

Cowper convenes Northern Regions Conference today

Gov. Steve Cowper will convene the Third Northern Regions Conference today at the Egan Civic and Convention Center in Anchorage at 9 a.m.

The governor will welcome nearly 500 participants from the Soviet Union, China, Denmark, Japan, Canada, South Korea, Finland, Norway, Iceland, Sweden and the United States.

The Soviet delegation includes more than 60 high-ranking officials.

The conference will run through Thursday and is titled "Northern Regions Conference: Cooperation in a Changing World."

Hosted by Cowper, the conference has a dozen co-sponsors, including international commissions, and Russian, Norwegian and Canadian institutes.

Keith Brown, U.S. ambassador to Denmark, will speak at today's lunch on U.S. Arctic Policy, and on Tues-

day, governors and their staff will participate in workshops on social, political and education issues of concern to northern regions.

McDonald's director of marketing and communications, Rem Langen, will be the featured speaker at the banquet Wednesday. He will talk about McDonald's highly successful entry to the Russian market.

The banquet starts at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Egan Center. Tickets for the banquet are available for \$40.

Most of the conference events, as well as lunch and dinner programs, are open to the public. There will be simultaneous interpretation of the proceedings in English, Japanese and Russian.

Those who would like information about fees, registration and the schedule may call the Northern Regions Conference Management Team at 561-2260.