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The Alaska State Legislature

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Juneau, AK 99801

RE: CS for HB106-Alaska Coastal Management Program Extension

Dear Members of the Alaska Legislature:

The Resource Development Council (RDC) would like to express its support for the Committee Substitute (CS) for HB 106. The RDC Executive Committee met today following this morning's release of the work draft version D (4/15/11), and although some concerns and questions still exist, we support the proposed CS. We would like to applaud the Departments of Natural Resources, Environmental Conservation, and Law, legislators, and local governments for their efforts to try to enhance local input while trying to maintain a predictable process that does not allow district policy involvement in areas already regulated by state or federal law.

RDC's membership is extremely diverse and has members on every side of this issue, including oil and gas and mining companies, Alaska Native Corporations, and local governments. We encourage the House Finance Committee to advance this CS. Further, we urge all members of the Alaska House of Representatives and Alaska Senate to support this legislation on the floor.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason W. Brune

Executive Director