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EDGAR

BLATCHFORD





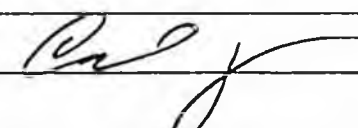
CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Action date: 02-06-03

In accordance with AS 39.05.020, the Community and Regional Affairs Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following Governor's appointee and recommends that this name be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Commissioner - Department of Community and Economic Development
Edgar Blatchford
Appointed: 01/18/2003

This does not reflect intent by any of the members to vote for or against this individual during any further sessions for the purposes of confirmation.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
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Tom Anderson	ANDERSON
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Please return to the Chief Clerk's office.



Alaska State Legislature

House Committee on Community and Regional Affairs

Representative Carl Morgan, Chair

State Capitol Building, Room 408

Juneau, AK 99801

907-465-3882

AGENDA

State Capitol 124

8:00 am -- 10:00 am

1. Call to Order

Today's date is February 6th, 2003

The time is 8 am

2. Representative Kookesh, has been excused.

3. Conformation of Commissioner for the Department of Community and Economic:

Edgar Blatchford

Ask Commissioner Blatchford to give a brief overview of experience and qualifications followed by questions and comments from the committee members

4. Next weeks meetings:

Tuesday

- Overview of the Department of Community and Economic Development

Wednesday (Held in Senate Finance Room)

- Joint Meeting with Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee to review Local Boundary Commission's Annual Report
Members: Please review the report before next Wednesday's meeting and prepare any questions or comments you wish to discuss.

Thursday

- Overview of the Denali Commission

5. Other Business

6. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER EDGAR BLATCFORD
CONFIRMATION HEARINGS
02/06/2003

Request the Commissioner make an opening statement to the committee.

QUESTIONS:

1. In your view, what role can DCED have in bringing public services to rural communities?
2. What can DCED do to work with ANCSA corporations and entities to promote Economic Development?
3. How is DCED going to assist fishing communities in selling and processing their fish in the upcoming season given the Wards Cove plant closing?
4. What steps is DCED going to take to increase Alaska's export and trade?
5. What can the Division of Investments do to provide loans to small communities for start-up business ventures?
6. What are your plans to promote fair and consistent regulatory environment for business in the State of Alaska?
7. What can DCED do to encourage companies to make investments in Alaska?
8. Is there a need for regulatory reform within the Insurance Regulations and will that assist in the business environment in Alaska?
9. What is your outlook on the consolidation of Community and Regional Affairs with Commerce and Economic Development?



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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 24, 2003
To: Representative Morgan
From: Suzi Lowell *SL*
Chief Clerk
Subject: Governor's Appointments

Speaker Kott referred the following Governor's appointment to the Community and Regional Affairs Committee:

Commissioner - Department of Community and Economic Development
Edgar Blatchford
Appointed: 01/18/2003

The resume and committee report are attached for your use.

Attachments as noted

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Juris Doctor, School of Law, University of Washington, 1976 .
Masters of Journalism, Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia
University in the City of New York, 1988.

Teaching

A. Teaching Experience

- * University of Alaska Anchorage, Department of Journalism and Public Communications, Associate Professor, July 2002 to current.
- o Affiliate Professor, College of Rural Alaska, University of Alaska Fairbanks, September 2000 to present.
- o University of Alaska Anchorage, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism and Public Communications and Alaska Native Studies, August 1999 to June 2002.
- o University of Alaska Anchorage, Department of Journalism and Public Communications, Assistant Professor, August 1995 to August 1999.

- University of Alaska Fairbanks, College of Rural Alaska, Visiting Assistant Professor, January 1995 to June 1995.
- Alaska Pacific University, School of Liberal Arts, Adjunct Professor, August 1978 to May 1979.

B. Advisor

- Alaska Native Oratory Society, January 2001 to current.
- *The Northern Light*, August 1999 to current.
- Public Relations Students Society of America, August 1995 to May 1999.

C. Classes Taught (Partial List)

- Journalism: JPC 101 Introduction to Mass Communications, JPC A201 Writing for Media, JPC 212 Editing, JPC 320 Principles of Public Relations, JPC 330 Advanced Public Relations, JPC A413 Communications Law, AKNS A490 History of Alaska Media, 1995 to present.
- Alaska Native Studies: AKNS A490 Selected Topics: Political Communications, AKNS A490 Selected Topics: The Corporations, AKNS A346 Alaska Native Politics, 1998 to present.

Service

A. Elected Government

- Mayor, City of Seward, Alaska, October 1999 to current.
- Vice Mayor, City of Seward, Alaska, December 1998 to October 1999.
- Council, City of Seward, Alaska, October 1996 to October 1999.
- Legislative Committee, Alaska Municipal League, November 1998 to present.

B. Appointed Government

- Governor's Cabinet, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs, January 1991 to December 1995.

- Board of Directors, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, June 1992 to December 1994.
- Board of Directors, Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, May 1991 to December 1994.
- Board of Directors, Alaska Energy Authority, May 1991 to June 1993.
- Board of Directors, State Geographic Names Board, January 1991 to June 1993.
- Board of Directors, Alaska Bond Bank Authority, January 1991 to December 1994.
- Member, Older Alaskans Commission, January 1991 to December 1994.
- Chair, Alaska State Rural Development Council, January 1992 to December 1994.
- Board of Directors, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, January 1991 to December 1994.
- Telecommunications Information Council, January 1991 to December 1994.
- Chair, Community Development Quota Group, March 1991 to December 1994.
- Chair, Rural Development Sub-cabinet, March 1991 to December 1994..

C. University Service (Sample List)

- Alaska Native Lecture Series Committee, November 2001 to June 2002.
- Women Warriors: Healing and Reconciliation Committee, October 2001 to April 2002.
- Member, JPC Public Relations Search Committee, January to May 2001.
- Dedicator, Tsunami Warning Center, City of Seward, January 2002.
- Reviewer, University of Alaska Anchorage Proposal for a Masters of Public Health in Public Health Practice (for Lawrence D. Weiss, Ph.D.), January 2002
- Panelist, Forum on Academic Freedom, November 2001.
- Guest Lecturer, Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, JPC 490, April 2002.
- Guest Lecturer, Natives of Alaska, Anth 200, April 1998.

- **Guest Lecturer (Questions and Answers), Diversity in Your Backyard: How Alaska Media Report on Minority and Native Affairs, JPC Forum, October 1999.**
- **Multi-cultural Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 1995-1996.**
- **Alaska Native Students Services Selection Committee, 1995-1997.**

D. Alaska Native Community Service (Sample List)

- **Panelist, National Summit on Emerging Tribal Economies, September 2002.**
- **Lecturer, Cross Cultural Orientation, Southcentral Foundation/Alaska Native Medical Center, November 2001.**
- **Subsistence Committee, Alaska Federation of Natives, December 1998 to present.**
- **Board of Directors, Chugach Alaska Corporation, 1977-1978, 1979-1982, 1983-1987, 1988-1991, 1997-2000, 2001 to present.**
- **Consultant, Adviser or Council member, Qutekeak Native Tribe, June 1996 to present.**
- **Panelist, Alaska Federation of Natives Political Leadership Meeting, May 1999.**
- **Lecturer, Chugachmuit Curriculum Project, Seward Middle/High School, September 1999.**
- **Panelist, Seward Unitarian Universalists Winter Forums on Cultural Diversity and Awareness, Alaska Natives and Intercultural Communication, October 1999.**

Professional Development

A. Native Corporation

- **Director, Advanced Concepts in Education (Palmer Job Corps Center), December 1997 to 2000.**
- **Director, Chugach Development Corporation, February 2002 to present.**

B. Newspapers

- Editor/Publisher, *The Seward Phoenix Log*, February 1984 to December 1990.
- Editor/Publisher, *The Tundra Drums*, March 1987 to (inactive status January to March 1991) March 1991.
- President, Alaska Newspapers, Inc., March 1987 to (inactive status January to March 1991) March 1991.
- Board of Directors, Alaska Newspapers, Inc., March 1987 to present.
- Editorial Board, Alaska Newspapers, Inc., April 2000 to present.

C. University

- Panelist, *Anchorage Edition* (television public affairs program), February, March, April, May, June, July, August 2002.
- Lecturer, NRCS Employees Meeting, June 2002.
- Lecturer, Department of Interior (Anchorage office), April 2002.
- Panelist, 2002 Alaska Emergency Management Conference, April 2002.
- Lecturer, Emergency Preparation Class, April 2002.
- Lecturer, Grinnel College Visit to UAA, March 2002.
- Presenter, Kenai Peninsula 2001 Economic Outlook Forum, Kenai Peninsula College, November 2001.
- Presenter, Kenai Peninsula 2000 Economic Outlook Forum, November 1999.
- Panelist, University of Victoria, School of Public Administration, Aboriginal Governance Program, "Yukon Alaska conference Strategic Communications," June 1998.
- Panelist, University of Victoria, Faculty of Human and Social Development, Indigenous Governance Program, "Strategic Communications in Aboriginal Programs," June 1998
- Panelist, University of Victoria, Faculty of Human and Social Development, Indigenous Governance Program, "Strategic Communications in Aboriginal Programs," June 1999.
- University of Washington Conference on Trauma and Journalism, September 1997.
- Annual Meeting, Association for Educators in Journalism and Mass Communications, August 1999.
- Panelist, Second Annual Rural Economic Development Forum, November 1999.

Research/Creative Activity

A. University

- "Working Together to Make Changes in Your Community," 1997 to 1999.
- CYBERnet Links "Working Together To Make Changes in Your Community" to web site, June 2002.

B. Native Corporation

- Testimony, United States House of Representatives, Committee on Resources, July 1999.

C. Native Association

- Legislative Language (Assistance and Preparation) for the United States House of Representatives, Committee on Resources, Testimony Recognizing Qutekcak Native Tribe, February 1998.
- Negotiator, Qutekcak Native Tribe, "Assignment of Sublease and Agreement Between Qutekcak Native Tribe and the City of Seward for the Operation of the Seward Mariculture Research Center and Shellfish Hatchery," Summer 1997.

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