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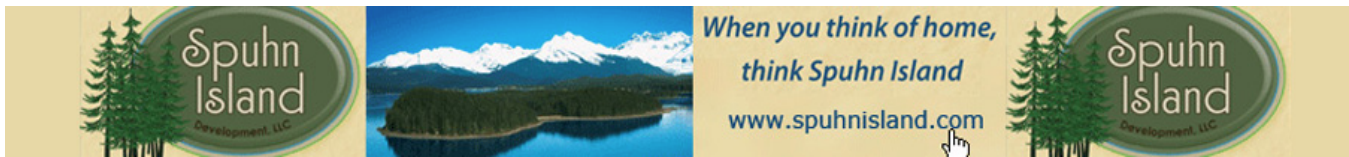
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## News of the North



### Senator Dennis Egan details plans for Transboundary Waters meeting

Posted About One Month Ago by Lance David



Stakeholders involved in the Transboundary river concerns with British Columbia meet in Juneau this week in advance of and in preparation for a visit later this month by B. C. Energy and Mines Minister Bill Bennett.

Word of the meeting came on Tuesday's edition of Action Line by word of Senator Dennis Egan

"This Thursday, we'll have the Transboundary meetings here at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall. It starts at 8:30 AM, and goes until 5:00 PM," stated Egan. "There will be environmental groups, native corporations, and fishermen there to set goals and figure out what's going on. Congressional delegation representatives will be here, and the Feds will be involved along with state agencies that are directly affected, such as Fish and Game, Natural Resources, and Environmental Conservation. Senior staff from the administration will be here. It's going to be chaired by Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallot, and I'm really glad to see him having taken a large interest in this issue."

Thursday's day long meeting will kick off with a welcome from Mallott.

His office says the public is welcome to observe the dialogue process, but participation in the discussion is by invitation only.

On an edition of Action Line earlier this month, Egan was asked what he hopes to impress upon Bill Bennett during his visit.

"I'd like for him to realize how fragile our fisheries are. I'm a big supporter of mining - if it's done correctly. With the Mt. Polu disaster in British Columbia, with drainages that serve our fisheries, it has to be done right. We have to impress upon him the concerns that Alaskans have, not only about our fisheries, but our environment as a whole."

Bennett's trip is set for August 25th-27th

Public comment is scheduled to be taken at 3:45 that afternoon and roundtable discussions are happening throughout the day.

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