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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 123 currently active boards, commissions, and related organizations listed on the Office of the Governor's website, 22 organizations appear to 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 provides the name of each organization where members receive additional compensation.

Table 2 provides the total number of organizations that provide additional compensation reported by the type of organization. As you will see, 13 of the 58 boards provide compensation beyond per diem and travel reimbursement to their members, while five of the 31 commissions provide additional compensation.

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

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," online at <http://gov.alaska.gov/parnell/services/boards-commissions/list-of-active-boards.html>.

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

Table 1: Compensation for Members of Alaska Boards, Commissions, and Related Organizations, January 2010

Organization	Compensation for Members Other than Per Diem and Travel
Aerospace Development Corporation Board of Directors, Alaska	Industry, business, public members, \$100 per day
Alaska Retirement Management Board	Public members - \$400/day
Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, Alaska	By statute, salary is exempt, Range 26C (Juneau)
Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank Board of Directors	Not to exceed \$250 per day as determined by board, plus actual expenses
Fisheries, Board of	Range 20A for board meetings; 1/2 Range 20A for other meetings
Game, Board of	Range 20A for regulatory meetings; 1/2 Range 20A for other meetings
Housing Finance Corporation, Alaska	Public members receive honorarium of \$100 per day
Industrial Development and Export Authority, Alaska	Public members receive \$100 per day
Knik Arm Bridge And Toll Authority, Alaska	Honorarium of \$300 per day
Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees, Alaska	Honorarium of \$200 per day
North Pacific Fishery Management Council	Non-governmental members receive additional compensation based on the federal salary GS 15-7 (currently \$400 per day) ^(a)
Occupational Safety and Health Review Board	Honorarium of \$50 per day
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Alaska	Annual salary is approximately \$118,000
Pacific Salmon Commission, Northern Panel	Non governmental Panel members receive salary for meeting days based on the federal salary schedule GS-15 (currently \$480 per day) ^(b)
Parole, State Board of	Honorarium of \$250 per day
Permanent Fund Corporation Board of Trustees, Alaska	Public members receive honorarium of \$400 per day
Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute Advisory Board	Federal provisions for compensation
Public Offices Commission, Alaska	Honorarium of \$50 per day
Railroad Corporation, Board of Directors of the Alaska	Honorarium of \$400 per day
Regulatory Commission of Alaska	Salaries at Range 27, exempt service
Workers' Compensation Board, Alaska	Members, except chair, receive honorarium of \$50 per day
Yukon River Panel	Members and alternates compensated federal daily rate of GS-15, currently \$400 per day
<p>Notes: The compensation amounts listed are provided to members for actual meeting days, unless otherwise specified. Sources: Details on the compensation of members of Alaska state boards, commissions, and related organizations are available from the Office of the Governor, "List of Boards and Commissions: Fact Sheets," online at http://gov.alaska.gov/parnell/services/boards-commissions/list-of-active-boards.html. (a) Gail Bendixen, Finance Officer/Executive Assistant, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 907-271-2809. (b) Gordy Williams, Special Assistant, Pacific Salmon Commission, 907-465-6143.</p>	

Table 2: Number of Alaska Boards, Commissions and Related Organizations Providing Additional Member Compensation, January 2010

Type of Organization	Total Number	Number that Provide Compensation Besides Per Diem and Travel
Board	58	13
Commission	31	5
Council	21	1
Committee	6	1
Authority	4	2
Agency	2	0
Task Force	1	0
Total	123	22

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