



## Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

Preliminary Action Items from Aug. 20, 2011 Yellowknife	
Number	Action Items
1	Develop joint resource inventory, infrastructure, and opportunity map of the Arctic Caucus Region (Alaska, Yukon, and NWT). This map should be interactive, shared, with multiple GIS layers for infrastructure, resources, with links to contacts and more detailed information. [Suggest each jurisdiction identify a lead person to develop mapping data in their own jurisdiction, with one person to lead the joint effort.]
2	Explore models for an Arctic Infrastructure Development Authority, and establish a subcommittee to bring a proposal to the next Arctic Caucus Forum, based on the success of Alaska's model.
3	Facilitate the development of a pilot AIS station in the Canadian Arctic, and encourage cooperation and coordination protocols to share information across the border and between jurisdictions.
4	Facilitate the adoption of a common operating picture for Vessel Tracking and Search and Rescue, along with operational capabilities in the US-Canadian Arctic.
5	Yukon will report back from the Arctic Council Tabletop in Whitehorse (October 2011) results and recommendations for next steps to the Arctic Caucus Search and Rescue initiative. [Post Whitehorse, consider forming a State/Territory Search and Rescue Working Group to develop information sharing protocols and guidelines for future tabletop exercises in our region]
6	Establish the Arctic state/territorial oil spill task force to educate, share information, collaborate, and coordinate oil spill planning, preparedness, and response in the Arctic

7	<p>Ask PNWER to suggest to the appropriate US and Canadian Federal government Officials that they:</p> <p>A) coordinate their chairmanships of the Arctic Council (2013-2017). [Alaska will request to the US, identifying key issues, and the Territories will make the request to Ottawa, and</p> <p>B) include economic and infrastructure development for the benefit and sustainability of northern people and their arctic communities in their objectives</p>
8	<p>Develop a PNWER Arctic Caucus strategy to strengthen the voice of our arctic communities for the 2013-2017 Canada and US Chairmanships of the Arctic Council, in addition to other organizations the group recognizes. This should be a multifaceted strategy engaging the entire PNWER region.</p>
9	<p>Craft a resolution for presentation to the PNWER executive in November supporting the development of Arctic Gas and the pipelines and powerlines to move stranded natural gas resources to market.</p>
10	<p>Develop and create alignment on a common vision to forward the northern regions telecom infrastructure to support economic development; including Alaska, NWT and Yukon in a cross jurisdictional view. This vision should specifically provide northern business and residents with higher speed and greater capacity data networks, and bring greater diversity and survivability to these networks in all jurisdictions. The vision should also look to capitalize on existing infrastructure already in place and leverage cross jurisdictional opportunities.</p>
11	<p>Review the map of sub-national and regional actors and develop recommendations for areas of action for the Arctic Caucus.</p>

<p><b>12</b></p>	<p>Facilitate a meeting with Fran Ulmer, Director of the Arctic Research Commission on ways to support development of Northern Research and a potential collaboration with the territories on further development of post-secondary education, training, and research opportunities across the North.</p>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p>Send a letter of support to the Governor and Lt. Governor of Alaska supporting US ratification of UNCLOS, and work on joint communication from PNWER member jurisdictions to their federal congressional delegations for the capital visit to Washington, DC. Have a model letter, speaking points and develop a presentation for delegates at the PNWER Winter meeting to encourage US signing of UNCLOS.</p>
<p><b>14</b></p>	<p>Draft Arctic Caucus Organizing Committee, each jurisdiction lead should submit potential delegates to PNWER by November 15, 2011 for PNWER Executive Committee meeting in Victoria</p>
<p><b>15</b></p>	<p>Establish an Arctic State/Territorial working group to identify and share jurisdictional best practices on resource development regulatory systems.</p>
<p><b>16</b></p>	<p>Recommend that the PNWER Workforce Development Working Group include topics related to training for Northern Industries and peoples</p>