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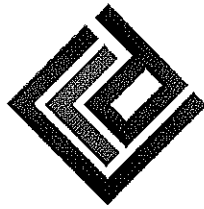
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# RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Growing Alaska Through Responsible Resource Development

## BREAKFAST MEETING

Thursday, October 20, 2016

1. Call to order – Jeanine St. John, RDC Secretary
2. Self Introductions
3. Head Table Introductions
4. Staff Report – Marleanna Hall, Executive Director
5. Program and Keynote Speaker:

### Gearing up for 2017

Bill O'Leary, President, Alaska Railroad Corporation

Next Meeting Thursday, November 3: TBA  
Dena'ina Convention Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

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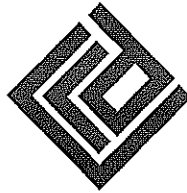
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October 17, 2016

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs  
5275 Leesburg Pike  
MS: BPHC  
Falls Church, VA 22041-3803

RE: Comments on Draft Endangered Species Act Compensatory Mitigation Policy Docket  
No. FWS-HQ-ES-2015-0165

To Whom It May Concern:

The Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc. (RDC) is writing to urge the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) to withdraw the Draft Endangered Species Act (ESA) Compensatory Mitigation Policy (Draft Policy).

RDC is an Alaskan, 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.

This unnecessary application of voluntary compensatory mitigation policy will only create additional confusion and uncertainty for project proponents, potentially resulting in delayed operations and increased costs at best. At worst, this Draft Policy could prevent projects from moving forward at all. In a state in critical need of infrastructure, this proposal will negatively impact rural and urban development, furthering the unfavorable circumstances many Alaska communities endure.

The Draft Policy raises a number of concerns, most notably the assertion made that the USFWS has authority to require compensatory mitigation resulting in a 'net gain' or 'no net loss' under the ESA. The ESA and its implementing regulations do not require or recommend USFWS enforce compensatory mitigation measures and in fact clearly state as much in the ESA Section 7 Consultation Handbook, which reads: "the objective of incidental take analysis under section 7 is minimization, *not* mitigation." The USFWS must ensure that an action is not likely to jeopardize or cause adverse modification and may prescribe measures to minimize — not "mitigate" or "fully compensate" for — the impact of the authorized incidental take.

The Draft Policy acknowledges "the Service's authority to require compensatory mitigation under the ESA is limited and differs under Sections 7 and 10" and the Service's "authority to require a 'net gain' in the status of listed or at-risk species has little or no application under the ESA." Nonetheless, the Draft Policy goes on to offer guidelines with the end goal of "net gain" or "no net loss" compensatory mitigation under the ESA. This paradox distorts the USFWS intent for how the Draft Policy would be implemented and suggests that the USFWS would unlawfully require "net gain" or "no net loss" compensatory mitigation of project applicants.

While the USFWS acknowledges that impacts may be voluntarily mitigated under the ESA, the Draft Policy is structured and written as though it will be used by the USFWS to *mandate* compensatory mitigation to achieve "net benefit" or "no net impact" results.

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RDC is concerned that while "voluntary mitigation" is implied, a very possible result of the Draft Policy is that project applicants will be compelled into agreeing to compensatory mitigation that is not legally required under the ESA for fear that approval of their projects will be substantially delayed or effectively denied if compensatory mitigation is not included as part of their proposal.

The Draft Policy also places a strong priority on compensatory mitigation that occurs in advance of impacts. Project proponents cannot reasonably be expected to implement compensatory mitigation in advance of incidental take authorization or development of the proposed project. Requiring mitigation to be implemented before impacts occur would greatly increase timing uncertainty for development proponents and in some cases may contribute to projects not moving forward at all. Moreover, requiring compensatory mitigation be accomplished in advance of impacts will only serve to discourage applicants from proposing voluntary mitigation as part of their projects.

Lastly, the Draft Policy's reference of climate change projections lacks adequate scientific evidence and is flawed by relying on modeling that cannot meaningfully predict how climate change will impact species and habitat in specific areas and how mitigation may result in specific benefits in those areas. It is not prudent for the USFWS to rely on speculative climate change projections over lengthy periods of time to accurately predict effects in specific areas and upon specific species. The current state of the science and modeling of climate change impacts cannot provide reliable predictions of how a particular species may respond to climate change and how mitigation efforts might benefit species affected by climate change. RDC requests that the USFWS not rely on speculative climate change projections in the development of mitigation efforts in any future Draft Policy.

RDC acknowledges that the Draft Policy represents the USFWS's attempt to implement the recent Executive Office and Department of Interior mitigation policies in the context of the USFWS's responsibility to administer the ESA. However, new policy directives apply only to the extent they are consistent with existing laws adopted by Congress. If Congress had intended to require that every impact to listed species be completely offset (or result in a net gain), it would have written such a requirement into the ESA. If the Service or the President desires such a result, the only solution is for Congress to amend the ESA to provide that authority to the Executive Branch. For this reason, RDC again urges the Draft Policy be withdrawn.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Kati Capozzi  
Communications & Projects Manager

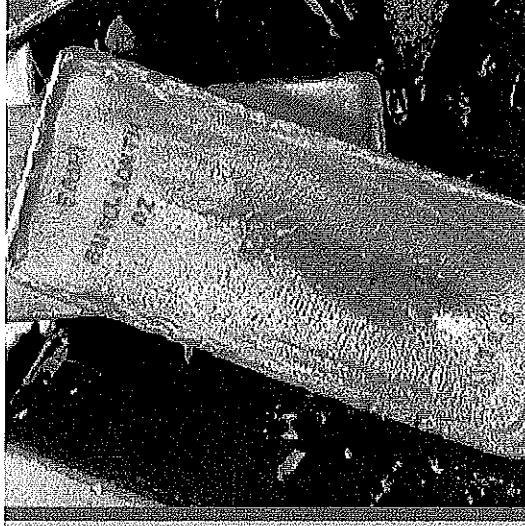


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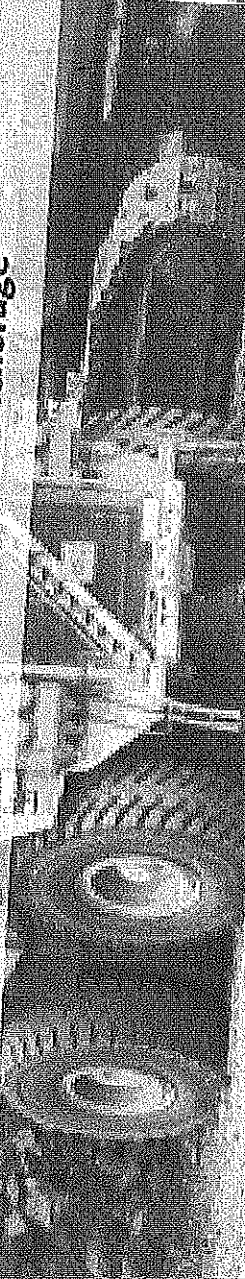
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**Thank you!**

# ANILCA TRAINING

*Anyone who wants to understand Alaska  
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**November 14-15, 2016, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm**  
BLM Campbell Creek Science Center  
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## **Two-Day Course includes:**

- Summary of Alaska's land history from Territorial days to present
- Context of ANILCA's passage – including major constituents, issues of the day, and the "Great Compromise"
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- Key access provisions of ANILCA, including access for traditional activities, subsistence, inholdings, and transportation & utility systems
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- Wilderness reviews and management
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- Case Studies

**Presenters:** Federal agency representatives and others with extensive ANILCA experience.

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**Recommended for:** Federal agencies with ANILCA implementation responsibilities, state and local land and resource managers, Native corporations, rural residents and inholders, as well as community leaders, policy makers, consultants, the academic community and the interested public.

**Objective:** A greater understanding of ANILCA and its influence on conservation policy, business opportunities, resource development, and public land management in Alaska.

**Cost:** General Registration \$575  
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Students \$200\*

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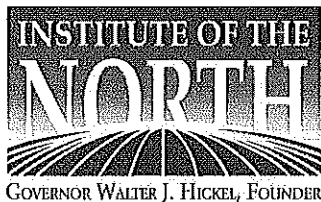
**Registration** closes one week in advance, unless already full. 35 participants minimum; 55 participants maximum.

**To Register, go to the Institute of the North website:**

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**Course questions?** Contact Roger Pearson, ANILCA Training organizer and moderator, at [rpearson@institutenorth.org](mailto:rpearson@institutenorth.org)

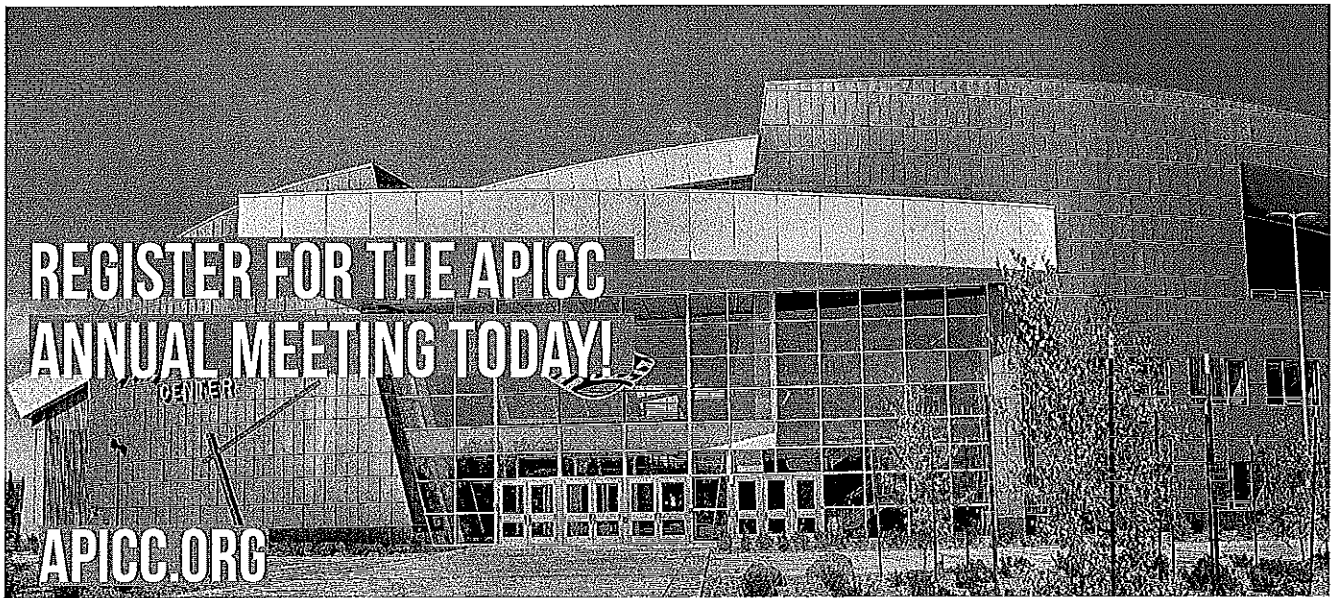
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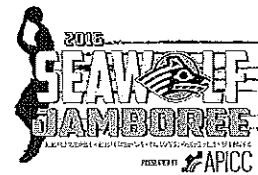
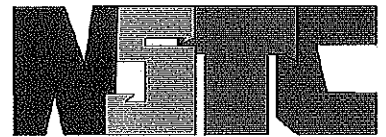


The APICC Annual Meeting will be November 18, 2016

Keynote speaker, Bruce Tulgan, author of several books, including "Not Everyone Gets a Trophy: How to Manage the Millennials" and "Bridging the Soft Skills Gap: How to Teach the Missing Basics to Today's Young Talent," will be speaking. He is also the author of "The 27 Challenges Managers Face," and the best-selling "It's Okay to Be the Boss."

We'll be hearing from Angel H. Bermudez, principal and founder of Strategic Philanthropic Innovations; Ed Flanagan, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Employment and Training Division; and Renah Wolzinger, Workforce Credentials Coalition.

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# 2017 Alaska Ocean Leadership Awards

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## Walter J. & Ermalee Hickel's Lifetime Achievement Award

\$500 cash prize

Sponsored by: Governor Walter J. and Ermalee Hickel

Awarded to an individual or institution that has made an exceptional contribution to management of Alaska's coastal and ocean resources over a period of 20 or more years.

2010 Recipient: Senator Ted Stevens and Dr. Vera Alexander

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2012 Recipient: Caleb Pungowiyi

2013 Recipient: Clement V. Tillion

2014 Recipient: Stan Stephens

2015 Recipient: Al Burch

2016 Recipient: Captain Ed Page

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## Stewardship and Sustainability Award

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2011 Recipient: Shell Alaska Venture

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2013 Recipient: Holland America Line

2014 Recipient: Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center

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2016 Recipient: SeaShare

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## Marine Research Award

\$500 cash prize

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Awarded to a scientist, team of scientists or an institution that is acknowledged by peers to have made an original breakthrough contribution or a career spanning achievement in any field of scientific knowledge about Alaska's oceans.

2010 Recipient: Dr. Gordon Kruse

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2013 Recipient: Drs. Katrin Ilken, Brenda Konar,  
Russ Hopcroft and Bodhil Bluhm

2014 Recipient: Dr. Tom Weingartner

2015 Recipient: Drs. Jacqueline Grebmeier and Lee Cooper

2016 Recipient: Gunnar Knapp

## Marine Science Outreach Award

(Formerly Ocean Literacy and Ocean Media Awards)

\$500 cash prize

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Awarded to a person, team or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to ocean literacy via formal or informal education, media or other communications about Alaska's marine ecosystems.

### Ocean Literacy

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2011 Recipient: Elizabeth Trowbridge - CACS

2012 Recipient: Kurt Byers & Sea Grant Staff

2013 Recipient: Bonita Nelson

### Ocean Media

2010 Recipient: Elizabeth Arnold

2011 Recipient: Marine Conservation Alliance

2012 Recipient: Deborah Mercy

2013 Recipient: Thomas Litwin and Lawrence Hott

### Marine Science Outreach

2014 Recipient: Laurie "Poppy" Benson

2015 Recipient: Benjamin Carney

2016 Recipient: Susan Saupe

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## Hoffman-Greene Ocean Youth Award

\$500 cash prize

Sponsored by: Dale Hoffman

Awarded to an individual or team of Alaskan youth ages 12-19 who has displayed a dedication to promoting the understanding and stewardship of Alaska's oceans.

2013 Recipient: Ahmaogak Sweeney

2014 Recipient: Pribilof Student Marine Research Student Team

2015 Recipient: Alisa Aist

2016 Recipient: Sofia Astaburuaga Larenas

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## Ocean Ambassador Award

The Ocean Ambassador Award was created to recognize an individual or organization that has made outstanding contributions in promoting public awareness and appreciation of Alaska's oceans, coasts, and marine ecosystems.

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2016 Recipient: Arliss Sturgulewski



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**Why does this person or institution exemplify the characteristics of this award? (Include work history, achievements and character traits as applicable)**

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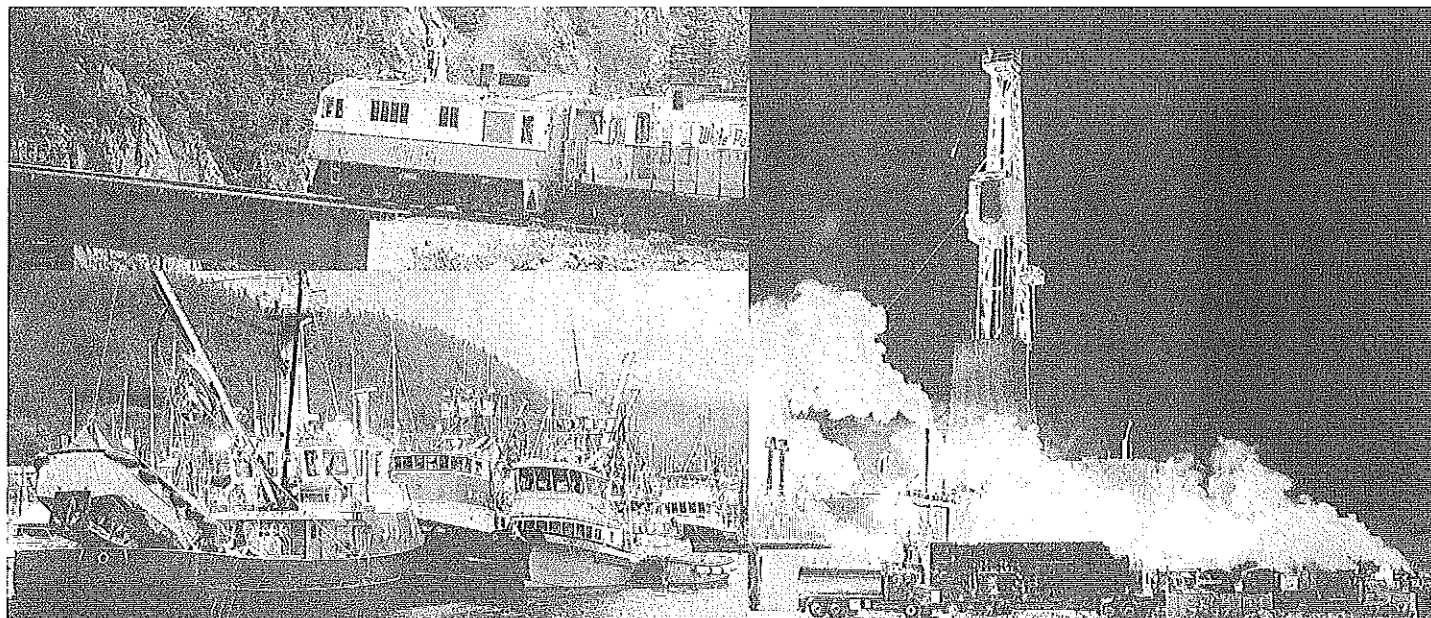
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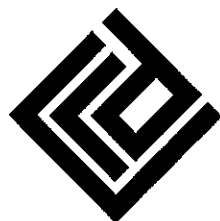
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# AGENDA

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

- 7:00 a.m. Registration/Check-in/Exhibits Open  
Eye-Opener Breakfast in Exhibit Area -- Sponsored by Wells Fargo
- 8:00 Opening Remarks  
Eric Fjelstad, RDC President, and Managing Partner, Perkins Coie LLP
- Alaska Economic Trends: 2017 Outlook  
Neal Fried, Economist, Alaska Department of Labor
- Alaska Industry 2016 Year in Review and 2017 Outlook  
Oil & Gas: Kara Moriarty, President and CEO, Alaska Oil and Gas Association  
Fisheries: Glenn Reed, President, Pacific Seafood Processors Association  
Forestry: John Sturgeon, President, Koncor Forest Products  
Mining: Karen Matthias, Executive Director, Council of Alaska Producers  
Tourism: Carol Fraser, Regional Director, Sales and Marketing, Aspen Hotels
- 10:00 Networking Break – Sponsored by ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
- 10:30 North Slope Update: Opportunities and Challenges  
Scott Jepsen, Vice President, External Affairs and Transportation, ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
- Prudhoe Bay: Alaska's Past, Present, and Future  
Janet Weiss, Alaska Regional President, BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc.
- 11:30 Networking Break
- Noon Keynote Luncheon: Sponsored by Northrim Bank  
The Science Economy: How The Fusion of Technology and Energy Will Impact Our Future  
Gianni Kovacevic, Executive Chairman, Copper Bank, Author of *My Electrician Drives A Porsche*
- 1:30 p.m. Exploring A New Path Forward for Alaska LNG  
Governor Bill Walker (*Invited*)  
Keith Meyer, President, Alaska Gasline Development Corporation
- The Booming Business of Cruising: Can Alaska Compete?  
Ralph Samuels, Vice President, Government and Community Relations – Alaska, Holland America Group
- 3:00 Networking Break – Sponsored by Colville, Inc.
- 3:30 Arctic OCS: Critical Opportunity for Arctic Communities, Alaska, and America  
Rex Rock, President, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation  
David Holt, President, Consumer Energy Alliance
- 4:30 VIP Networking Reception -- Hosted by ExxonMobil open to conference registrants and speakers





## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

- 7:00 a.m. Exhibits Open  
Eye-Opener Breakfast in Exhibit Area – **Sponsorship Available**
- 8:00 **What Does it Take to Build a Healthy and Sustainable Economy?**  
Joe Beedle, Chairman of the Board, Northrim Bank  
**A Rising Tide in Mining – What Alaska Can Do For New Investment**  
Andy Cole, Executive Director, U.S. Operations, Barrick Gold Corporation  
*Other panelists to be announced soon*
- 10:00 **Networking Break – Sponsored by Stoel Rives LLP**
- 10:30 **The Regs Just Keep on Comin'**  
Ryan Steen, Partner, Stoel Rives LLP
- 11:30 **Networking Break**
- Noon **Keynote Luncheon: Sponsored by Holland America Line**  
**Facing the Future With Confidence**  
Michelle Anderson, President, Ahtna, Inc.  
Aaron Schutt, President and CEO, Doyon Limited
- 1:30 p.m. **Light at the End of the Tunnel? New Resource Plays and Activities**  
Pat Foley, Manager, Land and External Affairs, Caelus Energy Alaska, LLC  
David Wilkins, Senior Vice President for Alaska, Hilcorp Alaska LLC  
Mike Mason, President and CEO, Great Bear Petroleum
- 3:00 **Grand Raffle Drawing**  
**Send-off Champagne Toast – Sponsored by AlaskaACT**

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