

# Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

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17th Annual Summit



Anchorage, Alaska  
July 22-26, 2007

Summit Program

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### Message from Alaska Governor Sarah Palin

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Alaska this week for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER).

The dedication of business leaders, legislators, and policy makers has established PNWER as the leading organization for economic development and regional cooperation in the Pacific Northwest. I thank you for your hard work and dedication. This summit will offer each of you the opportunity to help make a difference on important issues.

In addition to the valuable working group sessions, we invite you to experience the beauty and uniqueness of Alaska. Thanks to the hard working Alaska Host Committee, you'll be able to enjoy a glacier cruise, a tour of a reindeer farm, a visit to one of the military bases, or the chance to seek your fortune at a recreational gold mine.

Welcome to Alaska. Best wishes for a successful conference - and a great Alaskan experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Palin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a distinct "P" at the end.

Sarah Palin  
Governor

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# *Pacific North West Economic Region*

## Message from the PNWER President



PNWER President  
Hon. Jim Kenyon  
Yukon Territory

Welcome to the Pacific North West Economic Region's 17th Annual Summit in Anchorage, Alaska! Your participation in this Summit is important to PNWER's ongoing efforts to improve understanding, growth, and cooperation across the bi-national region PNWER represents. Thank you for coming!

PNWER is a great forum for resolving barriers and promoting business policy directly with legislators. You will find in the agenda of the various working groups a serious effort to make a difference by bringing issues toward action in the PNWER Action Plan.

2006-2007 has been a landmark year in PNWER's history, with great strides in many of our core mission areas. The PNWER officers made two trips to Washington, DC, and a very productive trip to Ottawa to meet with key federal leaders in both capitals. Official visits to each state and provincial capital led to our officers meeting with each Governor and Premier, and over 150 legislators in the region raising the profile of the organization throughout our jurisdictions.

### **Some key highlights of this year:**

**Pacific NW Center for Regional Disaster Resilience:** PNWER this year has raised over \$200,000 from public and private sources for a series of exercises which culminated in the development this June of a comprehensive Action Plan for Disaster Resilience for the region.

**Innovation Economy:** The US Economic Development Administration has funded PNWER to develop a 'Pacific Northwest Innovation Network' to assist the best and brightest minds in our region to collaborate on the innovative ideas which will keep us at the forefront of the global economy.

**Workforce Mobility:** PNWER has launched a Workforce Mobility Project funded by the Government of Canada to identify barriers and specific solutions to address the tremendous workforce challenges all of our jurisdictions face.

**2010 Olympics:** Several States and Provinces have funded PNWER to develop a 'Regional Tourism Initiative' which includes a charter for the 2010 Olympic Coordination Council. An online site for training venues in the Northwest has been created and dozens of teams are exploring locating training camps in the PNWER region next winter.

These are only some of the many initiatives you will hear about in the next few days here in Alaska. I welcome you to join us in this exciting endeavor. A full agenda for this year's summit is enclosed, and we welcome your active participation in any of PNWER's working groups. Thank you for coming to Anchorage, and thank you for being a leader in this great economy and region that we all call home!

Sincerely,

Honourable Jim Kenyon, Minister of Economic Development for the Yukon  
PNWER President

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Hon. Jim Kenyon  
Yukon Territory



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Alberta



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Rep. Glenn Anderson  
Washington



Past President  
Hon. Rob Renner  
Alberta



## Executive Committee\*

PNWER Officers pictured at left

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Yukon Territory

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Alternates

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**Hon. Jim Kenyon**

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Jerry Gallagher, Conoco Phillips  
Paul Quesnel, BP

Kevin Hyde, Keen Engineering  
Co., Ltd.

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Columbia River Steamship  
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Tim Schultz, AB Society of  
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Northwest  
Even Hayes, Idaho Grain  
Producers  
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Producers

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James Baumgartner, Black  
Helterline, LLP  
Charles Hall, INOVXCO  
Tom Lowles, Key Bank

YUKON  
To be designated

# PNWER Profile



The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is a regional US-Canadian forum dedicated to encouraging global economic competitiveness and preserving the Pacific Northwest's remarkable natural environment. Founded in 1991 as the only statutory, non-partisan, non-profit, bi-national, public/private partnership in North America, PNWER includes the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington and provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Yukon. Today, because of its proven success, both the United States and Canada recognize PNWER as the model for regional and bi-national cooperation.

PNWER delivers results on regional issues through action items developed by more than fourteen working groups. Each working group is co-chaired by an industry leader and a legislator, providing public and private sectors a cross-border forum for unfiltered dialogue and capitalizing upon the synergies between business leaders and elected officials.





## Our Vision, Our Mission

### VISION

PNWER is the pre-eminent bi-national regional advocacy group for state/provincial regional issues

### MISSION

To increase the economic well-being and quality of life for all citizens of the region

To coordinate provincial and state policies throughout the region; to identify and promote 'models of success'; and to serve as a conduit to exchange information

### MISSION STATEMENT GOALS

Promote greater regional collaboration

Enhance the competitiveness of the region in both domestic and international markets

Leverage regional influence in Ottawa and Washington, D.C.

Achieve continued economic growth while maintaining the region's natural beauty and environment

## Developing the Work Plan

### Issues

PNWER Officers meet with government, business and legislative leadership during legislative sessions to investigate key regional cross border issues. These issues as well as others suggested by members of the working group, co-chairs, the Executive Committee or member jurisdictions help form each working group's agenda for the Annual Summit.

### Working Groups

Each working group is chaired by a public and private sector leader. Working groups generally address key issues identified through the regional process from the past year. During the Summit, working groups are briefed by subject matter experts then discuss issues presented. Working Groups are asked to develop action items and project teams to work beyond the meeting to carry out recommendations.

### Action Items and Resolutions

Working groups develop action items and resolutions after each session during the summit, which are forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval. Resolutions are generally developed to address specific policy objectives and may be forwarded to state/provincial legislatures for introduction in the next session. Action items generally involve identifying projects and teams to address specific issues identified during the working group session.

### Executive Committee

Action Items and Resolutions are forwarded from each working group to the Executive Committee for approval. The Committee may send items back to the Working Group for clarification or revision.

### The Work Plan

Once approved, the Working Group Action Items and Resolutions become the PNWER Work Plan. The PNWER Secretariat assists working groups and project teams to execute the work plan. PNWER Officers will also travel to each state and provincial capital as well as visit Ottawa and Washington DC to meet with legislative leaders to further address specific issues identified in the work plan.

## Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Alaska

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Sunday, July 22, Welcome Reception

Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski is the ranking member on the Energy Subcommittee of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The first lawmaker to be born in the State of Alaska to represent Alaska in Congress, Murkowski has strong interests in resource development and all type of electric power generation. She is a strong supporter of renewable energy having recently won a Senate amendment to create a matching grant program to help fund all forms of renewable energy construction. She is the recent co-sponsor of legislation to expand the role of both ocean energy and geothermal power in meeting regional needs. She also is the recent co-sponsor of major energy efficiency and conservation legislation and also a backer of increased domestic fossil fuel production. She backs opening the Arctic coastal plain to oil and gas development and backs environmentally sensitive development for oil and gas production in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska and from the outer continental shelf offshore. She is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and Indian Affairs Committees and serves as ranking member of the Pacific and East Asian subcommittee of Foreign Affairs. An Alaskan born in Ketchikan and raised in Juneau, and Fairbanks, she is an Anchorage resident.



## Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary, Alberta

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Sunday, July 22, Welcome Reception

Born in Claresholm, Alberta, Ted Menzies grew up in the rolling prairies and foothills west of Claresholm on his family's farm. Since his election to the House of Commons in June 2004, Ted has served as Official Opposition Critic for International Cooperation and Official Opposition Critic for International Trade, a sitting member of the Standing Committee for Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee on International Trade, Trade Disputes and Investment. Upon his reelection in January 2006, Ted was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Cooperation and is a member of the Standing Committee on International Trade. In addition to his role as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Cooperation, Ted recently assumed the additional responsibility of Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade.



## Hon. Jim Kenyon, Yukon Territory

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Monday, July 23, Breakfast Opening Ceremonies

Jim Kenyon was first elected to the Yukon Legislative Assembly in the general election of November 4, 2002. He was re-elected in the general election of October 10, 2006. Dr. Kenyon was first sworn into cabinet on November 30, 2002 and re-appointed to cabinet on October 28, 2006. In 2006, Dr. Kenyon was elected as President of the Pacific North West Economic Region (PNWER), a sub-national regional partnership created by statute in 1991 by Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia, Alberta and Yukon. Before being elected to the Legislative Assembly Dr. Kenyon practiced as a veterinary surgeon in Whitehorse for 12 years. He first came to the Yukon in 1988, and for the next three years divided his time between the Yukon and Toronto where he worked as the Assistant Vice-president, Research, of the Toronto General Hospital. Prior to 1988, he served as a Director in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto and as a consultant to institutions such as the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Research Foundation, the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry and the Royal Ontario Museum, among others. His primary interest was experimental surgery. Dr. Kenyon has been involved in a variety of community-based activities such as the Yukon Kennel Club and the Yukon Quest, and has worked with dogs in many other races including the Iditarod and the Copper Basin 300. Dr. Kenyon is active in the Rendezvous Rotary Club and also served eight years as an Auxiliary Member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Dr. Kenyon lives in Porter Creek with his wife Micki, and has three children and four grandchildren.







## Lt. Governor Sean Parnell, Alaska

Monday, July 23, Breakfast Keynote Address

Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell was raised in Alaska. He graduated from East Anchorage High School in 1980, and went on to earn a bachelors' degree in business, and a doctorate law degree. He is admitted to practice law in Alaska and Washington, D.C., and actively practiced law until his recent election as lieutenant governor. Lieutenant Governor Parnell served two terms in the Alaska State House, one term in the Alaska State Senate. In 2006, he was elected as Alaska's lieutenant governor. The lieutenant governor and his wife, Sandy, celebrate twenty years of marriage this summer, and have two teenaged daughters.

## Hon. Gordon Campbell, British Columbia

Monday July 23, Luncheon Keynote Address



Premier Campbell took office in 2001 with the largest majority in B.C. history. In 2005, he became B.C.'s fifth premier to win two successive terms. Premier Campbell has established strong collaborative relations with neighbouring provinces, states and international jurisdictions, notably through joint cabinet meetings and annual summits with Alberta and Washington state. A leader on climate action, Premier Campbell has committed B.C. to significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. This spring, B.C. signed memoranda of understanding on climate protection with California and Washington and joined the Western Climate Initiative and the Climate Registry. This spring also saw Premier Campbell engage the federal government in sharing the cost of flood prevention and protection efforts for communities throughout British Columbia. Last fall, he furthered Canada's relations with Asia by travelling to China and Japan, conducting a number of high-level meetings to promote Canada's Pacific Gateway and signing agreements related to education, investment and the Olympics. Premier Campbell has also pioneered a New Relationship with B.C.'s First Nations, working with them to close long-standing gaps in economic development, education and health care. Under his leadership, B.C. recently signed Canada's first-ever Tripartite First Nations Health Plan with the First Nations Leadership Council and the federal government. British Columbia is preparing to host the 2008 PNWER Annual Summit and the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

## Mayor Mark Begich, Anchorage

Monday July 23, Evening Reception



Following his first election on April 1, 2003, and continuing through his overwhelming re-election in April 2006, Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich has continued to focus on improving public safety, creating jobs, stimulating economic development, and relieving traffic congestion. During his first term in office, Anchorage voters approved the largest bond package for road improvements in the city's history, construction of a new civic and convention center, and a \$100 million expansion of the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center. The city is enjoying its 18th consecutive year of economic growth, with more than 2,500 jobs added to the city's economy over the past year. Under Mayor Begich's leadership, the city also recently received an upgrade on its bond rating from Standard & Poor's, going from AA-minus to AA, resulting in cost-savings to taxpayers. The first municipal mayor born and raised in Anchorage, Mark was first elected to the Anchorage Assembly in 1988 at age 26. During his 10 years in elected municipal office, he focused on strengthening Anchorage's economy, creating new opportunities for young Alaskans and sound fiscal management. He was widely praised for his ability to bring diverse Anchorage groups and residents together, and was three times elected by his fellow assembly members as Assembly Chair, Anchorage's second highest office. Mayor Begich was twice named Alaska's top elected municipal official by his colleagues statewide in 1997 and 2004, and was honored as a Friend of Education by the Anchorage Education Association. For his work for drug-free and crime-free neighborhoods, he was recognized by the Mt. View Community Council. Mark was born in the Old Providence Hospital in downtown Anchorage in 1962. He and his wife Deborah live in East Anchorage, have been married 16 years and have a young son, Jacob.

## Anil Mathur, CEO, Alaska Tanker Company

Tuesday, July 24, Breakfast Keynote Address

Anil Mathur is the CEO of Alaska Tanker Company (ATC), created in 1999 by Keystone Shipping Company, OSG Ship Management, and BP Oil Shipping Company USA to consolidate all of BP's Alaskan crude oil shipping requirements into one operating company. Mr. Mathur is responsible for providing overall strategic direction and guidance to ATC and for assuring that operations are conducted in a manner that results in no accidents, no harm to people, and no damage to the environment. Mr. Mathur has served in a number of executive positions with BP. He acted most recently as Chief of Staff for the U.S. Regional President and prior to that worked in the London Executive Office. His twenty-year career with BP includes various commercial and operation assignments in the U.S. and U.K. He worked in Alaska on two different occasions as a Commercial Manager and as a Superintendent on the North Slope. He was also Head of Facilities Engineering in Houston, Texas. His assignments in the North Sea were as an Operations Installation Manager in the Forties Field, and as an Operations Manager for the Mature Assets business unit. Prior to his career with BP, he worked for the Occidental Petroleum Company for five years in a variety of engineering assignments. Mr. Mathur holds an MBA from the University of California at Berkeley and an MS in Engineering from the University of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is an alumnus of Harvard, having attended their Management Development Program in 1996.



## David Wilkins, US Ambassador to Canada

Tuesday, July 24, Luncheon Keynote Address

David H. Wilkins was nominated by President George W. Bush to become the United States Ambassador to Canada on April 27, 2005 and was confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate on May 26, 2005. On June 29, 2005 he became the 21st United States Ambassador to Canada. Ambassador Wilkins has traveled throughout Canada extensively – visiting every province and territory, listening to and learning from Canadian citizens. The Ambassador considers his highest priority strengthening the ties that bind the United States with Canada. Wilkins was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1980 and served there for 25 years. He quickly rose through the ranks in the House of Representatives, serving six years as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and two years as speaker pro tem before being elected speaker, a position he held for 11 years. He was the first Republican elected speaker of any legislative body in the South since Reconstruction and retired as one of the longest serving speakers in the country. In his 25 years in the Legislature, David Wilkins was on the cutting-edge of most major reform legislation including South Carolina's historic ethics bill and the Education Accountability Act. Wilkins played a key role in the relocation of the Confederate flag from the State Capitol Building and led the fight to ban video gambling. Throughout his distinguished career, Wilkins has received numerous awards including the 2004 Excellence in State Legislative Leadership Award from the National Conference of State Legislatures. He has been named Outstanding Legislator of the Year by a wide range of organizations and was also named the National Republican Legislator of the Year. A strong supporter of President George W. Bush, Wilkins served as state chairman of the Bush-Cheney '04 campaign and as co-chair of the campaign in 2000. He was appointed by the President to the Board of Visitors to the United States Academy at West Point in 2002. A native of Greenville, South Carolina, David Wilkins graduated from Greenville High School and received his undergraduate degree from Clemson University and his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. David and his wife of 35 years, Susan, have two sons – James and Robert.



## Rob Merrifield, MP, Co-Chair, Canada-US Interparliamentary Group, Alberta

Tuesday, July 24, Evening Reception



Rob Merrifield was first elected to the House of Commons in 2000 and was re-elected in 2004 and 2006 as the Member of Parliament for Yellowhead. In addition to representing the people of Yellowhead, Rob is the Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health. Rob has been involved in the Health Portfolio since he was first elected as a Member of Parliament and has previously held the responsibilities of Official Opposition Senior Health Critic and vice-chair of the Committee. Rob was born in Mayerthorpe, AB and raised on a dairy farm just outside of Whitecourt. After meeting his wife Brenda at college, he took over the family farm as a third generation farmer. His past community involvement has included terms as chair and elected board member of the Whitecourt School District Board of Trustees, chair and vice-chair of the Whitecourt/Fox Creek Hospital Board, member of the Aspen Regional Health Authority, member of the Northern Gateway Regional Division No. 10 School Authority and elected member of the Woodland County Council. Rob and Brenda enjoy spending time with their two sons, two daughters-in-law and two grandchildren. In his spare time, Rob helps out on the family farm and can be seen piloting his power parachute in the skies over Whitecourt.

## Ben Erulkar, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development

Wednesday, July 25, Breakfast Keynote Address



Benjamin Erulkar has served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development since December, 2005. In this capacity, Mr. Erulkar directs and coordinates all operations of the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Mr. Erulkar also directs strategic planning efforts to fulfill EDA's mission: to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Prior to his appointment as Deputy Assistant Secretary, Mr. Erulkar served as EDA's Chief Counsel where he led and managed all aspects of EDA's legal practice and policy – including working to secure EDA's 2004 reauthorization legislation and promulgating a comprehensive revision of EDA's regulations. More recently, Mr. Erulkar served as Co-Chair of the Economic Development Working Group in the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding.

## Hon. Dennis Fentie, Yukon Territory

Wednesday, July 25, Luncheon Keynote Address



Mr. Dennis Fentie has served as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Watson Lake for the past ten years. He was first elected to public office in September 1996 and re-elected again in April 2000. In June 2002 Mr. Fentie won the Yukon Party leadership and led the Party to a majority government mandate in the November 2002 election. Mr. Fentie has always had a strong interest in economic development in the territory. He was formerly involved with the Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce and was a director of the Association of Yukon Forests. His employment and business history included logging, tourism, mining, trucking and fuel distribution. During his tenure in the Yukon Legislative Assembly Mr. Fentie has served as a member of the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges, as Government House Leader, and Official Opposition House Leader. He was also appointed as the head of a Cabinet Commission on Forestry during the 29th Legislature. Under the leadership of Premier Fentie, there has been an economic turnaround in Yukon, seeing an in-migration of people to Yukon in contrast to an out-migration which was occurring in prior years. Dennis Fentie was born in Edmonton, Alberta in 1950. Mr. Fentie and his partner Lorraine Nixon reside in Watson Lake.



# Alaska Tours

Saturday, July 21

26 GLACIER CRUISE AND CRUISE SHIP RECEPTION  
8:00 am - 9:30 pm

Ride the Alaska Railroad or a motor-coach between Anchorage and Whittier and cruise on Prince William Sound on the 26 Glacier Cruise. A reception will be held on the Princess Cruise vessel. Motorcoach back to Anchorage.

Sunday, July 22

CITY TOUR AND SHOPPING  
9:30 am - 2:00 pm / At your leisure

Ride a trolley for a city tour of Anchorage; visit the Alaska Wild Berry Products Company and see the chocolate waterfall; and have lunch at Sourdough Mining Co. The trolley will then take you downtown to do some shopping at Nordstrom's, Fifth Avenue Mall, and Native gift stores. You can walk back to your hotel or call the Alaska Host volunteers for a mini van ride back.

FUR FASHION SHOW AND RECEPTION  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Captain Cook

Hotel

Monday, July 23

ANCHORAGE MUSEUM AND ULU FACTORY TOUR  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

This tour visits the Anchorage Museum and also makes stops at two unique stores; the Ulu Factory and Oomingmak (Qiviut) Cooperative.

ALASKA RECEPTION AT ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE CENTER  
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

The Alaska Native Heritage Center is a gathering place that celebrates, perpetuates and shares Alaska Native cultures. Since opening in 1999, the Center has become Alaska's premier interactive cultural destination.

Tuesday, July 24

MAT-SU VALLEY TOUR  
7:30 am - 5:00 pm

On this full day tour, you'll take a motorcoach to the Mat-Su Valley and visit sites such as the Russian Church

and cemetery in Eklutna. You will also visit the Reindeer Farm in Palmer and have lunch at Lake Lucille. You may also have an opportunity to visit local farmers who produce record setting produce such as cabbages over 100lbs.

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE (NORAD) TOUR  
11:15 am - 5:00 pm

Attendees will board a motor coach for a tour of the Air Force Base, the C-17 Simulator, the Alaskan NORAD Region (ANR) Air Operations Center, and AWACS with briefings from each agency. Lunch is included.

Wednesday, July 25

PORT OF ANCHORAGE TOUR  
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Visitors will board a motor coach to view port operations, the docks, future ground development, container ships and how petroleum products are handled. The tour of the Port of Anchorage includes a briefing on project development.

CROW CREEK MINING,



## Youth Programs

Sunday, July 22

**WATERPARK** 10:45 am - 3:00 pm

A motorcoach will take visitors to the H2Oasis Indoor Waterpark (5th largest waterpark in North America). Lunch will be served at the waterpark.

Monday, July 23

**ANCHORAGE ZOO AND COASTAL BIKE TRAIL**

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Attendees will board a motorcoach to the Anchorage Zoo and later take a bicycle tour on the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. A box lunch will be provided to everyone on the tour.

Tuesday, July 24

**LUNCH AND HIKE** 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Wednesday, July 25

**IMAGINARIUM SCIENCE & DISCOVERY CENTER** 9:45 am - 2:30 pm

This Youth Program Tour visits the Anchorage Imaginarium Science and Discovery Center and the Alaska Public Information Center where attendees can view a bald eagle and other Alaskan birds first hand. Lunch will be served at the Snow Goose Restaurant.

Thursday, July 26

**YOUTH PROGRAM** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Youth Program will offer activities on this day appropriate to the ages and number of youth participating. Parents or guardians of youth registered for youth events will be contacted with information about activities planned for this day. Please make sure we have your hotel or cell phone number so we can contact you directly.

**WILDLIFE CENTER**

8:45 am - 4:45 pm

This tour will take you to the site of the Crow Creek Mine, where gold nuggets can still be found. Lunch will be held at the Alyeska Ski Resort before heading to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. At the Wildlife Center, you'll see grizzly and black bears, moose, elk, caribou, foxes, eagles and owls.

Thursday, July 26

**PRUDHOE BAY TOUR**

5:30 am - 7:00 pm

A chartered jet will take invitees to Prudhoe Bay, for a tour of BP's facilities. (By Invitation Only)

**TALKEETNA TOUR**

8:30 am - 6:00 pm

On this tour you'll board motorcoaches and head to the quaint town of Talkeetna. While in Talkeetna you will experience Mahay's Wilderness Jet Boat Adventure on the Susitna River. During your two hour cruise you'll have a chance to get off for a short nature walk. Lunch will be served during this outing.

All tours depart from the Captain Cook Hotel. Participants need to check-in at the time indicated as the beginning of the tour. There will be a tour registration desk in the Captain Cook Hotel Lobby. The tours depart the hotel shortly after check-in.

Tours will make return stops at all hotels, with the exceptions of the Youth Programs and the Elmendorf Tour, which only return to the Captain Cook Hotel.

The return times for each tour are estimates.



# Short Agenda

## Saturday

All Day Pre-conference Tour	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Pre-conference Tour Registration Check-in (Aft Ballroom, Captain Cook Hotel)
9:00 am	Leave Captain Cook Hotel / Take Alaska Railroad or Motor-coach to Whittier
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	26 Glacier Cruise in Prince William Sound
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception on the Princess Cruise Ship (in Whittier)
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Coach returning from Whittier (Departure: 7:30pm; Arrival at Hotel: 9:30pm)

## Sunday

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration (Aft Deck Ballroom, Captain Cook Hotel)
12:00 pm - 5:45 pm	PNWER Executive Committee Meeting (Quarter Deck Tower One, 10th Floor, Captain Cook Hotel)
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Welcome Reception (Fore Deck Ballroom, Captain Cook Hotel) US Senator Lisa Murkowski, Alaska & Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Intl Trade and to the Minister of Intl Cooperation
9:00 pm - 11:00pm	Hospitality Suite (Crow's Nest Suite I, Tower 3, 19th Floor)

## Monday

7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration (Fore Deck Ballroom Foyer, Captain Cook Hotel)			
7:30 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast Opening Ceremonies: Hon. Jim Kenyon, PNWER President Keynote Address: Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell, Alaska (Fore Deck Ballroom, Captain Cook Hotel)			
9:15 am - 11:30 am	<b>Energy I</b> <i>(Fairbanks Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> level Marriott)</i> <i>Co-Chairs: Brian Davies (AK), Rep. Jeff Morris (WA)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline</li> <li>Natural Gas Supply and Demand</li> <li>Meeting the Energy Needs of Rural Communities: Alaska Alberta</li> <li>Action Items</li> </ul>	<b>Border Issues</b> <i>(Aft Deck Ballroom, Captain Cook)</i> <i>Co-Chairs: Len Mitzel, MLA (AB), Jim Phillips (NY)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perimeter Clearance</li> <li>WHTI BC-WA Drivers License Pilot Project</li> <li>PACT Act</li> <li>Trusted Traveler Programs</li> <li>Family Nexus</li> <li>Action Items</li> </ul>	<b>Sustainable Development</b> <i>(Haines Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> level Marriott)</i> <i>Co-Chairs: David Coutts, MLA (AB), Stevel Borell (AK)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can sustainability principles be applied to resource extraction?</li> <li>The Red Dog Experience – Nana Corporation and Tech Cominco partnership story</li> <li>Nova Gold – A BC partnership with First Nations in west central BC</li> <li>Action Items</li> </ul>	<b>Agriculture</b> <i>(Endeavor Room, Lower Level Captain Cook)</i> <i>Co-Chairs: Gary Fuhrman (ID), Richard Marz, MLA (AB)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State of Agriculture Issues in AK</li> <li>"Biofuels – The Changing Face of Agriculture – Opportunity or Challenge?"</li> <li>Action Items</li> </ul>
11:30 am - 1:15 pm	Lunch Keynote Address: Hon. Gordon Campbell, BC Premier (Fore Deck Ballroom, Captain Cook Hotel)			
1:30 pm - 5:45pm	<b>Energy I</b> <i>(Fairbanks Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> level Marriott)</i> <i>Co-Chairs: Brian Davies (AK), Hon. Richard Neufeld (BC)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure Constraints and Planning in the Pacific Northwest</li> <li>Energy Policy Act Update</li> <li>Transmission Policy</li> <li>Regional Interties</li> <li>Energy Chairs/Ministers Roundtable</li> <li>Action Items</li> </ul>	<b>Tourism</b> <i>(Aft Deck ballroom, Captain Cook)</i> <i>Co-Chairs: Sen. Lesil McGuire (AK), Lorne Whyte (BC)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Making the 2010 Winter Olympics a Regional Success</li> <li>NorPass Rail &amp; Sail Initiative</li> <li>Regional Tourism Promotion Roundtable discussion</li> <li>Action Items</li> </ul>	<b>Sustainable Development and Natural Resource Management</b> <i>(Haines Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> level Marriott)</i> <i>Co-Chairs: David Coutts, MLA (AB), Steve Borell (AK)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best Practices of Alaskan Native Corporations: Providing jobs and economic development for First Nations and aboriginal peoples</li> <li>Update on the 2010 Sustainability Showcase</li> <li>Action Items</li> </ul>	
6:30 pm	Reception at Alaska Native Heritage Center (Motor-Coach Departing from Captain Cook, 5th Ave Entrance)			
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Alaska Reception; Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich (Alaska Native Heritage Center)			
9:00 pm - 11:00pm	Hospitality Suite (Crow's Nest Suite I, Tower 3, 19th Floor)			

## Tuesday

7:30 am - 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast Keynote Address: Anil Mathur, President and CEO, Alaska Tanker Company (Fore Deck, Captain Cook Hotel)</b>			
8:45 am - 11:45 am	<b>Workforce Development (Fairbanks Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> level Marriott)</b> <i>Co-Chairs: Rep. Deb Wallace (WA), Neil Windsor (AB)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PNWER Workforce Mobility Taskforce</li> <li>• Regional forecast for workforce supply-demand</li> <li>• Addressing workforce gaps</li> <li>• Action Items</li> </ul>	<b>Homeland Security (Aft Deck Ballroom, Captain Cook)</b> <i>Chair: Bill Bishop (ID)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advancing regional disaster resilience partnerships/projects</li> <li>• Alaska model for regional resilience</li> <li>• Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement</li> <li>• Action Items</li> </ul>	<b>Trade &amp; Economic Development (Endeavor Room, Captain Cook Lower Level)</b> <i>Co-Chairs: Don Brunell (WA), Clint Dunford, MLA (AB)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel discussion of state and provincial Chamber CEOs.</li> <li>• How can we facilitate and support greater regional cooperation</li> <li>• Action Items</li> </ul>	
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch Keynote Address Ambassador David Wilkins, US Ambassador to Canada (Fore Deck, Captain Cook Hotel)</b>			
1:30 pm - 5:30 pm	<b>Energy II (Fairbanks Ball room, Marriott)</b> <i>Co-Chairs: Paul Manson (BC), Rep. George Eskridge (ID)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrating New Technologies and Alternative Sources of Energy</li> <li>• Accessing the Region's Research Labs and Energy Institutions</li> <li>• Action Items</li> </ul>	<b>Policy Tour: Elmendorf Air Force Base (NORAD) (Departs at 11:45 am from Captain Cook Lobby)</b>  Lunch will be served on the tour Base Tour, C-17 simulator Alaskan NORAD Region (ANR), Air Operations Center, AWACS, Agency Briefings	<b>Transportation (Aft Deck Ballroom, Captain Cook)</b> <i>Co-Chairs: Ron Tenove (AB), Sen. John Goedde (ID)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financing infrastructure for increasing port traffic</li> <li>• Alaska-Yukon Rail Study</li> <li>• Action Items</li> </ul>	<b>Water Policy (Endeavor Room, Captain Cook Lower Level)</b> <i>Co-Chairs: Dennis Fitzpatrick (AB), Sen. David Nelson (OR)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water policy-global context</li> <li>• Climate change and water resources</li> <li>• Case studies in promoting water conservation</li> <li>• Review of Alberta Environmental Plan</li> <li>• Action Items</li> </ul>
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	<b>Government of Canada Reception: Rob Merrifield, MP, Co-Chair of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group (Marriott Hotel, Foyer 2<sup>nd</sup> Level)</b>			
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm	<b>Hospitality Suite (Crow's Nest Suite I, Tower 3, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor)</b>			

## Wednesday

7:30 am - 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast Keynote Address: Ben Erulkar, Dep. Asst. Sec. of Commerce for Economic Development (Captain Cook Hotel)</b>			
8:45 am - 11:45 am	<b>Environment (Fairbanks Ballroom, Marriott)</b> <i>Chair: Joan McIntyre, MLA (BC) John Shively, (AK)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC's Leadership in Climate Change Collaboration</li> <li>• Review Regional Climate Change Policy</li> <li>• Marine air quality issues</li> <li>• Action Items</li> </ul>	<b>High Tech (Aft Ballroom, Captain Cook)</b> <i>Chair: Rep. Glenn Anderson (WA)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied Research &amp; Entrepreneurship</li> <li>• R&amp;D: Collaboration or Competition?</li> <li>• PNW Innovation Network: A look ahead</li> <li>• Action Items</li> </ul>	<b>Healthcare (Endeavor Room, Captain Cook Lower Level)</b> <i>Chair: John Sproule (BC), Sen. Fred Dyson (AK)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal Health: Addressing Needs of First Nations/Native Communities</li> <li>• Leveraging Technology: Advancing Healthcare Delivery and Access</li> <li>• Action Items</li> </ul>	
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch Keynote Address: Hon. Dennis Fentie, Yukon Premier (Fore Deck, Captain Cook Hotel)</b>			
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	<b>Ocean and River Energy (Fairbanks Ballroom, Marriott)</b> <i>Co-Chairs: Dr. Gouri Bhuyan (BC), Mark Kendall (OR)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incentives for new technology adoption</li> <li>• In-Stream Flow power</li> <li>• Forming a regional trade association</li> <li>• Action Items</li> </ul>	<b>Telecommunications (Haines Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Marriott)</b> <i>Co-Chairs: Don Pumphrey (YK), Rep. Mike Schaulter, (OR)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Issues and Policy Discussion</li> <li>• Broadband access and infrastructure</li> <li>• Action Items</li> </ul>	<b>Policy Tour: Port of Anchorage Site Visit (Departs from Captain Cook Lobby)</b> First-hand look at port operations and marine trade facilities	
3:45pm - 5:45 pm	<b>PNWER Executive Committee Meeting (Aft Ballroom, Captain Cook)</b>			
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>PNWER Presidential Dinner – British Columbia Banquet (Alaska Ballroom, Hilton Hotel)</b>			
9:00 pm - 11:00pm	<b>Hospitality Suite - Captain Cook Hotel Suite (Crow's Nest Suite I, Tower 3, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor)</b>			

## Thursday

5:30 am - 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast (Aft Deck Ballroom, Captain Cook Hotel)</b>
6:00 am - 7:00 pm	<b>Prudhoe Bay Policy Tour (Invitation Only)</b>
9:00 - 6:00pm	<b>Talkeetna Tour (Departs from Captain Cook Lobby)</b>

PNWER  
Officers  
and US  
Ambassador  
to Canada  
David  
Wilkins meet  
over lunch  
(Ottawa,  
2006).



# Monday July 23

## AGRICULTURE

Morning Session  
9:15 am - 11:30 am  
Captain Cook Hotel  
Endeavor Room

### Co-Chairs

**Richard Marz - MLA, Old-Didsbury-Three Hills, Province of Alberta**

**Gary Fuhrman - Director, Commodities and Marketing, Idaho Farm Bureau**

### I. Introduction

Review of 2006 Action Items

Co-Chairs Richard Marz and Gary Fuhrman

### II. State of the Agriculture Industry in Alaska

An intro to the dairy industry in Alaska from an historic perspective; some of the critical issues facing the industry, such as the closure of state owned creameries; meat processing facilities; the future of agriculture in Alaska; and the Alaska produce industry.

Rep. Mark Neuman - Alaska State House of Representatives

### III. "Biofuels: The Changing Face of Agriculture—Opportunity or Challenge?"

An analysis of how biofuels are impacting the agricultural sector in the PNWER region.

Kurt Klein - Department of Economics, University of Lethbridge

Michael Bowman - Executive Director, The Echo Green Project

### IV. Action Items and Resolutions

## BORDER ISSUES

Morning Session  
9:00 am - 11:30 am  
Captain Cook Hotel  
Aft Deck Ballroom

### Co-Chairs

**Len Mitzel - MLA, Province of Alberta**

**Jim Phillips - President & CEO, CanAm BTA**

### I. WHTI: BC-WA Drivers License Pilot

Hon. John van Dongen - Minister of State for Intergovernmental Relations, Government of British Columbia

Liz Luce - Director, Washington State Department of Licensing

### II. A Perspective on Securing and Facilitating Canada-U.S. Supply Chains and Visitation

Trusted Traveler Programs; PACT ACT; Family Nexus

Co-Chair Jim Phillips

### III. View From the Border

Ron Moran - CEUDA National President, Customs Excise Union

### IV. NAFTA Visa Holders/First Nation Citizens Relative to WHTI

Co-Chair Len Mitzel

### V. Coordinated Clearance: Point of Departure Determination Evolution from the Perimeter Clearance Strategy

Solomon Wong - Vice President of Security and Planning, InterVistas Consulting

### VI. Business Travel Pilot

Darcy Rezac - Managing Director, Vancouver Board of Trade

Lewis Lukens - Consul General, US Consulate

### VII. Northern Border University Research Consortium (CanAmBURC)

Robert Frazier - Vice President of

## Breakfast Keynote Address

7:30 am - 9:00 am, Captain Cook Hotel

Breakfast Opening Ceremonies  
Hon. Jim Kenyon  
PNWER President



Keynote Address  
Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell, Alaska



External Affairs, Western Washington  
University

### VIII. Review of Progress on 2006 PNWER Border Issues Resolutions

### IX. Action Items and Resolutions

#### ENERGY I

Morning Energy Session:  
Focus on Alaska  
9:15 am - 11:30 am  
Marriott Hotel  
Fairbanks Ballroom

#### Co-Chairs

**Brian Davies - Consultant**

**Rep. Jeff Morris - Chair,  
Washington House Technology,  
Energy and Communications  
Committee, Washington State  
House of Representatives**

#### I. Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline

The first session of this year's Energy track will put a spotlight on Alaska, beginning with the proposed Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline.

Pat Galvin - Commissioner, Alaska  
Department of Revenue

Rep. Ralph Samuels - Alaska State  
House of Representatives



PNWER  
Past-  
Presidents  
at the 2006  
Annual  
Summit in  
Edmonton.



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*ENERGY I continued*

## II. Expected Natural Gas Outlook

An overview of the expected supply and demand for natural gas over the next few years based on the NW Gas Association's NW Gas Outlook.

Dan Kirschner - Executive Director,  
Northwest Gas Association

## III. Meeting the Energy Needs of Rural Communities

A focus on different approaches to meeting the energy needs of rural/remote communities in Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia and Yukon.

Kellan Fluckiger - Executive Director,  
Department of Energy, Alberta  
Ministry of Energy

Michael Harper - Deputy Director  
Rural Energy, Alaska Energy Authority

### ENERGY I

Afternoon Energy Session:  
Focus on the PNWER Region  
1:30 pm - 5:45 pm  
Marriott Hotel  
Fairbanks Ballroom

## IV. Infrastructure Constraints in the Northwest

Co-Chair Jeff Morris

## V. Energy Policy Act

The US Department of Energy is continuing to lead the effort to implement the corridor provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. DOE expects to begin implementing the process for identifying energy corridors on federal lands in Alaska in the fall of 2007.

Darby Collins - Sect. 368 Project  
Manager, Department of Energy

## VI. Multi-State Transmission Siting

Jim Luce - Washington Energy Facility  
Site Evaluation Committee

## VII. Update on Regional Transmission Projects

## VIII. Ministers/Energy Chairs Roundtable

Co-Chair Jeff Morris

Rep. George Eskridge - Chair, Energy,  
Environment and Technology Interim  
Committee, Idaho State House of  
Representatives

Hon. Richard Neufeld - Minister,  
Ministry of Energy, Mines and  
Petroleum Resources, British Columbia

Sen. Tom Wagoner - Alaska State  
Senate

Don Keech - Alberta Ministry of  
Energy

## IX. Action Items and Resolutions

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

All Day Session  
9:15 am - 5:45 pm  
Marriott Hotel  
Haines Room

### Co-Chairs

**David Coutts - MLA, Province of  
Alberta**

**Steve Borell, P.E. - Executive  
Director, Alaska Miners Association**

### I. Overview of Native Corporations

What are Native Corporations? Why do they exist? How have they benefited the Alaskan Native Community from holistic and small community perspective? What is the vision for Native Corporations for the next 10-20 years?

Margie Brown - President & CEO,  
Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI)

### II. Case Study #1: Red Dog Mine, Alaska

NANA owns Red Dog mine mineral deposit, how they partnered with Teck Cominco, who is responsible for developing and operating the mine;



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11:30 am - 1:15 pm, Captain Cook Hotel

Hon. Gordon Campbell,  
BC Premier



Highlight collaboration between the two entities and what it has done for the community; Living conditions of NANA shareholders before and after the mine; Skills developed on the job that assisted in advancing mine workers' quality of life.

Walter Sampson - Vice President,  
NANA Regional Corporation, Inc.

### III. Case Study 2: Galore Creek Mine, British Columbia

How Tech Cominco and NovaGold partnered to build the Galore Creek copper-gold mine in Northwestern British Columbia; How BC is partnering with the Tahltan Nation to develop the mine.

Kevin Krueger - Minister of State for  
Mining, British Columbia

Peter Harris - Senior Vice President/  
COO, NovaGold

### IV. Case Study 3: Donlin Creek, Alaska

How Barrick, NovaGold and Calista Corporation have partnered in the Donlin Creek Project; Economic effects on the community and Calista shareholders; Highlight employment practices: Employees work two weeks on, two weeks off which allows them to maintain a subsistence lifestyle.

Matthew Nicolai - President, Calista  
Corporation



Sen. David Nelson,  
Hon. Jim Kenyon  
and PNWER  
Executive  
Director Matt  
Morrison brief  
Oregon Governor  
Ted Kulongoski  
on future energy  
projects across the  
PNWER region.



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## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT *continued*

### V. Sustainable Development: Exploring Opportunities and Challenges

Introduce Energy Map; Big projects coming down the road in the next 10-20 years in the Pacific Northwest Region especially the Natural Gas Pipeline; How infrastructure developments will affect and involve many communities. Especially the development of the pipeline in ANWR; PowerPoint slides covering workforce issues from Alberta to Alaska.

### VI. Sustainable Development Panel

Moderators: Co-Chairs Steve Borell and Dave Coutts

How do you work with tribal cultures to recruit and maintain employees?

How do companies reconcile the differences between the existing and expanding construction industry and Native cultures? How can companies attract workers so they are able to advance their quality of life while preserving values that are precious to them such as a subsistence lifestyle?

What are the criteria that will lead to a successful involvement of first nation in future natural resource development projects, including the gas pipeline?

Margie Brown - President and CEO, Cook Inlet Region, (CIRI)

Matthew Nicolai - President, Calista

Corporation

Walter Sampson - Vice President, NANA Regional Corporation, Inc.

Emil Notti - Commissioner, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Alaska

### VII. The Legacy of Sustainable Mining in Juneau, Alaska

How infrastructure built by the private sector has continued to support economic growth in Juneau.

David Stone - President, AJT Mining

### VIII. Sustainability Showcase and Discussion

Specific proposals and overall showcase plan will be introduced with each of the four component discussed and critiqued by participants. Goal is to find a list of stakeholders committed to the full development of each component.

### IX. Action Items and Resolutions

#### TOURISM

Afternoon Session  
1:30 pm - 5:45 pm  
Captain Cook Hotel  
Aft Deck Ballroom

Co-Chairs

**Lorne Whyte - President & CEO, Tourism Victoria**

**Sen. Lesil McGuire - Alaska State Senate**

### I. Panel: Making the 2010 Olympics a Regional Success

Over the past year, PNWER has been very active in developing a regional promotion strategy (called TerraNW) to maximize visibility for the region surrounding the 2010 Olympics. This program will explain how the program is working and the world-wide partnerships being developed.

How can we maximize potential media interest in our region? How do we link the venues and local tourism destinations? How do we best support participation in Olympic training by local businesses and communities? What does the region need to do to get teams to begin training in the region?

Rosey Fletcher - Community Development Specialist/Olympic Bronze Medalist, Anchorage, Alaska

Carl Wilgus - Director, Idaho Division of Tourism Development

Todd Rudge - Orca Creative

### II. NorPass Rail and Sail Initiative

PNWER is working with public and private partners to develop a new, regional transportation pass, similar to a

## Evening Reception Address

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Alaska Native Heritage Center\*

Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich



\*Coach departs from Captain Cook Hotel for Reception at 6:30 pm

Eurail pass in Europe. This pass would allow visitors to travel on various ferries and trains with a single ticket.. The discussion will focus on progress to date, and an outline of the development strategy for the next year.

Vern Craig - Alaska Marine Highway

Darrell Bryan - Executive Vice  
President and General Manager,  
Clipper Navigation

### III. Regional Tourism Promotion Round Table

The Province of BC has developed a new strategic tourism plan, Washington State is establishing its first public-private tourism commission, and many other changes in the tourism industry are now occurring. This session will focus on currently emerging areas of both policy and marketing cooperation for the region, and how to maximize them through PNWER and other regional channels.

Andrew Little - Manager, BC Ministry  
of Tourism, Sport & the Arts

Carl Wilgus - Director, Idaho Division  
of Tourism Development

Ron Peck - President and COO, Alaska  
Travel Industry and Association

Derek Coke-Kerr - Managing Director,  
Travel Alberta

### IV. Action Items and Resolutions



PNWER  
Vice  
Presidents  
Rep. George  
Eskridge,  
Idaho, and  
Sen. Lesil  
McGuire,  
Alaska.



# Tuesday July 24

**HOMELAND SECURITY**

Morning Session  
8:45 am - 11:45 am  
Captain Cook Hotel  
Aft Deck Ballroom

**Chair**

**Bill Bishop - Director, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security**

**I. Opening Remarks**

Susan Reinertson - Regional Administrator, FEMA Region 10

**II. PNWER Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement (PNEMA)**

How can our region utilize existing partnerships to become more resilient? What is being done at the federal level to assist with regional preparedness? What is being done to overcome cross border barriers that might hinder response and recovery?

Chair Bill Bishop

**III. PNWER Center for Regional Disaster Resilience: Recent Activities**

How is PNWER working to coordinate critical infrastructure security efforts around the region? Why is PNWER seen as a model for the rest of North America? How are regional partnerships working to

increase resiliency?

Paula Scalingi - Director, PNW Center for Regional Disaster Resilience

**IV. Antiterrorism and All Hazards Advisory Council Alaska (ATAACA) and the Alaska Partnership**

What unique approach has Alaska taken to coordinate homeland security? How could this model be expanded to other jurisdictions? How is the military, government and private sector involved in decision making?

Julian Jensen - DCIP Program Manager, Alaskan Command

Craig Campbell - Major General, Alaska Adjutant General

John Madden - Director, Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

**TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Morning Session  
8:45 am - 11:45 am  
Captain Cook Hotel  
Endeavor Room

**Co-Chairs**

**Clint Dunford - MLA, Lethbridge-West, Province of Alberta**

**Don Brunell - President, Association of Washington Business**

**I. How Solid Is Your Supply Chain?**

National Buyer/Seller Forum; ICOSMO Presentation

Paul Godfrey - Director, Industrial Machinery & Equipment, Alberta Economic Development

**II. Economic Snapshot of the Region**

Jock Finlayson - Executive Vice President, Policy, Business Council of British Columbia

**III. Trade and Economic Development Panel**

How are we addressing competitiveness across the region? Are there best practices we can learn from? What can we do as a region to facilitate the smooth flow of goods so that the cost (of transport) is not passed onto the consumer? How can we sustain rural communities/regions, and keep them viable? What new issues and opportunities are emerging as a result of market expansion into countries within the Asia-Pacific region, or in other developing global markets? How can we share the expertise, opportunities and synergies of R&D institutions in the region?

Co-Chair Don Brunell

## Breakfast Keynote Address

7:30 am - 8:30 am, Captain Cook Hotel

Anil Mathur,  
President and CEO, Alaska  
Tanker Company



Wayne Stevens - President & CEO,  
Alaska Chamber of Commerce

Jay Clemens - President, Associated  
Oregon Industries

Ken Kolby - FCGA/CEO, Alberta  
Chamber of Commerce

### IV. Status of 2006 Action Items

Trade, Investment and Labor Mobility  
Agreement (TILMA)

Shawn Robbins - Director,  
Trade/Policy, Government of Alberta

### V. Action Items and Resolutions

#### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Morning Session  
8:45 am - 11:45 am  
Marriott Hotel  
Fairbanks Ballroom

#### Co-Chairs

Rep. Deb Wallace - Washington  
State House of Representatives

Neil Windsor, P.E. - Director,  
Association of Professional  
Engineers, Geologists and  
Geophysicists of Alberta

### I. The Pacific Northwest: Meeting Our Growing Workforce Needs





Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff shakes hands with Washington Governor Chris Gregoire during the signing of the WA-DHS Driver's License MOU.



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## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT *continued*

Recent reports from government, trade and industry associations highlight a broad range of worker shortages in both Canada and the United States. In the Pacific Northwest, shortages of both skilled and unskilled workers are driven by a variety of factors such as major infrastructure projects, energy based developments, the 2010 Olympics, an aging population and declines in the number of students pursuing high-demand degrees.

A variety of strategies have been developed and deployed across the Pacific Northwest to address various aspects of worker shortages, skill gaps, educational capacity and labor mobility. This session seeks to identify key issues among the states and provinces; while providing examples of innovative partnerships, programs and policies that seek to address these issues.

Are there policies in the region that may provide a framework for stronger regional collaboration to address workforce issues? What are the global opportunities to further education and training for students? Do international training relationships and programs enhance the workforce at home? If so what is the return for states and provinces? What actions can we take as a region to strengthen our ability to attract and retain a workforce that meets our growing needs? How do we think and act like a region as it relates to workforce?

Ulysses Currie - Deputy Minister, Human Resources and Employment, Alberta

Cheryl Knight - Executive Director, Petroleum Human Resources Council of Canada

Andy Wink - Economist, Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development

Brigitta Windisch-Cole - Economist, Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development

Dr. Ray Nadolny - Vice President for Institutional advancement, Lake Washington Technical College

Larry Zirker - Senior Welding Engineer, Idaho National Laboratory

### **I. The Year Ahead: Discussion of Action Points & Recommendations**

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region was recently charged with exploring the barriers to labor mobility in the region and identifying solutions to address these barriers. Following a brief presentation on this new project, the Workforce Working Group will dedicate an hour of time to discussion and the development of action items.

### **III. Action Items and Resolutions**

## **ENERGY II**

Afternoon Session  
1:30 pm - 5:45 pm  
Marriott Hotel  
Fairbanks Ballroom

**Co-Chairs**  
**Rep. George Eskridge - Chair,**  
**Energy, Environment and**  
**Technology Interim Committee,**  
**Idaho State House of**  
**Representatives**

**Paul Manson - President, Sea Breeze Power Corp.**

The Wind Future. Efforts to increase the reliance on wind energy, stakeholder and policy concerns and a review of current efforts to integrate wind energy onto the electrical grid.

### **I. Integrating New Technologies and Renewable Sources of Energy**

A review of efforts to manage the integration of wind energy in the NW.

Ron Brintnell - Enbridge

Brian Parsons - Project Leader, Wind Energy Grid Integration, NREL

Larry Flowers - Team Leader, NREL

Terry Oliver - Chief Technology Innovation Officer, Bonneville Power Administration

## Luncheon Keynote Address

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Captain Cook Hotel

David Wilkins, US Ambassador  
to Canada



### II. Accessing the Region's Research Labs and Energy Institutions

A variety of speakers will raise the profile of the region's premier energy institutions and explore how to work more closely with the public and private sectors.

Michael Hagood - Energy Systems  
Business Lead, Idaho National  
Laboratory

Dennis Witmer - Assistant Professor,  
Institute of Northern Engineering,  
University of Alaska at Fairbanks

Larry Flowers - National Renewable  
Energy Laboratory

### III. Action Items and Resolutions

#### TRANSPORTATION

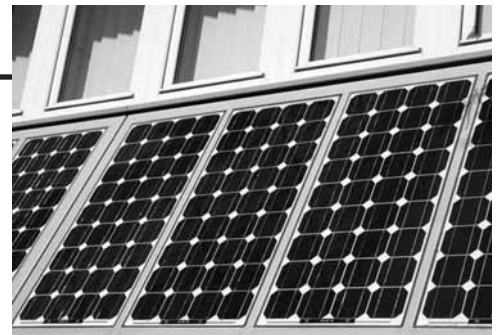
Afternoon Session  
1:30 pm - 5:45 pm  
Captain Cook Hotel  
Aft Deck Ballroom

#### Co-Chairs

**Ron Tenove - Director, Corporate  
Development, Focus Corporation**

**Sen. John Goedde - Senator, Idaho  
State Senate**

### I. Transportation Infrastructure



Washington  
Governor  
Chris Gre-  
goire and  
BC Premier  
Gordon  
Campbell.



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## TRANSPORTATION *continued*

### Development Panel

Given increasing intermodal transportation infrastructure to handle escalating demand from Trans-Pacific shippers, the region is facing huge infrastructure development projects in the next decade, putting great additional demand on our transportations systems.

What models of success can we look to that benefit from increased shipping paying for additional infrastructure needs? Alameda corridor? Others?; Who is responsible for providing this infrastructure?; The region is plagued with congestion that will require major investment in freight mobility infrastructure. Who will invest? Why? What are we investing in?; How do we deal with international freight paying additional fees on roads and railroads; should freight pay for additional infrastructure beyond its already large fees or should the burden be borne by the public? How much more should we ask of the users above and beyond what they currently contribute? Will this threaten short sea shipping initiative? At what point will a tax on ocean cargo drive containers back on congested roads and rail? What is the right balance? What are the best mechanisms for raising money or increasing revenues for intermodal infrastructure, both public and private?

Jeane Wong - Principal Economist,  
Transport Canada

Pat Jones - Director, Washington Ports  
Association

John Parrott - Vice President,  
Commercial, Totem Ocean Trailer  
Express

Mike Jacob - Vice President, Pacific  
Merchant Shipping Association

Bruce Burrows - Vice President, Public  
and Corporate Affairs, The Railway  
Association of Canada

James Titsworth - BNSF Network  
Development Team, BNSF Railway

### II. Action Items and Resolutions

What criteria should future policy include? What steps could lead to a greater regional understanding and consensus for addressing this issue?

### III. Alaska-Yukon Rail Study

The State of Alaska and the Yukon have jointly funded a study on the feasibility of a rail connection between the Yukon and Alaska. This will be the first presentation on the new rail study and its findings.

Hon. Jim Kenyon - Minister of  
Economic Development, Yukon

Bruce Carr - Director, Strategic  
Planning, Alaska Railroad

### WATER POLICY

Afternoon Session  
1:30 pm - 5:45 pm  
Captain Cook Hotel  
Endeavor Room

### Co-Chairs

**Prof. Dennis Fitzpatrick - Vice  
President of Research, University of  
Lethbridge**

**Sen. David Nelson - Oregon State  
Senate**

### I. Introduction

Outline of program objectives;  
Content and description of the  
California Senate Retreat Model

Co-Chair David Nelson and Co-Chair  
Dennis Fitzpatrick

### II. Towards A Sustainable Future: Public Policy Instruments for Managing Cumulative Impacts on the Alberta Environment

The Province of Alberta has begun to carefully examine cumulative landscape and water resource impacts in order to manage them better in the future. To this end, Alberta Environment is working to create a ground breaking management regimen that goes beyond monitoring and regulating linear consequences of singular impacts on the environment to embrace the chain of impacts that a single act can

## Evening Reception Address

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Captain Cook Hotel

Rob Merrifield, MP, Co-Chair,  
Canada-US Interparliamentary Group,  
Province of Alberta



initiate in concert with other  
impacts and circumstances.

Hon. Rob Renner - Minister of Alberta  
Environment, Province of Alberta

### **III. Forecasting the Future: Climate Change Impacts on Water in the Pacific Northwest and their Implications for Transboundary Relations between Canada and the United States**

The forum will explore current  
knowledge relating to the changing  
hydrology of the Pacific Northwest  
and how policy makers might respond  
to ensure continued positive relations  
between Canada and the United States.

Dr. Alan Hamlet - Researcher, Climate  
Impacts Group with the Department of  
Civil and Environmental  
Engineering, University of Washington

Lara Whitely Binder - Outreach  
Specialist, Climate Impacts Group,  
Climate Impacts Group

### **IV. Creating a PNWER Water Task Force: Towards a PNWER Consensus on Water Issues**

The goal of the Water Policy Task Force  
is to continue the dialogue from the  
Annual Summit and move forward to  
identify important regional issues related  
to water and to establish mechanisms  
for establishing and moving toward  
consensus on these issues.

### **V. Action Items and Resolutions**





Past  
PNWER  
President  
David  
Coutts, MLA  
Alberta, ad-  
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2006 Annual  
Summit.



# Wednesday July 25

## ENVIRONMENT

Morning Session  
8:45 am - 11:45 am  
Marriott Hotel  
Fairbanks Ballroom

### Co-Chairs

**Joan McIntyre - MLA, West  
Vancouver-Gaibaldi, British  
Columbia**

**John Shively - Vice President of  
Government and Community  
Relations, Holland America Line**

### I. BC Climate Change Initiatives

Premier Gordon Campbell, for example, has launched an aggressive campaign to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 33% by 2020.

Hon. Barry Penner - Minister of  
Environment, British  
Columbia

### II. Legislative and Private Sector Leadership Panel

The regional (bi-national) view on climate change policy will be discussed with a panel of public and private sector experts.

What steps stand out regarding climate change policies in the region? What are the best practices today? Where are we making the most progress? How can we encourage the development / alignment of regulatory and policy

frameworks in a way that enhances economic competitiveness and fosters innovation, commercialization and the implementation of clean technologies in the fight against climate change? How can we do this with the goal of maintaining a 'level playing field' within sectors /regions? What are the opportunities/barriers to developing an integrated multi-sector market-based "Cap and Trade" program to promote climate change emission reduction initiatives? Are we making any progress?

Hon. Barry Penner - Minister of  
Environment, British Columbia

Hon. Rob Renner - Minister of Alberta  
Environment, Alberta

Sen. Karen Fraser - Washington State  
Senate

Rep. George Eskridge - Energy, En-  
vironment and Technology Interim  
Committee, Idaho State House

Larry Hartig - Commissioner, Depart-  
ment of Environmental Conservation,  
Alaska

Jock Finlayson - Executive Vice  
President, Policy, Business Council of  
British Columbia

### III. Reducing Marine Emissions

Marine and Port Air continue to increase throughout our region. Up and down the coast, marine air quality is being impacted by ships. What can

we do together to address this issue?

Update on International Airshed  
Management Group and status of a  
West Coast Sulfur Emission Control  
Area (SECA).

Co-Chair John Shively

Peter Murchie - Director, West Coast  
Collaborative, Environmental  
Protection Agency

## IV. Action Items and Resolutions

## HEALTHCARE

Morning Session  
8:45 am - 11:45 am  
Captain Cook Hotel  
Endeavor Room

### Co-Chairs

**John Sproule - Vancouver Coastal  
Health**

**Sen. Fred Dyson - Alaska State  
Senate**

This session focuses on responses from healthcare and government leaders to increasing demands for improved healthcare delivery, access and quality of patient care. This includes factors that lie outside the health care system.

### I. Aboriginal Health: Addressing the Needs of First Nations and



## Evening Reception Address

7:30 am - 8:30 am, Captain Cook Hotel

Ben Erulkar, US Deputy Assistant  
Secretary of Commerce for  
Economic Development



### Native Communities

What approaches are being/need to be taken to address the unique problems facing Aboriginal and First Nations people in achieving good health? Are there lessons that might be shared across the PNWER region or initiatives that might be taken collectively to improve the health status of Aboriginal peoples in both rural and urban areas?

Catherine Lappe - Regional  
Director-General for British Columbia,  
Health Canada

Vivian A. Echavarría, MPH, FACHE,  
CHES - Director of Operations, Alaska  
Native Medical Center

### II. Leveraging Technology: Advancing Healthcare Delivery and Access

What strategies have been deployed by healthcare providers/governments to improve access and patient care to underserved or rural communities? What are the challenges and opportunities related to healthcare information technology (IT) implementations? Are there examples of implementations that have resulted in the reduction of costs, better patient care or diagnosis?

Thomas S. Nighswander MD MPH -  
Facilitator, Alaska Telehealth Advisory  
Council

Robert Vigneault - Group Program  
Director, Telehealth and Innovation &  
Adoption, Canada Health Infoway/  
Inforoute Santé du Canada



US Ambassador to Canada David Wilkins at the 2006 Annual Summit.



# Wednesday July 25

## HEALTHCARE *continued*

### III. Action Items and Resolutions

The Healthcare Working Group will discuss possible collaboration with the High Tech Working Group and the creation of the Pacific NorthWest Innovation Network. In addition, a proposal for a PNWER Health Innovations Showcase will be discussed, followed by the development of working group action items and resolutions.

#### HIGH-TECH

Morning Session  
8:45 am - 11:45 am  
Captain Cook Hotel  
Aft Deck Ballroom

#### Chair

**Rep. Glenn Anderson - Washington State House of Representatives**

### I. Research & Development Panel

This session explores successful models of R&D collaboration across the region, learning how collaborations are formed, and examining notable achievements and plans for the future. Panelists will cover a wide spectrum of R&D-related activities including applied research, business incubation, technology transfer and funding; as well as tools and programs they have created to assist in the formation or identification of collaborative research and commercialization partnerships.

In addition, this panel and working group will engage in a dialogue regarding the value proposition of collaboration versus competitions, explore how organizations define successful R&D collaborations; and explore the potential for stronger regional collaboration in the future.

Have state and provinces developed strategic plans to determine where research and development investments should be made? What is the importance of business incubators and entrepreneurial support services in supporting the growth and sustainability of technology firms? How do these programs facilitate collaboration between the public and private sector? How are R&D partnerships developed or identified? Given the importance of the R&D activities and investments by each of the PNWER jurisdictions, what gaps or issues are most likely to help or hinder research and development capacity?

Ben Erulkar - Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development

Lance Miller - Executive Director, Juneau Economic Development Council

Rollo Pool - Communications Director, Springboard

Stan Torrie - Technology Development Officer, ICT Industries, Technology Commercialization Division, Alberta Advanced Education and Technology

Mark Bussell - Professor of Chemistry, Western Washington University

David Anderson - Licensing & Commercialization Executive, Idaho National Laboratory

### II. The Next 90 Days: Alaska to Whistler

Upon conclusion of the Annual Summit, PNWER will begin planning for the Winter Economic Leadership Forum (Nov. 15-17, 2007) and implementing action items put forth by the High Tech Working Group. Following a brief update on the Pacific NorthWest Innovation Network, session participants will be invited to provide feedback on the focus and direction of the PNWER's High Tech program and provide input into topics of interest for the winter meeting.

### III. Action Items and Resolutions

#### OCEAN AND RIVER ENERGY

Afternoon Session  
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
Captain Cook Hotel  
Endeavor Room

## Luncheon Keynote Address

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Captain Cook Hotel

Hon. Dennis Fentie  
Yukon Premier



### Co-Chairs

**Dr. Gouri Bhuyan - Director,  
Powertech Labs, Inc.**

**Mark Kendall - Oregon Department  
of Energy**

This working group is focused on the opportunity to develop regional ocean and river energy resources and seize the worldwide economic opportunity for the emerging technologies and power project expertise. The purpose of this session is to review progress, consider the development needs, the path to commercial ocean energy and consider the opportunity to get viable projects in the water before the 2010 Winter Olympics when the world's spotlight will be on the Pacific Northwest.

### I. Regional Resource Picture

Resource opportunities for Alaska, British Columbia, Washington and Oregon;

How do we look at it as a regional resource opportunity?; How does the resource match the users/grid?

David Lockard - Alaska Energy Authority

Chris Campbell - Ocean Renewable Energy Group (OREG)

Craig Collar - Snohomish Public Utilities District

Kevin Banister - Finavera Renewables

Co-Chair Mark Kendall

Co-Chair Gouri Bhuyan



Members of the Energy Chairs Task Force with representatives (and CEO) of TransCanada during the Calgary Stampede (2006).



# Wednesday July 25

## OCEAN AND RIVER ENERGY *continued*

Jim Strandberg - Alaska Energy Authority

Burt Hammer - President, Puget Sound Tidal Power, LLC

Rod Lenfest - Sea Breeze Power Corp.

Clayton Bear - New Energy Corporation, Inc.

### II. Strategic Investments to Secure an Ocean Energy Opportunity

Accepting the realities of the experience/cost curve; Mobilizing the enabling financial investment.

### IV. Actions Items and Resolutions

Chris Campbell - Ocean Renewable Energy Group (OREG)

#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Afternoon Session  
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Marriott Hotel  
Haines Room

Rep. Jeff Morris - Chair, Technology, Energy and Communications Committee, Washington State House of Representatives

### III. Enabling the Ocean Energy Opportunities

Proposal to treat all early projects as PPP Development initiatives. Proposal to intergovernmental sharing of approaches and experience. Proposal for a broader intraregional communication initiative for ocean energy development.

David Lockard - Alaska Energy Authority

**Co-Chairs**  
**Don Pumphrey - Director, Design & Implementation, NorthWest Tel**

**Rep. Mick Schaufler - Oregon State House of Representatives**

### I. Inoperability of Cellular Networks: Addressing Gaps in Cellular Coverage across the Pacific Northwest

This session focuses on identifying current gaps in network coverage in the Pacific Northwest and the impact of this on economic development and emergency communication capabilities.

Craig Collar - Snohomish Public Utilities District

Jessica Johnson - Ocean Renewable Energy Group (OREG)

What areas in the Pacific Northwest are facing gaps in CDMA and GSM network coverage and/or critical gaps in cellular service? How do we address

Co-Chair Mark Kendall

these specific gaps? What states/provinces have successfully addressed these issues and how was that accomplished? What are the technologies that have been developed that enable this issue to be addressed? What are the benefits of seamless coverage across the Pacific Northwest? What are the limiting factors in economic development in areas that are experiencing these gaps in network coverage? What is the role of government in addressing these coverage gaps in support of economic development and/or emergency communications; particularly when market forces limit or deter the private sector's ability to act?

Sean Mcleish - Chief Technology Officer, NorthWestTel

Brad McManus - AVP Wireless Business development, UTStarcom

### II. The Infrastructure Superhighway: Capacity and Redundancy in the Pacific Northwest (Panel)

This session focuses on advanced communications infrastructure in the region, with a particular focus on north to south communications. Panelists will identify capacity constraints in the current infrastructure and discuss the redundancy of the current infrastructure and costs associated with an infrastructure build-out.

Why is advanced communications





*All delegates are encouraged to attend the **PNWER Executive Committee Meeting.***

*Working Group Action Plans from all session will be adopted.*



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**3:45 pm - 5:45 pm**  
**Captain Cook Hotel**  
**Aft Deck Ballroom**



infrastructure important to economic development? What are the current capacity constraints or gaps in redundancy of the current infrastructure in the Pacific Northwest? Are their overlapping interests in infrastructure build-outs that may facilitate collaboration? How are organizations evaluating and addressing community capacity demands, particularly in rural areas that are not viable as stand alones? Is there a collective way to pool customer requirements for capacity between jurisdictions to warrant an investment in new infrastructure? Is there a reasonable comparison between the demand for advanced communications infrastructure today and the highway demands and subsequent investment in the 1940's? If so what is the role of government in addressing these demands, particularly when market demand or cost limits private sector ability to act?

Davey L. Bledsoe - Area Manager  
Network Engineer, AT&T Alascom

Terry Hayden - Assistant Deputy  
Minister, Economic Development

Don Pumphrey - Director- Design &  
Implementation, NorthwesTel

Chris Brown - Chief Operating  
Officer, AT&T Alascom

**III. Action Items and Resolutions**



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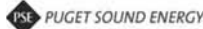
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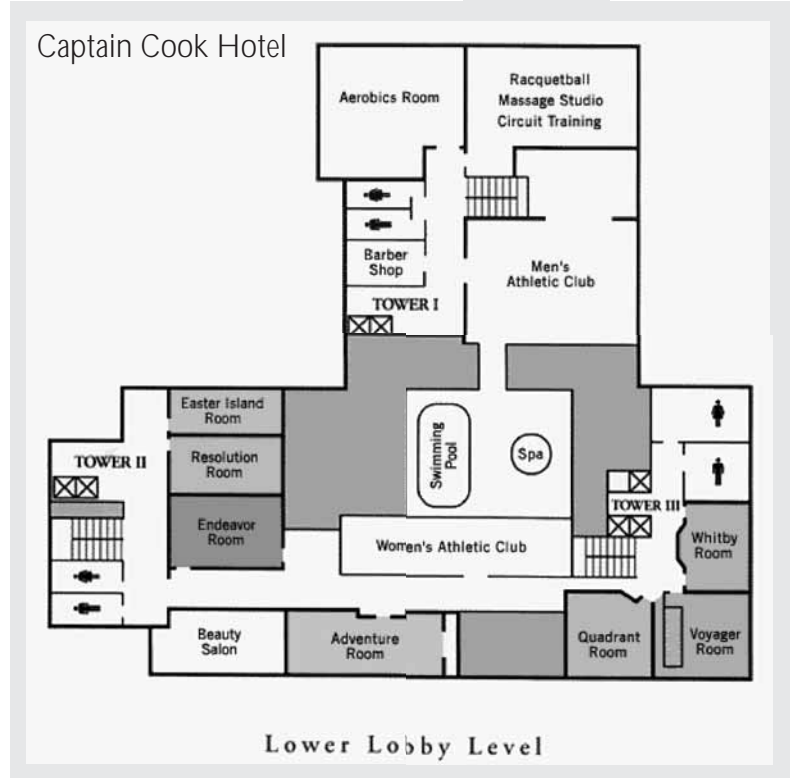
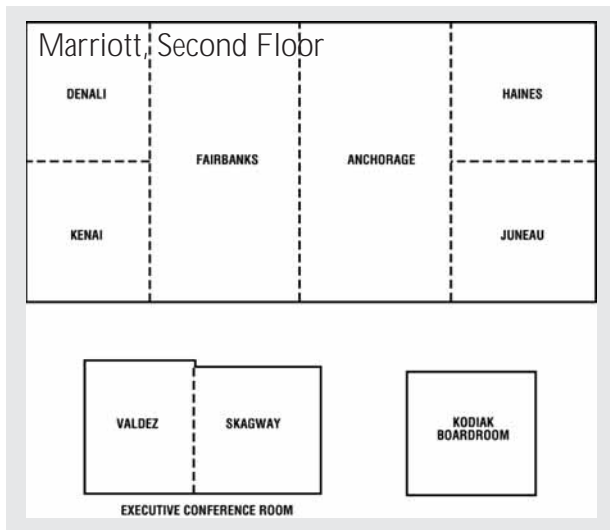
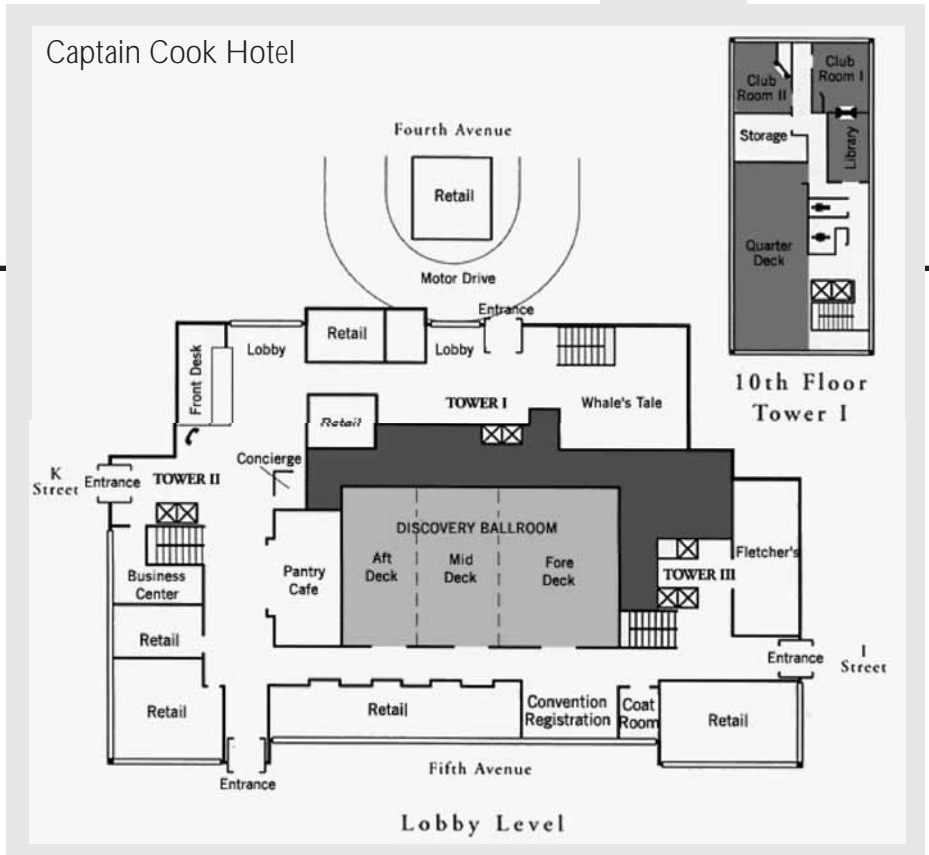
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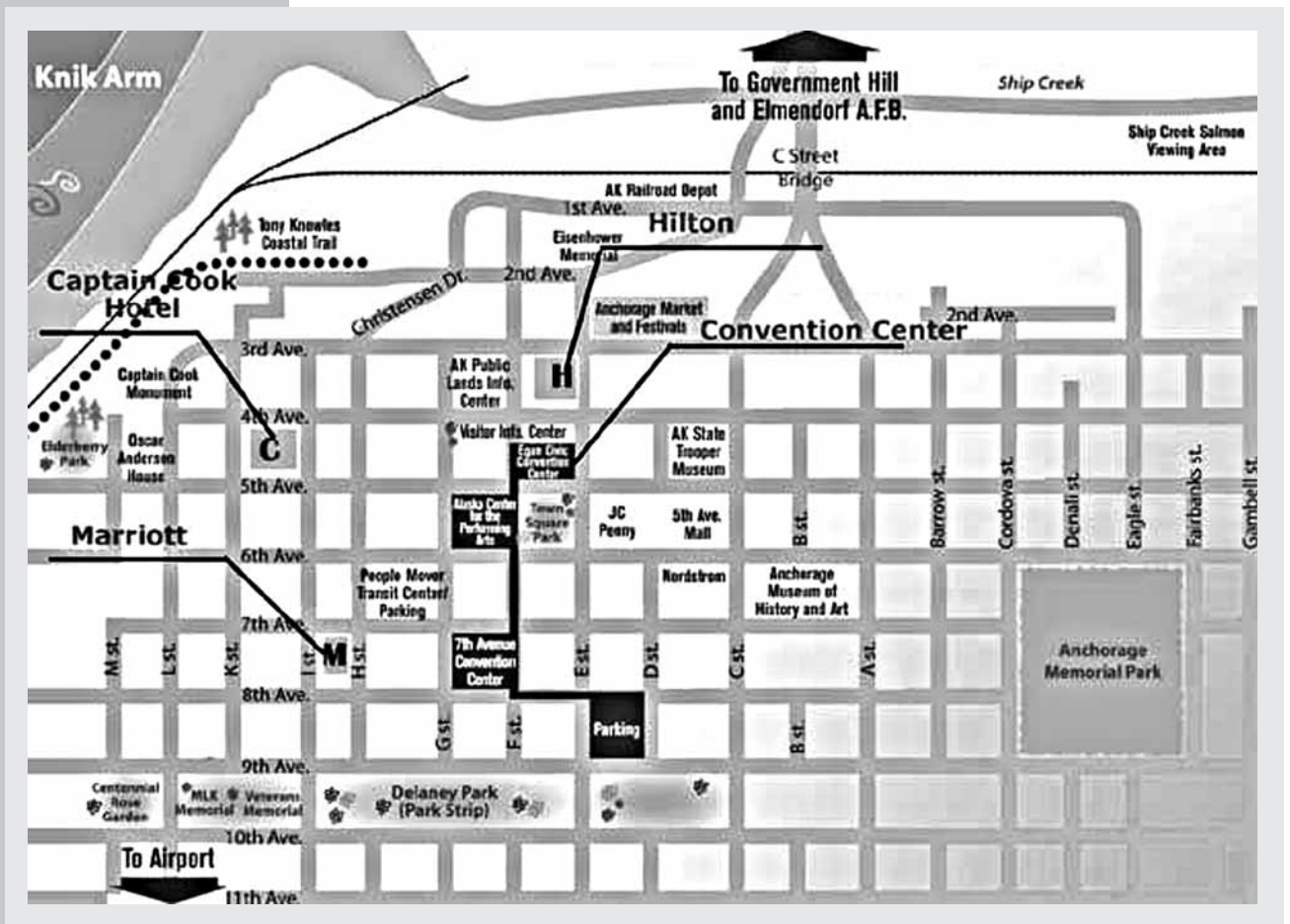
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July 2007

***A Message from the Honourable Gordon Campbell  
Premier of the Province of British Columbia***

On behalf of the Province of British Columbia, I invite you to participate in the 2008 Annual Summit of the Pacific North West Economic Region, which we will proudly host in Vancouver, British Columbia in July 2008.

British Columbia was a founding member of the Pacific North West Economic Region and actively promotes collaboration within the region on issues of mutual concern.

PNWER has successfully nurtured better understanding of our common interests, including border security, climate change and the incredible opportunity that is the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. PNWER is a leader in fostering regional co-operation on energy, the environment, economic development, trade, tourism, transportation, and workforce mobility.

The Vancouver summit will bring together private-sector and government leaders to extend and strengthen our collaboration as a region. As British Columbia celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008, it will be an added pleasure to reaffirm our shared relationship and goals at PNWER 2008.

While you enjoy the splendours of Alaska, I hope you will also look forward to experiencing the spectacular beauty and friendly people of British Columbia.

I look forward to seeing you at the July 2008 PNWER Summit in Vancouver.

Sincerely,

Gordon Campbell  
Premier









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