

Legislative Update



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For immediate release:

Flood Disaster Assistance

Officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are in the state to help Alaskans impacted by the spring flooding. Federal grants or loans for housing and businesses are available. For further information, you can contact 1-800-621-3362.

More...upcoming Events

Senator Hoffman and Representative Edgmon will be meeting with City officials and the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities in Dillingham on Thursday, July 9th. The time and place is currently being worked on, but will be in my next newsletter.

Energy

Robert Dillon, staff from Senator Lisa Murkowski's office will be visiting in Bethel to discuss energy issues on July 1-4th and will also be visiting the new wind turbines in Kongiganak. Below is his contact information for anyone interested in meeting with him.

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2010 U.S. Census

Across the nation, states are gearing up for the 2010 U.S. Census count. This year, the Census Bureau has decided to use only the short form, which will be sent to all household home addresses in March of 2010. No forms will be delivered to post office boxes. In communities that receive their mail in post office boxes, individuals will be hired or sent to those communities.

April 1, 2010 is the official U.S. Census count that will be used for redistricting (and other formulas). *Over the years, our Rural/Bush communities have seen an out-migration as people move into the urban areas. This next cycle to redistrict our Legislative districts, it is predicted that urban representation will grow and rural/bush representation will diminish. It is very important that all Alaskan's are counted!*

- The census is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years.
- The census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution.
- The next census is in 2010.
- Your participation in the census is required by law.
- It takes less than 10 minutes to complete.
- Federal law protects the personal information you share during the census.
- Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to distribute over \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year.

Local governments, Tribes, non-profits or Corporations that are interested in partnering and working with the U.S. Census can contact the regional office listed below.

Alaska Regional Census Office

U.S. Census Bureau

Seattle Regional Office

601 Union Street, Suite 3800

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