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Board: Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Board identification number: 020

Department: FISH & GAME

Authority: AS 16.43.020; AS 39.50.200

Status: Active

Sunset date:

Requirements: Legislative Confirmation and Financial Disclosure

Prohibitions: None

Term: 4 years

Chair: Governor appoints.

Description: The board consists of 2 members appointed by Governor with a broad range of professional experience, none of whom has a vested economic interest in an interim-use permit, entry permit, commercial fishing vessel or gear, or in any fishery resource processing or marketing business (AS 16.43.050).

Function: The board promotes conservation and sustained yield management of fishery resource and regulates/controls entry into commercial fisheries.

Special facts: A quorum consists of 2 members unless there is a vacancy, which does not impair the authority of a single commissioner who may exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the commission. The commission is a regulatory and quasi-judicial agency. Members may be removed for cause. The Governor designates chair for two years (may be designated for successive two-year terms).

Compensation: Salary Equal to Step in Range 25

Melvin A. Smith



To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my name to serve as a CFEC Commissioner for the State of Alaska. I believe I would be an asset in this position with my personal experience in and knowledge of the commercial fishing industry in Alaska.

I am Alaska Native, born into a subsistence and commercial fishing family. I have worked as a crew member for my father from an early age. I have worked in the commercial fishing industry, as an owner/ operator of a fishing vessel, permit holder, along with crewing for (salmon, cod, herring, halibut, and crab). I have a lifetime of work experience's in commercial fishing, subsistence, ANSCA, Alaskan real estate, land management and minerals resources. These experiences have given me a broad perspective and understanding of what make the wheels turn in our great State of Alaska. I served on many resource boards and committees which affords me an excellent understanding of the challenges the commercial fisheries and other resources face.

Family is most important to me. My wife of 42 years and I had 3 children and blessed us with 7 grandchildren. Creating opportunity for my children and the next Alaskan generation attracted me to submit my name for this position. I bring to the table; 24 + years in strong management, organizational, and leadership skills. I have a good working relationship with Tribes, Village Corporations, and local government entities. I am proficient in Microsoft word, Excel, Power Point, and outlook programs.

I have a strong commitment to providing excellent customer service. I have experience and enjoy working with a diverse group of people. I am an enthusiastic team player, and willing to travel at a moment's notice. Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Melvin A. Smith



Qualifications:

- 25 + years commercial fishing, (salmon, herring, halibut, crab).
- 24 years' experience in lands, commercial and residential real estate management.
- Committed to ensure that the mission and core values of the company are put into practice.
- Positive role model with good verbal and written communication skills.
- Committed to excellent customer service, while working with a diverse group of people.
- A strong supporter of teamwork.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office, Power Point, AutoCAD, and Outlook programs.
- Willing to travel.

Employment Record:

- Aleut Real Estate, LLC, General Manager, Anchorage, Alaska. April 2016 to present.
- Aleut Real Estate, LLC, Operations Manager, Anchorage, Alaska. May 2008-April 2016
- The Aleut Corporation, Facilities and Resource Manager. May 1999-May 2008.
- The Aleut Corporation, Resource Development Specialist. April 1997- May 1999.
- Self Employed Commercial Fisheries. 1970-1996.

Duties:

- Manage and oversee all aspects of commercial properties and buildings for the company.
- Commercial Fishing, worked as permit holder/owner/operator/crew member on fishing boats of all sizes, (salmon, herring, crab and halibut).

Former Employments:

- Self Employed, Commercial Fisheries, 1970-1996.
- 1993-1997, General Maintenance, Aleutians East Borough School District, False Pass, Alaska.
- 1993-1996, General Maintenance, City of False Pass, False Pass, Alaska.
- 1989-1993, Construction carpenter/laborer, Perry Construction Co, False Pass, Alaska.

Education:

- Unalaska High School graduate, Unalaska, Alaska.
- Kenai Peninsula College, 2 years general studies/Petroleum engineer.
- University of Alaska Anchorage, 2 years of general studies, emphasizing Business Management.
- University of Alaska Fairbanks, Dept of Alaska Native and Rural Development Studies.

Boards and Committees:

- Served as the President and Vice President of the False Pass Fisheries Development Association.
- Served on the Aleut Corporation Fisheries Committee, as a Member and Staff.
- Alaska Sea Otter and Stellar Sea Lion Association committee member.
- SWAMC Fisheries committee member.
- President and Vice President of ANCSA Village Corporation Isanotski Corporation.
- Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association Board member.
- Aleutian East Borough School District Board member.
- Eastern Aleutian Tribes Board member.
- AFN Lands committee member.
- City of False Pass Council member.

References available upon request