



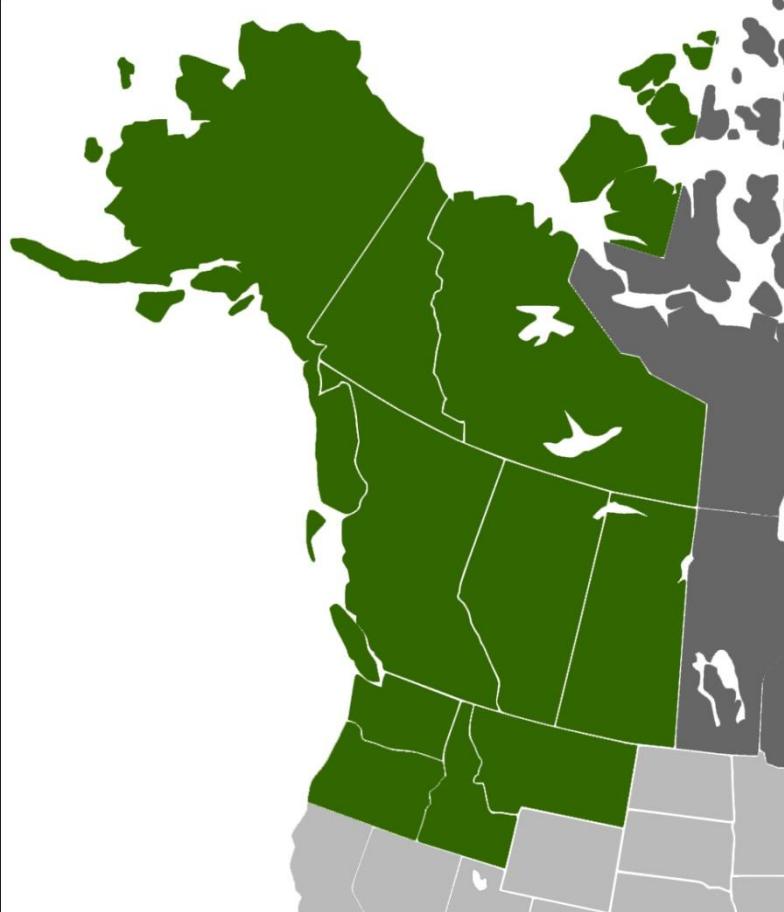
Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

**PNWER's Arctic Caucus
February 22, 2011**



PNWER Profile

- PNWER – formed by statute in 1991
- PNWER is a Public/Private Partnership
- Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Saskatchewan, Washington, Yukon & Northwest Territories
- Alaska Delegate Council:
 - Governor Sean Parnell
 - Sen. Fred Dyson
 - Sen. Charlie Huggins
 - Sen. Lesil McGuire
 - Sen. Tom Wagoner
 - Rep. Anna Fairclough
 - Rep. Bryce Edgmon
 - Rep. Lindsey Holmes
 - Rep. Peggy Wilson



Recent Successes

- Facilitation of Enhanced Drivers License
- Legislative Energy Horizon Institute
- 2010 Olympics and Border Symposium
- Arranged visit for AK Legislators to Alberta Oil Sands
- Foundation of the Arctic Caucus
- Support of international rail connection BC-WA

Arctic Caucus



- Founded in 2009 during Presidency of Senator McGuire
- A forum for PNWER Northern Jurisdictions to enhance collaboration amongst themselves and with other members
- Lead by Alaska, Yukon and Northwest Territories
- First Leadership Forum held in Barrow, Dec. 2010

Action Items – (see Arctic Caucus Report for complete list)

- Advocate for cabinet-level (US) participation in the Arctic Council
- Promote a pan-Northern approach to federal governments. (Including Legislative concurrent resolution)



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- Explore means to support the expansion of the Marine Exchange of Alaska's AIS System in Alaska as well as Northwest Territories (NWT), Yukon and BC. Support current efforts to increase Search and Rescue response capacity and infrastructure on both sides of the border including joint training/exercises
- Promote federal support of the Alaska/Canada highway and Shakwak funding.



Other Identified Issues :

- Gas Pipeline development
- UN Convention on the Law of the Sea
- Transmission/Local Energy Development
- Joint Tourism/Marketing
- Training/Workforce Development
- Support development of youth exchange programs
- Conduct an infrastructure gap analysis and provide a justification for investment in cross-border infrastructure.

Next Steps

- Arctic Caucus will meet at PNWER Summit in Portland Oregon, July 2011
- Second Leadership forum will be held August 18 – 19 in Yellowknife, NWT
- Meetings in Washington, DC and Ottawa to push Action Items to both Federal Governments
- Further development of plan for implementation and support of Arctic Caucus

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