

Gov. Hammond announces new staff appointments

Governor Jay Hammond has announced the appointment of a new staff member and the reassignment of two others.

The Governor said Mike Harper, the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, will be joining his staff, June 1, as the administrative assistant. The Governor also announced V. Kent Dawson will move from the administrative to legislative assistant position, and Fran Ulmer will leave her legislative assistant position to become director of the Division of Policy Development and Planning. She fills the vacancy created when the Gov-

ernor appointed past director Robert LeResche as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources. The reassignment of Dawson and Ulmer will become effective at the end of the legislative session.

Harper, 32, joined the Department of Community and Regional Affairs as Deputy Commissioner two and one half years ago. Prior to that he spent more than three years with the Rural Community Action Program and served as executive director for two of those years. He remains on the Board of Directors of RuralCAP, and serves as a director of the state's Manpower Development Council. He was a member of the committee that organized the United Bank of Alaska and serves on the Board of Directors of the Doyon Corporation. Harper is a native of Fairbanks.