

William S. Brown

Education:

BA (economics and mathematics), Texas Christian University, 1971

MA (economics), Texas Christian University, 1972

Ph.D. (economics), University of Colorado, 1977

Employment History:

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, 1977 - 1982.

Associate Professor of Economics, Metropolitan State College, Denver, 1982 - 1985

Associate Professor of Economics, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL, 1985 - 1987.

Associate Professor of Economics, University Puget Sound, 1987 - 1991.

Professor of Economics, University of Alaska-Southeast in Juneau, 1991 - 2000.

Owner-Operator, Taku Reel Repair, Juneau, AK 2000 - present.

Selected Publications:

Principles of Economics. West Publishing Co., 1995. Also published as two paperback volumes, Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics.

Introducing Econometrics. West Publishing Co., 1991.

Macroeconomics. Prentice-Hall, Inc. North American and English international editions published in 1988. Estonian translation, 1991.

Diversifying the Alaskan Economy: Cultural and Economic Constraints." Journal of Economic Issues. June 1996. Co-author: Clive S. Thomas.

"The Alaska Permanent Fund: Good Sense or Political Expediency?" Challenge Magazine. September/October 1994. Co-author: Clive S. Thomas.

"Deindustrialization and Industrial Structure." Journal of Economic Issues. June 1988.

Relevant experience:

My academic background will make me a valuable asset to the Board of Fisheries. One of my teaching fields, Resource and Environmental Economics, is directly applicable to the work of the Board. Just as importantly, my training as an economist forces me to see the costs and benefits of any action and to see the tradeoffs involved in any decision.

I have also been an avid fisherman my entire life. My father first took me fishing when I was 4 years old -- I still remember my first fish! -- and have become only more passionate about fishing in my later years. I have been traveling to Mexico almost every year since 1980 to fish for marlin. For my 50th birthday, I took a trip to Mongolia to fish for taimen, the largest salmonid in the world. And to celebrate my victory over prostate cancer, I went to Egypt to fish for Nile perch in 2007.

My passion for fish and fishing is why I want to serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries. I will have one interest while serving on the Board: To protect the fisheries resource. Managed correctly, our children and grandchildren will enjoy the same fishing opportunities I have, and Alaska will do its job to provide excellent quality fish for the tables of the world. But if we are not careful, we'll see the Alaskan fisheries go the way of Atlantic salmon and Atlantic halibut. My first term on the Board has been hard work, but also a learning and rewarding experience. I am most proud that I was able to bring careful data analysis to the work of the board; my economics background has helped considerably in this area. I hope to continue on the Board and am confident that I can be more effective in the years ahead.