

# 2017 Speaker Bios

## Mayors Welcome

**Ethan Berkowitz**, Mayor

*City of Anchorage*

- Mayor Ethan Berkowitz has lived in Anchorage since 1990. He and his wife, Dr. Mara Kimmel have two children, Ziva and Noah; earning an undergraduate degree studying Government and Economics at Harvard University, where he graduated with honors. He received a Master's degree from the Scott Polar Research Institute at Cambridge University, and a law degree from Hastings College of the Law. After moving to Alaska, he worked as an assistant district attorney before serving for ten years in the Alaska State Legislature, eight as Minority Leader. As a state legislator he supported fiscal responsibility and a more comprehensive and sustainable energy policy. In the private sector, Mayor Berkowitz worked on technology and energy projects, including deployment of fiber optic cables in Alaska and across the Arctic, and a major geothermal project in Northwest Alaska.



## Alaska's Place in the Arctic

**Elizabeth Pierce**, CEO

*Quintillion Networks, LLC*

- Ms. Pierce served as Vice President of Human Resources & Facilities Services of Alaska Communications Systems Holdings, Inc. for 19+ years. Joined ACS in 2001 as Manager of Employee Relations. Since 2002 she served as Director of Human Resources and since 2003 served as Vice President of Human Resources and Facilities Services at ACS. She served as Manager of Human Resources of the Alaska Radar System (ARS) project while working at defense contractor ATCO Frontec. Served at ATCO Frontec 10+ years in technical and management roles in Human Resources and Operations. Ms. Pierce is a Graduate of the Program in Advanced Human Resources Management from the University of Toronto. She holds a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) Certification from the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM). Ms. Pierce is an electronics technologist and holds a Journeyman Certification in power generating systems.



**Mead Treadwell**, President

*PT Capital*

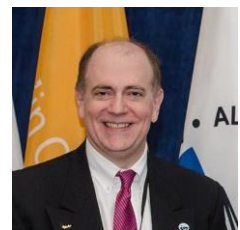
- Mead Treadwell has been a public and private sector leader in Alaska for 40 years, and an instrumental player in circumpolar cooperation since the 1980's. He served as Alaska's Lieutenant Governor from 2010-2014. He was Commissioner and Chair of the United States Arctic Research Commission (2001-2010, chair 2006-2010). Treadwell helped the Bush administration develop the current U.S. Arctic policy, and funded the 2009 eight-nation Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment. He worked as Cordova's director of oil spill response during the Exxon Valdez oil spill crisis (1989-1990), and was Governor Wally Hickel's Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Environmental Conservation (1990-1994). As a private entrepreneur and investor, Mead has helped launch a series of technology, manufacturing and service companies serving global markets. He is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Business School. With his late wife Carol, he has three children.



**Jim Gamble**, Executive Director

*Aleut International Association*

- Jim joined AIA as its Assistant Director in 2007 and Executive Director in 2012. Born in Anchorage, graduated from University of Alaska Anchorage with a degree in biology. He is the current lead for AIA in the Arctic Contaminants Action Program (ACAP), Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME), and Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG), as well as the Task Force on Arctic Marine Cooperation; Task Force on Scientific Cooperation in the Arctic; Task Force on Short Lived Climate Forcers; Task Force on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response; Task Force on Marine Oil Pollution Prevention; Task Force for Action on Black Carbon and Methane. Jim published topics on the connection between subsistence and culture, subsistence use mapping as a tool for community empowerment, the Aleutians as a shipping crossroads, and the role Permanent Participants in the Arctic Council.



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## National Marine Sanctuaries

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**Bill Douros**, Regional Director

*National Marine Sanctuaries, West Coast Regional Office*

- Bill is the West Coast Regional Director for NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, which manages 14 special marine areas, ensuring the sustainable use of the ecological and cultural resources of those special places. Mr. Douros oversees the management, regulatory and policy direction, as well as administrative duties for the five national marine sanctuaries on the west coast, comprising 18,000+ square miles of ocean and coastal waters. He joined NOAA in 1998 as the Superintendent of the nation's largest national marine sanctuary, located in Monterey Bay, offshore of central California. He served as the Superintendent until 2006.



**Pat Pletnikoff**, Mayor

*City of St. George*

- Pat was born and raised on St. George Island. He is the eldest of seven siblings; graduated from Sheldon Jackson High School in Sitka; Went to College at the University of Colorado and University of Washington; was previously employed by the U.S. Department of the Interior; previously the Executive Director of the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association and Chairman of the St. George Tanaq Corporation; served on the Board of Directors of the CDQ Group APICDA; and commercial fished halibut in the Bering Sea. For the past eight years, Pat has served as Mayor of City of St. George Island.



## Cabinet Level Report

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**Sam Cotten**, Commissioner

*Alaska Department of Fish and Game*

- Sam Cotten's long history of community involvement and public service includes multiple terms in the Alaska State Legislature and as Chairman of the House Finance and Resource Committees and Speaker of the House. With six years as an Alaska voting member of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Sam has a strong fisheries background, including experience on committees and boards, such as the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission and Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association. Sam is an avid fisherman, having fished commercially with his family for 25 years in Kachemak Bay and sport fished throughout Alaska.



**Chris Hladick**, Commissioner

*Department Commerce, Community and Economic Development*

- As Commissioner of the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Chris Hladick oversees six divisions and seven corporate agencies. He serves on the boards of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Alaska Marine Pilots, Alaska Railroad Corporation, and Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute. Commissioner Hladick also serves on the National Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee's Arctic Working Group and on the Arctic Council's Task Force on Arctic Marine Cooperation. In 2011, Commissioner Hladick was appointed by the Alaska State Legislature to the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission. He was an active member of the Alaska Municipal League and the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference.



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## Rural Justice: New Approaches to Keeping Us Safe

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**Walt Monegan**, Commissioner

*Department of Public Safety*

- Commissioner Monegan was raised in bush Alaska, in a town called Nyac. Attended one year of college at Alaska Methodist University. Enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1970. Recently retired after 32 years in law enforcement with the Anchorage Police Department – the last five as the Chief of Police. Walt is credited with enhancing police effectiveness by installing mobile computers in police vehicles; implementing advanced 911 service to Alaska's largest municipal population; writing plans to address gang and youth violence; supporting the establishment of professional standards for village public safety officers; establishing a Citizens Police Academy and resurrecting police traffic units to address drunken driving. In addition to police work Walt has served on Boards and Community Task Forces. Walt has a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Administration from Alaska Pacific University. He has four children and resides in Chugiak with his wife Terry.



**John Skidmore**, Director of Criminal Division

*Department of Law*

- John has a B.S. in Communications from Bradley University and a J.D. from the University of Oregon Law School. After graduation he joined the Alaska Department Law in 1997 starting at the Kenai District Attorney's Office. Over the next 17 years he prosecuted misdemeanor and felony cases, served in the Bethel, Dillingham, and Anchorage DAOs. At the Anchorage District Attorney's Office, John served as a misdemeanor unit trial attorney, property unit trial attorney, property unit supervisor, violent crimes unit trial attorney, and violent crimes unit supervisor. He served as the Supervisor for the Office of Special Prosecutions before being named the Director of the Criminal Division. As Director he is now responsible for policy development and implementation statewide, overseeing the budget for the Criminal Division, and managing 12 District Attorney Offices, the Office of Special Prosecutions, the Office of Criminal Appeals, and the Criminal Division Central.



## A Vision for Rural Alaska in a Time of Uncertainty

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**John Parsi, Ph.D**, Attorney

*Davis Wright Tremaine LLP*

- John Parsi concentrates his practice on litigation representing clients in commercial litigation with a focus on land use, oil, gas, mining and energy law. He has counseled organizations in administrative hearings including before the AOGCC. He has assisted municipalities in drafting ordinances, purchase and sales agreements, navigating federal and state regulatory issues and litigating appeals. He has a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School graduating cum laude. He received his Ph.D, M.A. and B.S. all in Political Science from Arizona State University.



**Connie Fredenberg**, Owner & Principle

*Utility Management Assistance*

- Connie Fredenberg has a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, with minors in the Inupiaq language, education, and biology. In 2003 she became coordinator for renewable energy projects in the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Region of Alaska. Connie provides utility management assistance and utility clerk training, initiates and coordinates renewable energy assessments and integration projects, provides grant writing for energy projects, and installs and provides technical assistance for the AMPY Pre-Pay Electric Metering System as an independent contractor. After 38 years of living, working, and raising a family in rural Alaska, Connie's resume reflects the variety of opportunities available from the high Arctic to the Aleutian Islands, including biological research, carpentry, musk ox farm manager, and renewable energy coordinator for a consortium of Unangan/Aleut tribes. She is currently working with the community of Kokhanok to integrate a wind farm with their diesel microgrid and to train local youth to operate, maintain and manage their tribally owned utility.



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**Erin Whitney, Ph.D.**, Research Professor  
Alaska Center for Energy and Power



- Dr. Erin Whitney holds the position of Research Assistant Professor and serves as the Program Manager of the Data Collection and Management Program (DC&M) at ACEP. As DC&M's program lead, Erin supports ACEP's research in the collection and management of critical technical performance data from remote and isolated energy systems. Her current project work focuses on research into the performance and integration of solar photovoltaic technologies in remote Arctic environments, as well as the development of a statewide solar photovoltaic installation performance survey and database. She manages data collection and analysis for the state's Emerging Energy Technology Fund (EETF) and Renewable Energy Fund (REF) programs, and recently led ACEP's work on the Alaska Affordable Energy Strategy with respect to technology-specific energy developments for Alaska. Before her time working with ACEP, Erin spent almost a decade as a staff scientist at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). Erin holds a BA in Chemistry and a PhD in Physical Chemistry.

**Neil McMahon**, Program Manager  
Alaska Energy Authority



- Neil McMahon is the Alaska Energy Authority's Energy Planning program manager. Since 2014, he has managed the Alaska Affordable Energy Strategy, a legislatively mandated project to investigate how to deliver more affordable energy to areas of the state that would not have direct access to a North Slope natural gas pipeline. In the past, Neil has also managed AEA's geothermal, hydrokinetics, and Emerging Energy Technology Fund programs. In a previous career, he taught high school in Anchorage for nearly a decade.

### Launch Alaska: Supporting an Ecosystem of Doing

**Doug Johnson**, President & CEO  
Professional Growth Systems



- As President and CEO of Professional Growth Systems for the last 28 years, Doug has worked with every type of organization – from municipal court systems to large city hospitals to small village corporations. His background includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Geological Engineering from the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, which he combined with his love of the outdoors as a life-long resident of Anchorage. Doug is passionate about helping organizations succeed and flourish, from the early stages of entrepreneurship and development throughout the lifecycle of the company. During his tenure at PGS, Doug has helped a wide spectrum of companies with performance improvement initiatives: served as a consultant in launch of Alaska's first biotechnology company; worked with scientists from Stanford Research Institute to commercialize new technology; led multifaceted governmental performance improvement initiatives and has assisted the oil industry in becoming "safer, cleaner, better," in positioning themselves for the 21st century. Leading the PGS Product Innovation Team and, he is committed to continually educating himself in performance improvement by studying the work of "practicing masters." When not working, Doug is an avid skier, traveler and private pilot.

**Kathryn Jernstrom**, Cofounder & CEO  
The Boardroom



- The Boardroom, a co-working space and entrepreneur hub in Anchorage. Kathryn is a managing partner at Alyeska Venture Management, a firm focused on building, funding, and supporting local startups. Kathryn grew up internationally, she has a B.A. from the University of Washington, an MPA from the University of Alaska Anchorage and is a graduate of Leadership Anchorage, a Pew Charitable Trusts program. She serves on the board of directors for the United Way of Anchorage, Spirit of Youth, Anchorage Downtown Partnership, and the AEDC Live, Work, Play Steering Committee, and is an active Rotarian.



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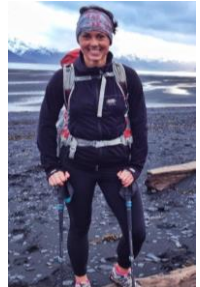
**Lance Ahern**, Entrepreneur in Residence  
*University of Alaska Anchorage*

- A serial entrepreneur, Lance sold his first business (Internet Alaska), ran a second startup (Fort Nocs) through Panasonic's PDCC incubator, and has served as one of the most senior IT officials in Alaska. Lance served as the Managing Director for the first Launch Alaska cohort (2015-16). As a Business Advisor at Alaska SBDC Lance is currently serving as Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) at the University of Alaska Anchorage, College of Engineering.



**Heather Kelly**, Founder  
*Heather's Choice® Meals*

- Born and raised in Alaska, Heather grew up with an appreciation for wild foods and adventure! After receiving her bachelor's in Evolutionary Nutrition and winning two NCAA National Championships in women's rowing, Heather decided to combine her love of sports nutrition and backcountry expeditions to create Heather's Choice®, a line of dehydrated meals and snacks for adventures worldwide. Specializing in lightweight, packable meals.



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### Workforce Development Initiative: Maritime Works

**Cari-Ann Carty**, Executive Director

*Alaska Process Industry Careers Consortium*

- Ms. Carty was appointed executive director of the Alaska Process Industry Careers Consortium in March of 2015. In addition to having more than 20 years of leadership experience in Alaska, Cari-Ann has an abundance of enthusiasm for education and a deep passion for Alaska. She holds a bachelor's degree in organizational management from Alaska Pacific University, and a certificate of nonprofit management from University of Alaska Fairbanks. Prior to her appointment as executive director, she held several positions at APICC, including program coordinator, manager, and deputy director. Cari-Ann is a life-long Alaskan, born in Adak. She has spent most of her life residing in Anchorage, but has also lived in King Cove and the Mat-Su Valley.



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### The Network Effect: Pooling Resources to Accomplish More

**Robert Venables**, Energy & Transportation Coordinator

*Southeast Conference*

- Robert Venables is the Energy & Transportation Coordinator for Southeast Conference, Alaska's Regional Development Organization for Southeast. He served 7 years on their Board of Directors and is a past president. Robert has been very involved in community energy planning, both in southeast and in rural Alaska with the community and regional energy plan development supported by the Alaska Energy Authority. He has lived and worked from Haines the past 31 years where he was previously employed as the Borough Manager and Economic Development Director. He is now based in Juneau and serves on a number of boards, including the state's Marine Transportation Advisory Board and is a member of the state's Municipal Advisory Gas Project Review Board. Robert has been involved with transportation planning for over 25 years and is the project manager for the statewide AMHS Reform project being managed by Southeast Conference.



**Christie Bell**, Associate Vice Provost & Executive Director

*University of Alaska, Business Enterprise Institute*

- Ms. Bell provides leadership to a variety of economic development programs including: UA Center for Economic Development, the Alaska Small Business Development Center, the Alaska Procurement Technical Center, the Alaska Minority Business Development Business Center, the Alaska Cooperative Development Center, UAA's Corporate and Professional Development Center as well as the Applied Environmental Research Center and Center for Strategic Partnerships and Research.



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### **Ethan Tyler,**

*DCCED, Division of Economic Development*

- Ethan Tyler is the Manager of Economic Development in the Division of Economic Development at the State of Alaska. Ethan has an extensive background in Alaska Tourism, marketing, public relations, and business development. He has been building and growing relationships throughout the state and beyond since 2000, and he continues to engage with community and business leaders around Alaska. Ethan sits on the Alaska Workforce Investment Board of Directors, and was named Top 40 Under 40 by the Alaska Journal of Commerce in 2014. When not on the job, Ethan can be found surfing the Turnagain Arm Bore Tide, or ski instructing at Alyeska Resort. He lives in Girdwood with his wife and 10-year old daughter.



### **Joshua Sonkiss, PhD, Chief Medical Officer**

*Anchorage Community Mental Health Services*

- Joshua Sonkiss, MD is board-certified general, adolescent and forensic psychiatry. He earned his undergraduate degrees at the University of Alaska Anchorage, attended medical school at McGill University in Canada, and completed his psychiatry residency at the University of Utah. After completing a forensic fellowship at the University of Rochester, he returned to Alaska where he has provided psychiatric and addiction treatment in hospital, residential and outpatient settings, and past President of the Alaska Psychiatric Association and a current member of the organization's continuing education committee. He is Chief Medical Officer of Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Editor-in-Chief of the Carlat Addiction Treatment Report, and manager of Sonkiss Medical Consulting, LLC.



### Live Music!

#### **Emma Hill, Musician**

*The Sleetmute Sweetheart Album*

- Alaskan singer/songwriter Emma Hill and her co-writer/musician Bryan Daste have quickly made a massive impact with their alt/folk songs and their penchant for touching upon the deepest, most universal of subjects. They've been compared to Gillian Welch and David Rawlings, and their fourth album proves they're not just a one-off, fly-by-night duo. Hill easily exudes that wild, adventurous style that only a true Alaskan can. There's not a cut on here that doesn't hit the nail right on the head. Hill's voice is clear, strong and fierce, her lyrics to-the-bone, while Daste and company bring a tough yet gentle touch—and it all comes together with an honesty and truthfulness that's rare to find in any genre these days. One tasteful collection of memorable, honest songs delivered with a flawless, stand-out panache. Here's an artist you'll be following for ages to come—check out this album posthaste!



### Legislative Update

#### **Gary Stevens, Legislator District P**

*Alaska State Senate*

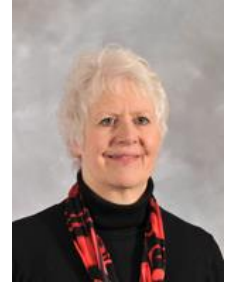
- From Alaska State Senate to Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute and Rotary International, Gary Stevens has been involved with a variety of institutions in both the public and private sector. His diverse background has enabled him to represent Alaska for 14 years.



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**Louise Stutes**, Legislator District 32  
*Alaska State House*

- Representing coastal communities from Tyonek to Yakutat, Seldovia, Cordova, and Kodiak Island, Louise Stutes understands the importance of transportation infrastructure and the fishing industry for rural Alaskans. She is a retired business owner and previously served on the Kodiak Assembly, regional fisheries advisory boards, and SWAMC's Board of Directors. Louise is the Chair of the House Fisheries Committee and member of the House Committees on Transportation, Economic Development, Health & Social Services, and State Affairs.



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### Report from the CDQ's

**Larry Cotter**, CEO

*Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association*

- Larry Cotter is Chief Executive Officer of APICDA and its subsidiary companies. He has lived in Alaska since 1974 and has worked in the commercial fishing industry since moving to the state. Larry spent over four years as a seafood processing worker in Juneau, and eight years as a labor organizer and representative for seafood processing workers and longshoremen. He served on the Advisory Panel to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council for six years and as a voting member of the Council for an additional six years. This was during the transition years when foreign fishing was being phased out and domestic allocation issues were first coming to the forefront. During that time, he was Chair of several committees including the Bycatch Committee and Crab Management Committee. Larry continues to volunteer time for fishery management issues and currently serves as Chair of the Council's Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee. Larry has also been active in his community, and served as a board member of Bartlett Regional Hospital in Juneau (including two years as Chair). He was a member of the Fish & Game Transition Team for both Governor Palin and Former Governor Murkowski. Larry currently chairs the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute's Responsible Fisheries Management committee.



**Norman Van Vactor**, CEO

*Bristol Bay Economic Development Association*

- Norman Van Vactor is the CEO/President of Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, one of 6 Community Development Quota organizations in the State of Alaska. Since assuming the position 3 years ago Norman and his wife proudly call Bristol Bay home. Prior to his tenure with BBEDC Norman worked in the Alaska Fishing Industry for over 30 years starting as a crewman on a fishing vessel and culminating in a variety of senior management positions principally in Alaska's Salmon Fishery. Norman over the years has demonstrated his passion not only for his vocation, but also in working towards ensuring sustainability fisheries, sustainable communities, and protecting the environment. He serves and has served on a variety of Boards in both appointed and volunteering roles.



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### Investigating an Aleutian Aquaculture Association

**Sam Rabung**, Aquaculture Section Chief

*Alaska Department of Fish and Game*

- Sam is a lifelong Alaskan, growing up in Anchorage, and Southeast; involved in salmon fisheries and aquaculture in Alaska for over 35 years, professionally and personally. The majority of Sam's experience is in salmon fishery enhancement, from lake fertilization to managing full production hatcheries. Working for USFWS, ADF&G, aquaculture associations at 14 hatcheries. Sam has experience with mariculture as a student studying shellfish and kelp culture, as part of a cooperative kelp mariculture training program with the State of Alaska and Japan, and working with oysters on permitted Aquatic Farms in Alaska. As Section Chief of Statewide Aquaculture Planning and Permitting at ADF&G, he provides oversight of Alaska's Salmon Hatchery program, Aquatic Farm permitting, fish transport and propagative research permitting, as well as a voting member on all Regional Planning Teams and a member of the Governors Mariculture Task Force.



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## *Value at Every Level*

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**Marcus Hartley**, Principal

*Northern Economics*

- Marcus Hartley's work for Northern Economics has focused on fisheries, as well as significant involvement in natural gas and LNG pipeline projects and has been a leader in developing tools to enhance community impact assessments. Before coming to Northern Economics in 1997, Marcus was Senior Economist at the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, where he became a recognized expert in providing economic analysis for decision-makers. He received a M.Sc. in Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics from Oregon State University 1989. Working as an applied economist to help communities and individuals make good decisions about their resources became a priority for Marcus after 2 years in the Peace Corps. Working in Nepal as a fisheries extension officer, Marcus witnessed the power of economic thinking and the consequences of uninformed decisions. The fisheries program presented small farmers an opportunity to move from their tradition of growing rice on their land—which might be just enough to support their families—to fish farming—which could give them a chance to accumulate wealth and break free from their cycle of poverty. Fish farming was not risk-free, requiring new skills, dedication, and hard work, where a lack of preparing for challenges, or if external factors turned negative, decisions could result in failure, the loss of a farmer's land, even starvation. The trade-off between relatively risk-free rice farming in poverty, against risky fish farming with a higher profit potential and a chance to accumulate wealth—was clear. Economics could provide information to help these farmers and others facing complex decisions. Outside the office, Marcus spends time on the squash court, hiking and skiing with his wife Diane, in the rugged mountains behind their South Anchorage home; and a passionate fly-fisher always looking for the perfect trout stream.



**Stefanie Moreland**, Government Relations & Sustainability

*Trident Seafoods*

- Stefanie is the Director of Government Relations and Seafood Sustainability for Trident Seafoods. She represents Trident in fishery policy discussions, on seafood trade associations, and in educating Alaska seafood customers and environmental groups about responsible fisheries management practices unique to the Alaska region. Stefanie previously worked on fisheries, oceans and Arctic issues for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Office of the Governor, and Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, and in Washington, DC, for U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski. Stefanie received her Bachelors of Science Degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies from the University of Minnesota, and later received her Masters of Science Degree in Resource and Applied Economics from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.



**Jim Bates**, Professor & Consultant

*University of Alaska Anchorage*

- Jim Bates is a highly motivated and experienced executive, consultant and instructor who continuously delights customers by delivering high value solutions to everyday business challenges. Previously he served as the director of Enterprise Technology Services for the State of Alaska and Chief Information Officer. Bates' diverse career spans 34 years and includes business administration and management, information technology and business process consulting with many successful F500 engagements including: Primary architect and process engineer for the Dell Project Management Framework that identified and standardized the project management lifecycle for all regions and service towers globally. Led a comprehensive IT Service Management maturity assessment and remediation plan for LabCorp, Inc. in Burlington NC. Road-mapped an ISO27001 certification path for Rackspace in San Antonio, TX. Bates has been connecting with diverse audiences globally for over 20 years as a technical trainer, senior instructor, motivational speaker, collegiate educator and as mentor and coach. Bates holds a Master certificate in Lean Six Sigma from Villanova University and is a CSSBB.





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**Jan Jacobs, President**

*Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation*

- Director of Government Affairs for American Seafoods Company since 1995. I've been with the company since 1989. I am the current president of the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, the Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative and the High Seas Catcher's Cooperative. I spent nine years on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Advisory Panel, and the last 17 years on the Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center's Advisory Panel. I'm also a Board member with the At-sea Processor's Association, SeaShare, and served for six years on the Board of the Seattle Fishermen's Memorial Committee. Currently I am on the Board and Executive Committee of the North Pacific Research Board. I have a degree in Biological Oceanography from Humboldt State University and my first job in the fishing industry was in 1984 as a NMFS observer on foreign catcher-processors, then four more years as a joint venture representative in the joint venture fisheries.



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### *A Global Perspective on Fisheries: Prospects for the Future*

**John Sackton, Founder & Publisher**

*Seafood.com News*

- John Sackton is the Founder and Publisher of Seafood.com News. He started in the seafood industry as a journalist nearly 40 years ago. He worked at the New England Seafood processors association, and then Baader, the German fish processing equipment maker, becoming General Manager for North America. In 1995 John went back to his journalism roots and founded Seafood.com. He consults on seafood market trends and prices, and formed a partnership with Urner Barry, the largest US Seafood Price reporting company to publish SeafoodNews. Since 2005 he has been the non-binding price formula arbitrator for the Alaskan Bering Sea Crab Fisheries, and also works with the West Coast Dungeness crab and shrimp harvesters. He works with the Canadian industry on cod, lobster, crab and shrimp. He is one of the founders of the National Fisheries Institute's annual Global Seafood Market Conference. He speaks and writes on seafood markets, global fisheries issues, and seafood sustainability. His Editorials and Commentary are a major part of SeafoodNews, the most widely respected seafood industry news service in North America.



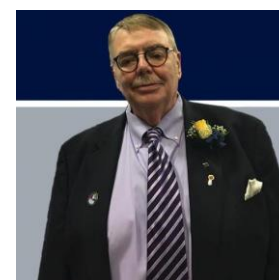
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### *Fisheries Policy for Alaska's Future*

**Frank Kelty, Mayor**

*City of Unalaska*

- I am pleased and honored to once again to serve the community of Unalaska as your Mayor. I have lived and worked in Alaska for 46 years, 45 of those years in Unalaska. My wife Nancy and I have been married 34 years and we have one daughter, Joanne, who is a graduate of Unalaska City High School and currently works for the Unalaska City School District. We also have three beautiful granddaughters who attend high school in Unalaska. During my working career, I spent 30 years working in the Alaska seafood industry with two shore-based companies in Unalaska. In December of 2000, I left the seafood industry to work full-time for the City of Unalaska as their Natural Resource Analyst. I retired from that position with the City of Unalaska on September 30, 2016. I have many years of experience in City government and served as Mayor of Unalaska from 1991 until December 2000. I was re-elected three times. I also served 9 years as a City Council Member and I currently serve on the Unalaska City School Board. I have also represented Unalaska on many boards and commissions both locally and statewide. During my ten years as Mayor and as a City Council Member, I was always a strong proponent of quality of life projects in the community and the City completed a whole host projects that have improved the quality of life for the people of Unalaska. I have been a dedicated community member for 46 years who has been a strong advocate for Unalaska. I am honored to once again to serve as your Mayor.



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### **Ernie Weiss, Natural Resource Director**

#### *Aleutians East Borough*

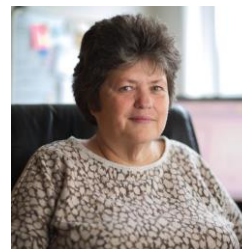
- Ernie Weiss is the Natural Resources Director for the Aleutians East Borough. Ernie lived and worked in King Cove for over 25 years, including as a teacher for the Borough school district for over 20 years and as a commercial fisherman. He holds a Bachelor's degree from Western Washington University. Ernie served on the SWAMC board from 2007 to 2011. He is a former Mayor of the City of King Cove, former member of the Aleutians East Borough Assembly, and former City Manager for the City of Pilot Point. Ernie currently serves as Chair of the Advisory Panel to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. He is now based in Anchorage.



### **Julie Bonney, Owner & Executive Director**

#### *Groundfish Data Bank*

- Julie Bonney is the owner and Executive Director of Alaska Groundfish Data Bank (AGDB), a consulting, research, management, and public relations firm specializing in commercial fisheries and related issues, especially related to Kodiak-based shoreside trawler and processor businesses. AGDB has been a leader in efforts to reduce bycatch in Gulf of Alaska trawl fisheries through cooperative research and has worked on many fishery management issues including catch shares, electronic monitoring and protected species. AGDB is also the Cooperative Manager for the seven Rockfish Program shoreside fishing cooperatives. Julie currently serves on several North Pacific Fishery Management Council committees and is a board member of the North Pacific Fisheries Research Foundation, Marine Conservation Alliance and the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce.



### **Theresa Peterson, Councilmember**

#### *North Pacific Fisheries Management Council*

- Theresa Peterson is an active fisherwoman and a 30-year resident of Kodiak, Alaska. Theresa has a diverse commercial fishing portfolio spanning over three decades: drifting, setnetting and seining for salmon, longlining for halibut and sablefish, and jigging for cod. Fishing is a family business for Theresa, her husband Charlie, and their three children. The family participates in a variety of subsistence activities around the island and depends on the bounty of fish and wildlife available for food and sustenance. As an advocate for local fishermen, Theresa has worked for the Alaska Marine Conservation Council (AMCC) for 13 years playing a key role in both AMCC's Working Waterfronts and Fisheries Conservation programs. Founded in 1994 by fishermen and coastal residents, the Alaska Marine Conservation Council is a unique non-profit dedicated to protecting the long-term health of Alaska's oceans and sustaining the working waterfronts of our coastal communities. Theresa currently serves on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, an important and influential body in Alaska's federal fisheries management decisions.

