

Governor appoints Moran to D.C. post

JUNEAU — Gov. Steve Cowper recently announced the appointment of Margaret Ann (Maggie) Moran to the state's Washington, D.C., office.

Moran, an attorney who grew up in Ketchikan, will work exclusively on issues related to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. She will coordinate and supplement an advocacy effort already started.

The D.C. office still intends to hire a lobbyist/law firm and a public relations firm, pending legislative approval of funding, to promote opening a portion of the refuge for oil development.

"ANWR is pivotal to Alaska's economy, and it's critical that we get someone on board in Washington, D.C., who can keep track of the various complexities and constituencies," Cowper said.

Moran was hired by John Katz, director of Cowper's Washington, D.C., office. Most recently she has worked as an assistant in the U.S. Department of Commerce and as a special assistant to the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Columbia.

Moran has a law degree from the University of Santa Clara and currently lives in Alexandria, Va. The 33-year-old attorney will be paid about \$40,000 a year.