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Northern economic issues the focus at PNWER's Arctic Caucus meeting in Whitehorse

WHITEHORSE—The Arctic Caucus of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) is meeting in Whitehorse on May 18 to discuss economic issues affecting Alaska, Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

"We are pleased and honored to welcome our northern counterparts from the Pacific Northwest Economic Region," Economic Development Minister Currie Dixon said. "Through hosting the 2012 Arctic Caucus Annual Meeting, Yukon continues to strengthen its relationships with other jurisdictions and address areas of common interest."

Topics for discussion at the meeting include marketing and communications for tourism, research and innovation in the North, and the role of First Nation development corporations as engines of regional economic growth. These topics represent three new themes for discussion at the Caucus, whose previous meetings have covered areas such as telecommunications, and search and rescue operations.

"Intergovernmental forums like PNWER's Arctic Caucus ensure that Yukon is being represented in ongoing discussions and initiatives about northern priorities," Dixon added. "This annual meeting is an opportunity to raise the profile of Yukon with respect to a range of Arctic issues."

The Arctic Caucus is a working group of PNWER made up of representatives from Alaska, Yukon and the Northwest Territories. It serves as a forum for the Arctic jurisdictions to share information, discuss issues of mutual concern and identify areas for collaboration.

More information on the PNWER Arctic Caucus.

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