

# Resource Development Council Works on Your Behalf

What is important to you? Your health? A better standard of living? A broad-based diversified economy? Long-term and stable employment? Having enough food, energy, and other essentials to live comfortably?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you have an important stake in the Resource Development for Alaska (RDC).

RDC is the largest citizen public interest organization in Alaska representing nearly 10,000 persons. Membership includes individuals and local governments, labor unions, business organizations and companies.

While RDC cannot be accused of promoting development "only for the sake of profit," it recognizes the wisdom of utilizing, for the good of mankind, the abundant natural resources found in Alaska. RDC believes that Alaska lands, federal, state and private, must be managed to produce a standard of living that will allow Alaskans to partake of the good things the land is capable of providing.

RDC does not exclude wilderness, parks, recreation opportunities, or fish and wildlife from this list of resources. However, RDC does feel that these resources, like minerals, timber, commercial fisheries, agriculture, oil and gas and others, must be managed in multiple use systems, if they are to truly be beneficial to society.

RDC is continually expanding its efforts to fully represent this understanding. A sponsor and prime organizer of major seminars and symposiums, RDC assists in coordinating activities of nationally known speakers visiting Alaska. Staff and members lobby for laws and regulations that enhance wise resource use and advocate regulatory reform.

RDC has prepared hundreds of written and verbal testimonies before public hearings to air new or changed regulation proposals or legislation. Weekly breakfast meetings, open to the public, are held in Anchorage and feature local and nationally prominent speakers who discuss pertinent issues.

During the past years RDC has been a leader in exposing misuse of state funds through legislative committees and individual legislators issuing noncompetitive contracts. The organization has also been instrumental in stopping almost a million dollars for negative public-interest activities. RDC has revealed that such contracts have been nothing more than thinly disguised efforts at state support of no-growth groups and individuals.

Few important topics have missed RDC's scrutiny, and active efforts have been taken in many fields to work on the side of progress. This has included everything from a statewide effort to influence a reasonable federal D-2 lands settlement to aiding a sawmill at Haines in its efforts to get raw material to keep its work force employed.

Coal policy, water development policy, agriculture, the Alaska Railroad, petrochemical development, tax relief, regulatory reform and other crucial topics have been addressed by RDC. New topics are surfacing continually and old battles are still in progress.

Persons desiring additional information about RDC are encouraged to visit the organization's headquarters at 444 West 7th Avenue or call 278-9615.

## Membership Application

### Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc.

A non-profit trade association. Business membership fees are tax deductible.

#### CORPORATE/BUSINESS

Two categories of membership are available to businesses which include all publications and services.

- (1) Sustaining: \$100 to \$2,000 (maximum) per month payable monthly, quarterly or annually
- (2) Supporting: \$100 to \$1,200 per year, payable annually

#### INDIVIDUAL

Three categories of membership are available to individuals. Members in first two categories receive all membership privileges, are placed on priority mailing list and encouraged to participate in Red Alert campaigns:

- (1) Sustaining: \$25 (or more) per month includes monthly Resource Review
- (2) Subscribing: \$50 (or more) per year includes monthly Resource Review
- (3) Supporting: \$5 to \$50 per year

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Business/Individual Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Person to contact \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of membership desired: Sustaining \_\_\_\_\_ Supporting \_\_\_\_\_ Subscribing \_\_\_\_\_  
Full payment enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please send monthly \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ Statement in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Alaskans for Secretary Watt

The defense, security and well-being of the United States depend to a large extent on our nation's capability to produce food and fiber and energy and minerals. Our country is in jeopardy of dependence on foreign sources for energy and strategic minerals, and our balance of payments deficit results from not being able to supply necessities from domestic stocks.

Secretary of Interior James Watt has shown by his actions that he intends to help correct these serious problems by opening federal lands to exploration and an evaluation of the resources they contain.

Secretary Watt has pledged "a reasoned, environmentally conscious program for developing and utilizing" the nation's resources to prevent rampant development in times of crisis. He has vowed to end the "inept, arrogant management of the Interior Department," and reduce the number of excessive, unnecessary federal regulations.

Secretary Watt has converted the attitude of the Department of the Interior employees from "block everything" to "do something."

By our signatures below, we indicate approval and wholehearted support of Secretary Watt's actions thus far. We strongly encourage him to continue leading the department toward rational land use policies while protecting and enhancing the environment.

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