

MISSION OBJECTIVES

- Meet with Alaska, British Columbia and Yukon Territories counterparts at Alaska-Canada Regional Summit and discuss issues of mutual importance to the four northern governments
- Review developments in the proposed Alaska natural gas pipeline

PROGRAM AND RESULTS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Program</b>
Mon, Mar 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Depart Alberta for Anchorage</li> <li>▪ Meet with Alaska Governor</li> </ul>
Tue, Mar 28	<p>Alaska-Canada Regional Summit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Delegations represented Alaska (led by Governor Frank Murkowski), Alberta (led by Premier Klein), British Columbia (led by Minister of State for Intergovernmental Affairs John van Dongen) and Yukon Territories (led by Premier Dennis Fentie).</li> <li>▪ Alberta reaffirmed its support for the Alaska gas pipeline and advised of its objectives for the project.</li> <li>▪ Delegations were updated by Alaska Governor Murkowski's chief negotiator on the Alaska gas pipeline and by the Alaska producers on the project's status. This allowed for the exploration of issues on what can be done to facilitate construction of the Canadian segment of the pipeline.</li> </ul> <p>Alaska World Affairs Council/Resource Development Council luncheon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Klein joined fellow premiers and governor, where he spoke of Alberta's interests and objectives on moving forward on the Alaska gas pipeline's construction.</li> </ul> <p>Depart Anchorage for Alberta</p>

All four governments support the Alaska gas pipeline, which will supply both the United States Lower 48 and Canada with needed natural gas. It is important for the four jurisdictions involved to compare notes and exchange ideas to ensure that there are mutual benefits and that these are maximized.

## BACKGROUND

- More information about Alberta-Alaska ties is available at [www.iir.gov.ab.ca/international\\_relations/alberta\\_us\\_relations.asp](http://www.iir.gov.ab.ca/international_relations/alberta_us_relations.asp)

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