

# Department Overview

## Senate Labor and Commerce



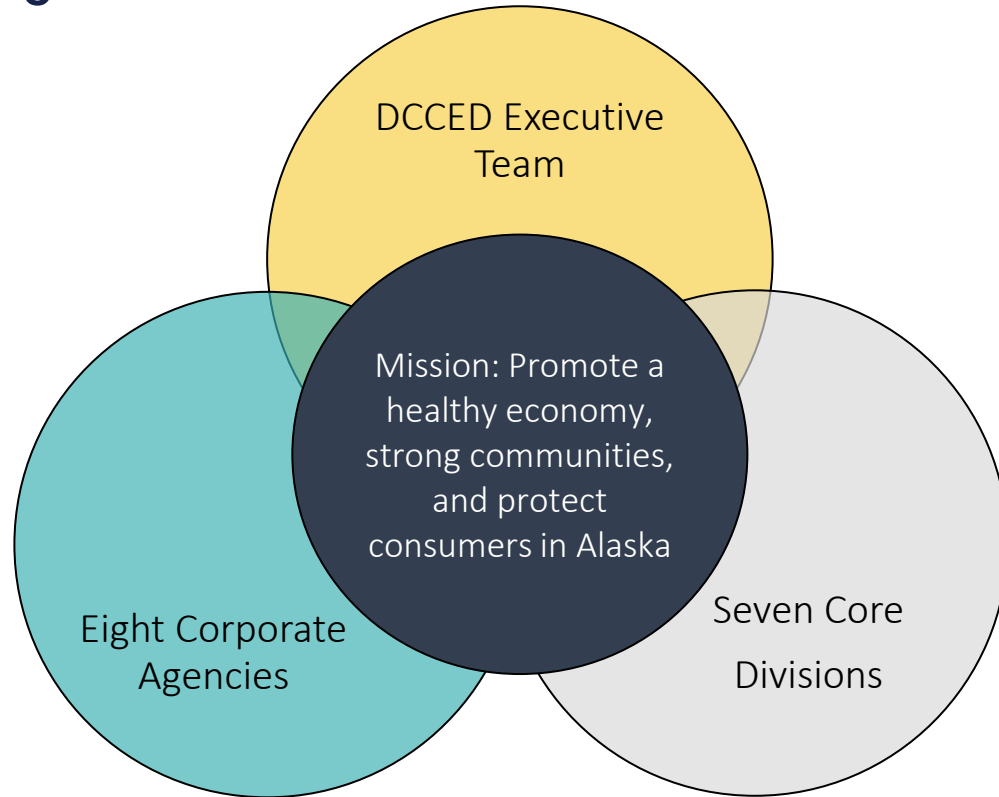
Julie Sande, Commissioner  
Anna Latham, Deputy Commissioner

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# Mission and Organization

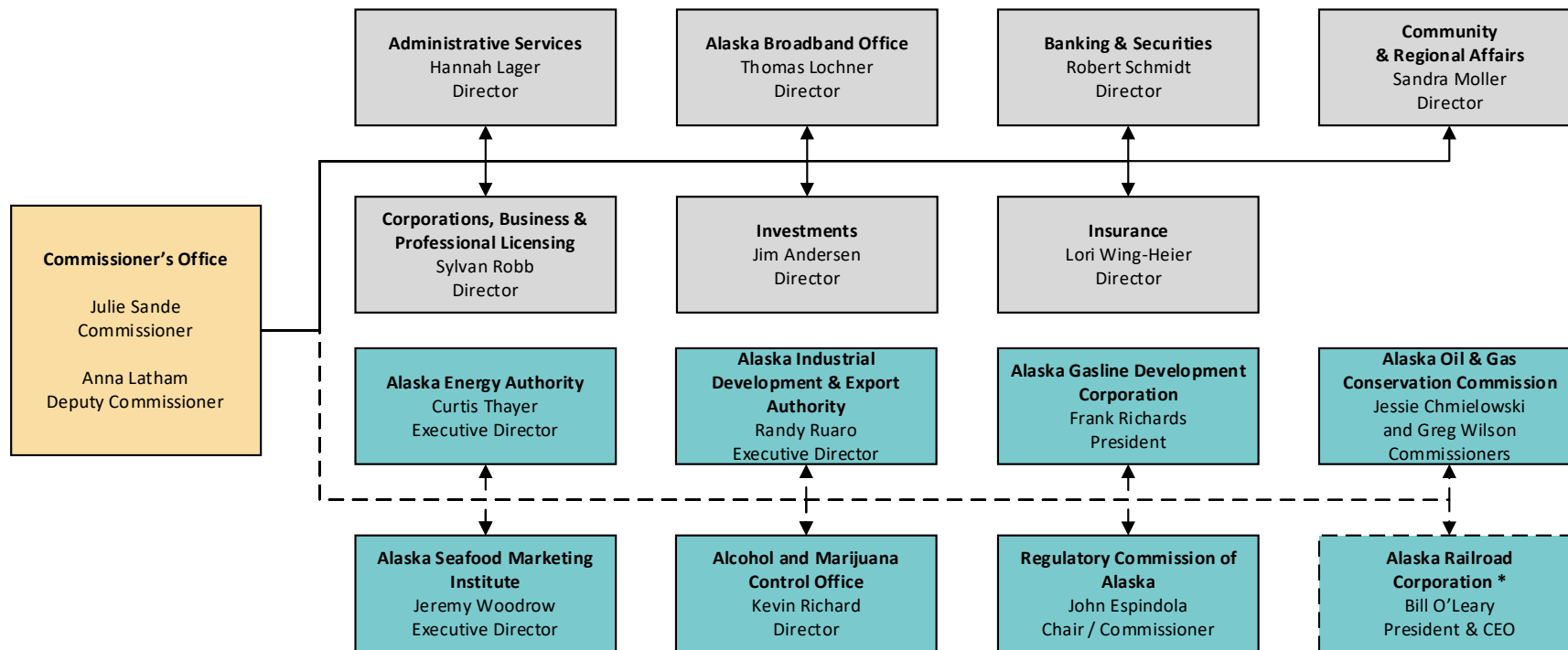


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# Department Structure



\* The Alaska Railroad Corporation is housed within DCCED but exempt from the Executive Budget Act.

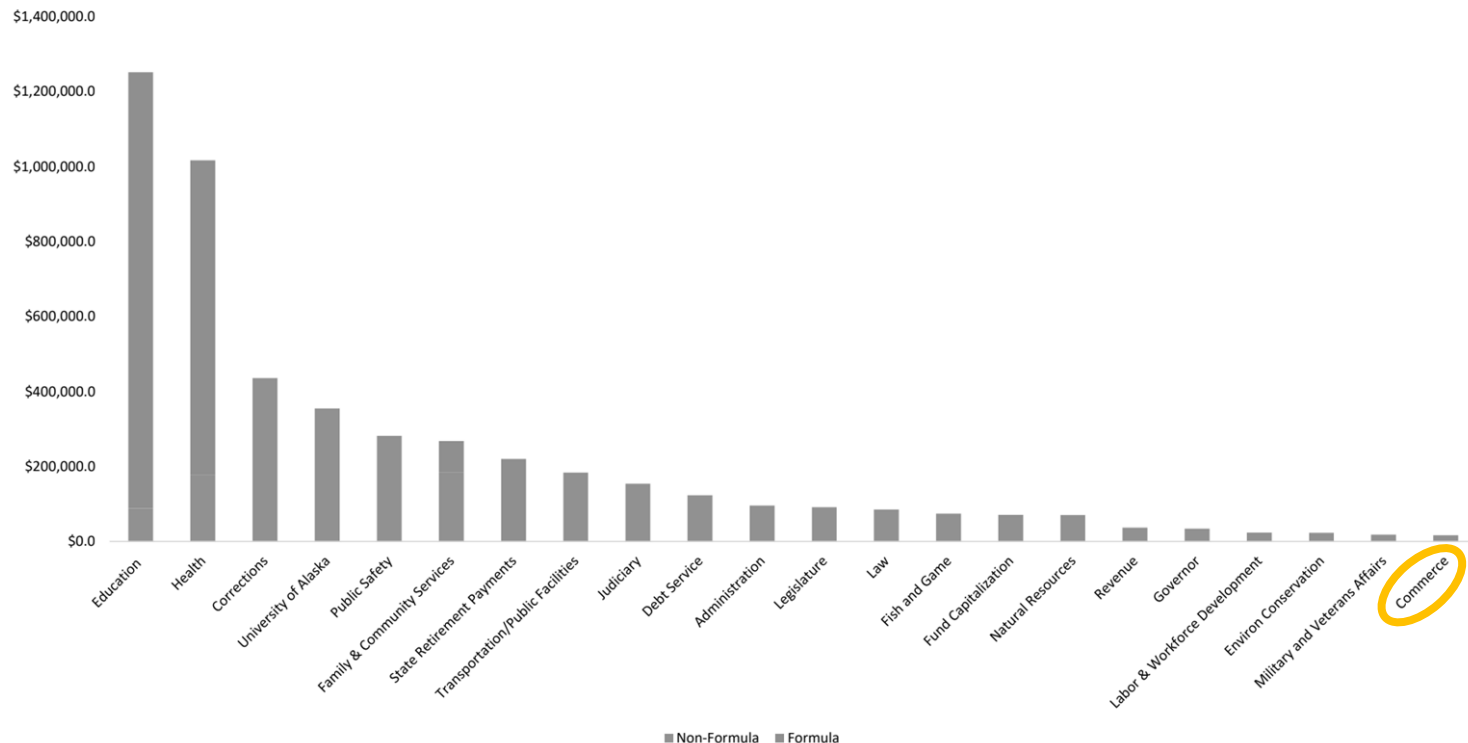


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# FY2026 Operating UGF by Department (Governor's Budget)



Source: OMB House Finance Committee Overview

\$ in Thousands

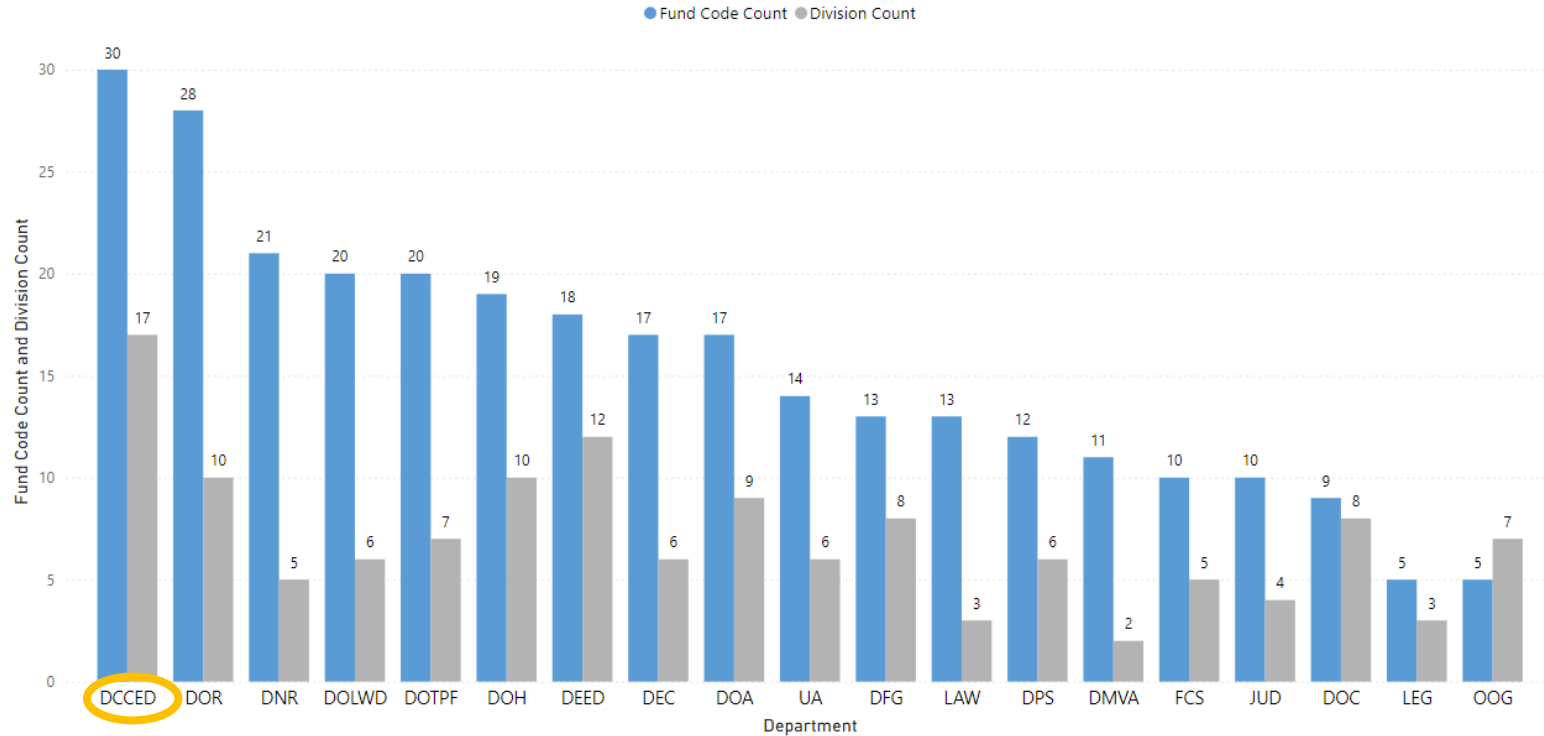
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# Fund Sources and Divisions by Department



Data as of FY2026 Governor Scenario

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# Core Divisions



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# Commissioner's Office

*Promote a healthy economy, strong communities, and protect consumers in Alaska.*



Legislative Relations



Boards & Commissions



Office of International Trade



Economic Development



Special Projects



Marketing Alaska



Commissioner  
Julie Sande



Deputy Commissioner  
Anna Latham



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# Commissioner's Office

We must create a vision for  
the future of business in Alaska.

Not just for investors, but  
for the next generation of  
Alaskans to come.



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# Administrative Services

*Provide management information and support services for the department's programs.*



Director Hannah Lager



Financial  
Services



Budget  
Management



Human  
Resources



Procurement

Department  
contribution to the  
General Fund in  
FY2024:  
\$118 million

TOTAL	\$240,515.5
UGF	\$16,764.8
DGF	\$117,954.7
Federal	\$42,438.0
Other	\$63,358.0
Positions	600

\$ in Thousands



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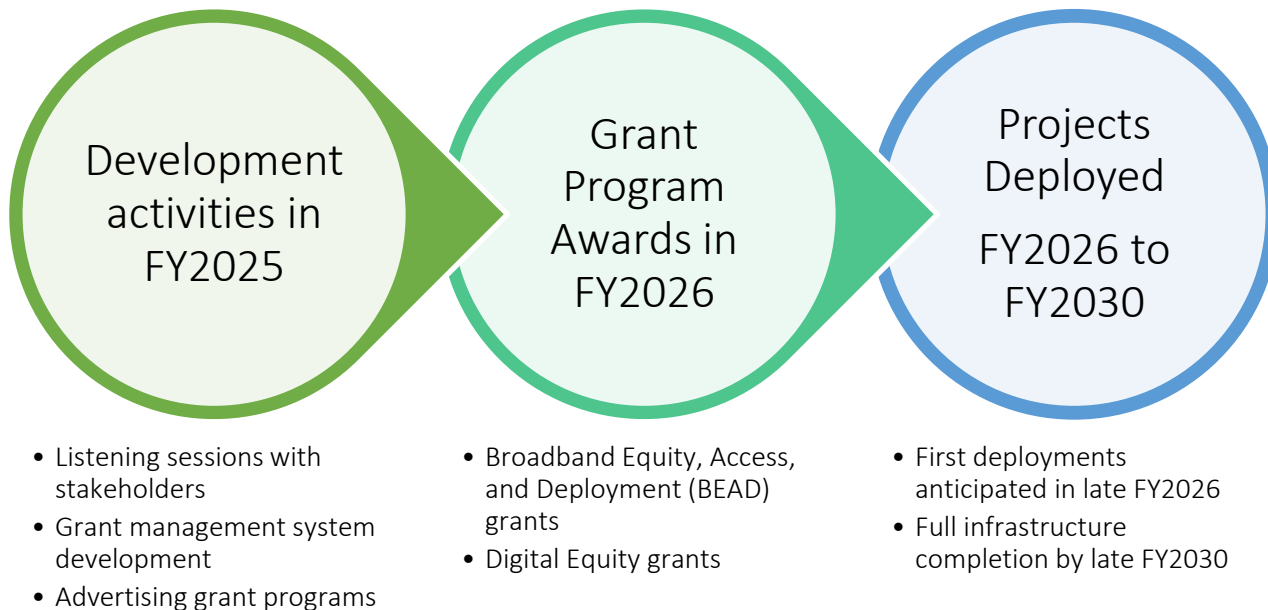


# Alaska Broadband Office

*Facilitate access to the full benefits of broadband with improved quality of service and lower costs.*



Director Thomas Lochner



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# Banking and Securities

*Protect consumers of financial services and promote safe and sound financial systems.*



## Banking

- Four state-chartered banks
- One state-chartered credit union
- These institutions hold \$12 billion in assets as of FY2022

## Securities

- Approx. 150,000 registrations issued
- Fraud reporting website

## Non-depository Licenses

- Payday lenders
- Most mobile payment apps (PayPal / Venmo, Block / Square / Cash App, etc.)
- Cryptocurrency in Alaska (Robinhood, Coinbase, etc.)



Director Robert H. Schmidt



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# Community and Regional Affairs

*Promoting strong communities and healthy economies.*



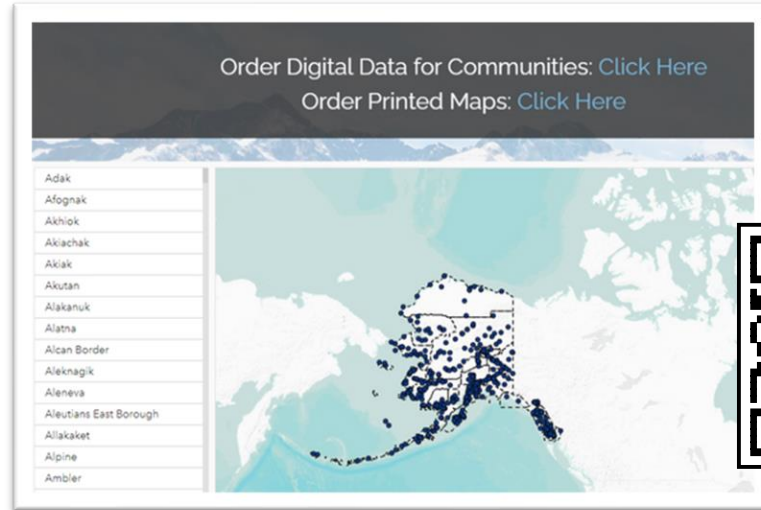
Director Sandra Moller

Established in Article X of Alaska's Constitution,  
DCRA's services include:

- Local Government Assistance and Training
- Bulk Fuel Loan Fund
- Rural Utility Business Advisors
- Grant Administration
- Made in Alaska
- State Assessors Office
- Municipal Land Trust
- Serve Alaska

.....and so much more!

Community and Regional Affairs manages  
a total of **\$1.2 billion** in grant funds!



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# Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing

*Inspiring public confidence through balanced regulation of competent professional and business services.*

## Business Licensing

- 90,882 business licenses
- 1,684 endorsements
- 23.7% increase since FY2019

## Professional Licensing

- 44 programs, including 21 boards
- 107,290 professional licenses in FY2024
- 27.1% increase since FY2019

## Corporations

- 92,116 registered corporations in FY2023
- 20.7% increase since FY2019

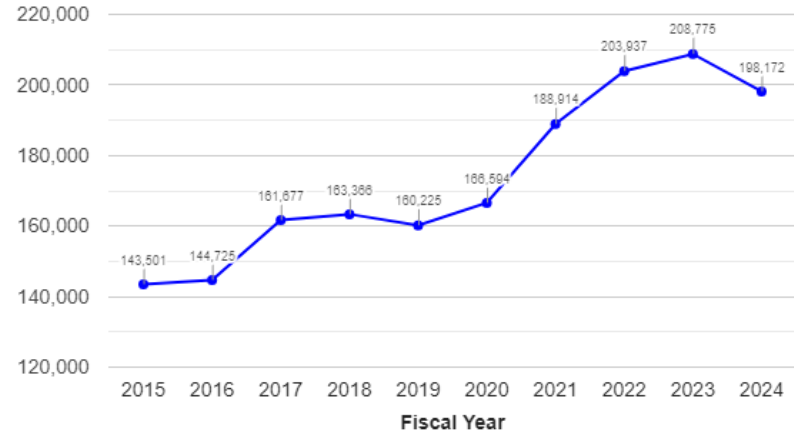
50% increase in professional licenses over the last 10 years

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Director Sylvan Robb

Number of Current Business & Professional Licensees



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# Insurance

*Regulating the insurance industry to protect Alaskan consumers.*

## FY2024 Accomplishments

- Processed 62,517 license applications, an 11% increase from FY2024.
- Responded to more than 1,500 consumer inquiries, complaints, and external healthcare reviews.
- In partnership with the Department of Health, initiated a project to improve access to primary care services and identify cost drivers of health care delivery in Alaska, with initial focus on identifying barriers and potential solutions to delivery of and access to primary care services.
- A multi-year capital appropriation in the FY2024 supplemental budget has allowed the division to continue work on the Health Payment Utilization Database (HPUD) project, with a public facing snapshot of the database finally going live by the end of 2024. The HPUD will include Medicaid, Medicare, and the private market.
- Using federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) grant funds, the division updated the Essential Health Benefits for the first time since they were put in place through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2014.



Director Lori Wing-Heier



Deposited over  
**\$72 million** into  
the general  
fund in FY2024



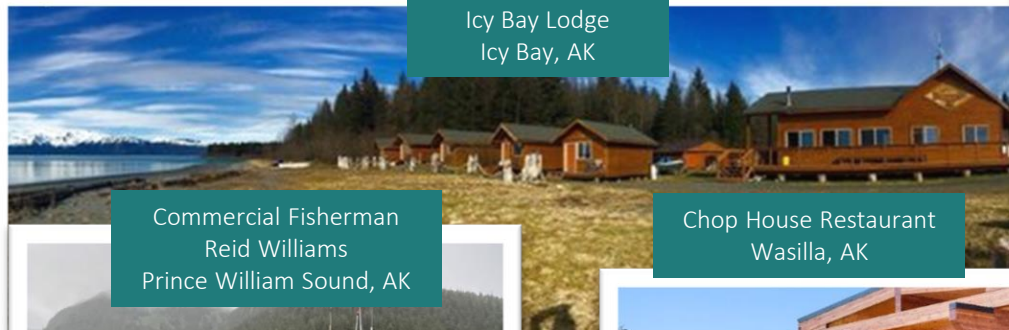
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# Investments

*Promote economic development activities.*



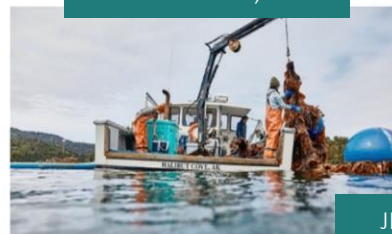
Icy Bay Lodge  
Icy Bay, AK



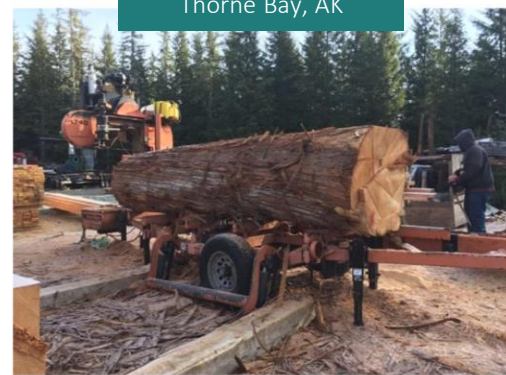
Commercial Fisherman  
Reid Williams  
Prince William Sound, AK



Chop House Restaurant  
Wasilla, AK



Alaska Shellfish Farms  
Halibut Cove, AK



JK Forest Products  
Thorne Bay, AK



Director Jim Andersen



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# Corporations, Offices, and Commissions



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## Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

*Protect the public interest in exploration and development of Alaska's valuable oil, gas, and geothermal resources through the application of conservation practices designed to ensure greater ultimate recovery and the protection of health, safety, fresh ground waters and the rights of all owners to recover their share of the resource.*



Commissioner  
Greg Wilson



Commissioner  
Jessie Chmielowski

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## Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office

*Promote commerce in the licensed alcohol and marijuana industries and provide clear, consistent standards to protect public health and safety.*



Director Kevin Richard

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## Regulatory Commission of Alaska

*Ensure that safe, efficient, and reliable utility and pipeline services are provided to the public at just and reasonable rates, thereby protecting consumer interests and promoting economic development.*



Commissioner John Espindola



# Commission and Office Overview

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## Alaska Gasline Development Corporation

*Advance the development, financing, construction and operation of a North Slope natural gas pipeline project, in-state natural gas pipelines and other transportation mechanisms capable of delivering natural gas and other non-oil hydrocarbons for the maximum benefit of Alaskans.*



President  
Frank Richards

## Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority

*Promote, develop, and advance economic growth and diversification in Alaska by providing various means of financing and investment.*



Executive Director  
Jeremy Woodrow



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## Alaska Energy Authority

*Reduce the cost of energy in Alaska.*



Executive Director  
Curtis Thayer

## Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

*Increase the economic value of Alaska seafood resources.*



Executive Director  
Jeremy Woodrow

## Alaska Railroad

*To be profitable by focusing on safe, high-quality service to our freight, passenger and real estate customers. To foster the development of Alaska's economy by integrating railroad and railbelt community development plans.*



President,  
Bill O'Leary



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**Thank You!**

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