

Hammond Appoints Nine to New Alaska Coastal Policy Council

Gov. Jay Hammond has appointed the nine public members of the Alaska Coastal Policy Council. The Council has been established by the Alaska Coastal Management Act, passed last session by the Alaska Legislature. The Council has 16 members. The nine municipal officials appointed by the governor join seven state department heads on the Council.

Hammond said. "The Council has a tough, but important job. They must develop guidelines this year for the use, development and protection of coastal resources; and, in the future, review local plans and state agency actions affecting coastal resources, based on the guidelines."

The governor emphasized that local planning is the key to better management of coastal resources. "The Council must bring local planning and state planning together, to take advantage of our mutual interests and to avoid conflicts in de-

ciding about the future use of our precious coastal resources, including wildlife habitats and spawning areas, wetlands, harbors and waterfronts, and sites needed for energy facilities."

Last month, the governor wrote each incorporated coastal community, requesting nominations for the Policy Council. He requested nomination of officials who had a strong interest in coastal resources, and a knowledge of the entire region they are to represent.

"The response from our coastal communities has been very gratifying," the governor said. "I have been able to appoint people who know Alaska's coast, people who have participated in making important decisions affecting not only their communities, but statewide and national interests as well."

The governor said he had appointed the following to the council:

"Eben Hopson, mayor of the North Slope Borough, will rep-

resent Arctic and northwestern Alaska, including the Kotzebue area. Eben has a special concern for managing Arctic development to allow continuation of traditional ways of life, and protection of the lands and waters on which those ways of life depend."

"Robert Fagerstrom, a Nome city councilman, will represent the Bering Straits area. Robert has worked and traveled throughout the region, including St. Paul Island, and can well represent the villages, as well as the city of Nome."

"Stanley Paukan, city council member and former mayor of St. Mary's, on the Lower Yukon, has been actively involved with the Association of Village Council President, and the local fish and game advisory committee."

"Betty Wallin, a member of the Kodiak Island Borough Assembly, will represent Kodiak and the Aleutians. She has been an important force in establishing

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a particularly active and effective local planning program for Kodiak Island."

"Lidia Selkregg, of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly, will represent Upper Cook Inlet. Lidia brings extensive experience in planning and resource management at the statewide and local levels to the Council."

"Mayor Don Gilman, of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, will represent Lower Cook Inlet. Don has been instrumental in changing the federal Coastal Energy Impact Program to accommodate the special problems and interests of Alaska, through the Association of Coastal Mayors; and, he has been a tireless worker for the improvement of local planning and management on the Kenai Peninsula."

"Malcolm (Pete) Isleib, of the Cordova City Council, will represent Prince William Sound. Pete's recognized knowledge of coastal resources, and his long association with Alaskan fishing

interests, will be a special contribution to the Council."

"Roger Allington, a Juneau Borough assemblyman, will represent northern Southeast Alaska, including Haines, Skagway and Sitka. Roger brings his professional experience as an engineer to the Council, along with a special interest in understanding and managing potential conflicts between the fishing and forest products industry."

"Robert Sanderson, the mayor of Hydaburg, will represent southern Southeast Alaska. Bob brings a special concern for the problems of the many small communities of Southeast Alaska, as well as of the entire Alaska coast. As a commercial fisherman, however, he is well known in Ketchikan, and knows many of the problems and interests of the people of Ketchikan."

Hammond also said, "I am grateful that these people are willing to take on the responsibilities of pulling together the diverse management programs which affect coastal resources in Alaska. The goals for their work are: drafting a workable set of guidelines, gaining the support of the legislature for them, and assuring that each coastal com-

munity is underway on a strong and effective local planning effort. I wish the Council members well as they begin their important task."

Also included on the Council are the director of the Division of Policy Development and Planning, and the commissioners of Commerce and Economic Development, Community and Regional Affairs, Environmental Conservation, Fish and Game, Natural Resources, and Transportation.