

Fifth Annual International Conference on Alaska's Resources

Alaska's Economic Priorities: A Five-Year Strategy

Sheraton Anchorage Hotel

February 13 & 14, 1985

About This Conference

Alaska's Economic Priorities: A Five-Year Strategy will focus on the dilemma of declining oil revenues, state spending practices and the need for economic diversification. In addition to development planning activities of specific Alaska communities, the conference will focus on the question of resolving competing regional demands for capital, financing of projects and development strategies of other states and countries.

A panel of neutral development specialists from other states will share their views as to which projects can best stimulate regional economic diversification, subject to available funds. The audience will also be asked to rank, within budget constraints, projects it believes would best meet the five-year economic diversifications goal.

Alaskans are ready to meet the challenge of deciding their economic future. The Fifth Annual International Conference on Alaska's Resources promises to be the most exciting, if not the most important, event to be staged in years.

What contingency plans do Alaska's communities have for facing declining oil revenues? How can communities maintain their economies and populations? Can we resolve competing regional demands for capital? Is there consensus on state priorities for economic development? What constraints are there to economic diversification? How do cities grow? What can we learn from other states and developing nations? How important is basic infrastructure to Alaska's economic expansion? Will OCS development benefit rural areas which can be made? What private ventures?

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Do we have a work force to meet industry needs? Can training programs be provided? Can Alaska's newly elected leaders view economic issues from a state-wide perspective? How can participants of this conference help direct the state's future?

Will you join in deliberations on these crucial issues and help rank projects proposed by Alaska community leaders?

The Program

A major part of the program is devoted to presentations by Alaska community and borough leaders who will discuss their economies and contingency plans for adjusting to declining state revenues. They will also present their region's recommendations for the single most important action or project to strengthen or diversify their local economies in the next five years.

Community Presentations

City of Unalaska
City of Bethel
City of Kotzebue
North Slope Borough
Fairbanks North Star Borough
City of Haines
City of Valdez
City of Cordova
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Municipality of Anchorage
Matanuska-Susitna Borough
City and Borough of Juneau
City and Borough of Sitka
City of Petersburg
City of Wrangell
City of Ketchikan
Kodiak Island Borough
Bristol Bay Borough

Who Will Attend?

- Alaska government officials and state legislators
- Senior executives of Alaska businesses
- Regional and village corporation officials
- Executives of national and international firms with Alaska interests
- Suppliers of equipment and services
- State and national labor leaders
- Potential investors in Alaska projects
- Leaders concerned with Alaska's future-you!

Key Speakers

Allan G. Bleiken, General Manager, Edmonton Economic Development Authority, Jude Wanniski, President, Polyconomics, Inc., Governor Bill Sheffield, Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Frank Murkowski, Harold Heinze, President, ARCO Alaska, Inc., William Mulligan, Vice President, Chase Manhattan Bank, Hardin Wiedeman, Director, Texas Economic Development Commission, John C. Anderson, Director, Oregon State Economic Development Department, Bert Wagnon, Executive Director, Alaska Industrial Development Authority, Paul Kelly, Chairman, National Pro-Leasing Task Force, Mary Nordale, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Revenue, Millett Keller, Common Sense for Alaska, Scott Hawkins, Associate Economist, Alaska Pacific Bancorporation, labor specialist, National AFL-CIO and a panel of legislators discussing spending proposals.

REGISTRATION: Conference fee of \$195 includes cost of luncheons, conference packet and reception. Special rates for full-time students. To register, send check or credit card information to Office of Continuing Education, University of Alaska-Anchorage, 3211 Providence Drive, Room 103, Library, Anchorage, Alaska 99508 or call (907) 786-4779.

SHARE YOUR NATIVE FOOD RECIPES WITH TUNDRA TIMES READERS

The Tundra Times is starting a new project for 1985, and its success will depend on our readers.

We want to publish sometime in the future, probably in 1986, a cookbook of Alaska Native foods, and we need some recipes from every region in the state. If you have a favorite recipe, please share it with everyone.

Individuals, groups, communities, and school classes may participate in this project. We would like you, however, to identify the region and include some historical comments about the recipe if you can.

We are told that in some areas, "akutuq" or Eskimo ice cream is made with certain rituals such as the person making the dish cannot look at it while mixing it. That is the type of comments we would like included with the recipe.

We would also like to have a black and white photograph of whatever Native food is being written about. If a photograph is unavailable, we could use art work just as well, or both a photograph and art work.

Alaska Native foods are very popular, and we know a cookbook would be well received by our readers.



FREE FILMS

On Bering Sea Oil Exploration

The Alaska Oil and Gas Association has prepared video tapes on offshore operations in the Bering Sea. All are available for loan, free of charge, in 1/2" or 3/4" video in English and Yupik.

* Also available in Aleut.

- **Alaska Clean Seas** - (13 minutes) Oil industry's emergency planning and spill clean-up program.
- **Offshore Operations: Impact on the Villages** - (12 minutes) Discusses likely impact of OCS operations in Bering Sea villages.
- **Jobs in the Alaska Oil Industry** - (12 minutes) Job opportunities and requirements expected during Bering Sea operations.
- **What Will Happen to the Fish?** - (14 minutes) The effect of oil and gas OCS operations on marine life.
- **Oil and Gas in the Bering Sea** - (18 minutes) Answers questions about oil exploration in the Bering Sea.
- **A Very Natural Resource** - (30 minutes) An introduction to offshore oil operations and their effect on coastal communities.
- **Getting Ready** - (19 minutes) Geological and seismic research, permitting and preparation for drilling.
- **Exploratory Drilling** - (29 minutes) OCS drilling, precautions to protect the environment and discussions of the experiences of the residents of Yakutat during exploration of the Gulf of Alaska.
- **Developing an Oil Discovery** - (32 minutes) Activities expected if oil is found in the Bering Sea.

Also available are the following special releases:

- **Alaska - America's Energy Frontier** - (30 minutes) Discusses the step-by-step process of oil exploration in the Alaska Arctic. Available only in English.
- **A Resource Called Oil** - Developed for use in schools, the program provides an overview of oil and gas operations in Alaska. Available only in English.

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