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Senator Stedman Hires 2009 Session Staff

Experienced Aides Join Stedman Staff

(Juneau) – Senator Bert Stedman (R-Sitka) announced his staff for the 2009 legislative session. New hires Linda Hay and Darwin Peterson are joining existing Stedman staff members Miles Baker, Weston Eiler, and Julie Isom.

Linda Hay is a longtime Southeast Alaska resident and experienced legislative staffer. Most recently, she worked for former House Majority Leader, Ralph Samuels (R-Anchorage) and previously worked in several senior staff positions within the administration of Governor Frank Murkowski. Ms. Hay will cover resource issues and be principal staff for non-finance committee work.

Darwin Peterson joins Senator Stedman's office from the staff of former Senate President Lyda Green (R-Wasilla). He brings a great deal of professional political experience to the Senator's office, working as a staffer in the Alaska Legislature, Governor Frank Murkowski's administration, and the United States Senate. He will handle legislation for the Senate Finance Committee.

"We're very lucky to have Linda and Darwin," remarked Senator Stedman. "Both are well versed in statewide issues, and well respected in the capitol for their hard work. They bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the district."

This session Senator Stedman serves as Co-Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. He will also serve on the Resources Committee, Legislative Budget & Audit Committee, Special Energy Committee, Rules Committee, Legislative Council, and continues as vice-chair of the Renewable Energy Task Force.

Senate District A includes the Southeast communities of Ketchikan, Sitka, Wrangell, Petersburg, Pelican, Elfin Cove, Port Alexander, Saxman, Meyers Chuck, Thorne Bay, Coffman Cove and Hollis.

See attached Staff Photo and Biographies for additional information.

Left to Right: Miles Baker, Darwin Peterson, Julie Isom, Senator Bert Stedman, Weston Eiler, Linda Hay

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STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

Miles Baker – Chief of Staff

Miles Baker is a former Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, and graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and UCLA's Anderson School of Business. Prior to joining Senator Stedman's staff in 2003, he worked as a marketing and business development executive in the media and entertainment industry. Miles serves as Chief of Staff and handles appropriations for the Senate Finance Committee.

Darwin Peterson – Legislative Aide

Darwin Peterson brings extensive finance and budgeting experience to the office, previously working as a staffer for Governor Frank Murkowski and Senator Ted Stevens. He joins our staff from former Senate President Lyda Green's office and will handle legislation for the Senate Finance Committee.

Linda Hay – Legislative Aide

Linda Hay has numerous years working as a professional staffer. She has served as a Special Staff Assistant and Deputy Legislative Director for Governor Frank Murkowski, Legislative Liaison for the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, and was previously the House Oil & Gas Committee aide and the Senate Resources Committee aide. She brings professional experience in natural resource and energy policy.

Weston Eiler – Legislative Aide

Weston Eiler was born and raised in Southeast Alaska. Before joining Senator Stedman's staff in 2008 he directed small-ship cruises in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest for Cruise West.

Julie Isom – Administrative Aide

Julie Isom joined Senator Stedman's staff in 2007 as his office's administrative aide. Originally from Prince of Wales Island, she previously worked for Southeast Island School District and served as mayor of the city of Thorne Bay.