

Legislative Update



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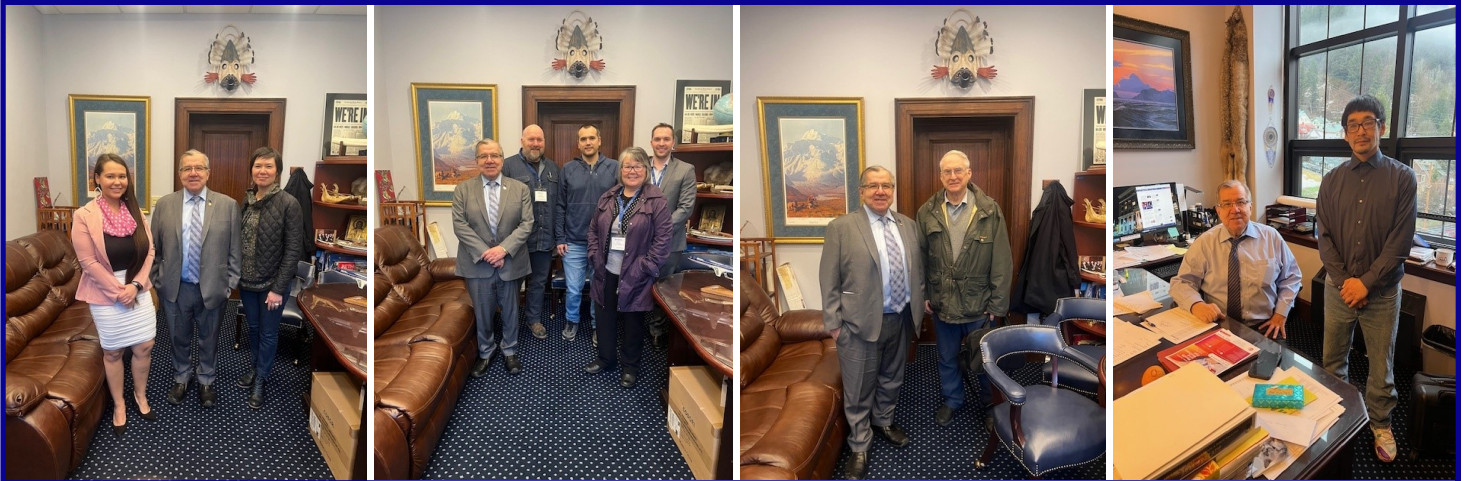
Greetings,

We are on day 39 of this session or one-third of the way through our session. This week, the Senate Finance Committee heard the following bills: SB 34: Citizen Advisory Committee on Federal Areas, SB 82: Cook Inlet, New Admin Area, Permit Buyback, and SJR 14: Support State Seafood Industry. In addition, the committee received public testimony on the FY25 Operating, Capital and Mental Health budgets.

The Senate considered and approved the following bills: SB 104: Appropriations to the Civil Legal Services fund; SB 141: naming the Raymond and Esther Conquest Bridge; SB 159: Alaska Veterans Poppy Day, and SB 170: the Alaska Longevity Program. All these bills are now transferred to the House for their consideration.

On Wednesday of this week, US Senator Dan Sullivan gave his annual address to the Legislature. He informed us of his Save Our Seas (SOS) 2.0 Act – a comprehensive ocean cleaning legislation that passed Congress. SOS 2.0 establishes a congressionally chartered Marine Debris Foundation. The office will be located on the University Southeast Campus (UAS) in Juneau. Next week, US Representative Mary Peltola will give her annual address to the Legislature on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all the visitors from the district who have made time to schedule a meeting with me here in Juneau. I also appreciate all of you that have taken the time to email me of your concerns. Keep up the good work – stay informed.



**Left to Right:** Native People Action, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp, Rick Halford, Gabriel with the City of Chevak, Dr. Anne Zink, Mayor Mark Springer of Bethel.

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