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COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS IN ALASKA

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You asked about boards, commissions, and related organizations, such as authorities, councils, committees, and conferences, in Alaska. Specifically, you wanted to know the number of such organizations that provide compensation other than per diem and travel reimbursement to their members.

Of the 120 currently active boards, commissions, and related organizations listed on the Office of the Governor's website, 22 organizations provide compensation besides per diem and travel reimbursement to their members.¹ Typically, the additional compensation includes salaries or honoraria paid to members for the days they attend meetings.² Table 1 shows the name of each organization and whether members receive additional compensation.

¹ Member compensation for these boards, commissions, and related organizations is available from the Office of the Governor, "List of Boards and Commissions: Fact Sheets, Rosters, and Websites," online at <http://gov.state.ak.us/boards/list.php>. According to Jacob Good, executive secretary for the Governor's Boards and Commissions Office, (907) 465-3500, this is a complete list of active boards and commissions to which the governor makes appointments. For organizations that do not address the details of member compensation on the website, we obtained this information directly from the organizations. Personal communication with James Marcotte, executive director, Board of Fisheries, (907) 465-6095; Dan Seamount, governor's official representative, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, (907) 793-1221; David Witherell, deputy director, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, (907) 271-2809; Gordy Williams, special assistant, Pacific Salmon Commission - Northern Panel and Pacific Salmon Commission - Transboundary Panel, (907) 465-6143; Nancy Bird, president, Prince William Sound Science Center, Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute Advisory Board, (907) 424-5800; Kim Skipper, aide for Representative Fairclough Task Force to Review the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, (907) 694-8944; and Ann Wilde, commission section manager, Regulatory Commission of Alaska, (907) 263-2163. A contact for the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission had not returned phone calls to provide member compensation information by the time this report was completed.

² Salaries are based on State of Alaska and federal pay scales; honoraria range from \$50-\$400 per day.

Table 2 shows the total number of organizations that provide additional compensation reported by the type of organization. As you will see, 12 of the 58 boards provide compensation beyond per diem and travel reimbursement to their members. Six of the 29 commissions and two of the four authorities provide additional compensation. Also, one council and one committee compensate their members beyond per diem and travel reimbursement.

I hope you find this information to be useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or need additional information.

Table 1: Compensation for Members of Alaska Boards, Commissions, and Related Organizations, January 2008

Organization	Compensation for Members Other than Per Diem and Travel
Accountancy, Alaska State Board of Public	
Aerospace Development Corporation Board of Directors, Alaska	industry/business/public members \$100/day
Aging, Alaska Commission on	
Agriculture and Conservation Board	
Alaska Health Care Strategies Planning Council	
Alaska Retirement Management Board	\$400/day
Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission	(a)
Alaska-Alberta Bilateral Council	
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	
Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Advisory Board on	
Architects, Engineers, & Land Surveyors, State Board of Registration for	
Arts, Alaska State Council on the	
Assessment Review Board, State	
Aviation Advisory Board	
Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council, Alaska Chilkat	
Bar, Board of Governors of the Alaska	
Barbers and Hairdressers, Board of	
Big Game Commercial Services Board	
Boating Safety Advisory Board	
Broadcasting Commission, Alaska Public	
Children's Trust Board, Alaska	
Chiropractic Examiners, Board of	
Clemency Advisory Committee	
Commemorative Coin Commission, Alaska	
Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, Alaska	exempt state salary range for Juneau, 26C
Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank Board of Directors	not to exceed \$250/day
Community Service Commission, Alaska	
Denali Access System Advisory Committee	
Dental Examiners, Board of	
Disabilities and Special Education, Governor's Council on	
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Council on	
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Task Force to Review the Council on	
Education and Early Development, Board of	
Education Commission of the States	
Emergency Medical Services, Alaska Council on	
Emergency Response Commission, Alaska State	

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Employment and Rehabilitation of People With Disabilities, Governor's Committee on	
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement Trustees	
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Advisory Council	
Fire Standards Council	
Fisheries, Board of	state salary range 20A for board meetings (\$210/day); 1/2 Range 20A for other meetings (\$105/day)
Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council	
Forestry, Board of	
Game, Board of	state salary range 20A for regulatory meetings (\$210/day); 1/2 Range 20A for other meetings (\$105/day)
Historical Commission, Alaska	
Historical Records Advisory Board, State	
Homeless Council	
Housing Finance Corporation, Alaska	\$100/day
Human Rights, State Commission for	
Humanities Forum, Alaska	
Independent Living Council, Statewide	
Industrial Development and Export Authority, Alaska	\$100/day
Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission	
Judicial Conduct, Commission on	
Judicial Council, Alaska	
Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, Alaska	
Knik Arm Bridge And Toll Authority, Alaska	\$300/day
Labor Relations Agency	
Libraries, Advisory Council on	
Local Boundary Commission	
Marine Pilots, Board of	
Marine Transportation Advisory, Board of	
Marital and Family Therapy, Board of	
Medical Board, State	
Mental Health Board, Alaska	
Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees, Alaska	\$200/day
Midwives, Board of Certified Direct-Entry	
Minerals Commission, Alaska	
Municipal Bond Bank Authority, Alaska	
Natural Gas Development Authority, Alaska	
Natural Resources Conservation & Development Board	

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North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission - Advisory Panel to the U.S. Section	
North Pacific and Bering Sea Fisheries Advisory Body	
North Pacific Fishery Management Council	non-governmental members federal salary, GS 15-10 (\$465/day)
North Pacific Research Board	
Nursing, Board of	
Occupational Safety and Health Review Board	\$50/day
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Alaska	salary of \$118,000 annually
Optometry, Board of Examiners in	
Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission	
Pacific Salmon Commission, Commissioners Panel	
Pacific Salmon Commission, Northern Panel	federal salary, \$553/day
Pacific Salmon Commission, Transboundary Panel	federal salary, \$553/day
Parole, State Board of	\$250/day
Permanent Fund Corporation Board of Trustees, Alaska	\$400/day
Personnel Board	
Pharmacy, Board of	
Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board, State	
Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board, Alaska	
Police Standards Council, Alaska	
Postsecondary Education, Alaska Commission on	
Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute Advisory Board	
Professional Counselors	
Professional Teaching Practices Commission	
Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners, Board of	
Public Offices Commission, Alaska	
Railroad Corporation, Board of Directors of the Alaska	\$50/day
Real Estate Appraisers, Board of Certified	\$400/day
Real Estate Commission	
Regents, University of Alaska Board of	
Regulatory Commission of Alaska	members receive monthly salaries at exempt state salary range 26C (\$7,142/month); chair at range 27C (\$7,402/month)
Royalty Oil and Gas Development Advisory Board, Alaska	
Safety Advisory Council, Alaska	
Seafood Marketing Institute, Alaska	

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Seismic Hazards Safety Commission, Alaska	
Social Work Examiners, Board of	
Student Loan Corporation, Alaska	
Subsistence Resource Commissions, National Park and Park Monument	
Suicide Prevention Council	
Uniform State Laws, National Conference of Commissioners on	
Veterans Advisory Council, Alaska	
Veterinary Examiners, Board of	
Violent Crimes Compensation Board	
Water and Wastewater Works Advisory Board	
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education	
Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council	
Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission	
Workers' Compensation Board, Alaska	members, except chair,
Workforce Investment Board (formerly AHRIC), Alaska	\$50/day
Yukon River Panel	members and alternates,
	federal salary, GS-15
	(\$360/day)

Notes: The compensation amounts listed are provided to members for actual meeting days, unless otherwise specified.
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Table 2: Number of Alaska Boards, Commissions and Related Organizations Providing Additional Member Compensation, January 2008

Type of Organization	Total Number	Number that Provide Compensation Besides Per Diem and Travel
Board	58	12
Commission	29	6
Council	22	1
Committee	5	1
Authority	4	2
Conference	1	0
Agency	1	0
Total	120	22

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