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The agenda is focused on the AAPC Implementation Plan Line of Effort #3, recommendations 3A-3H. www.akarctic.com

Testimony

- AK Dept. of Environmental Conservation (Recommendation 3A)
 - o Bill Griffith
- AK Dept of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development / Alaska Energy Authority (Recs 3B, 3C, and 3D)
 - o Commissioner Chris Hladick
- AK Dept of Fish and Game (Recs 3E and 3F) / AK Dept of Law (Rec 3G)
 - o Glenn Haight, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
 - o Brad Meyen, Alaska Department of Law
- AK Dept of Labor & Workforce Development (Rec 3H)
 - o Mike Andrews
- Public Testimony on AAPC Recommendations 3A-3H

AAPC Implementation Plan Strategic Line of Effort #3: "The state of Alaska will support healthy communities"

Strategic Recommendations 3A-3H

- 3A (DEC) Foster the delivery of reliable and affordable inhome water, sewer, and sanitation services in all rural Arctic communities.
- 3B (AEA) Reduce power and heating costs in rural Alaskan Arctic communities.
- 3C (DCCED-DCRA) Support long-term strategic planning efforts that utilize past achievements, leverage existing methods and strengthen local planning that assesses and directs economic, community and infrastructure development, as well as environmental protection and human safety.
- 3D (DCCED & DEC) Anticipate, evaluate and respond to risks from climate change related to land erosion and deterioration of community infrastructure and services; and support community efforts to adapt and relocate when necessary.
- 3E (DFG) Develop and support public education and outreach efforts that (a) enhance the understanding of Arctic conservation including biodiversity and the sustainable use of biological resources and management of natural resources and (b) promote public participation in development of fish and wildlife management plans within existing management systems and policies.
- 3F (DFG) Enforce measures that protect and help further understanding of food security of Arctic peoples and communities.
- 3G (Dept of Law) Identify and promote industry, community and state practices that promote sustainability of subsistence resources while protecting against undue ESA listings and broad-brush critical habitat designations.
- 3H (Dept of Labor) Create workforce development programs to prepare Arctic residents to participate in all aspects and phases of Arctic development.

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