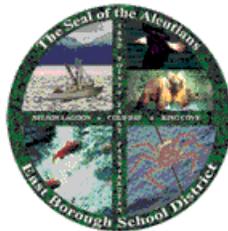
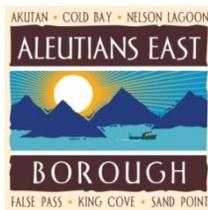


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Correction to Story:

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar Scheduled to Conduct Hearing in Anchorage Next Month on Offshore Drilling

Last Friday, the Borough's newsletter published an incorrect address for submitting comments on OCS resources to MMS. The correct address is listed on page 2 of this story.

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar is coming to Alaska next month to preside over a hearing on Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) resources at Anchorage's Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center. The Interior Department is undertaking a four-part strategy for developing a new comprehensive energy development plan for the OCS. The Anchorage meeting is part of a public comment period scheduled until Sept. 21,



Interior Secretary Ken Salazar

2009. AEB Mayor Stanley Mack is scheduled to present testimony on the AEB's support of oil and gas development with mitigation measures.

Last month, Salazar called for an additional 180 days of comment on the nation's existing five-year drilling plan. He also gave MMS a 45-day deadline to write a report on all offshore resources within the U.S., including oil and gas and renewable resources such as wind and wave energy.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Elected officials, local government leaders, Alaska residents, organizations, energy producers and advocacy groups are invited to attend and offer comments.

Comments will also be accepted by mail which is addressed to:

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