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Akiachak Akiak Aniak

Atmautluak

Bethel Chefornak

Chuathbaluk

Crooked Creek

Eek

Goodnews Bay

Kasigluk Kipnuk

Kongiganak Kwethluk

Kwigillingok Lower Kalskag

Marshall

Mekoryuk Mertarvik

Napakiak

Napaskiak Newtok

Nightmute

Nunapitchuk

Oscarville

Platinum

Quinhagak

Russian Mission

Toksook Bay

Tuluksak

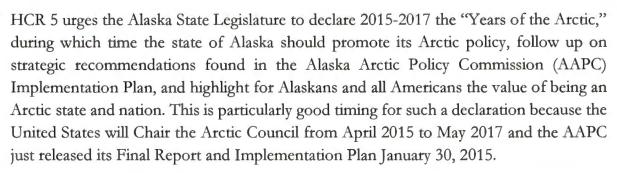
Tununak Tuntutuliak

Upper Kalskag

HCR 5

**Sponsor Statement** 

Alaska Declares 2015-2017 the "Years of the Arctic"



The Alaska's Arctic Policy as delineated in the AAPC reports and in HB 1 (Alaska's Arctic Policy bill) is based on economic and resource development; the need for infrastructure investment; a healthy environment; transparent decision-making; the need to strengthen international collaboration, and continuing to cultivate healthy communities.

HCR 5 specifically resolves that:

- The Alaska State Legislature declares 2015-2017 the "Years of the Arctic" a period during which the state of Alaska should make every effort to highlight the Arctic to Alaskans and Americans;
- The Legislature encourages the state and its partners to work with the Institute of the North in encouraging the state to promote its Arctic policy and increase Arctic awareness;
- The Legislature encourages the state to promote its Arctic policy during this period and to address the strategic recommendations found in the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission Implementation Plan.

