

Confirmation

Harry Noah

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HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE REPORT

January 24, 1994

REGARDING THE CONFIRMATION OF HARRY NOAH
AS COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The House Resources Committee has considered the confirmation of the appointment of Harry Noah as commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. The recommendations of the members of the committee are as follows:

Committee Member	Recommendation
Carl Bunde	Confirm
Edwin H. ...	Confirm
John ...	No Rec
Edward ...	No Rec
...	D. P. confirm
...	D. P. Confirm
Bill Hudson	Do Confirm.
W. K. Williams	DO PASS

Signed,

W. K. Williams

Rep. Bill Williams, Chairman

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HARRY A. NOAH
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Employment Experience

February 1981 to
Present

NOAH GROUP, Anchorage, Alaska
Principal

Since 1981, Mr. Noah has worked in a number of long-term management contract positions for private industry. Major activities have included the management of environmental permit processes (both project start-up and closure) for large and controversial resource development projects throughout the western United States and Alaska. These projects have included new mines, LNG facilities, seaport and hydroelectric projects. Specific projects include the Trans-Alaska Natural Gas pipeline project, Ft. Knox, Red Dr., and Greens Creek mines.

April 1984 to
May 1986

ENERGY STREAM, INC., Anchorage, Alaska
Managing Partner

ESI was established to develop small hydroelectric projects in Alaska. The company analyzed a range of potential sites in the state and determined the 13 most viable locations. Two run of river projects were acquired by ESI at Pyramid and Power creeks. Mr. Noah was responsible for all site acquisition, permitting and power sales agreement negotiations. The steep decline in oil prices in 1986 ultimately made the projects financially unattractive.

December 1978 to
January 1981

OTT WATER ENGINEERS, Redding, California/Anchorage, Alaska
Senior Environmental Planner

Responsibilities included project management of the firm's major environmental projects. Projects included the Grey Eagle Mine, Fourth of July Creek Port project, and the Mt. Shasta Ski Area project.

January 1977 to
November 1978

TERRA SCAN, Eureka and Redding, California
Office Manager/Senior Planner

Responsibilities have included the management of the Terra Scan office in Redding, California, supervising a staff of five professional and two support personnel. Primary functions involved business development and project management. Major projects included the Independence Lake Ski Area project and development of the Sierra Brooks Subdivision EIR.

October 1975 to
January 1977

COOS-CURRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT, North Bend, Oregon
Planner II (Land Use)

Assumed the responsibilities of Planner in charge of the development of comprehensive land use plans for the cities of North Bend, Myrtle Point, and Powers, Oregon. Each process included extensive public involvement, development of planning policies and strategies, and the analysis of zoning ordinances to determine compliance with the comprehensive plan as part of the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Program.

Educational Background

B.S. Natural Resources Management
California State University, Humboldt
1975

Personal Data

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Explanation of Individual Project Responsibilities

Position: Manager Environmental Affairs
Project: Trans-Alaska Gas System
Client: Yukon Pacific Corporation
Location: Anchorage, Alaska

2/86 to Present Since 1986, Mr. Noah has acted as the in-house manager of the permit acquisition program for the Trans-Alaska Gas Pipeline Project (TAGS). The position has been maintained on a long-term contract basis. The project will entail the development of a 797 mile long chilled natural gas pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez, Alaska. At Valdez, a liquified natural gas (LNG) facility would be constructed to reduce the gas to liquid form to allow the cost effective shipping of natural gas to Asian markets. Phase I of this project entailed completion of the project EIS and acquisition of federal and state pipeline rights-of-way. In addition, Phase I included the acquisition of a jurisdictional determination from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and negotiations with the Department of Energy (DOE) on the acquisition of an export license for the natural gas. Mr. Noah was responsible for all aspects of the effort to obtain the rights-of-way and the EIS. Mr. Noah is currently finalizing the FERC Section 3 approval process for the Anderson Bay LNG facility.

Position: Environmental Coordinator
Project: Red Dog Mine
Client: Cominco, Anchorage, Alaska
Location: Noatak District, Alaska

9/81 to 12/85 The Red Dog project entailed the development of a major new lead/zinc mine in northwestern Alaska. The project involved the development of a new mine, mill complex, tailings dam, housing support facilities, and access road. The project also required the development of 25 miles of road within Cape Krusenstern National Monument. In September of 1985, congressional approval was granted to construct the road. Mr. Noah's duties on this project included responsibility for all environmental permitting activities related to the environmental baseline program, EIS development, budget control, and representation of the project before government agencies and special interest groups. In addition, Mr. Noah was responsible for preparation of all documentation for the Title XI process of ANILCA and representation of Cominco in Washington, D.C. in the lobbying effort to obtain congressional approval of the road route through the national monument. Major permit approvals were granted to allow the project to proceed and the mine has been in operation for a number of years.

Explanation of Individual Project Responsibilities - Continued

Position: Environmental Coordinator
Project: Greens Creek Mine
Client: Noranda Mining, Denver, Colorado
Location: Admiralty Island, Alaska (Juneau, Alaska)

12/79 to 9/81 The Greens Creek project involved the development of a 1,200 ton per day silver/zinc mine within the Admiralty Island National Monument located in southeastern Alaska. This project represents the first new mine to gain permit approval within a national monument since the national environmental laws were passed in 1969. Major regulator approvals have been granted to allow construction of this project. Mr. Noah's duties included direct responsibility for all permitting activities to the point of issuance of major permits, EIS development, involvement with project planning, and representation of the project before government agencies and special interest groups.

Major Consulting Projects

Project: Ft. Knox Gold Mine
Client: Amax Gold
Location: Fairbanks, Alaska

Mr. Noah has been responsible for development of the project permitting strategies, negotiations with individual agencies in regard to permit stipulations and the management of environmental consulting firms which are providing the specific data needed to permit the project.

Project: Fourth of July Creek Port Complex
Client: City of Seward, Alaska
Location: Seward, Alaska

The Fourth of July Creek project entailed the development of a major industrial port complex. The complex will ultimately involve over 750 acres and include a new shipping dock, and ship handling facilities. Mr. Noah was in charge of the OTT engineer project team with responsibility for permit acquisition and preparation of the EIS. The project was permitted within eight months from the initiation of the team's work. The project is complete.

Project: Grey Eagle Mine
Client: Noranda Mining, Denver, Colorado
Location: Happy Camp, California

The Grey Eagle Mine project involved the development of a new open pit mine within a designated wild and scenic river area of northern California. The project entailed the construction of a 450-foot high tailing dam, access roads, open pit, and concentrator. Mr. Noah's duties were project management of the OTT engineer team which prepared site plans, the EIR, and all permit-related documents. The project represented one of the first joint U.S. Forest Service and county permitting processes in California.

Major Consulting Projects - Continued

Project: First Federal Savings & Loan - Disposal of Excess Properties
Client: Real Estate Division, First Federal Savings & Loan
Location: Redding, California

Mr. Noah's involvement with First Federal was with respect to planning and aiding in disposal of properties owned by the savings & loan. Primary activities included site planning for this firm's lands, which were scheduled for future subdivision and sale. This contract was for a term of one year, at the end of which the majority of properties were available for sale.

Project: Chichagof Mine
Client: John Hire, Exvenco
Location: Sitka, Alaska

The Chichagof Mine will entail the development of a high-grade gold mine on patented claims surrounded by the Chichagof Wilderness Area. Duties have included representation of the client before resource agencies and preparation of environmental documentation. Consulting activities are currently ongoing.

Project: Black Bird Mine
Client: Noranda Mining, Denver, Colorado
Location: Salmon, Idaho

The Black Bird project entailed the development of an underground cobalt mine adjacent to the River of No Return Wilderness Area. Mr. Noah's duties included initiation of the permit process for Noranda Mining, and specifically recommending strategies for permit acquisition and advising the project staff on EIS development.

Project: Mt. Shasta Ski Area
Client: Ski Shasta Corporation
Location: Mt. Shasta City, California

This project called for the expansion of an existing ski area on Mt. Shasta. Mr. Noah represented Ski Shasta Corporation before the U.S. Forest Service and special interest groups.

Project: Independence Lake Ski Area
Client: Walt Disney Corporation
Location: Sierra County, California

The Walt Disney Corporation proposed the development of a \$120 million ski area north of Lake Tahoe, California for which preparation Mr. Noah was in charge of the Terra Scan team retained to develop a joint EIS/EIR for the project. This project did not proceed past the initial planning stages.

Major Consulting Projects - Continued

Project: Sierra Brooks Subdivision
Client: Sierra County
Location: North of Lake Tahoe, California

Mr. Noah was in charge of the Terra Scan team that prepared an EIR on a 614-unit, second home subdivision proposed by Occidental Petroleum Company for an area north of Lake Tahoe, California.

Project: AJ Gold Mine
Client: Echo Bay Mines
Location: Juneau, Alaska

Mr. Noah was responsible for preparing the initial data submittals, environmental consultant management and negotiation with individual resource agencies on permit stipulations for this project.

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Born November 18, 1950, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Resident of Alaska since 1980. Attended California State University, Humboldt, B.S. Natural Resources Management. Married: wife, Claire McLaughlin.

Managed environmental programs for major resource development projects located in the western United States. Projects included: Greens Creek Mine, Red Dog Mine, Trans-Alaska Natural Gas System.

Appointed July 1, 1993.