Arctic Slope Consulting Engineers hires Pearce

Rep. Drue Pearce, R-Anchorage, has been hired by Arctic Slope Consulting Engineers as an Arctic National Wildlife Refuge consultant.

She began her duties June 16.

Pearce will be responsible for expediting and coordinating the trips of the various groups who will visit private lands, including Kaktovik and the KIC wellsite, while traveling to ANWR this usmmer.

Her primary duty will be to keep the residents of Kaktovik apprised of the progress of the effort to have Congress approve the opening of ANWR for oil and gas leasing. She also will work to minimize the impact to the residents of Kaktovik caused by the large

number of visits being made to the refuge this summer by congressional delegations, media representatives and third-party groups.

"It's good to have Ms. Pearce working with our Kaktovik shareholders to keep them informed on this important issue," said Jacob Adams, president of the Arctic Slope Regional Corp. "Her background in Kotzebue and the state Legislature uniquely qualifies her to fill this position."

Pearce, an advocate of opening ANWR, said she is pleased about her new job. She will divide her time between Anchorage and Kaktovik.