



Bill Demmert

Demmert gets education post

William Demmert has been appointed commissioner of the Alaska Department of Education.

Demmert, 53, has been dean of the School of Education and Liberal Arts at the University of Alaska-Juneau since 1983.

He was formerly employed by the state as deputy commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game from 1980 to 1982.

Among other positions he has held are affiliate professor of public affairs and Indian studies at the University of Washington, director of the Office of Indian Education Program in the Bureau of Indian Affairs and director of the American Indian Program and instructor at Harvard University.

In addition, he served as chief administrator in the Klawock public school and as a teacher for the North Star Borough School District.

He has a bachelor's degree from Seattle Pacific College, a master's degree from the University of Alaska and a doctorate degree from Harvard University.