

## Boards & Commissions Factsheets

### NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

Board: Natural Resources Conservation and Development Board  
Board identification number: 097

Department: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Authority: AS 41.10.040

Status: Active

Sunset date:

Requirements: No Legislative Confirmation or Financial Disclosure required

Prohibitions: Members must be bona fide users of land selected from the five major land areas of the state.

Term: 3 years

Description: The board consists of 6 members, 5 of which are appointed by Governor: resident bona fide users of land (producers of renewable resources) selected from the five major land areas of the state: Arctic and northwest AK, Yukon and Tanana Valleys, southwest AK and Kenai Peninsula, southcentral AK, and southeast AK. In addition, the Commissioner of Natural Resources or, in Commissioner's absence, the Director of the Division of Agriculture, serves ex-officio but without a vote.

Function: The board meets and advises commissioner in the exercise of powers, duties, functions of the commissioner. The board also receives and reviews reports regarding the use of soil resources and holds public hearings and meetings to determine if land is being used in a manner consistent with sound soil and water conservation practices. Additionally, the board recommends action to provide for the effective and orderly development of agricultural, forest, and grazing land. The board also reviews appeals by an applicant/lessee from decisions of directors of other Dept. of Natural Resources divisions regarding a sale/lease of agricultural/grazing land and submits recommendations to the commissioner/hearing officer. The board serves in advisory capacity to the soil and water conservation districts. The board also advises the Commissioner of Natural Resources and Director of Div. of Agriculture in review of farm conservation plans for all agricultural land sales in the Alaska District. Additionally, the board represents state of Alaska in local, federal, and state soil and water conservation programs for sound resource development and conservation of resources. The board also serves as the Alaska District Soil & Conservation Board.

Chair: No provision.

Special facts:

Compensation: Standard Travel and Per Diem.

Meetings: 1 regular meeting annually at state capital; approximately 4 times per year (usually quarterly) plus special meetings.

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## Boards & Commissions Roster

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Member	Date Appointed	Reappointed	Term Expires
Ina L Jones SW/Kenai Peninsula	4/22/2013		3/1/2016
Bernie C. Karl Yukon/Tanana	12/15/2005	4/15/2011	3/1/2014
Carol L. Kenley Southcentral	11/17/2008	4/15/2011	3/1/2014
Daniel S. Sullivan Commissioner/Natural Resources/Designee	11/18/2010		
Cheryl K Thompson NW/Arctic	12/26/2007	4/22/2013	3/1/2016
George S. Woodbury Southeast	3/17/2005	5/1/2012	3/1/2015

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# Alaska Department of Natural Resources

## Natural Resource Conservation & Development Board

## Soil & Water Conservation Districts

The Natural Resource Conservation and Development Board (NRCDB) serves as an advisory board to the DNR Commissioner and Alaska's Soil and Water Conservation Districts on matters relating to conservation and development of the state's non-game natural resources. The NRCDB also oversees the portions of Alaska not otherwise included in an established soil and water conservation district. At the present time there are twelve local districts in Alaska each operated by a board of five supervisors elected from their memberships in annual elections conducted by the NRCDB Executive Director.

## SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

The Soil & Water Conservation program traces its roots to the great dust bowl era of the 1930s. In 1937, President Roosevelt wrote each state recommending the legislation that led to the State Soil & Water conservation programs. The Alaska Soil Conservation District Law was passed in 1947 during our territorial days. Please see AS 41.10.130 for details.

The districts represent local land users in a grass roots partnership of land users, state, federal, and non-profit agencies that work together to manage, conserve and develop natural resources. The districts provide a volunteer expertise of 60 supervisors averaging 15 hours a month. This amounts to 10,800 volunteer hours annually.

The services provided by the soil and water conservation districts include land conservation plans requested by local land owners, erosion control projects, water quality projects, implementation of best management practices, educational programs in local schools, resource development expertise and the synergy that results when all those holding a responsibility for Alaska's resources work together for the common good.

Soil and water conservation programs provide an effective and results-oriented way to promote local conservation and wise development of our renewable natural resources. As provided by AS 41.10.130 the Commissioner of Natural Resources is authorized to "Create Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the state. . . ." and " . . . delegate to the district supervisors

**Anchorage**

**Fairbanks**

**Homer**

**Kenai**

**Kenny Lake**

**Kodiak**

**Mid Yukon-  
Kuskokwim**

**Palmer**

**Salcha-Delta**

**Southeast**

**Upper Susitna**

**Wasilla**



powers as the commissioner considers necessary to accomplish the purposes of this chapter within district boundaries.”

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