

Alaska Chamber State and Federal Positions for 2015

State Positions

Efficient Regulation

- Support alternative certification for Alaska seafood
- Support streamlining fisheries landing tax regulations
- Support workforce development to increase the number of qualified employees needed to fill positions in resource industries
- Support permitting by making the number of state of Alaska permittees commensurate with levels of exploration and development activity
- Oppose new vessel restrictions not based on science with regard to harbor seals
- Support raising Pick.Click.Give. audit level
- Support regulatory reform regarding reimbursement in thin medical markets
- Support procurement reform
- Oppose implementation of the emission control area by the EPA in Alaska
- Support overturning the application of the Roadless Rule in Alaska
- Support development of environmental policies based on sound scientific basis over the precautionary method
- Cruise ship wastewater point of discharge
- Oppose National Ocean Policy (NOP) implementation in Alaska, particularly Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP)
- Increase responsible natural resource development by improving the efficiencies of the permitting process and gaining access to resources

Fiscal Responsibility

- Support reduction in state spending to sustainable levels
- Support equitable funding and appropriate use of Alaska's 470 Fund

General Business Climate

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- Oppose National Ocean Policy (NOP) implementation in Alaska, particularly Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP)
- Increase responsible natural resource development by improving the efficiencies of the permitting process and gaining access to resources
- Support foreign and domestic private sector investments in Alaska's natural resource and manufacturing industries
- Support reasonable cruise ship passenger fee level and use of those fees consistent with state and federal law
- Support reduction in state spending to sustainable levels
- Support comprehensive workers' compensation reform

- Support equitable funding and appropriate use of Alaska's 470 Fund
- Support Medicaid expansion provided federal match maintained and/or alternative pilot program implemented
- Support clarifying Alaska's credit scoring law
- Support the University of Alaska
- Support royalty oil sales
- Privatization of construction projects
- Oppose all new unfunded property tax exemptions as introduced on the state level
- Support affordable energy for Alaska's rural communities
- Reduce the high cost of energy
- Support creation of the Susitna State Forest
- Support efficiencies and cost effective health benefits
- Support in-state oil refining industry
- Support diversification of Alaska's economy including development of a robust mariculture industry
- Support the Alaska Department of Labor Workforce Investment Board's inclusion of the maritime industries as a priority industry
- Support community health center system organization as patient centered medical homes
- Oppose Ballot Measure 2: An act to tax and regulate the production, sale and use of marijuana
- Oppose Ballot Measure 3: Increase Alaska's Minimum Wage
- Oppose Ballot Measure 4: Bristol Bay Forever
- Support sustainable sea otter harvest and sale of handicrafts
- Support transfer or sale of land to private entities
- Support workforce development to increase the number of qualified employees needed to fill positions in resource industries
- Support keeping Alaska state chartered financial institutions competitive Litigation Reform
- Support for litigation reform relating to resource development projects in Alaska

Oil Tax Reform

- Oppose the referendum to repeal Senate Bill 21

Strategic Infrastructure

- Establish a state fund for transportation
- Single capital position