Hickel names Fisher to head revenue department

Gov. Walter J. Hickel has announced the appointment of Lee Fisher as commissioner of the Department of Revenue.

Fisher, 63, is the former managing partner for Coopers and Lybrand, C.P.A.'s. He has nearly 40 years of accounting, audit tax and consulting experience.

Born and raised in Spokane, Wash... Fisher moved to Alaska in 1958 to practice public accounting.

"I am counting on Lee to oversee and carry out a fair and equitable approach to Alaska's taxation policies. With Lee joining Millett Keller and Shelby Stastny, my budget and revenue team is now complete," Hickel said.

"I view it as a very important position for Alaska's future and am confident Lee is the right person for the job."

Fisher graduated with honors from Kinman Business College and began his accounting career in Washington state. He joined the Alaska firm of Rettig and Scott in 1952, then opened his own public accounting firm in 1964.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Fisher has been involved in several civic groups including the Anchorage Chamber, United Way, the Resource Development Council and Girl's and Boy's Clubs.

Fisher is also a past president and the founder of Crimestoppers in Anchorage.

His new position is based in Juneau with an annual salary of \$79,860.