Pacific NorthWest Economic Region
17th Annual Summit

Anchorage, Alaska
July 22-26, 2007
Message from Alaska Governor Sarah Palin

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Alaska this week for the 17th Annual Summit of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER).

The dedication of business leaders, legislators, and policy makers has established PNWER as the leading organization for economic development and regional cooperation in the Pacific Northwest. I thank you for your hard work and dedication. This summit will offer each of you the opportunity to help make a difference on important issues.

In addition to the valuable working group sessions, we invite you to experience the beauty and uniqueness of Alaska. Thanks to the hard working Alaska Host Committee, you’ll be able to enjoy a glacier cruise, a tour of a reindeer farm, a visit to one of the military bases, or the chance to seek your fortune at a recreational gold mine.

Welcome to Alaska. Best wishes for a successful conference - and a great Alaskan experience.

Sincerely,

Sarah Palin
Governor
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Welcome to the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region's 17th Annual Summit in Anchorage, Alaska! Your participation in this Summit is important to PNWER's ongoing efforts to improve understanding, growth, and cooperation across the bi-national region PNWER represents. Thank you for coming!

PNWER is a great forum for resolving barriers and promoting business policy directly with legislators. You will find in the agenda of the various working groups a serious effort to make a difference by bringing issues toward action in the PNWER Action Plan.

2006-2007 has been a landmark year in PNWER's history, with great strides in many of our core mission areas. The PNWER officers made two trips to Washington, DC, and a very productive trip to Ottawa to meet with key federal leaders in both capitals. Official visits to each state and provincial capital led to our officers meeting with each Governor and Premier, and over 150 legislators in the region raising the profile of the organization throughout our jurisdictions.

Some key highlights of this year:

**Pacific NW Center for Regional Disaster Resilience:** PNWER this year has raised over $200,000 from public and private sources for a series of exercises which culminated in the development this June of a comprehensive Action Plan for Disaster Resilience for the region.

**Innovation Economy:** The US Economic Development Administration has funded PNWER to develop a ‘Pacific Northwest Innovation Network’ to assist the best and brightest minds in our region to collaborate on the innovative ideas which will keep us at the forefront of the global economy.

**Workforce Mobility:** PNWER has launched a Workforce Mobility Project funded by the Government of Canada to identify barriers and specific solutions to address the tremendous workforce challenges all of our jurisdictions face.

**2010 Olympics:** Several States and Provinces have funded PNWER to develop a ‘Regional Tourism Initiative’ which includes a charter for the 2010 Olympic Coordination Council. An online site for training venues in the Northwest has been created and dozens of teams are exploring locating training camps in the PNWER region next winter.

These are only some of the many initiatives you will hear about in the next few days here in Alaska. I welcome you to join us in this exciting endeavor. A full agenda for this year's summit is enclosed, and we welcome your active participation in any of PNWER's working groups. Thank you for coming to Anchorage, and thank you for being a leader in this great economy and region that we all call home!

Sincerely,

Honourable Jim Kenyon, Minister of Economic Development for the Yukon
PNWER President
Executive Committee*  PNWER Officers pictured at left

Vice President: Hon. John van Dongen, British Columbia  Past President: Hon. Barry Penner, British Columbia  Jan Romerdahl, US Bank
Vice President: Hon. Mel Knight, Alberta  Past President: Rep. Max Black, Idaho  Executive Director: Matt Morrison

Delegate Council  PNWER Officers in bold

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The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is a regional US-Canadian forum dedicated to encouraging global economic competitiveness and preserving the Pacific Northwest’s remarkable natural environment. Founded in 1991 as the only statutory, non-partisan, non-profit, bi-national, public/private partnership in North America, PNWER includes the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington and provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Yukon. Today, because of its proven success, both the United States and Canada recognize PNWER as the model for regional and bi-national cooperation.

PNWER delivers results on regional issues through action items developed by more than fourteen working groups. Each working group is co-chaired by an industry leader and a legislator, providing public and private sectors a cross-border forum for unfiltered dialogue and capitalizing upon the synergies between business leaders and elected officials.
Our Vision, Our Mission

VISION
PNWER is the pre-eminent bi-national regional advocacy group for state/provincial regional issues

MISSION
To increase the economic well-being and quality of life for all citizens of the region

To coordinate provincial and state policies throughout the region; to identify and promote ‘models of success’; and to serve as a conduit to exchange information

MISSION STATEMENT GOALS
Promote greater regional collaboration

Enhance the competitiveness of the region in both domestic and international markets

Leverage regional influence in Ottawa and Washington, D.C.

Achieve continued economic growth while maintaining the region’s natural beauty and environment

Developing the Work Plan

Issues
PNWER Officers meet with government, business and legislative leadership during legislative sessions to investigate key regional cross border issues. These issues as well as others suggested by members of the working group, co-chairs, the Executive Committee or member jurisdictions help form each working group’s agenda for the Annual Summit.

Working Groups
Each working group is chaired by a public and private sector leader. Working groups generally address key issues identified through the regional process from the past year. During the Summit, working groups are briefed by subject matter experts then discuss issues presented. Working Groups are asked to develop action items and project teams to work beyond the meeting to carry out recommendations.

Action Items and Resolutions
Working groups develop action items and resolutions after each session during the summit, which are forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval. Resolutions are generally developed to address specific policy objectives and may be forwarded to state/provincial legislatures for introduction in the next session. Action items generally involve identifying projects and teams to address specific issues identified during the working group session.

Executive Committee
Action Items and Resolutions are forwarded from each working group to the Executive Committee for approval. The Committee may send items back to the Working Group for clarification or revision.

The Work Plan
Once approved, the Working Group Action Items and Resolutions become the PNWER Work Plan. The PNWER Secretariat assists working groups and project teams to execute the work plan. PNWER Officers will also travel to each state and provincial capital as well as visit Ottawa and Washington D.C. to meet with legislative leaders to further address specific issues identified in the work plan.
Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Alaska

Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski is the ranking member on the Energy Subcommittee of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The first lawmaker to be born in the State of Alaska to represent Alaska in Congress, Murkowski has strong interests in resource development and all type of electric power generation. She is a strong supporter of renewable energy having recently won a Senate amendment to create a matching grant program to help fund all forms of renewable energy construction. She is the recent co-sponsor of legislation to expand the role of both ocean energy and geothermal power in meeting regional needs. She also is the recent co-sponsor of major energy efficiency and conservation legislation and also a backer of increased domestic fossil fuel production. She backs opening the Arctic coastal plain to oil and gas development and backs environmentally sensitive development for oil and gas production in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska and from the outer continental shelf offshore. She is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and Indian Affairs Committees and serves as ranking member of the Pacific and East Asian subcommittee of Foreign Affairs. An Alaskan born in Ketchikan and raised in Juneau, and Fairbanks, she is an Anchorage resident.

Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary, Alberta

Born in Claresholm, Alberta, Ted Menzies grew up in the rolling prairies and foothills west of Claresholm on his family’s farm. Since his election to the House of Commons in June 2004, Ted has served as Official Opposition Critic for International Cooperation and Official Opposition Critic for International Trade, a sitting member of the Standing Committee for Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee on International Trade, Trade Disputes and Investment. Upon his reelection in January 2006, Ted was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Cooperation and is a member of the Standing Committee on International Trade. In addition to his role as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Cooperation, Ted recently assumed the additional responsibility of Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade.

Hon. Jim Kenyon, Yukon Territory

Jim Kenyon was first elected to the Yukon Legislative Assembly in the general election of November 4, 2002. He was re-elected in the general election of October 10, 2006. Dr. Kenyon was first sworn into cabinet on November 30, 2002 and re-appointed to cabinet on October 28, 2006. In 2006, Dr. Kenyon was elected as President of the Pacific North West Economic Region (PNWER), a sub-national regional partnership created by statute in 1991 by Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia, Alberta and Yukon. Before being elected to the Legislative Assembly Dr. Kenyon practiced as a veterinary surgeon in Whitehorse for 12 years. He first came to the Yukon in 1988, and for the next three years divided his time between the Yukon and Toronto where he worked as the Assistant Vice-president, Research, of the Toronto General Hospital. Prior to 1988, he served as a Director in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto and as a consultant to institutions such as the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Research Foundation, the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry and the Royal Ontario Museum, among others. His primary interest was experimental surgery. Dr. Kenyon has been involved in a variety of community-based activities such as the Yukon Kennel Club and the Yukon Quest, and has worked with dogs in many other races including the Iditarod and the Copper Basin 300. Dr. Kenyon is active in the Rendezvous Rotary Club and also served eight years as an Auxiliary Member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Dr. Kenyon lives in Porter Creek with his wife Micki, and has three children and four grandchildren.
Lt. Governor Sean Parnell, Alaska

Monday, July 23, Breakfast Keynote Address

Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell was raised in Alaska. He graduated from East Anchorage High School in 1980, and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in business, and a doctorate law degree. He is admitted to practice law in Alaska and Washington, D.C., and actively practiced law until his recent election as lieutenant governor. Lieutenant Governor Parnell served two terms in the Alaska State House, one term in the Alaska State Senate. In 2006, he was elected as Alaska's lieutenant governor. The lieutenant governor and his wife, Sandy, celebrate twenty years of marriage this summer, and have two teenaged daughters.

Hon. Gordon Campbell, British Columbia

Monday July 23, Luncheon Keynote Address

Premier Campbell took office in 2001 with the largest majority in B.C. history. In 2005, he became B.C.'s fifth premier to win two successive terms. Premier Campbell has established strong collaborative relations with neighbouring provinces, states and international jurisdictions, notably through joint cabinet meetings and annual summits with Alberta and Washington state. A leader on climate action, Premier Campbell has committed B.C. to significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. This spring, B.C. signed memoranda of understanding on climate protection with California and Washington and joined the Western Climate Initiative and the Climate Registry. This spring also saw Premier Campbell engage the federal government in sharing the cost of flood prevention and protection efforts for communities throughout British Columbia. Last fall, he furthered Canada's relations with Asia by travelling to China and Japan, conducting a number of high-level meetings to promote Canada's Pacific Gateway and signing agreements related to education, investment and the Olympics. Premier Campbell has also pioneered a New Relationship with B.C.'s First Nations, working with them to close long-standing gaps in economic development, education and health care. Under his leadership, B.C. recently signed Canada's first-ever Tripartite First Nations Health Plan with the First Nations Leadership Council and the federal government. British Columbia is preparing to host the 2008 PNWER Annual Summit and the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Mayor Mark Begich, Anchorage

Monday July 23, Evening Reception

Following his first election on April 1, 2003, and continuing through his overwhelming re-election in April 2006, Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich has continued to focus on improving public safety, creating jobs, stimulating economic development, and relieving traffic congestion. During his first term in office, Anchorage voters approved the largest bond package for road improvements in the city's history, construction of a new civic and convention center, and a $100 million expansion of the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center. The city is enjoying its 18th consecutive year of economic growth, with more than 2,500 jobs added to the city's economy over the past year. Under Mayor Begich's leadership, the city also recently received an upgrade on its bond rating from Standard & Poor's, going from AA-minus to AA, resulting in cost-savings to taxpayers. The first municipal mayor born and raised in Anchorage, Mark was first elected to the Anchorage Assembly in 1988 at age 26. During his 10 years in elected municipal office, he focused on strengthening Anchorage's economy, creating new opportunities for young Alaskans and sound fiscal management. He was widely praised for his ability to bring diverse Anchorage groups and residents together, and was three times elected by his fellow assembly members as Assembly Chair, Anchorage's second highest office. Mayor Begich was twice named Alaska's top elected municipal official by his colleagues statewide in 1997 and 2004, and was honored as a Friend of Education by the Anchorage Education Association. For his work for drug-free and crime-free neighborhoods, he was recognized by the Mt. View Community Council. Mark was born in the Old Providence Hospital in downtown Anchorage in 1962. He and his wife Deborah live in East Anchorage, have been married 16 years and have a young son, Jacob.
Anil Mathur, CEO, Alaska Tanker Company

Anil Mathur is the CEO of Alaska Tanker Company (ATC), created in 1999 by Keystone Shipping Company, OSG Ship Management, and BP Oil Shipping Company USA to consolidate all of BP’s Alaskan crude oil shipping requirements into one operating company. Mr. Mathur is responsible for providing overall strategic direction and guidance to ATC and for assuring that operations are conducted in a manner that results in no accidents, no harm to people, and no damage to the environment. Mr. Mathur has served in a number of executive positions with BP. He acted most recently as Chief of Staff for the U.S. Regional President and prior to that worked in the London Executive Office. His twenty-year career with BP includes various commercial and operation assignments in the U.S. and U.K. He worked in Alaska on two different occasions as a Commercial Manager and as a Superintendent on the North Slope. He was also Head of Facilities Engineering in Houston, Texas. His assignments in the North Sea were as an Operations Installation Manager in the Forties Field, and as an Operations Manager for the Mature Assets business unit. Prior to his career with BP, he worked for the Occidental Petroleum Company for five years in a variety of engineering assignments. Mr. Mathur holds an MBA from the University of California at Berkeley and an MS in Engineering from the University of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is an alumnus of Harvard, having attended their Management Development Program in 1996.

David Wilkins, US Ambassador to Canada

David H. Wilkins was nominated by President George W. Bush to become the United States Ambassador to Canada on April 27, 2005 and was confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate on May 26, 2005. On June 29, 2005 he became the 21st United States Ambassador to Canada. Ambassador Wilkins has traveled throughout Canada extensively – visiting every province and territory, listening to and learning from Canadian citizens. The Ambassador considers his highest priority strengthening the ties that bind the United States with Canada. Wilkins was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1980 and served there for 25 years. He quickly rose through the ranks in the House of Representatives, serving six years as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and two years as speaker pro tem before being elected speaker, a position he held for 11 years. He was the first Republican elected speaker of any legislative body in the South since Reconstruction and retired as one of the longest serving speakers in the country. In his 25 years in the Legislature, David Wilkins was on the cutting-edge of most major reform legislation including South Carolina’s historic ethics bill and the Education Accountability Act. Wilkins played a key role in the relocation of the Confederate flag from the State Capitol Building and led the fight to ban video gambling. Throughout his distinguished career, Wilkins has received numerous awards including the 2004 Excellence in State Legislative Leadership Award from the National Conference of State Legislatures. He has been named Outstanding Legislator of the Year by a wide range of organizations and was also named the National Republican Legislator of the Year. A strong supporter of President George W. Bush, Wilkins served as state chairman of the Bush-Cheney ‘04 campaign and as co-chair of the campaign in 2000. He was appointed by the President to the Board of Visitors to the United States Academy at West Point in 2002. A native of Greenville, South Carolina, David Wilkins graduated from Greenville High School and received his undergraduate degree from Clemson University and his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. David and his wife of 35 years, Susan, have two sons – James and Robert.
Rob Merrifield, MP, Co-Chair, Canada-US Interparliamentary Group, Alberta

Tuesday, July 24, Evening Reception

Rob Merrifield was first elected to the House of Commons in 2000 and was re-elected in 2004 and 2006 as the Member of Parliament for Yellowhead. In addition to representing the people of Yellowhead, Rob is the Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health. Rob has been involved in the Health Portfolio since he was first elected as a Member of Parliament and has previously held the responsibilities of Official Opposition Senior Health Critic and vice-chair of the Committee. Rob was born in Mayerthorpe, AB and raised on a dairy farm just outside of Whitecourt. After meeting his wife Brenda at college, he took over the family farm as a third generation farmer. His past community involvement has included terms as chair and elected board member of the Whitecourt School District Board of Trustees, chair and vice-chair of the Whitecourt/Fox Creek Hospital Board, member of the Aspen Regional Health Authority, member of the Northern Gateway Regional Division No. 10 School Authority and elected member of the Woodland County Council. Rob and Brenda enjoy spending time with their two sons, two daughters-in-law and two grandchildren. In his spare time, Rob helps out on the family farm and can be seen piloting his power parachute in the skies over Whitecourt.

Ben Erulkar, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development

Wednesday, July 25, Breakfast Keynote Address

Benjamin Erulkar has served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development since December 2005. In this capacity, Mr. Erulkar directs and coordinates all operations of the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Mr. Erulkar also directs strategic planning efforts to fulfill EDA’s mission: to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Prior to his appointment as Deputy Assistant Secretary, Mr. Erulkar served as EDA’s Chief Counsel where he led and managed all aspects of EDA’s legal practice and policy – including working to secure EDA’s 2004 reauthorization legislation and promulgating a comprehensive revision of EDA’s regulations. More recently, Mr. Erulkar served as Co-Chair of the Economic Development Working Group in the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding.

Hon. Dennis Fentie, Yukon Territory

Wednesday, July 25, Luncheon Keynote Address

Mr. Dennis Fentie has served as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Watson Lake for the past ten years. He was first elected to public office in September 1996 and re-elected again in April 2000. In June 2002 Mr. Fentie won the Yukon Party leadership and led the Party to a majority government mandate in the November 2002 election. Mr. Fentie has always had a strong interest in economic development in the territory. He was formerly involved with the Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce and was a director of the Association of Yukon Forests. His employment and business history included logging, tourism, mining, trucking and fuel distribution. During his tenure in the Yukon Legislative Assembly Mr. Fentie has served as a member of the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges, as Government House Leader, and Official Opposition House Leader. He was also appointed as the head of a Cabinet Commission on Forestry during the 29th Legislature. Under the leadership of Premier Fentie, there has been an economic turnaround in Yukon, seeing an in-migration of people to Yukon in contrast to an out-migration which was occurring in prior years. Dennis Fentie was born in Edmonton, Alberta in 1950. Mr. Fentie and his partner Lorraine Nixon reside in Watson Lake.
Alaska Tours

Saturday, July 21

26 GLACIER CRUISE AND CRUISE SHIP RECEPTION
8:00 am - 9:30 pm

Ride the Alaska Railroad or a motorcoach between Anchorage and Whittier and cruise on Prince William Sound on the 26 Glacier Cruise. A reception will be held on the Princess Cruise vessel. Motorcoach back to Anchorage.

Sunday, July 22

CITY TOUR AND SHOPPING
9:30 am - 2:00 pm / At your leisure

Ride a trolley for a city tour of Anchorage; visit the Alaska Wild Berry Products Company and see the chocolate waterfall; and have lunch at Sourdough Mining Co. The trolley will then take you downtown to do some shopping at Nordstrom’s, Fifth Avenue Mall, and Native gift stores. You can walk back to your hotel or call the Alaska Host volunteers for a mini van ride back.

FUR FASHION SHOW AND RECEPTION
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Captain Cook Hotel

Monday, July 23

ANCHORAGE MUSEUM AND ULU FACTORY TOUR
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

This tour visits the Anchorage Museum and also makes stops at two unique stores; the Ulu Factory and Oomingmak (Qiviut) Cooperative.

ALASKA RECEPTION AT ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE CENTER
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

The Alaska Native Heritage Center is a gathering place that celebrates, perpetuates and shares Alaska Native cultures. Since opening in 1999, the Center has become Alaska’s premier interactive cultural destination.

Tuesday, July 24

MAT-SU VALLEY TOUR
7:30 am - 5:00 pm

On this full day tour, you’ll take a motorcoach to the Mat-Su Valley and visit sites such as the Russian Church and cemetery in Eklutna. You will also visit the Reindeer Farm in Palmer and have lunch at Lake Lucille. You may also have an opportunity to visit local farmers who produce record setting produce such as cabbages over 100lbs.

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE (NORAD) TOUR
11:15 am - 5:00 pm

Attendees will board a motor coach for a tour of the Air Force Base, the C-17 Simulator, the Alaskan NORAD Region (ANR) Air Operations Center, and AWACS with briefings from each agency. Lunch is included.

Wednesday, July 25

PORT OF ANCHORAGE TOUR
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Visitors will board a motor coach to view port operations, the docks, future ground development, container ships and how petroleum products are handled. The tour of the Port of Anchorage includes a briefing on project development.

CROW CREEK MINING,
WILDLIFE CENTER
8:45 am - 4:45 pm

This tour will take you to the site of the Crow Creek Mine, where gold nuggets can still be found. Lunch will be held at the Alyeska Ski Resort before heading to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. At the Wildlife Center, you’ll see grizzly and black bears, moose, elk, caribou, foxes, eagles and owls.

Thursday, July 26

PRUDHOE BAY TOUR
5:30 am - 7:00 pm

A chartered jet will take invitees to Prudhoe Bay, for a tour of BP’s facilities. (By Invitation Only)

TALKEETNA TOUR
8:30 am - 6:00 pm

On this tour you’ll board motorcoaches and head to the quaint town of Talkeetna. While in Talkeetna you will experience Mahay’s Wilderness Jet Boat Adventure on the Susitna River. During your two hour cruise you’ll have a chance to get off for a short nature walk. Lunch will be served during this outing.

Youth Programs

Sunday, July 22

WATERPARK 10:45 am - 3:00 pm
A motorcoach will take visitors to the H2Oasis Indoor Waterpark (5th largest waterpark in North America). Lunch will be served at the waterpark.

Monday, July 23

ANCHORAGE ZOO AND COASTAL BIKE TRAIL
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Attendees will board a motorcoach to the Anchorage Zoo and later take a bicycle tour on the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. A box lunch will be provided to everyone on the tour.

Tuesday, July 24

LUNCH AND HIKE 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Wednesday, July 25

IMAGINARIUM SCIENCE & DISCOVERY CENTER 9:45 am - 2:30 pm

This Youth Program Tour visits the Anchorage Imaginarium Science and Discovery Center and the Alaska Public Information Center where attendees can view a bald eagle and other Alaskan birds first hand. Lunch will be served at the Snow Goose Restaurant.

Thursday, July 26

YOUTH PROGRAM 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Youth Program will offer activities on this day appropriate to the ages and number of youth participating. Parents or guardians of youth registered for youth events will be contacted with information about activities planned for this day. Please make sure we have your hotel or cell phone number so we can contact you directly.
## Short Agenda

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  Co-Chairs: Rep. Deb Wallace (WA), Neil Windsor (AB)  
  • PNWER Workforce Mobility Taskforce  
  • Regional forecast for workforce supply-demand  
  • Addressing workforce gaps  
  • Action Items |
| 8:45 am - 11:45 am | **Homeland Security** (Aft Deck Ballroom, Captain Cook)  
  Chair: Bill Bishop (ID)  
  • Advancing regional disaster resilience partnerships/projects  
  • Alaska model for regional resilience  
  • Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement  
  • Action Items |
| 8:45 am - 11:45 am | **Trade & Economic Development** (Endeavor Room, Captain Cook Lower Level)  
  Co-Chairs: Don Brunell (WA), Clint Dunford, MLA (AB)  
  • Panel discussion of state and provincial Chamber CEOs.  
  • How can we facilitate and support greater regional cooperation  
  • Action Items |
| 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm | Lunch Keynote Address: Ambassador David Wilkins, US Ambassador to Canada (Fore Deck, Captain Cook Hotel) |
| 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm | **Energy II** (Fairbanks Ballroom, Marriott)  
  Co-Chairs: Paul Manson (BC), Rep. George Eskridge (ID)  
  • Integrating New Technologies and Alternative Sources of Energy  
  • Accessing the Region's Research Labs and Energy Institutions  
  • Action Items |
| 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm | Government of Canada Reception: Rob Merrifield, MP, Co-Chair of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group (Marriott Hotel, Foyer 2nd Level) |
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  Chair: Joan McIntyre, MLA (BC) John Shively, (AK)  
  • BC’s Leadership in Climate Change Collaboration  
  • Review Regional Climate Change Policy  
  • Marine air quality issues  
  • Action Items |
| 8:45 am - 11:45 am | **High Tech** (Aft Ballroom, Captain Cook)  
  Chair: Rep. Glenn Anderson (WA)  
  • Applied Research & Entrepreneurship  
  • R&D: Collaboration or Competition?  
  • PNW Innovation Network: A look ahead  
  • Action Items |
| 8:45 am - 11:45 am | **Healthcare** (Endeavor Room, Captain Cook Lower Level)  
  Chair: John Sproule (BC), Sen. Fred Dyson (AK)  
  • Aboriginal Health: Addressing Needs of First Nations/Native Communities  
  • Leveraging Technology: Advancing Healthcare Delivery and Access  
  • Action Items |
| 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm | Lunch Keynote Address: Hon. Dennis Fentie, Yukon Premier (Fore Deck, Captain Cook Hotel) |
| 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm | **Ocean and River Energy** (Fairbanks Ballroom, Marriott)  
  Co-Chairs: Dr. Gouni Bhuyan (BC), Mark Kendall (OR)  
  • Incentives for new technology adoption  
  • In-Stream Flow power  
  • Forming a regional trade association  
  • Action Items |
| 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm | **Telecommunications** (Haines Room, 2nd Level Marriott)  
  Co-Chairs: Don Pumphrey (YK), Rep. Mike Schaufauer, (OR)  
  • Regional Issues and Policy Discussion  
  • Broadband access and infrastructure  
  • Action Items |
| 3:45 pm - 5:45 pm | PNWER Executive Committee Meeting (Aft Ballroom, Captain Cook) |
| 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | PNWER Presidential Dinner – British Columbia Banquet (Alaska Ballroom, Hilton Hotel) |
| 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm | Hospitality Suite - Captain Cook Hotel Suite (Crow’s Nest Suite I, Tower 3, 19th Floor) |

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<td>An intro to the dairy industry in Alaska from an historic perspective; some of the critical issues facing the industry, such as the closure of state owned creameries; meat processing facilities; the future of agriculture in Alaska; and the Alaska produce industry.</td>
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<td>Rep. Mark Neuman - Alaska State House of Representatives</td>
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<td><strong>III. “Biofuels: The Changing Face of Agriculture—Opportunity or Challenge?”</strong></td>
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<td>An analysis of how biofuels are impacting the agricultural sector in the PNWER region.</td>
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Breakfast Keynote Address
7:30 am - 9:00 am, Captain Cook Hotel

Breakfast Opening Ceremonies
Hon. Jim Kenyon
PNWER President

Keynote Address
Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell, Alaska

External Affairs, Western Washington University

VIII. Review of Progress on 2006 PNWER Border Issues Resolutions

IX. Action Items and Resolutions

ENERGY I

Morning Energy Session: Focus on Alaska
9:15 am - 11:30 am
Marriott Hotel
Fairbanks Ballroom

Co-Chairs
Brian Davies - Consultant

Rep. Jeff Morris - Chair,
Washington House Technology, Energy and Communications Committee, Washington State House of Representatives

I. Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline
The first session of this year’s Energy track will put a spotlight on Alaska, beginning with the proposed Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline.

Pat Galvin - Commissioner, Alaska Department of Revenue

Rep. Ralph Samuels - Alaska State House of Representatives
Monday July 23

**ENERGY I**

**II. Expected Natural Gas Outlook**
An overview of the expected supply and demand for natural gas over the next few years based on the NW Gas Association’s NW Gas Outlook.

Dan Kirschner - Executive Director, Northwest Gas Association

**III. Meeting the Energy Needs of Rural Communities**
A focus on different approaches to meeting the energy needs of rural/remote communities in Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia and Yukon.

Kellan Fluckiger - Executive Director, Department of Energy, Alberta Ministry of Energy

Michael Harper - Deputy Director, Rural Energy, Alaska Energy Authority

**ENERGY I continued**

**IV. Infrastructure Constraints in the Northwest**
Co-Chair Jeff Morris

**V. Energy Policy Act**

The US Department of Energy is continuing to lead the effort to implement the corridor provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. DOE expects to begin implementing the process for identifying energy corridors on federal lands in Alaska in the fall of 2007.

Darby Collins - Sect. 368 Project Manager, Department of Energy

**VI. Multi-State Transmission Siting**
Jim Luce - Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Committee

**VII. Update on Regional Transmission Projects**

**VIII. Ministers/Energy Chairs Roundtable**
Co-Chair Jeff Morris

Rep. George Eskridge - Chair, Energy, Environment and Technology Interim Committee, Idaho State House of Representatives


Sen. Tom Wagoner - Alaska State Senate

Don Keech - Alberta Ministry of Energy

**IX. Action Items and Resolutions**

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**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

All Day Session
9:15 am - 5:45 pm
Marriott Hotel
Haines Room

**Co-Chairs**

David Coutts - MLA, Province of Alberta

Steve Borell, P.E. - Executive Director, Alaska Miners Association

**I. Overview of Native Corporations**
What are Native Corporations? Why do they exist? How have they benefited the Alaskan Native Community from holistic and small community perspective? What is the vision for Native Corporations for the next 10-20 years?

Margie Brown - President & CEO, Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI)

**II. Case Study #1: Red Dog Mine, Alaska**
NANA owns Red Dog mine mineral deposit, how they partnered with Teck Cominco, who is responsible for developing and operating the mine;
Highlight collaboration between the two entities and what it has done for the community; Living conditions of NANA shareholders before and after the mine; Skills developed on the job that assisted in advancing mine workers’ quality of life.

Walter Sampson - Vice President, NANA Regional Corporation, Inc.

III. Case Study 2: Galore Creek Mine, British Columbia
How Tech Cominco and NovaGold partnered to build the Galore Creek copper-gold mine in Northwestern British Columbia; How BC is partnering with the Tahltan Nation to develop the mine.

Kevin Krueger - Minister of State for Mining, British Columbia
Peter Harris - Senior Vice President/COO, NovaGold

IV. Case Study 3: Donlin Creek, Alaska
How Barrick, NovaGold and Calista Corporation have partnered in the Donlin Creek Project; Economic effects on the community and Calista shareholders; Highlight employment practices: Employees work two weeks on, two weeks off which allows them to maintain a subsistence lifestyle.

Matthew Nicolai - President, Calista Corporation
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT continued

V. Sustainable Development: Exploring Opportunities and Challenges
Introduce Energy Map; Big projects coming down the road in the next 10-20 years in the Pacific Northwest Region especially the Natural Gas Pipeline; How infrastructure developments will affect and involve many communities. Especially the development of the pipeline in ANWR; PowerPoint slides covering workforce issues from Alberta to Alaska.

VI. Sustainable Development Panel
Moderators: Co-Chairs Steve Borell and Dave Coutts
How do you work with tribal cultures to recruit and maintain employees? How do companies reconcile the differences between the existing and expanding construction industry and Native cultures? How can companies attract workers so they are able to advance their quality of life while preserving values that are precious to them such as a subsistence lifestyle?

What are the criteria that will lead to a successful involvement of first nation in future natural resource development projects, including the gas pipeline?

Margie Brown - President and CEO, Cook Inlet Region, (CIRI)

Matthew Nicolai - President, Calista Corporation
Walter Sampson - Vice President, NANA Regional Corporation, Inc.
Emil Notti - Commissioner, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Alaska

VII. The Legacy of Sustainable Mining in Juneau, Alaska
How infrastructure built by the private sector has continued to support economic growth in Juneau.

David Stone - President, AJT Mining

VIII. Sustainability Showcase and Discussion
Specific proposals and overall showcase plan will be introduced with each of the four component discussed and critiqued by participants. Goal is to find a list of stakeholders committed to the full development of each component.

IX. Action Items and Resolutions

TOURISM
Afternoon Session
1:30 pm - 5:45 pm
Captain Cook Hotel Aft Deck Ballroom

Co-Chairs
Lorne Whyte - President & CEO, Tourism Victoria
Sen. Lesil McGuire - Alaska State Senate

I. Panel: Making the 2010 Olympics a Regional Success
Over the past year, PNWER has been very active in developing a regional promotion strategy (called TerraNW) to maximize visibility for the region surrounding the 2010 Olympics. This program will explain how the program is working and the world-wide partnerships being developed.

How can we maximize potential media interest in our region? How do we link the venues and local tourism destinations? How do we best support participation in Olympic training by local businesses and communities? What does the region need to do to get teams to begin training in the region?

Rosey Fletcher - Community Development Specialist/Olympic Bronze Medalist, Anchorage, Alaska
Carl Wilgus - Director, Idaho Division of Tourism Development

II. NorPass Rail and Sail Initiative
PNWER is working with public and private partners to develop a new, regional transportation pass, similar to a...
Eurail pass in Europe. This pass would allow visitors to travel on various ferries and trains with a single ticket. The discussion will focus on progress to date, and an outline of the development strategy for the next year.

Vern Craig - Alaska Marine Highway
Darrell Bryan - Executive Vice President and General Manager, Clipper Navigation

III. Regional Tourism Promotion Round Table
The Province of BC has developed a new strategic tourism plan, Washington State is establishing its first public-private tourism commission, and many other changes in the tourism industry are now occurring. This session will focus on currently emerging areas of both policy and marketing cooperation for the region, and how to maximize them through PNWER and other regional channels.

Andrew Little - Manager, BC Ministry of Tourism, Sport & the Arts
Carl Wilgus - Director, Idaho Division of Tourism Development
Ron Peck - President and COO, Alaska Travel Industry and Association
Derek Coke-Kerr - Managing Director, Travel Alberta

IV. Action Items and Resolutions
Tuesday July 24

**HOMELAND SECURITY**

Morning Session
8:45 am - 11:45 am
Captain Cook Hotel
Aft Deck Ballroom

Chair
Bill Bishop - Director, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security

I. Opening Remarks
Susan Reinertson - Regional Administrator, FEMA Region 10

II. PNWER Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement (PNEMA)
How can our region utilize existing partnerships to become more resilient?
What is being done at the federal level to assist with regional preparedness?
What is being done to overcome cross border barriers that might hinder response and recovery?

Chair Bill Bishop

III. PNWER Center for Regional Disaster Resilience: Recent Activities
How is PNWER working to coordinate critical infrastructure security efforts around the region?
Why is PNWER seen as a model for the rest of North America? How are regional partnerships working to increase resiliency?

Paula Scalingi - Director, PNW Center for Regional Disaster Resilience

IV. Antiterrorism and All Hazards Advisory Council Alaska (ATAACA) and the Alaska Partnership
What unique approach has Alaska taken to coordinate homeland security?
How could this model be expanded to other jurisdictions? How is the military, government and private sector involved in decision making?

Chair Bill Bishop

Don Brunnell - President, Association of Washington Business

I. How Solid Is Your Supply Chain?
National Buyer/Seller Forum; ICO SMO Presentation

Paul Godfrey - Director, Industrial Machinery & Equipment, Alberta Economic Development

II. Economic Snapshot of the Region

Jock Finlayson - Executive Vice President, Policy, Business Council of British Columbia

III. Trade and Economic Development Panel
How are we addressing competitiveness across the region? Are there best practices we can learn from?
What can we do as a region to facilitate the smooth flow of goods so that the cost (of transport) is not passed onto the consumer?
What can we sustain rural communities/regions, and keep them viable?
What new issues and opportunities are emerging as a result of market expansion into countries within the Asia-Pacific region, or in other developing global markets?
How can we share the expertise, opportunities and synergies of R&D institutions in the region?

Co-Chairs
Clint Dunford - MLA, Lethbridge-West, Province of Alberta

Co-Chair Don Brunnell
Detailed Agenda

Tuesday

Wayne Stevens - President & CEO, Alaska Chamber of Commerce
Jay Clemens - President, Associated Oregon Industries
Ken Kolby - FCGA/CEO, Alberta Chamber of Commerce

IV. Status of 2006 Action Items
Trade, Investment and Labor Mobility Agreement (TILMA)
Shawn Robbins - Director, Trade/Policy, Government of Alberta

V. Action Items and Resolutions

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Morning Session
8:45 am - 11:45 am
Marriott Hotel
Fairbanks Ballroom

Co-Chairs
Rep. Deb Wallace - Washington State House of Representatives
Neil Windsor, P.E. - Director, Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta

I. The Pacific Northwest: Meeting Our Growing Workforce Needs

Breakfast Keynote Address
7:30 am - 8:30 am, Captain Cook Hotel
Anil Mathur, President and CEO, Alaska Tanker Company
Recent reports from government, trade and industry associations highlight a broad range of worker shortages in both Canada and the United States. In the Pacific Northwest, shortages of both skilled and unskilled workers are driven by a variety of factors such as major infrastructure projects, energy-based developments, the 2010 Olympics, an aging population and declines in the number of students pursuing high-demand degrees.

A variety of strategies have been developed and deployed across the Pacific Northwest to address various aspects of worker shortages, skill gaps, educational capacity and labor mobility. This session seeks to identify key issues among the states and provinces; while providing examples of innovative partnerships, programs and policies that seek to address these issues.

Are there policies in the region that may provide a framework for stronger regional collaboration to address workforce issues? What are the global opportunities to further education and training for students? Do international training relationships and programs enhance the workforce at home? If so what is the return for states and provinces? What actions can we take as a region to strengthen our ability to attract and retain a workforce that meets our growing needs? How do we think and act like a region as it relates to workforce?

Ulysses Currie - Deputy Minister, Human Resources and Employment, Alberta
Cheryl Knight - Executive Director, Petroleum Human Resources Council of Canada
Andy Wink - Economist, Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development
Brigitta Windisch-Cole - Economist, Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development
Dr. Ray Nadolny - Vice President for Institutional advancement, Lake Washington Technical College
Larry Zirker - Senior Welding Engineer, Idaho National Laboratory

II. The Year Ahead: Discussion of Action Points & Recommendations

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region was recently charged with exploring the barriers to labor mobility in the region and identifying solutions to address these barriers. Following a brief presentation on this new project, the Workforce Working Group will dedicate an hour of time to discussion and the development of action items.

III. Action Items and Resolutions

ENERGY II

Afternoon Session
1:30 pm - 5:45 pm
Marriott Hotel
Fairbanks Ballroom

Co-Chairs
Rep. George Eskridge - Chair, Energy, Environment and Technology Interim Committee, Idaho State House of Representatives
Paul Manson - President, Sea Breeze Power Corp.

The Wind Future. Efforts to increase the reliance on wind energy, stakeholder and policy concerns and a review of current efforts to integrate wind energy onto the electrical grid.

I. Integrating New Technologies and Renewable Sources of Energy
A review of efforts to manage the integration of wind energy in the NW.

Ron Brintnell - Enbridge
Brian Parsons - Project Leader, Wind Energy Grid Integration, NREL
Larry Flowers - Team Leader, NREL
Terry Oliver - Chief Technology Innovation Officer, Bonneville Power Administration
Luncheon Keynote Address

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Captain Cook Hotel

David Wilkins, US Ambassador to Canada

II. Accessing the Region’s Research Labs and Energy Institutions

A variety of speakers will raise the profile of the region’s premier energy institutions and explore how to work more closely with the public and private sectors.

Michael Hagood - Energy Systems Business Lead, Idaho National Laboratory

Dennis Witmer - Assistant Professor, Institute of Northern Engineering, University of Alaska at Fairbanks

Larry Flowers - National Renewable Energy Laboratory

III. Action Items and Resolutions

TRANSPORTATION

Afternoon Session
1:30 pm - 5:45 pm
Captain Cook Hotel
Aft Deck Ballroom

Co-Chairs
Ron Tenove - Director, Corporate Development, Focus Corporation
Sen. John Goedde - Senator, Idaho State Senate

I. Transportation Infrastructure
Tuesday July 24

TRANSPORTATION continued

Development Panel
Given increasing intermodal transportation infrastructure to handle escalating demand from Trans-Pacific shippers, the region is facing huge infrastructure development projects in the next decade, putting great additional demand on our transportation systems.

What models of success can we look to that benefit from increased shipping paying for additional infrastructure needs? Alameda corridor? Others? Who is responsible for providing this infrastructure? The region is plagued with congestion that will require major investment in freight mobility infrastructure. Who will invest? Why? What are we investing in? How do we deal with international freight paying additional fees on roads and railroads; should freight pay for additional infrastructure beyond its already large fees or should the burden be borne by the public? How much more should we ask of the users above and beyond what they currently contribute? Will this threaten short sea shipping initiative? At what point will a tax on ocean cargo drive containers back on congested roads and rail? What is the right balance? What are the best mechanisms for raising money or increasing revenues for intermodal infrastructure, both public and private?

Jeane Wong - Principal Economist, Transport Canada

Pat Jones - Director, Washington Ports Association

John Parrott - Vice President, Commercial, Totem Ocean Trailer Express

Mike Jacob - Vice President, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Bruce Burrows - Vice President, Public and Corporate Affairs, The Railway Association of Canada

James Titsworth - BNSF Network Development Team, BNSF Railway

II. Action Items and Resolutions

What criteria should future policy include? What steps could lead to a greater regional understanding and consensus for addressing this issue?

WATER POLICY

Afternoon Session
1:30 pm - 5:45 pm
Captain Cook Hotel
Endeavor Room

Co-Chairs
Prof. Dennis Fitzpatrick - Vice President of Research, University of Lethbridge
Sen. David Nelson - Oregon State Senate

I. Introduction
Outline of program objectives; Content and description of the California Senate Retreat Model

Co-Chair David Nelson and Co-Chair Dennis Fitzpatrick

II. Towards A Sustainable Future: Public Policy Instruments for Managing Cumulative Impacts on the Alberta Environment

The Province of Alberta has begun to carefully examine cumulative landscape and water resource impacts in order to manage them better in the future. To this end, Alberta Environment is working to create a ground breaking management regimen that goes beyond monitoring and regulating linear consequences of singular impacts on the environment to embrace the chain of impacts that a single act can
Evening Reception Address
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Captain Cook Hotel

Rob Merrifield, MP, Co-Chair, Canada-US Interparliamentary Group, Province of Alberta

initiate in concert with other impacts and circumstances.
Hon. Rob Renner - Minister of Alberta Environment, Province of Alberta

III. Forecasting the Future: Climate Change Impacts on Water in the Pacific Northwest and their Implications for Transboundary Relations between Canada and the United States
The forum will explore current knowledge relating to the changing hydrology of the Pacific Northwest and how policy makers might respond to ensure continued positive relations between Canada and the United States.

Dr. Alan Hamlet - Researcher, Climate Impacts Group with the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Washington

Lara Whitely Binder - Outreach Specialist, Climate Impacts Group, Climate Impacts Group

IV. Creating a PNWER Water Task Force: Towards a PNWER Consensus on Water Issues
The goal of the Water Policy Task Force is to continue the dialogue from the Annual Summit and move forward to identify important regional issues related to water and to establish mechanisms for establishing and moving toward consensus on these issues.

V. Action Items and Resolutions
Wednesday July 25

ENVIRONMENT

Morning Session
8:45 am - 11:45 am
Marriott Hotel
Fairbanks Ballroom

Co-Chairs
Joan McIntyre - MLA, West Vancouver-Gaibaldi, British Columbia
John Shively - Vice President of Government and Community Relations, Holland America Line

I. BC Climate Change Initiatives
Premier Gordon Campbell, for example, has launched an aggressive campaign to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 33% by 2020.
Hon. Barry Penner - Minister of Environment, British Columbia

II. Legislative and Private Sector Leadership Panel
The regional (bi-national) view on climate change policy will be discussed with a panel of public and private sector experts.

What steps stand out regarding climate change policies in the region? What are the best practices today? Where are we making the most progress? How can we encourage the development / alignment of regulatory and policy frameworks in a way that enhances economic competitiveness and fosters innovation, commercialization and the implementation of clean technologies in the fight against climate change? How can we do this with the goal of maintaining a 'level playing field' within sectors / regions? What are the opportunities/ barriers to developing an integrated multi-sector market-based “Cap and Trade” program to promote climate change emission reduction initiatives? Are we making any progress?
Hon. Barry Penner - Minister of Environment, British Columbia
Hon. Rob Renner - Minister of Alberta Environment, Alberta
Sen. Karen Fraser - Washington State Senate
Larry Hartig - Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, Alaska
Jock Finlayson - Executive Vice President, Policy, Business Council of British Columbia

III. Reducing Marine Emissions
Marine and Port Air continue to increase throughout our region. Up and down the coast, marine air quality is being impacted by ships. What can we do together to address this issue?
Update on International Airshed Management Group and status of a West Coast Sulfur Emission Control Area (SECA).

Co-Chair John Shively
Peter Murchie - Director, West Coast Collaborative, Environmental Protection Agency

IV. Action Items and Resolutions

HEALTHCARE

Morning Session
8:45 am - 11:45 am
Captain Cook Hotel
Endeavor Room

Co-Chairs
John Sproule - Vancouver Coastal Health
Sen. Fred Dyson - Alaska State Senate

This session focuses on responses from healthcare and government leaders to increasing demands for improved healthcare delivery, access and quality of patient care. This includes factors that lie outside the health care system.

I. Aboriginal Health: Addressing the Needs of First Nations and
Native Communities
What approaches are being/need to be taken to address the unique problems facing Aboriginal and First Nations people in achieving good health? Are there lessons that might be shared across the PNWER region or initiatives that might be taken collectively to improve the health status of Aboriginal peoples in both rural and urban areas?

Catherine Lappe - Regional Director-General for British Columbia, Health Canada
Vivian A. Echavarria, MPH, FACHE, CHES - Director of Operations, Alaska Native Medical Center

II. Leveraging Technology: Advancing Healthcare Delivery and Access
What strategies have been deployed by healthcare providers/governments to improve access and patient care to undeserved or rural communities? What are the challenges and opportunities related to healthcare information technology (IT) implementations? Are their examples of implementations that have resulted in the reduction of costs, better patient care or diagnosis?

Thomas S. Nighswander MD MPH - Facilitator, Alaska Telehealth Advisory Council
Robert Vigneault - Group Program Director, Telehealth and Innovation & Adoption, Canada Health Infoway/Inforoute Santé du Canada

Evening Reception Address
7:30 am - 8:30 am, Captain Cook Hotel
Ben Erulkar, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development
Wednesday July 25

HEALTHCARE continued

III. Action Items and Resolutions
The Healthcare Working Group will discuss possible collaboration with the High Tech Working Group and the creation of the Pacific NorthWest Innovation Network. In addition, a proposal for a PNWER Health Innovations Showcase will be discussed, followed by the development of working group action items and resolutions.

In addition, this panel and working group will engage in a dialogue regarding the value proposition of collaboration versus competitions, explore how organizations define successful R&D collaborations, and explore the potential for stronger regional collaboration in the future.

Have state and provinces developed strategic plans to determine where research and development investments should be made? What is the importance of business incubators and entrepreneurial support services in supporting the growth and sustainability of technology firms? How do these programs facilitate collaboration between the public and private sector? How are R&D partnerships developed or identified? Given the importance of the R&D activities and investments by each of the PNWER jurisdictions, what gaps or issues are most likely to help or hinder research and development capacity?

Ben Erulkar - Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development

Stan Torrie - Technology Development Officer, ICT Industries, Technology Commercialization Division, Alberta Advanced Education and Technology

Mark Bussell - Professor of Chemistry, Western Washington University

David Anderson - Licensing & Commercialization Executive, Idaho National Laboratory

II. The Next 90 Days: Alaska to Whistler
Upon conclusion of the Annual Summit, PNWER will begin planning for the Winter Economic Leadership Forum (Nov. 15-17, 2007) and implementing action items put forth by the High Tech Working Group. Following a brief update on the Pacific NorthWest Innovation Network, session participants will be invited to provide feedback on the focus and direction of the PNWER's High Tech program and provide input into topics of interest for the winter meeting.

III. Action Items and Resolutions

OCEAN AND RIVER ENERGY

Afternoon Session
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Captain Cook Hotel Endeavor Room
Co-Chairs
Dr. Gouri Bhuyan - Director, Powertech Labs, Inc.
Mark Kendall - Oregon Department of Energy

This working group is focused on the opportunity to develop regional ocean and river energy resources and seize the worldwide economic opportunity for the emerging technologies and power project expertise. The purpose of this session is to review progress, consider the development needs, the path to commercial ocean energy and consider the opportunity to get viable projects in the water before the 2010 Winter Olympics when the world’s spotlight will be on the Pacific Northwest.

I. Regional Resource Picture
Resource opportunities for Alaska, British Colombia, Washington and Oregon; How do we look at it as a regional resource opportunity?; How does the resource match the users/grid?

David Lockard - Alaska Energy Authority
Chris Campbell - Ocean Renewable Energy Group (OREG)
Craig Collar - Snohomish Public Utilities District
Kevin Banister - Finavera Renewables

Co-Chair Mark Kendall
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OCEAN AND RIVER ENERGY continued

Jim Strandberg - Alaska Energy Authority
Rod Lenfest - Sea Breeze Power Corp.

II. Strategic Investments to Secure an Ocean Energy Opportunity
Accepting the realities of the experience/cost curve; Mobilizing the enabling financial investment.

Chris Campbell - Ocean Renewable Energy Group (OREG)
Rep. Jeff Morris - Chair, Technology, Energy and Communications Committee, Washington State House of Representatives

III. Enabling the Ocean Energy Opportunities
Proposal to treat all early projects as PPP Development initiatives. Proposal to intergovernmental sharing of approaches and experience. Proposal for a broader intraregional communication initiative for ocean energy development.

David Lockard - Alaska Energy Authority
Craig Collar - Snohomish Public Utilities District
Jessica Johnson - Ocean Renewable Energy Group (OREG)
Co-Chair Mark Kendall

Burt Hammer - President, Puget Sound Tidal Power, LLC
Clayton Bear - New Energy Corporation, Inc.

IV. Actions Items and Resolutions

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Afternoon Session
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Marriott Hotel
Haines Room

Co-Chairs
Don Pumphrey - Director, Design & Implementation, NorthWest Tel
Rep. Mick Schaufler - Oregon State House of Representatives

I. Inoperability of Cellular Networks: Addressing Gaps in Cellular Coverage across the Pacific Northwest
This session focuses on identifying current gaps in network coverage in the Pacific Northwest and the impact of this on economic development and emergency communication capabilities.

What areas in the Pacific Northwest are facing gaps in CDMA and GSM network coverage and/or critical gaps in cellular service? How do we address these specific gaps? What states/provinces have successfully addressed these issues and how was that accomplished? What are the technologies that have been developed that enable this issue to be addressed? What are the benefits of seamless coverage across the Pacific Northwest? What are the limiting factors in economic development in areas that are experiencing these gaps in network coverage? What is the role of government in addressing these coverage gaps in support of economic development and/or emergency communications; particularly when market forces limit or deter the private sector’s ability to act?

Sean Mcleish - Chief Technology Officer, NorthWestTel
Brad McManus - AVP Wireless Business development, UTStarcom

II. The Infrastructure Superhighway: Capacity and Redundancy in the Pacific Northwest (Panel)
This session focuses on advanced communications infrastructure in the region, with a particular focus on north to south communications. Panelists will identify capacity constraints in the current infrastructure and discuss the redundancy of the current infrastructure and costs associated with an infrastructure build-out.

Why is advanced communications
infrastructure important to economic development? What are the current capacity constraints or gaps in redundancy of the current infrastructure in the Pacific Northwest? Are their overlapping interests in infrastructure build-outs that may facilitate collaboration? How are organizations evaluating and addressing community capacity demands, particularly in rural areas that are not viable as stand alones? Is there a collective way to pool customer requirements for capacity between jurisdictions to warrant an investment in new infrastructure? Is there a reasonable comparison between the demand for advanced communications infrastructure today and the highway demands and subsequent investment in the 1940’s? If so what is the role of government in addressing these demands, particularly when market demand or cost limits private sector ability to act?

Davey L. Bledsoe - Area Manager Network Engineer, AT&T Alascom

Terry Hayden - Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic Development

Don Pumphrey - Director- Design & Implementation, NorthwesTel

Chris Brown - Chief Operating Officer, AT&T Alascom

III. Action Items and Resolutions

All delegates are encouraged to attend the PNWER Executive Committee Meeting. Working Group Action Plans from all session will be adopted.

PNWER Executive Committee Meeting

3:45 pm - 5:45 pm  
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July 2007

A Message from the Honourable Gordon Campbell
Premier of the Province of British Columbia

On behalf of the Province of British Columbia, I invite you to participate in the 2008 Annual Summit of the Pacific North West Economic Region, which we will proudly host in Vancouver, British Columbia in July 2008.

British Columbia was a founding member of the Pacific North West Economic Region and actively promotes collaboration within the region on issues of mutual concern.

PNWER has successfully nurtured better understanding of our common interests, including border security, climate change and the incredible opportunity that is the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. PNWER is a leader in fostering regional co-operation on energy, the environment, economic development, trade, tourism, transportation, and workforce mobility.

The Vancouver summit will bring together private-sector and government leaders to extend and strengthen our collaboration as a region. As British Columbia celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2008, it will be an added pleasure to reaffirm our shared relationship and goals at PNWER 2008.

While you enjoy the splendours of Alaska, I hope you will also look forward to experiencing the spectacular beauty and friendly people of British Columbia.

I look forward to seeing you at the July 2008 PNWER Summit in Vancouver.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Premier

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