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GOVERNOR PALIN AND PREMIER FENTIE MEET IN WHITEHORSE

WHITEHORSE – Yukon Premier Dennis Fentie and Alaska Governor Sarah Palin met today to discuss a variety of topics including economic development, environment, and renewal of the Alaska-Yukon Intergovernmental Accord.

“Collaboration between our two governments is essential in pursuing ways to work together to enhance benefits for residents in both jurisdictions,” Fentie said.

Yukon and Alaska have maintained a joint Intergovernmental Accord for well over a decade. During this time the two jurisdictions have collaborated on projects that provide benefits to Yukoners and Alaskans including the Chisana caribou recovery project; reciprocal fishing licence fees; Shakwak funding and joint Shakwak research projects; and joint highway enforcement initiatives to promote safety and set matching standards.

“The meeting today identified the areas that we want our officials to work on under the Intergovernmental Accord,” Fentie said.

Earlier in the morning, the *Alaska-Canada Rail Link – Phase 1 Feasibility Study* was officially presented to the oversight committee consisting of Government of Yukon, Government of Alaska and Council of Yukon First Nations.

All parties will now take the opportunity to fully review the findings of the *Alaska-Canada Rail Link – Phase 1 Feasibility Study* and *Yukon Ports Access Strategy* study.

Alaska-Canada Rail Link – Phase 1 Feasibility Study and *Yukon Ports Access Strategy* study are available online at www.economicdevelopment.gov.yk.ca.

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