched sense of optimism about Alaska's next 50 years and beyond. I stand with you in focusing on jobs and our economy through resource development. Together, we can create a future of opportunity.

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**Mining:** Historically, mining has been a cornerstone of Alaska's economy. Many roads, docks and other infrastructure throughout Alaska were originally constructed to serve the mining industry. Major communities like Fairbanks, Juneau and Nome were founded on mining activity. Today, a rejuvenated mining industry brings a broad range of benefits to Alaska, offering some of the highest paying jobs in both urban and rural Alaska, as well as generating significant local and state government tax payments and royalties to Native corporations for activity on their land.



**Fishing:** Alaska is the only state to have coastlines on three different seas: the Arctic Ocean, Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea. Fifty percent of the nation's commercially harvested fish come from Alaska, nearly four times more than the next largest state. Eight of Alaska's ports consistently rate in the top 30 U.S. ports in terms of volume and value of seafood delivered. Dutch Harbor-Unalaska and Kodiak have consistently ranked as the top ports in the nation in terms of seafood value and pounds harvested. Seafood has been, and remains, Alaska's top export commodity.



**Forestry:** The forest industry has been an important contributor to the Alaska economy for over a half century. Sitka spruce and hemlock of very high quality have been exported as logs, lumber and timbers into the Pacific Rim for the past four decades. Alaska has 129 million acres of forested land, stretching from the coastal rain forest of Southeast and Southcentral Alaska to the boreal forest of the Interior. Four landlords manage Alaska's forests: the federal government, 51%; state and local government, including the University of Alaska system, 25%; Native corporations, 24% and private landowners, 0.4%.



**Tourism:** Alaska is like no other place. It has more mountains, glaciers and wildlife than just about anywhere else in the world. Alaska has become a top visitor destination and the industry has experienced steady growth, but visitor numbers were down in 2009. The most noticeable trends in the visitor industry are attributable to the cruise ship industry, which brings more than half of all visitors to Alaska. In recent years, visitor volume has exceeded 1.7 million visitors in the May-September season.

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### 7:00 a.m. Registration/Check-in/Exhibits Open

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### 8:00 Opening Remarks

Moderator: Wendy Lindskoog, RDC President, Assistant Vice President, Corporate Affairs,  
Alaska Railroad Corporation  
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### The North Slope: 2010 Forecast

John Mingé, President, BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.  
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Lee Bruce, Senior Project Manager, Point Thomson, ExxonMobil

### Alaska OCS 2010

Peter Slaiby, Vice President, Shell Alaska

### 10:00 Gourmet Break in Exhibit Area – Sponsored by ExxonMobil

### 10:30 Emerging Energy Policy: Where Does Alaska Stand?

Moderator: Erec Isaacson, RDC Executive Committee member, Vice President, Corporate Assets,  
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.

Pat Pourchot, Special Assistant to the Secretary for Alaska Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior  
Tom Irwin, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Natural Resources

### Common Sense Energy Policy: Short-term Needs, Long-term Solutions

David Holt, President, Consumer Energy Alliance

### 11:30 Networking Break

### Noon Keynote Luncheon:

### Alaska Native Corporations: 2009 In Review, A Look At The Year Ahead

Moderator: John Shively, RDC Executive Committee member,  
Chief Executive Officer, Pebble Limited Partnership  
Matthew Nicolai, President, Calista Corporation  
Margie Brown, President, Cook Inlet Region, Inc.  
Marie Greene, President, NANA Regional Corporation

### 2:00 p.m. Climate Change Regulation, Legislation and Litigation: Implications for Alaska

Moderator: Stan Foo, RDC Executive Committee member, Alaska Manager, Barrick Gold Corporation  
Jeff Leppo, Senior Attorney, Stoel Rives, LLP  
Lynn Westfall, Senior Vice President, External Affairs and Chief Economist, Tesoro Corporation  
Larry Hartig, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

### 3:00 Gourmet Break in Exhibit Area – Sponsored by Stoel Rives, LLP

### 3:30 Kensington: Why Did It Take 20 years?

Moderator: Marilyn Crockett, RDC Executive Committee member, Executive  
Director, Alaska Oil and Gas Association  
Tom Henderson, General Manager and Vice President, Coeur Alaska – Kensington Gold Mine

### 4:00 Going on the Offensive: Debunking Myths and Misinformation

Ralph Samuels, Vice President Government and Community Relations, Holland America Line  
Eric Fjelstad, Attorney at Law, Perkins Coie LLP  
John Shively, Chief Executive Officer, Pebble Limited Partnership

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# Thursday, November 19th

## 7:00 a.m. Exhibits Open

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## 8:00 Opening Remarks

Moderator: Tom Maloney, RDC Treasurer, Vice President, Gas Strategies, CH2M HILL  
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### Federal and State Perspectives on Alaska Gas Pipeline Projects

Drue Pearce, Federal Coordinator, Office of the Federal Coordinator  
for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects

Dr. Mark Myers, AGIA Coordinator, Alaska Department of Natural Resources

### The TransCanada–ExxonMobil Pipeline Project

Tony Palmer, Vice President Alaska Development, TransCanada

### The Denali Pipeline Project

Bud Fackrell, President, Denali: The Alaska Gas Pipeline

### Addressing Alaska's Energy Needs: Exploring Options for In-State Gas

Gene Therriault, In-State Gas Coordinator, Office of the Governor, State of Alaska

## 10:00 Gourmet Break in Exhibit Area – Sponsored by Petrotechnical Resources of Alaska

## 10:30 Tourism: Industry in Crisis

Moderator: Bob Berto, RDC Executive Committee member,

Chief Executive Officer, Cruise Lines Agencies of Alaska

Paul Landis, Chief Operating Officer, CIRI Alaska Tourism Corporation

Steve Hites, Skagway Street Car Company, Inc.

## 11:30 Networking Break

## Noon Keynote Luncheon:



Moderator: Phil Cochrane, RDC Senior Vice President, Vice President, External Affairs,  
BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc.

Gaétan Caron, Chair and Chief Executive Officer, National Energy Board Canada

## 1:30 p.m. Arctic Policy and Alaska's Natural Resources

Moderator: Len Horst, RDC Secretary, Senior Vice President and Commercial Loan Manager,  
Northrim Bank

Mayor Edward Itta, North Slope Borough

Chris Oliver, Executive Director, North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Captain Michael Inman, Chief, Response Division, 17th Coast Guard District

### The Great Recession and Outlook for Alaska Resource Industries in 2010

Donna Logan, Senior Manager, McDowell Group, Inc.

Bill Popp, President, Anchorage Economic Development Corporation

Neal Fried, Economist, Alaska Department of Labor

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