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ALASKA-CANADA RAIL LINK FEASIBILITY STUDY RELEASED

WHITEHORSE, YUKON – Yukon Premier Dennis Fentie and Alaska Governor Sarah Palin met earlier today to discuss topics relating to both jurisdictions, including the release of the Alaska-Canada Rail Link (ACRL) Phase 1 Feasibility Study.

Jointly chaired by Yukon and Alaska, the Study was governed by an international Advisory Committee.

In their capacity as the Study’s co-chairs, Fentie and Palin, as well as Council of Yukon First Nations Grand Chief Andy Carvill, formally accepted the final document from government officials.

Project Manager Kells Boland commenced the Study in July 2005 to determine the feasibility of a rail link through Alaska, Yukon and Northern British Columbia connecting North Pacific Rim markets in the shortest trade corridor between North Asia and North America via a U.S. port.

Boland coordinated over 100 consultants in the Study’s four-part market, technical/engineering, and financial and public impacts analysis.

The completed work marks the most comprehensive research of northern rail link prospects since a 1942 U.S. Government survey was conducted during the construction of the Alaska Highway.

“The release of the ACRL Phase 1 Feasibility Study marks a new stage for this initiative”, said Boland. “It is now well positioned to attract a multi-lateral combination of rail, supply chain and strategic interests that will be able to collaborate and propel the project forward.”

Yukon and Alaska will now take the opportunity to review the Study’s findings.

For more information and to download the complete Alaska-Canada Rail Link Phase 1 Feasibility Study please visit www.alaskacanadarail.org.

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