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Unemployed Workers to Receive Extended Benefits

Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Click Bishop announced today that up to 13 weeks of Extended Unemployment Insurance Benefits will be available to eligible workers beginning the week of June 7, 2008.

Although Alaska currently has relatively low unemployment, an alternate federal measure is triggering the Extended Benefits Program. This federal measure is based on Alaska's Total Unemployment Rate exceeding 6.5% and the latest 3-month average unemployment being at least 110% of the same 3-month period in either of the last two years according to Tom Nelson, Director of the Employment Security Division.

The Employment Security Division administers the Unemployment Insurance program and will notify potentially eligible workers by mail. The first payable week of Extended Benefits is the week ending June 7, 2008. Individuals who have a benefit claim year ending June 1, 2008 or later, and are not eligible for other unemployment benefits, may be entitled.

Potentially eligible workers can file a claim online at myalaska.state.ak.us or call the nearest Unemployment Insurance Claim Center listed below:

Anchorage (907) 269-4700

Fairbanks (907) 451-2871

Juneau (907) 465-5552

All other areas (888) 252-2557

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