

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE RESOURCES STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 24, 2003

1:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Hugh Fate, Co-Chair
Representative Beverly Masek, Vice Chair
Representative Carl Gatto
Representative Cheryll Heinze
Representative Bob Lynn
Representative Kelly Wolf
Representative David Guttenberg

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Mike Chenault, Co-Chair
Representative Beth Kerttula

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

OVERVIEW: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- HEARD

HOUSE BILL NO. 86

"An Act relating to permits issued by the state."

- SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD

TAPES

03-7, SIDE(S) A & B

CHAIR HUGH FATE convened the meeting of the House Resources Standing Committee at 1:05 p.m. Representatives Fate, Masek, Heinze, Lynn, and Guttenberg were present at the call to order. Representatives Gatto and Wolf arrived as the meeting was in progress. Representative Kerttula was excused.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

TOM IRWIN, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), talked about DNR's mission and organization. He spoke about the investment of money and other important interests. Commissioner

Irwin also discussed the integrity [of the department] and its important goals and objectives.

The committee briefly discussed the following: spruce beetle expansion, fire ecology, budget cuts which result in park closures, the Division of Agriculture, the transfer of the Division of Habitat and Restoration, and the Fort Knox mine.

ROBERT SPIEGEL spoke about a proposal to build a pond.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The committee took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Resources Standing Committee was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

NOTE: The meeting was recorded. A copy of the tape(s) may be obtained by contacting the House Records Office at State Capitol, Room 3, Juneau, Alaska 99801 (mailing address), (907) 465-2214, and after adjournment of the second session of the Twenty-third Alaska State Legislature this information may be obtained by contacting the Legislative Reference Library at (907) 465-3808.