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Congressman Don Young to speak at Alaska Regional Ports Conference

ANCHORAGE – Congressman Don Young, ranking member of the House Committee on Natural Resources, will speak on Alaskan issues at the Alaska Regional Ports Conference sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The conference will be held Jan. 10-11 at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage. Congressman Young will speak at the working lunch on Fri., Jan. 11.

Corps of Engineers Commander Kevin Wilson will present a navigation vision for Alaska's future. Other Corps leaders will share the agency's view from Corps headquarters in Washington, D.C. and a comparison of infrastructure development from the Corps' Pacific Ocean Division. A legislative assistant from Senator Lisa Murkowski's office will talk about climate change legislation. Three panels will discuss the long term vision for the future of commercial transportation users, for commercial transportation providers, and the future of other government agencies.

Participants will have opportunities to discuss the presentation topics in break out groups. The focus of the conference is Alaska's global role, particularly with regard to opening a northern route through Bering Straits and Chukchi Sea to the arctic and the great circle route from the orient through the Aleutian Islands to the United States' west coast.

The conference is free but reservations are encouraged. Box lunches for the working lunches can be purchased from the Hotel Captain Cook for \$12.50 if they are reserved in advance with the Corps of Engineers. A synopsis of the conference will be provided to all participants.

Questions about the conference should be addressed to the project manager, Julie Anderson at julie.l.anderson@poa02.usace.army.mil or by telephone at (907) 753-5685.

See the conference agenda at:

<http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/en/cw/AGENDA%20Dec%2021%202007.doc>

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