

## Video Script - Alaska

Hello. I'm Tom Albro and I'm running for the Seattle Port Commission. One of the Port's most important relationships is with Alaska. No other state, country or province has as deep a connection with the people and economy of Alaska as we do.

A hundred years ago, Seattle hosted the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition on the land that is now the University of Washington. It celebrated our connection to Alaska and over three and a half million people attended.

We share unique qualities with our Alaskan neighbors. The forested landscapes, mountains, and magnificent water of our regions shape how we see ourselves and how we live. Whether you live in Seattle or Sitka, or work between them, we see our world in much the same light.

In recent years, our connections have slipped, hurting our economy. We need to turn that around, make our connections stronger than ever, and by doing so grow jobs here.

The Alaska fishing fleet is based in Seattle at Fisherman's Terminal. We are the hardy souls who fish the Alaskan waters. We provide the food and fuel, maintain the fleet, and crew the boats.

We supply Alaska with services of all kinds - ranging from legal and accounting to health care. Many of our manufactured goods head north too, like these pipes headed for a hydroelectric project near Juneau. They were made in Tacoma and are being loaded on a barge in the Duwamish on their way to Alaska.

Of course, the SeaTac Airport is the main Alaska hub...not just for the airline, but for the people who live, visit, or have work in the state. Talk about visitors – The Port of Seattle is the starting point for over 200 Alaska bound cruises this year. That's hundreds of thousands of folks and millions of dollars spent flying in, eating, staying, and site-seeing.

Our relationship with Alaska creates tens of thousands of good jobs right here in King County and pumps billions of dollars into our local economy. As a region and a Port, we need to protect and enhance this relationship and leverage these bonds for the economic good of both Alaska and ourselves.

Preserving and growing our relationship with Alaska is important work that matters to all of us. Join me in making it a top priority. I'm Tom Albro and I'm asking for your support of my candidacy for Seattle Port Commissioner. Thank you.