

Confirmation:

Bill Ross



Alaska State Legislature

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

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February 18, 1985

The Honorable Ben Grussendorf
Speaker of the House
House of Representatives
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to your instructions, and in accordance with AS 39.05.080, the House Committee on Resources has had under consideration the Governor's appointment named as:

Commissioner Department Of Environmental Conservation

Mr. William R. Ross

Members of the Resources Committee have signed below indicating their individual recommendations to the House concerning the individual's confirmation.

Members Recommending to Confirm:

[Signature]

 Adelheid Herrmann

 Bette Cato

 F. H. [unclear]

Members With Other Recommendations

[Signature] Do Not Confirm

 Roger Jenkins No Recommendation

 [unclear] No Rec

 [unclear] NO REC - PERIOD
 FURTHER INQUIRY

 M.W. MILLER DO NOT CONFIRM

This report does not necessarily indicate an intention to vote for or against the individual named at the time of the joint session on confirmation.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Representative Dick Shultz, Co-Chair
House Committee on Resources

Sincerely,

[Signature]
[Signature]

Representative Adelheid Herrmann, Co-Chair
House Committee on Resources

WILLIAM R. ROSS

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OBJECTIVE:

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/POLICY DEVELOPMENT where political acumen, management skills, and experience in negotiating/facilitating conflict resolutions will contribute to the development of sound public policy and administration of effective programs.

PROFILE:

Eight years broad-based experience in developing and implementing local, state and federal programs. Noted for ability to analyze the policy and political implications of legislative and executive branch programs/acts. Excell in working with all levels of government, community groups and private interests to resolve problems and negotiate/advance client's position. Thorough knowledge of administrative functions of program development and implementation. Strong writing, verbal and mediation skills.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

STATE OF ALASKA

1976 - Present

Associate Director for Fisheries and the Environment,
Washington, D.C. (6/83 - present)

Participation with State agencies in the development of policy on state/federal issues related to fisheries, environmental, oil and gas and coastal issues. Responsible for the advocacy of resultant position to the U.S. Congress and the Executive Branch of the Federal government. Examples of job responsibilities include:

- o Advocate changes to federal environmental law consistent with economic development and needed environmental protection for S.E. Alaska pulp mills.
- o Promote development of Alaskan fishing industry through joint ventures with Alaska fisherman; purchases of Alaskan produced product; elimination of foreign high seas salmon fishing; and implementation of reliable seafood inspection program.
- o Assure application of State and federal environmental law based on reliable data for the placer mining industry.
- o Maintain adequate environmental regulation of impacts to wetlands, while eliminating unnecessary administrative tasks on developers.
- o Promote oil and gas development through the federal 5 year OCS program at a pace compatible with State and local capabilities.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY (Continued):

Policy/Program Analyst II, Washington, D.C. (6/82 - 6/83)
Chief lobbyist/political analyst for Governor on federal offshore oil and gas activities.

- o Support to Alaska Congressional delegation and House and Senate members on OCS revenue sharing legislation.
- o Technical Chairman of ad hoc Senate staff committee to develop and move legislation relating to revenue sharing.
- o Negotiator/mediator between Senate and House positions - identify and resolve potential conflicts.
- o Draft legislation proposals, analyze act from a political perspective, and disseminate/promote state's positions.

Deputy Coordinator, Office of Coastal Management, Juneau, Alaska (5/80 - 6/83)

Principal staff person directing the implementation of Alaska Coastal Management Program, with budgets exceeding \$5 Million.

- o Oversaw day-to-day operations including supervision of 16 people.
- o Drafted proposals, secured federal grants, and managed all fiscal aspects of programs.
- o Promoted state management programs through extensive local testimony, appearances before community groups and educational workshops.
- o Responsible for implementation of regulatory aspects of programs.

Associate State-Federal Coordinator, Office of the Governor, Juneau, Alaska (2/78 - 5/80)

Assisted Federal-State Coordinator in implementing federal OMB's A-95 circular.

- o Developed state's coastal management consistency process for implementation of regulatory aspects of program.
- o Devised data filing and retrieval systems.
- o Developed positions for the Governor on federal issues of state-wide significance.

Associate Coordinator, Office of Drug Abuse, Juneau, Alaska (11/76 - 7/77)

Developed and implemented state drug abuse plans through grant-in-aid programs.

- o Evaluated local programs for effectiveness and monitored grant compliance.
- o Acted as federal liaison and in-state trainer for state drug abuse personnel training.
- o Liaison to state wide advisory board.
- o Responsible for fiscal budget exceeding \$1 Million.

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

PRIMDAHL PRODUCTIONS, INC., Washington, D.C. 6/28 - 7/83

Vice President.

Develop film concepts and generate capital funds for independent film and video production company.

- o Interact with funding sponsors and creative production personnel.
- o Produced 16mm photo documentary "Washington, The Capitol."

PRIVATE PRACTICE IN COUNSELING, Juneau, Alaska 11/76 - 5/82

Private practice included individual, marital and family counseling.

- o Contractual services to the Alaska Correctional Institution.
- o University instructor of various courses in psychology.
- o Community training, education and organizing.

ALCOHOLISM CENTRAL AGENCY, Juneau, Alaska 12/75 - 11/76

Drug, Alcohol and Youth Counselor.

CONSULTANT, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Washington 1973

Production Manager.

Supervised all financial activities, and coordinated production aspects of restoration and completion of Edward Curtis' 1914 film on Northwest Coastal Indians "In the Land of the War Canoes."

- o Received National Endowment for the Arts grant.

EDUCATION:

MASTER OF ARTS, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY 1975
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

BACHELOR OF ARTS, ECONOMICS 1970
Rice University, Houston, TX
o National Merit Scholar.

Attended University of Texas for one year majoring in psychology in 1972.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- Aiding Women Against Rape Emergencies (AWARE), Founding Board Member, 1978 - 1982
- City and Borough of Juneau Youth Advisory Board, 1977 - 1980
- Women & Juveniles Community Detention Center Board (Chair) 1978 - 1982
- Capitol Community Broadcasting Advisory Board, 1978 - 1982
 - o Produced and co-hosted weekly news and analysis public radio show, 1979 - 1982
- Alaska homeowner, 1978 - 1984

References Available Upon Request

(The 1st 2 copies are to
Specific representatives, Pearce
& Jenkins)

Dear Tally,

I would appreciate it so much if you would see that each member of the House Resources Committee, yourself and Senators Fritz Pettyjohn & Tim Kelly received copies of this response to Representative Sund's request & Betty Cato's question and your personal request.

I would also appreciate your sending me the verbatim results of the public testimony of the 13th & today's - the 15th as I'm unable to get to town. Am very involved in the crusade as a counselor - exciting!
Talked to Tuggay tonight. Physics is giving him some problems but other

Courses are A's. He gets his
yellow belt in karate this week
(one step up from beginner)
Snow + fog so bad in Utah, several
people killed on highways last
two days.

He said to give you a special
hello for him and congratulations
for your position.

Thanks so much for helping
me out, Tally-

Sue Miller

To: Hearing Chairmen
Committee Members

Subject: Testimony on Bill Ross's Confirmation as DEC

My name is Sue Miller. I am president of the Juneau/Douglas Chapter of Eagle Forum. Our organization is opposed to the appointment of Bill Ross as Director of Environmental Conservation.

We believe that a man who publicly proclaims his philosophy as "democratic socialist" would make regulatory decisions, detrimental to our state's developmental interests. It is in human nature, that when we hold views so deeply, that we will not retract them, and that when we hold them so strongly, we even host a weekly radio show to persuade others to our point of view, that it is impossible to separate these convictions from our decision making.

As an example, Mr. Ross's experience as Deputy Director of the Coastal Zone Management, placed him in a position to review and approve of those extremely restrictive regulations. These regulations make it impossible for either individual citizens or groups of citizens to have the money or time to pursue coastal development or to use their creative ingenuity to attempt to wade through the mass of restrictions to develop ideas that might work.

In the Coastal Zone Management Policy, under the section, "Regulation of Private Property" Mr. Ross obviously has made the decision that "The interests of the public" or the "general welfare" (whose interests and welfare are decided by a state entity) supercede private interests in property. A philosophy that embraces more and more restrictions on private property is consistent with socialistic and communistic countries, but is inconsistent with those principles fostered by capitalism: ambition, initiative, creativity, advanced technology and risk.

The Department of Environmental Conservation is another regulatory agency. Can we then expect such permitting processes and regulatory curbs on technology to protect the environment at "any cost?" With his experience in and satisfaction regarding a three-tiered groups of regulations, all in compliance, will he promote so many regulations as to hamper development in mining, fishing and other industries?

What about energy? Would he encourage low-cost nuclear based electrical development and experimentation in Alaska? Will new developments in the fission field not receive an opportunity to be explored?

At the hearings, Mr. Ross displayed an excellent verbal ability, but showed little interest in taking the initiative to redirect our state to policies that reflect the vitality of the four R's of Capitalism: Rights, Risks, Rules and Rewards. The rights of each human to be free, make decisions, hold property and exchange what one owns for something else if so desired. RISKS, whereby people have the freedom to risk their capital and win or lose, depending upon how they use their abilities. RULES: a framework of laws that informs agents in the marketplace what actions are

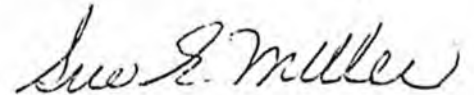
Re: Bill Ross's Confirmation as DEC

legal with the least possible regulations and REWARDS. Those willing to take the risks are entitled to the rewards.

Mr. Ross felt qualified to determine the mix and balance between government, not controlling or owning everything, and the people and private enterprise.

We beg to differ with his stated opinion of being a qualified arbiter, as his experience proves his stance toward government and ownership, otherwise. Give us instead, a man or woman director who understands the vitality engendered where government owns and regulates least. Give us a Director who is more than a reviewer and implementer of local, state and Federal restrictions. Give us an innovator.

Sincerely,



Sue E. Miller
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Juneau/Douglas Chapter
Eagle Forum
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TO: Chairman Richard Schultz
Co-Chair Adelheid Herrmann
To: Members of House Resources Committee

Subject: Request of Representative Sund to identify Eagle Forum
Explanation to Bette Cato of Mr. Ross's view of democratic Socialism

Enclosed is a copy of a folder for each member of your committee, which will explain some of the precepts of Eagle Forum, National, State and local groups.

Each local group is autonomous and works on those issues on which 70% of the membership agrees is an issue worthy of the efforts and sacrifices involved. Our group may or may not elect to support issues of the other chapters and national group. Each local group more closely identifies with the aims and goals of its own membership, executive board and President.

Our own chapter's main goal is educational. We promote a balanced view and feel several sides to an issue must be presented in order to secure both an informed public and legislature.

Our state president is located in Anchorage with another chapter in Fairbanks. The Juneau/ Douglas Chapter incorporates presently, all Southeastern members.

In the case of Mr. Ross: his definition of democratic socialism is that government does not control or own everything, but has as its role the providing of the proper balance and mix of economic efficiency, social justice and the responsibilities of individual freedom.

Our role as Eagle Forum members in this instance is to point out the fallacy in his interpretation of the proper mix and balance. As you survey Alaska, who owns and controls its land, money and raw materials? Obviously, government does and we are already a socialistic state with a socialistic constitution and Federal Statehood Act.

Thus, it was not difficult for us to understand why a representative of the largest industry and the largest environment group both want Mr. Ross as DEC. Both represent the interests of the status quo.

Since Alaska's socialistic policies and philosophies have already proven detrimental to the freedom, vitality and energy of individuals and small groups, and have continued to make its people dependent upon government, our group is asking our legislator and Governor to select Directors who will take an aggressive stance in helping mold and define the proper role of government, consistent with the principles of a republic. This Director would help in defining that role by determining that the size and scope of government in his area should be reduced.

Contrary to Mr. Jim Clark's testimony, EPA is not the enemy unless the DEC allows the EPA to be that tail that wags the dog. We would expect the DEC to fight vigorously against regulations on private property, one of the cornerstones of a republic; to fight for the people to be allowed to risk, to counter such stringent regulations that require the affluent to be drinkable and to fight against such state laws as prohibit exploration and experimentation in the low cost nuclear powered electrical field. These are just a few examples drawn from the testimony of 2-13-85 to explain our point of view.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

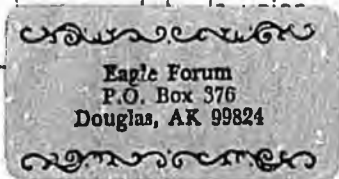
*Joe Miller
President Eagle Forum*

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- Preserving the dependent wife's and widow's benefit in Social Security (against attack by the feminist activists).
- Defeating the radical attempt to make child-care a Federal function instead of a family responsibility.
- Exposing and defeating the radical anti-family goals of the Commission on International Women's Year and the White House Conference on Families.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31.

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PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY, *President*
TOTTIE ELLIS, *First Vice President*



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A national organization of women and men who believe in God, Home, and Country, and are determined to defend the values that have made America the greatest nation in the world.



We Support your RIGHTS...

We support the Declaration of Independence and its fundamental doctrine that we owe our existence to a Creator who has endowed each of us with inalienable rights; and we support the United States Constitution as the instrument of securing those God-given rights.

We support the Holy Scriptures as providing the best code of moral conduct yet devised.

In addition, we support:

1. The right of citizens to have the Federal Government provide for the common defense against aggression by any other nation.
2. The right of citizens to live in a community where state and local government and judges maintain law and order by a system of justice under due process, and punishment that is swift and certain.
3. The right to equal opportunity in employment and education for all persons regardless of race, creed, sex, or national origin.
4. The right to life of all innocent persons from conception to natural death.
5. The right of a community to prevent the distribution of printed or pictorial materials that degrade women or children in a pornographic, perverted, or sadistic manner.
6. The right of a community to protect itself and its members from those who abuse their own bodies with poisonous drugs.

We Support the FAMILY...

WE SUPPORT THE FAMILY AS THE BASIC UNIT OF SOCIETY, WITH CERTAIN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDING:

1. The responsibility of society to have laws and taxes that encourage mothers to care for their own children and encourage fathers to provide for them, rather than laws and taxes that impose disincentives on the role of motherhood and the traditional family.
2. The responsibility of the parents (not the government) for the care of pre-school children. Parents have the right to expect schools to:
 - a. teach basic educational skills such as reading and arithmetic before time and money are spent on frills.
 - b. use textbooks and hire teachers that do not offend the religious and moral values of the parents.
 - c. use textbooks that teach the truth about the family, monogamous marriage, motherhood, American history and Constitution, and the private enterprise system.
 - d. teach the "fourth R" (right and wrong) and permit voluntary prayer.
 - e. respect gender identity; and separate the sexes for sex education, gym, and other classes, if so desired.
3. The right of parents to send their children to private or religious schools free from arbitrary government regulations and control.
4. The right of all religious bodies to designate different roles among their members for men and women.

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for God, Home, and Country

By joining Eagle Forum, you can be "a doer, not a hearer only." You can help—

- secure for all time the achievements listed on the last page of this brochure.
- protect wives and mothers against the discriminatory laws and taxes promoted by feminist activists.
- prevent schools from teaching children concepts offensive to the religious, moral, or cultural standards of the child or his parent.
- participate in our "Stop Textbook Censorship" project: to expose and remedy the radical censorship out of school textbooks . . . of moral values (thereby allowing Secular Humanism to fill the vacuum) . . . of traditional family concepts . . . of the truth about the risks and unhappy results of sexual promiscuity . . . of basic skills such as reading (by the phonics method) . . . of the greatness of America.
- protect private and religious schools—and parents who are home teachers—against arbitrary Federal and state controls and regulations.
- build a strong U.S. national defense so that America can fulfill its moral duty to defend freedom.
- reduce the power of the Federal courts to overturn traditional morals.
- reduce violence, immoral sex, and profanity on broadcast and cable television . . . eliminate the evil of child pornography.

Sally Miller

Juneau Empire 2/13/85

Timber, environment groups endorse Ross

By KIRK McALLISTER
The Juneau Empire

If politics sometimes makes for strange bedfellows, so do confirmation hearings.

That was the case this morning in the House Resources Committee during confirmation hearings for Bill Ross, Gov. Bill Sheffield's new choice for commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation. Timber and environmental interests made back-to-back testimony favoring the Ross appointment.

Frank Roppel, executive vice president of Alaska Pulp Co. in Sitka, gave a strong endorsement of Ross' appointment. His testimony was immediately followed by support from Scott Highleyman, executive director of the Alaska Environmental Lobby.

The irony of those two consecutive endorsements of Ross was noted by committee member Rep. John Sund, D-Ketchikan.

"I want to take note of what just happened here," Sund said. "Here we have a major player in the timber industry supporting him (Ross) followed by the environmental lobby. I don't know Bill Ross very well but I want to learn more about someone who is able to do this."

Today was the second day of confirmation hearings in the Resources Committee for Ross, who has come under fire from some quarters for his so-called "socialist" political views.

Roppel told the committee that Ross, while working in the governor's Washington D.C. office, played a major role in the state's strong position supporting Southeast pulp mills' fight against the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

"He (Ross) has an in-depth understanding of water quality issues and the ability to deal effectively with federal people, which is critical," Roppel said. "We think he'd be a very good commissioner."

Those thoughts were echoed by Jim Clark, Alaska Pulp attorney and chairman of Sheffield's timber task force.

"I think he (Ross) would make an



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outstanding commissioner," Clark said. "He understands environmental law and knows the people in Washington so he should be extremely effective. To us, EPA is the enemy not DEC."

Support for Ross' confirmation also came from fishing groups and organized labor.

Cass Parsons, executive director of the United Fishermen of Alaska, read a resolution passed Tuesday by the UFA board of directors calling Ross "exceptionally capable" and supporting his appointment.

Larry Cotter, president of Local 200 of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, told the committee he "strongly supports confirmation" and that Ross is "capable of dealing fairly and astutely with complex issues."

Phil Holdsworth, representing the Alaska Miners Association, told the committee that the placer mining industry in the state "would no longer exist after this year" if something isn't done to change water quality standards in the state. He requested that the committee ask Ross' philosophy on this issue.

The only opposition to Ross' appointment at today's hearing came from Sue Miller, chairwoman of the Juneau-Douglas Eagle Forum, the local chapter of a nationwide patriotic group.

Miller told the committee that her group opposed Ross getting the DEC job because his political views could effect policy and discourage development.



UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

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Cass M. Parsons
Executive Director

UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

RESOLUTION 85-1

WHEREAS the United Fishermen of Alaska is an organization representing the major fishing interests in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the UFA is vitally concerned with the use, protection, and enhancement of Alaska's fisheries resources and their habitat; and

WHEREAS the Commissioner of DEC sits as a member of the fisheries mini-cabinet; and

WHEREAS the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) plays a significant role in protecting Alaska's fisheries habitat through a wide range of water quality management programs; and

WHEREAS the DEC also plays an important role in both the development and marketability of Alaskan fisheries by ensuring high quality, healthy, and safe working environments in the seafood processing industry; and

WHEREAS Governor Bill Sheffield has nominated Mr. Bill Ross to be the new Commissioner of DEC and has charged him with the duty of addressing these problems; and

WHEREAS the UFA and many of the UFA's member groups have worked with Mr. Ross on a variety of topics over the years and have found him to be exceptionally capable at addressing and solving complex issues;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the United Fishermen of Alaska hereby declare their support for the nomination of Bill Ross as the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation and urge both the House and Senate to confirm his nomination as soon as possible.

Cass M. Parsons
UFA Executive Director

2/12/85
Date



Alaska State Legislature

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

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February 11, 1985

The following is the verbatim testimony of Mr. William Ross, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation as presented to the House Resources Committee on Monday, February 11, 1985:

Thank you Mr. Chairman, good morning, members of the committee and representatives who are sitting in today. I do have a brief statement if I can begin with that I would. It is a pleasure and an honor to be here before you today. I believe there have been misunderstandings over the press accounts regarding my nomination and I am here to answer any questions that you all may have about those misunderstandings and also to give you a clear picture of what my personal beliefs are and how I would conduct a job if confirmed as Commissioner of Department of Environmental Conservation.

When contacted by a reporter after my nomination was made public a series of factual questions were asked of me in which I answered them honestly and with a sense of candor. The reporter then attempted to search for what he believed would be a label which might or might not accurately describe my views and the label which has become the source of some notoriety, so to speak, was one that I described that might not be considered inaccurate by some people. As my views have become known over time it also appears to be the case that label may not be considered accurate by some people and basically that is I think, the situation we find ourself into today. I think that it is important to give a senses to what it is I personally believe and I think that particularly regards to the label that has been placed upon me given that certain countries such as like France, Italy, the Netherlands and Israel are considered socialist countries that we are dealing with a label which has a wide variety of meanings to many different people as of one that does not particularly inform or give an explicit understanding. I believe this be the case in both America and in particular in Alaska. What we are talking about, so to speak, is a matter of degree. All countries have to balance three factors in my personal beliefs. The first is economic efficiency which I believe to be the creation of wealth that is available for distribution in any society. Social justice which is the fairness for all that I think needs to be afforded. The equal opportunity as well as sense of cooperation in providing for ourselves as a sense of community. And then, of course, individual freedoms which we all know are clarified in particular in our system in the bill of rights. Things like freedom of press, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, freedom from unreasonable search and seizure, freedom to bare arms. I believe that under our system in particular the bill of rights and our constitution along with checks and balances that is inscribed in our

system of government is one of the greatest innovations in government in modern times. With regards to social justice I think that America has made great progress in this area. I also think America will remain a great nation as long as it continues to have a progressive role in ascribing social justice for all people. With regards to economic efficiency I believe there is a role in government to mediate and balance between the responsibilities of individual freedom, social justice and like I said economic efficiency. It is not to say then that I am talking about the government controlling situations nor am I talking about the government owning everything. But I am saying the government has a responsibility in effect to mediate between those balancing forces and attempt to come up with the balance of the right mix and to do so democratically. I think that the heritage of Alaska is such, I believe that we have a strong tradition towards individual freedom, I believe that Alaska has a commitment towards social justice and I believe Alaska has a mixed economy. The Statehood Act as well as our constitution has established this as such. We, as we all know, are one of the major land owners in the state and in particular the subsurface rights we have held in common ownership make us a major player in the economic development of the state. Prudhoe Bay field is of course the most representative example of this. It is under governmental ownership. It is a joint venture with the private sector that creates much of the wealth for all Alaskans which the legislature as the constitution has decided, thus distributes to all the people. We have a dynamic private sector and vibrant public sector which includes some ownership hence I call this a mixed economy. It is my belief that the mix for Alaska is appropriate and that what caused me to say that the label might not be considered inaccurate by some people. I think there are other examples in which the legislature has deemed public ownership or intervention in the market or direct cash distribution to the people of the wealth that is derived from public ownership is indeed a good thing. And that leads to me the concept of democracy and who should decide what this mix is. It is not the government, it is not the state but the citizens operating through a democratic process. As Abraham Lincoln said, "Government of, for, and by the people". The sovereignty of our system is that it resides in the people. In Alaska this has been done generally through the constitutional arrangement which you, as elective representatives, are given the responsibility from the people to decide on how this mix should be done and how our mixed economy should be influenced and oriented towards the surface and benefit of all Alaskans. With this understanding about the role of government, my views on development are this: I believe that it is necessary that Alaska diversify its economy, develop its resources, provide the jobs for citizenry and replace the lost revenues. The window of opportunity offered by Prudhoe Bay will be opened only briefly. My (I) support, and have participated in this goal. More importantly however, the constitution mandates that our resources be developed. It also is the case that the constitution mandates that we have environmental protection along with resource development. Environmental protection of our commonly held resources be that the fish, the air, the water constitution invisions that the state needs to take care of. There has also been a body of law established not only by the legislature but by the United States Congress which has made environmental protection a much need and highly expected priority. My

job as commissioner will be one essentially of multiple use and sustain yield as described in the constitution. I have to make sure that the air and the land and the water when they are used in support of developmental activity are returned to the common pool in such a fashion that others may use it as well. Be they downstream users with regards to water quality, people next door with regards to air quality or most importantly for future generations so that we have a sense of stewardship over our resources. I believe that this requires an understanding of the needs of both the public health and also the sense of balance that I would bring to the job.

The Governor has asked me to assume this responsibility because my record and experience has demonstrated in particular three things. One is that I have an understanding and capacity to understand the complex issues associated with environmental protection through the legal structure that we have as well as the need to balance between the interest of development that we are attempting to foster here. The second is that I have established the ability to work well with the various constituents that generally surround the issues of the day. And the third, is that I have proven record of management, experience and that I can particularly inspire lead people in a problem solving service oriented attitude which I believe the department needs to have, particularly as we go into a situation of growing developmental activity, growing populations and a shrinking budget.

In summary, I believe I have been an active and productive Alaskan working for the betterment of my community, my state and my country. I believe that Alaska has the capacity to address the needs of social justice well, providing a land of opportunity for all of its citizens. Alaska can, should and will have development and I look forward to ensuring that the risk of public health and to the future generations with regards to stewardship over our air, land, and water is such that the impacts caused by that development are kept to a minimum and the contents of the balance required by the constitution.

Mr. Chairman, that's my opening statement I of course will be pleased to answer any questions that you and the committee might have at this time.

Dice -
SUGGESTIONS

1. What formal scientific or biological educational background do you have to enable you to understand the complex decisions that you may have to deal with? I raise this question in light of the background of the outgoing commissioner who obviously was well qualified to understand the issues he has had to deal with.
2. I am sure you realize that the turbidity standards now in place on Alaska's streams are absolutely impossible for placer miners to meet. What would you as commissioner suggest we do with these standards?
3. Based on the ~~standards~~ unattainable drinking water quality standards for all streams that we as a state adopted, and that now the feds are making us live up to, doesn't it seem reasonable to consider reclassification of some of these water bodies where mining has long been the traditional activity?
4. In your opinion why is it taking industry so long to get permits for resource development in Alaska, and how can that be changed?
5. What are some of the positive changes that you envision for DEC and how will any of these changes help in the development of our resources?
6. Please give us an idea of what your solution to the placer miners water quality problems is?
7. Will you as commissioner advocate for our state's placer miners in their dealings with the Federal Government if it appears that enforcement of their laws based on our standards are impossible to comply with? How?
8. What do you feel your role as commissioner would be with the legislature?
9. As you have made your rounds with various legislators what do you feel is their number one concern with the department? How will you address that concern?
10. Is there any group within the environmental community that doesn't support you? Why?

ROSS HEARING AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order. (time, date.)
2. Recognize members of the committee present.
3. State the purpose of the meeting.
(to formulate a recommendation to the House of Representatives on the matter of the confirmation of Mr. Bill Ross as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation)
4. Before beginning, recognize that there are other legislators present in the room and remind them that if they have questions to ask of Mr. Ross they should submit them through a member of the committee at the table.
5. State that Mr. Ross will address the committee first, the members will then have the opportunity to ask questions, followed by public testimony, and an additional question period of Mr. Ross by the committee.
6. As a final reminder ask that all dialogue be directed through the chair.
7. Welcome Mr. Ross to the meeting and extend an invitation for him to present an opening statement to the committee.

ON THE MAKING OF A MOTION

A letter with individual recommendations can be moved from committee as follows;

1. By unanimous consent (via a motion)
2. Over objection (via a vote following debate or discussion on the motion)

** It is important to note that the transmittal of the letter, not the question of Mr. Ross and his qualifications, is the only topic in order concerning committee debate on the above motion.

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OBJECTIVE:

- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/POLICY DEVELOPMENT where political acumen, management skills, and experience in negotiating/facilitating conflict resolutions will contribute to the development of sound public policy and administration of effective programs.

PROFILE:

Eight years broad-based experience in developing and implementing local, state and federal programs. Noted for ability to analyze the policy and political implications of legislative and executive branch programs/acts. Excell in working with all levels of government, community groups and private interests to resolve problems and negotiate/advance client's position. Thorough knowledge of administrative functions of program development and implementation. Strong writing, verbal and mediation skills.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

STATE OF ALASKA

1976 - Present

Associate Director for Fisheries and the Environment.

Washington, D.C. (6/83 - present)

Participation with State agencies in the development of policy on state/federal issues related to fisheries, environmental, oil and gas and coastal issues. Responsible for the advocacy of resultant position to the U.S. Congress and the Executive Branch of the Federal government. Examples of job responsibilities include:

- o Advocate changes to federal environmental law consistent with economic development and needed environmental protection for S.E. Alaska pulp mills.
- o Promote development of Alaskan fishing industry through joint ventures with Alaska fisherman; purchases of Alaskan produced product; elimination of foreign high seas salmon fishing; and implementation of reliable seafood inspection program.
- o Assure application of State and federal environmental law based on reliable data for the placer mining industry.
- o Maintain adequate environmental regulation of impacts to wetlands, while eliminating unnecessary administrative tasks on developers.
- o Promote oil and gas development through the federal 5 year OCS program at a pace compatible with State and local capabilities.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY (Continued):

Policy/Program Analyst II, Washington, D.C. (6/82 - 6/83)
 Chief lobbyist/political analyst for Governor on federal offshore oil and gas activities.

- o Support to Alaska Congressional delegation and House and Senate members on OCS revenue sharing legislation.
- o Technical Chairman of ad hoc Senate staff committee to develop and move legislation relating to revenue sharing.
- o Negotiator/mediator between Senate and House positions - identify and resolve potential conflicts.
- o Draft legislation proposals, analyze act from a political perspective, and disseminate/promote state's positions.

Deputy Coordinator, Office of Coastal Management, Juneau, Alaska (5/80 - 6/83)

Principal staff person directing the implementation of Alaska Coastal Management Program, with budgets exceeding \$5 Million.

- o Oversaw day-to-day operations including supervision of 16 people.
- o Drafted proposals, secured federal grants, and managed all fiscal aspects of programs.
- o Promoted state management programs through extensive local testimony, appearances before community groups and educational workshops.
- o Responsible for implementation of regulatory aspects of programs.

Associate State-Federal Coordinator, Office of the Governor, Juneau, Alaska (2/78 - 5/80)

Assisted Federal-State Coordinator in implementing federal OMB's A-95 circular.

- o Developed state's coastal management consistency process for implementation of regulatory aspects of program.
- o Devised data filing and retrieval systems.
- o Developed positions for the Governor on federal issues of state-wide significance.

Associate Coordinator, Office of Drug Abuse, Juneau, Alaska (11/76 - 7/77)

Developed and implemented state drug abuse plans through grant-in-aid programs.

- o Evaluated local programs for effectiveness and monitored grant compliance.
- o Acted as federal liaison and in-state trainer for state drug abuse personnel training.
- o Liaison to state-wide advisory board.
- o Responsible for fiscal budget exceeding \$1 Million.

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

FRIMDAHL PRODUCTIONS, INC., Washington, D.C. 6/28 - 7/83

Vice President.

Develop film concepts and generate capital funds for independent film and video production company.

- o Interact with funding sponsors and creative production personnel.
- o Produced film photo documentary "Washington, The Capitol."

PRIVATE PRACTICE IN COUNSELING, Juneau, Alaska 11/76 - 5/82

Private practice included individual, marital and family counseling.

- o Contractual services to the Alaska Correctional Institution.
- o University instructor of various courses in psychology.
- o Community training, education and organizing.

ALCOHOLISM CENTRAL AGENCY, Juneau, Alaska 12/75 - 11/76

Drug, Alcohol and Youth Counselor.

CONSULTANT, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Washington 1973

Production Manager.

Supervised all financial activities, and coordinated production aspects of restoration and completion of Edward Curtis' 1914 film on Northwest Coastal Indians "In the Land of the War Canoes."

- o Received National Endowment for the Arts grant.

EDUCATION:

MASTER OF ARTS, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY 1975
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

BACHELOR OF ARTS, ECONOMICS 1970
Rice University, Houston, TX
o National Merit Scholar.

Attended University of Texas for one year majoring in psychology in 1972.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- Aiding Women Against Rape Emergencies (AWARE), Founding Board Member, 1978 - 1982
- City and Borough of Juneau Youth Advisory Board, 1977 - 1980
- Women & Juveniles Community Detention Center Board (Chair) 1978 - 1982
- Capitol Community Broadcasting Advisory Board, 1978 - 1982
 - o Produced and co-hosted weekly news and analysis public radio show, 1979 - 1982
- Alaska homeowner, 1978 - 1984

References Available Upon Request



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2/5/85

BILL ROSS

CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

HOUSE RESOURCES

THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE WILL BE HOLDING CONFIRMATION HEARINGS ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. BILL ROSS AS COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION BY GOVERNOR BILL SHEFFIELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 1985.

MR. ROSS WILL BE OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT A STATEMENT TO THE COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS WILL THEN BE ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS OF MR. ROSS. AFTER QUESTIONS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS, IT IS MY INTENTION TO AFFORD MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD CARE TO TESTIFY TIME TO OFFER THEIR COMMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE. AT THE CLOSE OF PUBLIC COMMENT THE COMMITTEE WILL ONCE AGAIN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO MR. ROSS SHOULD THEY FEEL THE NEED.

AT THE CLOSE OF COMMITTEE DISCUSSION IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE CHAIRMAN TO GAIN A SENSE OF THE COMMITTEE AS TO THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL MEETINGS UPON THE MATTER OF CONFIRMATION. TO WHATEVER EXTENT THERE CONTINUES TO EXIST CONCERNS OR UNANSWERED QUESTIONS, I FEEL THAT IT WILL BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC TO ALLOW AS MUCH TIME AS PRACTICAL.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dick".



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MEMORANDUM

TO: HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: REPRESENTATIVE DICK SHULTZ, CO-CHAIRMAN *DS*

DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 1985

RE: CONFIRMATION HEARINGS FOR MR. BILL ROSS

Due to circumstances beyond our control there will be a great deal of interest focused on the confirmation hearing taking place on Monday, February 11th for Mr. Ross. Consequently we as a committee will be dealing with a very crowded committee room and the accompanying pressures of heavy media coverage.

In fairness to Mr. Ross, the public, and the media I would ask that members arrive promptly and that any special requests that might require a change in committee procedure be made to me in advance of the meeting for consideration.

As a matter of procedure, Mr. Ross will be allowed time to deliver a statement to the committee. Members of the committee will then be allowed the opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Ross. Members of the public who wish to offer their comments will then be allowed time to do so. In the interest of time and as a courtesy to those testifying I would ask that members hold their questions until public testimony is completed. At the end of the public comment period members will have an additional opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Ross.

Thank you.

Dick