

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is a cabinet-level position appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Alaska Legislature. The commissioner must have strong leadership, policy, and natural resource management experience, with a salary set by statute (approximately \$141,160 in 2023).

Key Requirements and Qualifications

- **Appointment:** Selected by the Governor of Alaska.
- **Confirmation:** Requires confirmation by the Alaska State Legislature.
- **Expertise:** Must possess substantial knowledge of Alaska's natural resources, including land management, mining, forestry, or agriculture, and be able to lead a large state agency.
- **Salary Range:** Bound by statute between specific executive salary ranges (Range 28–30).

The DNR Commissioner is responsible for managing Alaska's land, water, and natural resources for the benefit of the state.

Alaska Statutes, Title 44, Chapter 23, Section 50

The principal executive officer of each department and subordinate officials shall furnish corporate surety bonds in the instance and amount required by law or determined by the governor upon recommendation of the commissioner of administration. The state shall pay the cost of the bond. The attorney general shall approve the form of the bond.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AS 44.46

The Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) is a cabinet-level position appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Alaska Legislature. The role requires balancing responsible resource development with environmental protection, typically requiring extensive experience in natural resources, policy, or engineering.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) is a cabinet-level state agency, not a traditional "board" composed of a fixed roster of citizen members. It is headed by a **Commissioner** who is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Alaska Legislature.

Key Requirements and Qualifications

- **Appointment:** Selected by the Governor of Alaska.
- **Confirmation:** Subject to confirmation by the Alaska Legislature.
- **Background:** Candidates generally have strong expertise in resource development, water quality, environmental policy, or engineering.
- **Focus:** The commissioner must be dedicated to the department's mission of balancing resource development with preserving Alaska's land, water, and wildlife.
- **Ethical Constraints:** Post-employment regulations include a one-year prohibition against lobbying the state and a two-year bar on working on specific issues directly handled while in office.
- **Expertise:** Typically requires significant experience in environmental engineering, regulatory compliance, public policy, or natural resource management, given responsibility over air, water, and waste management.
- **Leadership/Administration:** Experience in managing large organizational teams and evidence-based problem-solving.
- **Knowledge:** Proficiency in Alaska's environmental statutes and regulations, such as the Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES)

Role and Responsibilities

- **Regulatory Authority:** The Commissioner oversees the administration of environmental laws, including air quality control, water quality standards, solid waste management, and hazardous waste disposal.
- **Management:** Leads the ADEC, which includes divisions for water, air, environmental health, and spill prevention.
- **Decision-Making:** Issues decisions on site closures, cost recovery for pollution remediation, and permit compliance.

The appointment is designed to fit the specific agenda of the administration, focusing on both economic development and environmental stewardship.

ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION AS 31.05.007

The structure of the membership has changed throughout the years, though it has consistently been a three-person Commission.

Under the structure, adopted in 1979, one member must be a registered [petroleum engineer](#), one member must be a registered geologist, and one member must represent the public at large i.e., a citizen in neither of the two categories listed above.

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) commissioners are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature. Candidates must have relevant expertise, such as in oil and gas engineering, geology, or law, and must adhere to strict state ethics, conflict of interest, and financial disclosure requirements.

Key Requirements and Process:

- **Appointment Authority:** The Governor appoints members, typically for staggered terms, subject to legislative confirmation.
- **Qualifications:** While specific professional requirements vary by seat, appointees generally must demonstrate competence in the board's field of action, sound judgment, and commitment to public service.
- **Application Process:** Interested individuals typically apply through the Governor's [Boards and Commissions website](#).
- **Conflicts of Interest:** Under Alaska's Ethics Act, appointees must disclose potential conflicts of interest, including financial interests in the industry regulated by the commission.
- **Vacancy Procedures:** Vacancies are filled by gubernatorial appointments for the remainder of the term.

BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD

The Big Game Commercial Services Board is staffed by the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing.

Board members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature.

The [Alaska Big Game Commercial Services Board](#) consists of nine members appointed by the Governor to four-year terms. Members must include two licensed registered guide-outfitters, two licensed transporters, two representatives for private landholders, two public members, and one member from the Board of Game. Members are confirmed by the Legislature and must have relevant experience in Alaska's hunting, guiding, or land management sectors.

Board Composition Requirements

- **Licensed Guide-Outfitters (2):** Must hold a current registered guide-outfitter license.
- **Licensed Transporters (2):** Must hold a current transporter license.
- **Private Landholders (2):** Represent landholders affected by guiding but cannot hold a license under this board.
- **Public Members (2):** General public representatives.
- **Board of Game Member (1):** Chosen by the Board of Game, cannot hold a guide or transport license.

General Qualifications and Process

- **Appointment:** Members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature.
- **Expertise:** Candidates should be familiar with the [Alaska Department of Fish and Game](#) guidelines, game management units, and [Board of Game regulations](#).
- **Term:** Members serve four-year staggered terms.

The Alaska Big Game Commercial Services Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor to regulate guide-outfitters and transporters. Based on the latest available roster information (early 2021-2023), key members included Aaron Bloomquist, Martin Boniek, Peter Buist, Jason Bunch, Jerry Burnett, and Ely Cyrus, along with Adam Trombley.

Big Game Commercial Services Board

Board Roster

Position ↑	Appointee (Current Appointee)	Date Appointed (Current Appointee)	Expiration Date
Designated Game Board Member/Restricted	David Lorring	7/20/2023	3/1/2029
Licensed Registered Guides-Outfitters	Keegan McCarthy	1/31/2025	3/1/2027
Licensed Transporters	Michael Flores	3/8/2023	3/1/2027
Licensed Transporters	Martin Boniek	3/1/2025	3/1/2029
Private Landholders/Restricted	Brianna Hauch	8/25/2025	3/1/2028
Private Landholders/Restricted			3/1/2026
Public	Larry Kunder	3/1/2026	3/1/2030
Public	Robert Mumford	8/25/2025	3/1/2029