

Blatchford

Confirmation



Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives Community & Regional Affairs

April 25, 1991

The House Community & Regional Affairs Committee has considered recommendations in a confirmation hearing for Edgar Blatchford as Commissioner of the Department of Community & Regional Affairs.

CONFIRM

DO NOT CONFIRM

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

<i>Richard [Signature]</i>	_____	_____
<i>Keith Phillips</i>	_____	_____
<i>Betty Davis</i>	_____	_____
<i>Jerry [Signature]</i>	_____	_____
<i>Jerry M.</i>	_____	_____
<i>Cheri Davis</i>	_____	_____
<i>John C. Douglas</i>	_____	_____

Jerry M.
Rep. Jerry Mackie, Chairman

Resumé
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- Experience:** 1990 (July 1) – present: Editor/Publisher, "The Tundra Drums", the most widely distributed weekly newspaper serving the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.
- 1989 (April) – present: Chairman of the Board, Chugach Alaska Corporation. Responsible for implementing all corporate policies both public and private. A full-time position.
- 1984 – present: Editor/Publisher, "The Seward Phoenix Log", a weekly award-winning newspaper serving the people of the Eastern Kenai Peninsula.
- 1979 – 1985: President or chairman of the board of Chugach Alaska Corporation, an Alaska Native regional corporation. Served as the board's principal negotiator during the land settlement process. CAC received \$12 million and 372,000 acres as a result of 1982 agreement. Principal spokesman for company.
- 1969 – 1979: Worked construction out of the Local 302, International Union of Operating Engineers hall – Amchitka, Adak, Cold Bay, Dillingham, Anchorage, Crooked Creek, Valdez, Tonsina, and Glennallen.
- Education:** M.S. (journalism), Columbia University, New York, New York, 1988.
J.D. (law), University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington, 1976.
B.A. (social sciences), Alaska Methodist University, Anchorage, Alaska, 1973.
Diploma, Seward High School, Seward, Alaska, 1969.
- Affiliations:** Present: Trustee, board of trustees – Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage, Alaska (second, three-year term).
Director, board of directors – Chugach Alaska Corporation, Anchorage, Alaska (13 years).
- Past: Member – Alaska Land Use Council, Anchorage, Alaska.
Director, board of directors – Seward Senior Citizens, Seward, Alaska
Trustee, board of trustees – Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., Anchorage, Alaska
President – Alaska Methodist University/Alaska Pacific University Alumni Association, Anchorage, Alaska.

Memberships: National Newspaper Association
The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi
Alaska Press Club
Alaska Presswomen
Elks
Rotary International
Mt. Marathon Native Association
University of Washington Alumni Association
Seward Chamber of Commerce

**University
Activities:** Student Body President, AMU
Alaska Native Students Organization President, AMU
Cross-country Ski Team, AMU
Fund-raising Committee Chairman, AMU
Representative, Student Bar Association, UW
Graduation Committee Chairman, UW

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee Chairs and Committee Aides

FROM: Rep. Max Gruenberg, House Majority Leader *Max*
Rep. Johnny Ellis, Chair, House Rules Committee *JE*

RE: Confirmation Hearings

DATE: March 25, 1991

We have been working to develop comprehensive hearings for Governor Hickel's commissioner appointees. This is the first time in years that there has been such a wholesale changeover in the administration of state government. These appointments can have a far-reaching effect on the future of our state, making it critically important that the legislature do a thorough job in our constitutional duty to confirm these individuals.

We have developed the following list of suggestions to assist you in gathering the information necessary to better understand the qualifications of these individuals and their plans for the departments they head. If you have additional suggestions, please share them with us and the other committee chairs and aides.

- 1) Review the resumes of the appointees as an avenue for further background checks on their qualifications for the job.
- 2) Review the Cowper Transition Report for issues of importance to the department that the commissioner-appointee should address.
- 3) Contact the previous commissioners (some are still in Juneau) for issues they think are important for the new commissioner to address.
- 4) There are some questions you may want to ask of the appointee in writing before the hearing so that you will not get a typical, "I'll have to get back to you later on that" response.
- 5) There are probably other legislators not on your committee who have significant knowledge about the relevant department. You should encourage them to attend the hearing and ask questions.

6) There may be other legislators who will not be able to attend the hearing, but will want to know what transpired during the proceedings before making a decision on a confirmation vote. For this reason we encourage you to prepare prompt and comprehensive committee minutes. Minutes will also be important for reference in case there occur future misunderstandings about a commissioner's plans for the department.

7) Informing the public is also a critically important function of the confirmation hearings. It is a good idea to notify the news media in advance of the hearings and to provide them with background information on each appointee. You may also wish to issue a news release after the hearings to explain committee deliberations and final action.

Please feel free to contact Terence O'Malley in Max's office at x4968 for help on press relations. Jim Nordlund in Johnny's office at x3764 and Mark Handley in Max's office at x4968 are also available to assist you in locating information and preparing questions for the hearings.

Good luck with your hearings.



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CONFIRMATION HEARING SCHEDULE

REVISED April 3, 1991
Changed dates indicated by *

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>
Glenn Olds	C&ED	L & C	Apr. 4 1:00 pm
Ted Mala	H & SS	HESS	Apr. 8 8:00 am
Lloyd Hames	Corrections	HESS	Apr. 9 8:00 am
* Nancy Usera	Labor	L & C	Apr. 9 1:00 pm
Charles Cole	Law	Judiciary	Apr. 10 1:30 pm
Harold Heinze	Nat. Resources	Resources	Apr. 16 3:00 pm
Lloyd Hames	Corrections	Judiciary	Apr. 17 1:30 pm
Millet Keller	Admin.	S. Affairs	Apr. 22 8:30 am
* John Sandor	Env. Conser.	Resources	Apr. 25 3:00 pm
Richard Burton	P. Safety	S. Affairs	Apr. 29 8:30 am
Edgar Blatchford	C&RA	C&RA	TBA
* Lee Fisher	Revenue	Finance	TBA

Note: Hearings for Commissioners-designate Hugh Cox of Military and Veterans Affairs, Frank Turpin of Transportation, and Carl Rosier of Fish and Game have already occurred. There will be a second hearing for Lee Fisher of Revenue.