

Cowper names commissioners: Brady for DNR, Kelso for DEC

Gov. Steve Cowper recently announced the appointment of two additional members of his cabinet — Judy Brady of Anchorage as commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources and Dennis Kelso of Juneau as commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation.

The appointments bring to 10 the number of permanent commissioners the governor has named since taking office Dec. 1.

"Both of these departments require aggressive managers who are dedicated to the best, long-term use of our resources, and I think that's what we've got in these two commissioners," Cowper said.

Brady, 45, since 1982 has been executive director of Commonwealth North, an Anchorage-based organization of business and political leaders.

From 1974 to 1982, Brady was the chief administrative judge for the Alaska Native Claims Appeal Board. Before that, she was editor of the Alaska Native Management Review,

a publication of the Alaska Native Foundation. Brady also is a former Fairbanks Daily News-Miner and Associated Press editor.

She served as campaign manager for former Gov. Walter Hickel in this year's primary campaign. She and her husband Terry have three children.

Kelso, 39, since 1983 has been deputy commissioner for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game where he worked on international issues including the Porcupine caribou herd, the International Whaling Commission and U.S.-Canadian migratory bird treaties, as well as fish and game issues within Alaska. For two years beginning in 1981, Kelso directed the department's Division of Subsistence.

Kelso was an assistant public defender in Fairbanks and for the rural Interior and North Slope. Also, he served as a law clerk for Alaska Supreme Court Justice Jay Rabinowitz.

Each commissioner will be paid \$69,600 a year.