

TRUSTEE STURGEON commented on the difficulty of resource development in Alaska. Every resource development project is challenged and not necessarily on the merits of the case. It is important that people are educated on the connection between the benefits of the Trust, the money sent out, and the State of Alaska's economy linked to resource development.

TRUSTEE BOERNER stated missing the on-site visits to some of the beneficiaries and the partners.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN stated that Trustee Sturgeon made some statements that are important to note: The fact that the Trust cannot do what is done without resource development. She asked how to message that to the public to gain more cooperation over some of these resource development projects, because there is resistance from the environmental groups.

MR. ABBOTT replied that he would forward to all the trustees the media work that staff has been doing primarily in Southeast Alaska. That is where quite a bit of the most impactful resource development activity is either occurring or anticipated, making sure that people understand that the resource development activities support the beneficiaries in those communities.

CHAIR COOKE moved on to the Alaska Commission on Aging and recognized Lesley Thompson.