

Anvik named to head Department of Commerce

JUNEAU — Gov. Steve Cowper recently named former Anchorage Municipal Assembly member and past Alaska Native Foundation president Jane Anvik commissioner of the state Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

She replaces Larry Merculieff, who resigned to become city manager of St. Paul.

Anvik, 42, is currently commerce's assistant commissioner where she is responsible for economic development issues including oversight of the divisions Business Development and Tourism. Before that she was the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce's manager of the Alaska Pavilion at Expo '88 in Brisbane, Australia.

She will be paid about \$79,000 annually.