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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 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

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

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### ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

#### 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

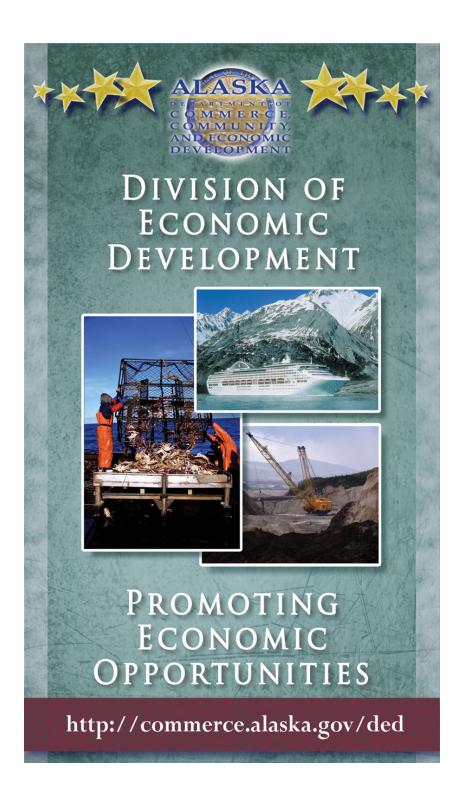
Panel: Brad Meyen, Alaska Department of Law Jeff Leppo, Stoel Rives, LLP Doug Vincent-Lang, Alaska Department of Fish & Game Dr. Matt Cronin, University of Alaska Fairbanks

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

### ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

#### 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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