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### **Sub-Cabinet Charts Course for a Climate Change Strategy**

*Stern Review Team Economist speaks on the Economics of Climate Change*

**(Anchorage, AK)** –The Governor's Climate Change Sub-cabinet meets Wednesday in Anchorage and at the top of their agenda is a discussion of the public work group process it will use in developing Alaska's climate change strategy.

"We are developing a strategy for Alaska that addresses the needs and opportunities in our state relating to climate change. We are drawing on the expertise and experience of a broad array of Alaskans," said Commissioner of Environmental Conservation Larry Hartig, chair of the sub-cabinet. "This strategy will take us into the next 20 years and will help inform our decisions on future energy production, cleaner fuels use, changes in commercial and subsistence fisheries, food production, and developing our communities to withstand the effects of our changing landscapes."

"Public comment and stakeholder involvement are pivotal as we draft a climate change strategy for the Governor that meets the immediate and long-term needs of our state," Hartig said.

The public will have an opportunity to comment following the discussion of the work plan.

Also on the agenda is a presentation by senior economist Mattia Romani from the Stern Review Team who will speak on the economics of climate change from the United Kingdom's perspective.

The Stern Review, published in October 2006 as a report to the Prime Minister and Chancellor from the Office of Climate Change, is an assessment of the nature of the economic challenges of climate change and how they can be met both in the UK and globally. It is considered the most comprehensive review ever carried out on the economics of climate change.

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The Sub-cabinet meets at the Anchorage Downtown Marriott, 820 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., on Wed., Feb.13, from noon to 5 PM. The Work Plan will be discussed from 1PM to 2:15 PM, and public comment taken from 2:15PM to 3:15PM, followed by the Stern Review presentation. For more information, or to download a copy of the complete agenda, go to [www.climatechange.alaska.gov/](http://www.climatechange.alaska.gov/)

