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Economic Impact of the Alaska Film Production Incentive Program

Since their inception in 2008, 15 productions have received tax credits. These 15 productions **filmed in Alaska for a total of 910 days and had a total Alaska spend of \$14,910,810.**

As of January, 2011 there are an additional 28 productions that are pre-qualified for Alaska Film Incentives. If all these productions are completed they have an estimated an additional **projected Alaska spend of \$83,805,521.**

Economists estimate that local economies get \$1.50 - \$3.00 for every \$1.00 spent by the film industry.

45 states currently have film incentives. As other states are struggling with budget deficits and have been cutting their film incentives, Alaska is a uniquely strong position to capitalize on this opportunity in the short and medium term by signaling our commitment to keep Alaska open for the film and television business.

Highlights from Alaska's recent major motion picture "Everybody Loves Whales"

- On any given day there were approximately 100 Alaskans working in front of the camera and over 100 Alaskans working behind.
- Nearly 1500 extras appeared in front of camera representing towns and villages across Alaska.
- Alaskan crew filled department positions in grip, lighting, rigging, electric, video, locations, sound, art, set decoration, props, transportation, painters, construction, craft service, casting, production office and AD department. These Alaskan's will now serve as a foundation to future productions looking for crew.
- Cast and crew accounted for over 12,100 hotel room nights.
- Security man hours totaled over 7,900.
- Rental cars totaled over 8,800 rental days.
- Businesses where goods and services were purchased included rental cars, taxis, limousines, restaurants, hotels, construction companies, towing companies, aerial charter to include helicopter and fixed wing, sled dog operations, snowmobiles/4 wheelers, hardware stores, lumber yards, communication companies, landscaping, restoration companies, dumpster services and rentals, port-a-can services and rentals, electric companies, plumbing, heating, rental equipment companies, truck leasing, crane companies, paving companies, police, fire, security, parking, traffic control companies, catering, cleaning, grocery stores, coffee shops, clothing stores, realtors, boat charters, diving companies, survey companies, engineering firms, printing, office supplies, motor-home rentals, shipping companies, airlines, drapery repair and fencing companies.