

Edenso will coordinate fish programs for state

Governor Jay Hammond has appointed Jim Edenso as the Bottom Fish Development Coordinator to work out of the Governor's Office. Edenso has been the Deputy Commissioner of Revenue.

He is also a director of the Tundra Times.

Hammond said, "The appointment of Jim Edenso as my Bottom Fish Development Coordinator is part of the major policy commitment I have made to actively advance the bottom fish industry in Alaska. This industry has the potential for thousands of new jobs and millions of dollars in new development. Jim will be responsible for coordinating the many groups who have an interest and expertise in this exciting potential including fishermen, processors, local communities, the University, State officials, the North Pacific Fisheries Council, and others. If we sit by, the bottom fish processing industry could bypass Alaska and be lost to West Coast plants. I am determined these Alaska bottom fish will be processed in Alaska, and that will be a major part of Jim's responsibility. Development of the bottom fish industry will diversify our economy to Alaska's long term economic advantage. The bottom fish potential is rich, it belongs to Alaskans, and this is where the jobs and the processing will remain."

Edenso begins his new job immediately. Of his appointment he said, "This is an exciting opportunity for me. Developing our bottom fish potential is a major undertaking by this administration to attract and develop a significant new industry in Alaska. I am pleased for the opportunity to help play a role in this development."

Edenso has been deputy commissioner of Revenue since 1976. Prior to that he served as deputy commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development from 1974 to 1976. He has received a master's degree in business administration from Stanford University in 1974.

Edenso has commercial fished, and his father was a commercial fisherman for more than 40 years. He was born in Craig, and grew up in Ketchikan.