

DED Seeks Way To Utilize Beach Logs

Today the Department of Economic Development, in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources, took a step toward the solution of a long-standing problem involving the salvage of logs from State-owned tidelands and beaches in Southeast Alaska.

Commissioner Frank H. Murkowski, Chairman of the Governor's Timber Task Force, has called for a meeting of all interested parties to be held in Ketchikan, July 29, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Elks Lodge.

"We will call together representatives of the Forest Service, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and the Attorney General's Office, Governor Miller's Timber Task Force, the pulp industry, the sawmill industry and representatives from the Alaska Logger's Association as well as other interested individuals," Murkowski stated.

Several people have recently expressed interest in utilizing the logs found along the beaches. Murkowski added that the problems of ownership and jurisdiction are the major issues involved in this complex situation.

"It is hoped that with a thorough airing of the various positions, sufficient understanding will result in a satisfactory agreement. A workable solution to this problem is paramount to Governor Miller's Policy of total utilization of Alaska's forest resources," he concluded.