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- Myra Mysun 465 3030 1:00 - 1:30

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DATE: Sept 19, 1989

TIME: 1:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep Jacko
Rep Collins
Rep Hudson

Absent: Rep Ellis
Rep Davis
Paul Felt

MEMBERS ON TELECONFERENCE: Amy Kyle, Dep. Comm, DEC
Comm Munson, DHESS
Annie Callkins, Dept of Ed.

SUBJECT MATTER:

Overview of State Agreements with USSR
and briefing by Governors office of
recent trip to USSR.

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

To gain an understanding and information
about the priorities of different
agencies (under the state umbrella of
government) when dealing
with USSR.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:
(INTRODUCE)**

Please note if any special guests in
audience.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Please recognize any other
representatives or Senators. Ask if any
guests in audience like to testify.
Please note presence of press (possible)

Conna,

We'd like you to brief us
on the following tomorrow:

- 1) Chronology AK-Soviet Events
(Governor's initiatives)
 - 2) Trade + Friendship Mission Oct 1988
(brief overview)
 - 3) Trade + Friendship Mission Sept 1989
Most important for us is knowing
the results of recent trip -
what should we be aware of
in terms of progress made
on various
 - federal agreements (visa
free and ft. Search + Rescue)
 - Working plans for each
region
 - we need briefing on
aviation issues
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- any word from respective departments / agencies in regions of USSR with pending protocols w/ State Departments in Alaska?

- Any other issues we may need to know

- Please feel free to bring any graphics / posters / etc... call me and tell me what you need

- Please contribute any advice to these legislators on travel conditions, weather expectations, etc...

- Can you emphasize what protocol manners are important.

Thx

Heather

*Chronology
Alaska-Soviet
Events*



STATE OF ALASKA

ALASKA'S SOVIET FAR EAST INITIATIVE

International trade is a key component of Alaska's economy and cultural ties with countries of the Pacific Rim are an important part of Alaska's heritage. In record numbers, Alaskans are looking beyond their borders for new business, educational and cultural opportunities.

Governor Cowper's Soviet Far East initiative is part of the state's overall effort to promote international trade and improved relations. Launched in the summer of 1987, the initiative has four major components: a statewide and national campaign to open the Siberian Gateway, creation of research and trade relations, establishment of sister-province relations between Alaska and the Soviet Far East, and improved coordination of Alaska-Soviet projects.

In only two years, Alaska-Soviet relations have blossomed to the point where visits between the two countries are commonplace and business opportunities are booming. Here are the highlights of Alaska-Soviet relations under the Cowper administration:

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| May 1987 | Governor Cowper supports Dr. Ted Mala's University of Alaska Siberia Medical Research Project designed to explore medical issues common to people of the North. |
| July 1987 | Lynne Cox's historic Bering Sea swim focuses attention on Alaska-Soviet geographic and cultural ties. |
| Fall 1987 | Governor Cowper directs his Office of International Trade to research economic potential of Alaska-Soviet Far East trade. University of Alaska report says trade potential great.

Governor Cowper proposes sister-province agreement and trade mission to Governor Danilyuk of the Khabarovsk Territory and receives favorable response. |
| March 1988 | Office of International Trade co-sponsors Alaska symposium on Alaska-Soviet relations featuring Soviet Spokesman Gennadi Gerasimov, who tours U.S. with Alaskan Dixie Belcher. Cowper meets with Gerasimov. |
| April 1988 | Concerted effort begins to launch Nome resident Jim Stimpfle's idea of a Friendship Flight to the Soviet Union. |

- June 1988** Governor Cowper leads Alaska Airlines' historic Friendship Flight between Nome and Provideniya.
- Soviets join search for seven missing St. Lawrence Island walrus hunters and permit U.S. search planes to enter Soviet airspace. Hunters are found after three weeks at sea.
- Fall 1988** Governor Cowper hosts 15-member Soviet delegation led Chairman Kobets of Magadan and Mayor Kulinkin of Provideniya to Nome and Anchorage.
- Governor Cowper's Chief of Staff Garrey Peska leads eight-member Alaska trade mission to the Soviet Far East.
- Winter 1989** Joint Soviet-U.S. Bering Bridge Expedition travels from Anadyr to Nome on skis and dog sled to promote Alaska-Soviet relations.
- Governor Cowper supports U.S.-Soviet talks aimed at opening the Alaska-Soviet border to visa-free travel by Native people.
- Governor Cowper hosts Soviet delegation to Alaska including Chairman Kobets during a week of business meetings, cultural events and concerts.
- April 1989** Governor Cowper and Chairman Kobets sign "Diomedes" agreement promoting visa-free travel, trade, tourism, communications and cultural exchanges.
- May 1989** Governor Cowper's chief of staff hosts Soviet delegation led by Khabarovsk Executive Committee Deputy Chairman Vozhevitov.
- Summer 1989** U.S. and Soviet governments reach visa-free travel agreement for Native people, to be signed in September.
- Nome's Bering Air begins regular charter service between Nome and Provideniya.
- Governor Cowper leads Alaska delegation to Soviet Far East.

Future relations between Alaska and the Soviet Union are full of promise. Many Alaskans are exploring business and cultural opportunities and Soviets are responding in-kind. The goal of Governor Cowper's September visit to the Soviet Far East is to elevate business, scientific and cultural ties and implement a process for joint search and rescue operations.

Governor Cowper Establishes Soviet Policy

Governor Cowper issued the following policy statement regarding visits and exchange with the Soviet Union. If you have any questions or concerns about this policy, please call the Governor's Office of International Trade at 561-5585.

Policy on Visits and Exchanges With the Soviet Union

Shortly after taking office, I began efforts to expand our relations with the Soviet Union. Because of the new attitude of the Soviet leadership reflected in Mikhail Gorbachev's policies of perestroika and glasnost, I saw an opportunity to reestablish family ties between the Inupiat on both sides of the Bering Straits and to investigate trade prospects for Alaskans with the Soviet Far East. As a result of my Soviet initiative, we have seen joint medical research projects, the Friendship Flight between Nome and Provideniya, trade missions, reciprocal visits by government officials and cultural exchanges.

Since the thawing of the "ice curtain", many Alaskans have received invitations to visit the Soviet Union. Alaskans are cautioned that acceptance of such an invitation may obligate them to host a reciprocal visit to Alaska by the Soviets. If Alaskans are not prepared to meet this financial commitment, a situation could arise that is embarrassing to them and to Alaska.

Recently, my office has received several requests to financially support visits by Alaskans to the Soviet Union and by Soviets to Alaska. I do not believe this is the proper use of State funds and have directed my staff to so inform those making these requests.

My staff has also been requested to issue letters of support for trade missions and sports and cultural exchanges between Alaska and the Soviet Union. Before I will issue a letter of support for these projects, I must be assured the Alaskans have the resources to meet any obligations the project entails, that the project is in line with my Soviet initiative and is one in which the Soviets are interested. A letter from me in support of a project should not be viewed as a commitment to fund that project.

During recent visits by Soviet government officials, they have expressed some concern about people who are not officials of State government but who present themselves in that capacity. To clarify matters, I will communicate the following guidelines directly to Soviet officials:

1. Only elected or appointed State officials will represent the State of Alaska in affairs of state with officials of the Soviet Union.
 - a. Commissioners will represent their agencies
 - b. The Office of International Trade will represent the State in trade matters
2. On occasion, private citizens may be asked to carry messages from me to Soviet officials, but these messages will be in letter form and signed by me.

We are on the threshold of an exciting era of trade, cultural exchanges and travel between Alaska and the Soviet Union. We must be mindful, however, that insensitivity to the Soviets by a few can foreclose these opportunities for all.

Steve Cowper
Governor

Alaskan Delegation to Visit Soviet Union

In June a five member delegation from the Governor's Office of International Trade(OIT) and Institute of Social and Economic Research(ISER) with the University of Alaska, will travel to the Soviet Union to study the possibilities of establishing an "Alaska-Magadan Commission". The commission would assist in the exchange of information, engage in joint research, and advise on trade and other exchanges between the two regions.

The delegation consisting of, Ron Miller, International Trade Specialist with OIT; Lee Gorsuch, Director of ISER; Diddy Hitchens, professor of political Science; Gunnar Knapp, an economist at ISER, and John Tichotsky, research assistant at ISER, will visit Moscow and then tour the Soviet Far-East (Kharbarovsk, Vladivostok, Magadan and rural villages of the Magadan Region).

The trip is a result of an agreement signed in February by OIT, ISER, ACIB (Alaska Center for International Business), and the Magadan Department of External Relations and an economic institute within the Soviet Academy of Sciences, Far Eastern Branch.

Trade and Communication Links Highlighted

On April 23, 1989, a Statement of Intent was signed by Alaska Governor Steve Cowper and Magadan Region Executive Committee Chairman Vyacheslav Kobets as part of the International Dateline Ceremony planned for the joint Soviet-American Bering Bridge Expedition Team.

The Bering Bridge Expedition team — 12 people from two nations speaking five different languages — departed from Anadyr, Chukotka, USSR, on March 6 to begin an unprecedented journey by dog sled and ski through 20 villages on the Chukotka and Alaska coasts. After travelling more than 1,000 miles in 63 days, the team concluded their trek on May 8 in Kotzebue, Alaska.

The purpose of the expedition, was to promote better relations between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., including trade relations and regular visits between native people from each country. Ginna Breisford of the Governor's Office of International Trade participated in the expedition and helped promote trade contacts throughout the region.

The International Dateline Ceremony was to occur between the two Diomedes—the American Little Diomedede and the Soviet Big Diomedede—as expedition team members skied across the border. Unfortunately, bad weather prevented Governor Cowper from landing on Little Diomedede so the Statement of Intent was agreed to over the phone with signed copies to be exchanged by mail. Highlights of the statement include; border crossing by native people, improved communications trade relations, travel, cultural and sports events.

Representative Collins' slide index:

1. Her backyard
2. Typical neighborhood home
3. Playground
4. Lake Otis Road
5. Bike trail
6. BP Oil Company
7. McDonald's
8. Hospital
9. Library
10. University

(She might add one or two slides which are of her family.)