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COMMISSIONER PAUL FUHS

Paul Fuhs was appointed as Acting Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCED) by Governor Walter J. Hickel in July of 1992. Commissioner Fuhs began state service as the Director of Economic Development in DCED during March of 1991, after holding the office of Mayor of Unalaska/Dutch Harbor from 1985. Prior to his appointment as Commissioner, Fuhs held the position of Legislative Liaison to the Governor during the Seventeenth Legislature.

He brings a unique perspective towards state government as a result of his diverse background. His previous occupations include being a commercial fisherman, a Military Intelligence Agent for the Army, a lobbyist, a laborer in various areas of construction, a union organizer and he owned his own business specializing in underwater demolition/construction/explosive consulting.

Commissioner Fuhs' roles in various civic and service organizations illustrate his community involvement. His founding roles alone include Co-Chairman of Ports Alaska, President of Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference, Board Member of the Foundation for Social Innovation, Board Member of Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, Vice President for the Coalition for Economic Justice, Board Member of the Bering Sea Marine Institute and Co-Chairman for the University of Alaska, Anchorage, Tanaina Child Development Center.

As Commissioner, his position encompasses the following boards and commissions:

Aerospace Development Corporation

Alaska Energy Authority

Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority

Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

Coastal Policy Council

Governor's Tourism Coordinating Committee

Health Resource & Access Task Force

Marine Pilots

Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute Board

Royalty Oil and Gas Development Advisory Board

State Bond Committee

Student Loan Corporation

Recognition for his outstanding contributions include the 1990 Elected Official of the Year from the Alaska Municipal League, and most recently the 1992 Maritime Person of the Year from the Alaska Propellor Club.

RESUME

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Date of birth: March 27, 1949
Marital Status: Married, 2 children
Health: Excellent

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Commissioner, Department of Commerce and Economic Development, July 1992 to present, directing Alaska's business regulatory, economic development, and international trade programs.

Senior Legislative Liaison, Office of the Governor, January 1992 to July 1992, Chief Lobbyist for Governor Hickel during the 17th Alaska Legislative Session.

State of Alaska, Director of Economic Development, March 1991 to January 1992, coordinating Alaska's economic diversification program.

Bering Sea Marine Institute, 1989 to Feb. 1991, Executive Director, raising funds overseeing construction, and organizing research program.

Aleutian Explosives, 1983-1991, Owner, commercial diving, underwater demolitions and construction, rock blasting, disposal of hazardous materials, explosives consulting.

International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, 1982-Feb 1981, Gang boss, container crane operator, tractor/trailer driver.

Single Side Band, 1985-present, synthesizer programmer and player, guitarist, vocals, electronic effects, recording for 5 piece dance band.

ILWU, 1980-1983, Union organizer, successfully organized longshoremen and cannery workers, represented workers before NLRB, OSHA, negotiated contracts, etc.

Laborer's Local 341, 1971-1980, Crane operator, logger, powderman, concrete laborer and other duties associated with large building and pipeline construction.

Youth Alternative Services Network, 1976-1977, Information systems specialist, newspaper editor.

Commercial Fisherman, 1973-1974, gillnet fishing in Bristol Bay.

Lobbyist, 1973, lobbied on transferability aspects of Alaska's salmon limited entry system and supported the trans-Canada pipeline option for Prudhoe Bay oil production.

United States Army, 1969-1971, Military Intelligence Agent, North Vietnamese linguist, honorable discharge.

ELECTED POSITIONS, COMMISSIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

City of Unalaska/Dutch Harbor, Mayor, 1985-Feb. 1991.

Ports Alaska, founding Co-Chairman, 1988-1990, coalition of Alaskan ports organized for marketing, port personnel training and port development.

Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference, founding President, 1986-1988, coalition of Southwest Alaska communities focused on fisheries development issues.

Alaska Mariculture Association, founding President, 1986-1990, association organized to promote favorable legislation and provide technical assistance to the Alaska mariculture industry.

Foundation for Social Innovation, Alaska, Director of Business Relations, 1988 to present, founding Board Member, initiating and supervising business relations between the USSR and Alaska, including cultural and educational programs.

Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, Vice President, founding board member, 1984-1988, organization provides support for victims of abuse and educates for prevention of abuse; instructor for self-defense for women.

Alaska Municipal League, Board of Directors, 1987-present.

University of Alaska, Anchorage, Tanaina Child Development Center, founding Co-Chairman, established child care and student practicum center, wrote grants, hired director, etc.

Coalition for Economic Justice, founding Vice President, organization composed of 19 minority and community action organizations focused on low income residents, community economic development, in Anchorage.

Health Planning: Anchorage Borough Health Board, State Health Plan Task Force, Alaska State Comprehensive Health Planning Commission.

Education: UAA Academic Affairs Board, Anchorage Community College Presidential Search Committee, University of Alaska Presidential Search Committee.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS ACTING COMMISSIONER OF COMMERCE:

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Royalty Oil and Gas Development Advisory Board

State Bond Committee

Student Loan Corporation

CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES:

1991 Northern Forum, Special Projects coordinator for Secretariat of 11 nation Northern Regions organization

1990 Northern Regions Conference, 11 nation conference, Moderator on Northern Communications and Transportation

1990 Celebration of 30 years of Alaskan Statehood, Speaker on "Alaska, the next 30 years."

1989 Alaska Federation of Natives, Economic Development Summit, Panelist on "Identifying Economic Development Options in Rural Alaska"

1989 Conference on Pacific Rim Fisheries: Business Development and Policy, Panelist on "Alaska's Role in International Fisheries Policy"

1988 Alaska Municipal League Annual Conference, Panel Chair on "Economic Development Strategies for Municipal Governments"

1988 North and Northwest Mayor's Conference, Speaker on "Environmental Protection and Enforcement of the MARPOL Treaty in the Bering Sea"

1988 Financing Community Development: A Blueprint for Tomorrow, Fairbanks, Alaska Speaker on "Making the Most of Your Local Assets"

1987 Symposium on Alaska Bottomfish Development, Unaiaka, Conference Coordinator.

1978 Conference on Multinational Corporations and the Future of Alaska, Conference Coordinator.

1977 World Hunger Education and Action Conference, Anchorage, Discussion leader on "Alaska's Creative Response to World Hunger"

1972 Democratic National Convention, Delegate, member of Rules Committee.

AWARDS:

1982 Alaska Propeller Club, Maritime Person of the Year

1990 Alaska Municipal League, Elected Official of the Year

CERTIFICATIONS:

Alaska Explosives Handlers License
Emergency Medical Technician
Dive Rescue Specialist
Public Safety Diver
Advanced Open Water Diver