



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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Corps of Engineers Alaska Regional Ports Conference, 10-11 Jan 08

- Over 25 panel members presented their vision of the future of Alaska's marine transportation needs from
 - local, state and federal government agencies
 - private transportation businesses
 - tribal entities
 - non-governmental organizations (NGO)
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- Congressman Don Young addressed the conference on his vision of Alaska's future
- Over 125 people participated in the conference
- There was an overwhelming mandate for ongoing collaboration, comprehensive planning, and leadership to address the future of Alaska's Ports and Harbors
- The Corps of Engineers in partnership with state and other Federal agencies should develop a long-range comprehensive plan for Alaska's ports and harbors
- Through these partnerships we must
 - Identify state agency to cost-share with the Corps in a statewide ports and harbors study
 - Link a state-led multimodal transportation plan to ADOT statewide transportation planning
 - Set up communication tools among stakeholders to keep everyone aligned
 - Conduct regular *Alaska Regional Ports and Harbors Conference* to maintain momentum and achieve progress
 - Form a steering committee of State, federal government, local agencies, Corps, private sector, local communities, tribal councils and other stakeholders
 - Create accountability and responsibility for interagency coordination and collaboration
 - Identify issues that need immediate attention and form smaller work groups

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AGENDA
ALASKA REGIONAL PORTS AND HARBORS CONFERENCE
10 -11 January 2008 at the Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Ave, Anchorage, Alaska (907) 276-6000 or (800) 843-1950
Conference Room: Fore Deck

Thursday 10 Jan 2008

- 7:30 – 8:00** Doors open for snacks and refreshments
- 8:00 – 8:15** Administrative Items
Structure of conference Ms. Sarah Barton
Expectations
- 8:15 – 8:30** Dena'ina Athabascan Welcome Ms. Lois Munson, President
Native Village of Eklutna
- 8:30 – 9:00** Navigation Vision for Alaska's Future Col. Kevin Wilson
Commander, Alaska District
- 9:00 – 9:30** View from Corps Headquarters Mr. Gary Loew
Army Corps of Engineers Chief, Civil Works Programs
Integration Division
- 9:30 – 9:50** Climate Change Legislation Mr. Arne Fuglvog
Legislative Assistant
Senator Lisa Murkowski
- 9:50 – 10:10** Denali Commission Perspective Mr. George Canelos
Federal Co-Chair
Denali Commission
- 10:10 – 10:30** Break
- 10:30 – 10:50** Comparison of Infrastructure Development Mr. Rich Schiavoni
US Army Corps of Engineers, Chief, Civil Works
Pacific Ocean Division Integration Division
- 10:50 – 11:50** Why are you here today? What is your Ms. Sarah Barton
response to the ideas you heard this morning?
Break-out groups and report back to group as whole
- 11:50 – 1:00** Working lunch – Box lunch available from Capt. Cook Hotel for \$12.50
Lunchtime Speaker: Perspective from Inside
the Beltway Mr. Gary Loew
Chief, Civil Works Programs
Integration Division

1:00 – 2:30 Presentations from **Panel 1**
 Long-term vision for future of commercial transportation users

Number	Name	Organization/Affiliation
1	Mr. Steven C. Borell, P.E.	Executive Director, Alaska Miners Association
2	Mr. Bill Deaver	President and CEO Totem, Ocean Trailer Express
3	Mr. John Goll	Regional Director, Minerals Management Service
4	Mr. Mike Black	Deputy Commissioner, Alaska Department of Commerce Community and Economic Development
5	Mr. Marc Van Dongen	Port Director, Port MacKenzie

Panel Chair Questions
 Break-out groups
 This session moderated by Col. Kevin Wilson

2:30 – 2:45 Break

2:45 – 4:30 Presentations from **Panel 2**
 Long-term vision for future of commercial transportation providers

Number	Name	Organization/Affiliation
1	Ms. Tessa L.D. Rinner	Director of Programs, Denali Commission
2	Mr. Jeffery Ottesen	Director, Program Development Division Alaska Department of Transportation
3	Mr. Pat Gamble (Gen, ret.)	President and CEO, Alaska Railroad Corp.
4	Gov. Bill Sheffield	Director, Port of Anchorage
5	Mr. John Stone	President, State Harbormaster Association
6	Mr. Ben Ellis	Managing Director, Institute of the North

Panel Chair questions
 Break-out groups
 This session moderated by Mr. Gary Loew

4:30 – 5:00 Recap today's events and outline expectations for Day Two.

5:00 to 7:00 Reception at Captain Cook Whale's Tail (no host)

Friday 11 Jan 2008

7:30 – 8:00 Doors open for snacks and refreshments

8:00 – 8:30 Administrative items
Review Day 1
Structure for discussion
Ms. Sarah Barton

8:30 – 10:00 Presentations from **Panel 3**
Long-term vision for future of other government agencies

Number	Name	Organization/Affiliation
1	Capt. Michael Inman	Chief, Response Division 17 th Coast Guard District
2	Mr. Phillip Oates (BG, ret.)	City Administrator, Seward
3	Mr. Michael Catsi	Executive Director, Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference
4	Mr. Peter Larsen	Nature Conservancy

Question and Answer
Break-out groups
This session moderated by Ms. Trish Opheen

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:45 Presentations from Panel 4

Long-term vision for future of Alaskan communities

Number	Name	Organization/Affiliation
1	Mr. Bob Juettner	Administrator, Aleutians East Borough
2	Mr. Eugene Asicksik	Past CEO, Norton Sound Economic Development Corp
3	Ms. Siikauraq Whiting	Mayor, Northwest Arctic Borough
4	Mr. Tom Harris	CEO, Tyonek Native Corporation
5	Ms. Molly McCammon	Director, Alaska Ocean Observing System

Panel Chair Questions

Break-out groups

This session moderated by Mr. Carl Borash

11:45 – 1:00 Working lunch – Box lunch available from Capt. Cook Hotel for \$12.50
Key Note Speaker: Alaskan Issues **Congressman Don Young**

1:00 – 2:00 Summary and Conclusions Ms. Sarah Barton

2:00 – 3:00 Reporting Out

3:00 – 3:15 Closing Comments Col. Kevin Wilson

3:15 Adjourn

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