

Bio – John L. Sturgeon

John has been in Alaska since 1970. Prior to that time, He served in the US Navy including 2 tours in Viet Nam. He has a BS in Forestry from the University of Minnesota. He has worked for the US Forest Service as well as the State of Alaska as a forester. He ended his career with the State as the State Forester and was appointed to that position by 2 governors. Since 1986 he has worked in the private sector as President of Koncor Forest Products which had operations on Afognak Island and was one of the largest logging operations in Alaska. He also owns several other businesses that are in the building products sector.

John is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys all types of hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, boating and snow machining. In 2017 John was awarded the Governor's 2017 Conservationist of the Year and the 2019 William Egan Distinguished Alaska Award for his efforts to preserve access to Alaska's river.

John is active in many organizations and has served on many Boards and commissions including: Alaska Board of Forestry, Alaska Forest Association, Trustee Emeritus- PNW Medical University, Trustee Alaska Mental Health Trust, Resource Development Council, Alaska Safari Club International, AK Wild Sheep Foundation, The Alaska Outdoor Council and Anchorage South Rotary.

John has served on the Mental Health Trust as a trustee for the past 5 years. During that time he served a Chair of the Resource Management Committee. The majority of the Trust's revenue comes from the development and sale of its lands and resources.