

PROFILE



Pat Poland

Deputy Director, MRAD

Pat Poland was born and raised on Kodiak Island. His family has been in Alaska for three generations and has long been involved in government and community affairs. Pat's father was a former city manager of Kodiak and both his parents served in the Alaska Legislature.

While growing up in Kodiak, Pat participated in all aspects of the salmon fishery including seining, gillnetting and cannery work. After high school he spent three years in the U.S. Army, including a year in Viet Nam. After leaving the service, he attended the University of Alaska-Anchorage where he majored in Accounting and Business Administration.

In 1972, in recognition of the special needs of rural Alaska, the Department of Community and Regional Affairs was created to replace the small Local Affairs Agency which was located in the Governor's Office. Pat, who was at that time employed with the Local Affairs Agency became one of the DCRA's first employees. Since then, he has held a variety of positions in the Department which have taken him to many communities in every part of the State.