Knowles names Mallott chairman for campaign

Tony Knowles, candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket, has named Byron I. Mallott of Juneau as his campaign chair.

Mallott has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Permanent Fund since 1982 and chaired it from 1985-1986 and from 1987-88. He is chief executive officer of Sealaska Corp. which has its headquarters in Juneau. He was born in Yakutat in 1943.

Mallott began public service as mayor of Yakutat in 1965 at age 22, later holding many public service positions. He served in the cabinet of Gov. William A. Egan from 1971-74 as the commissioner of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

In 1982, Mallott received the Alaska Native Citizen of the Year Award from the Alaska Federation of Natives and the Governor's Award for Service to Alaska. In 1984, he received an honorary doctorate degree from the University of Alaska Southeast.

Mallott is a long-time Alaska commercial fisherman and is an avid outdoorsman and sportsfisherman.