

Hickel appoints Heinze, Jacobus

Harold Heinze, former president of Arco Alaska, was named commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources by Gov. Wally Hickel recently.

Heinze, 48, left Alaska three years ago to become president of Arco Transportation. He left the company in August.

As president of Arco, Heinze was known for active personal involvement in a wide range of community activities. He also encouraged similar involvement of his employees, lending some of them to non-profit organizations to provide management skills.

Heinze served with Hickel on the board of the Center of Entrepreneurship and Pacific Rim Studies at Alaska Pacific University, as well as the board of Commonwealth North.

In a second announcement, Hickel tapped Anchorage attorney Cheri Jacobus as a special assistant to the attorney general.

She will be in charge of civil litigation in the Anchorage office. Along with other duties, Jacobus will be in charge of upholding the Statehood Compact.

A graduate of the University of Arizona in philosophy and law, Jacobus worked with the Tucson Public Defender Agency before coming to Alaska.

In Alaska she has worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Alaska Pipeline Commission, where she served as chairman, the Office of Federal Inspector of the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline, and currently in private practice with the firm of Ross, Gingras, Bailey & Miner.