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February 26, 2003

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President of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear President Therriault:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Senate Resources Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration

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

Respectfully,

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## Senate

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February 20, 2003

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Senator Ogan, Chair  
Resources Committee

**FROM:** Kirsten Waid *KW*  
Secretary of the Senate

**SUBJECT:** Governor's Confirmations

Pursuant to AS 39.05.080, President Therriault has referred the following names for legislative confirmation to your committee for a hearing, recommendation and report:

#### Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Randy Ruedrich - Anchorage  
Appointed: 02/19/2003      Term Expires: 12/31/2006

Sarah H. Palin - Wasilla  
Appointed: 02/19/2003      Term Expires: 12/31/2008

KCW:sgf  
Resumes attached

# Sarah Palin

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## Yrs. Residency: 38

(Skagway, 5 yrs; Eagle River, 2 yrs; Mat-Su Valley, 31 yrs.)

## Education:

Wasilla High School, 1982 Graduate

University of Alaska

University of Idaho, 1987 Graduate - Bach. of Science Degree: Journalism

## Family:

Husband - Todd Falin

Children - Track; Bristol; Willow; Piper Indi

## Employment:

City of Wasilla, Mayor (Oct. 1996 - Oct. 2002): (Strong-Mayor form of government)  
Elected twice as head administrator in center of Alaska's fastest growing area.  
Responsible for city's Public Works Department, Finance Department, Wasilla Police Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Wasilla Public Library and Museum, Human Resources, and divisions within these departments. Focused on building city infrastructure (roads, water and sewer utilities expansions and improvements).  
Drafted, proposed and oversaw city budget (which included tax revenue, and borough, state and federal grants) to fund city services. Conducted public hearings, worksessions and training sessions for employees and public members. Worked extensively with other Mayors around the state as their elected President of Alaska Conference of Mayors. Worked closely and productively with Alaska Legislators, public servants, and private sector citizens. Had previously been elected to two terms on Wasilla City Council.

Commerical Fisherman: Dillingham. Worked seasonally (according to work schedule since the 80's) as seafood processor, deck hand or permit holder throughout fishing seasons in Dillingham. Family continues to fish in Bristol Bay.

KTUU, KIMO, KTVA, Frontiersman Newspaper: Anchorage and Mat-Su Valley.  
Sports reporter, sportscaster, assignment editor, proofreader for various media outlets.

Trouble Desk/Dispatcher: Matanuska Telephone Association, Palmer. Worked three seasons between college breaks as utility trouble desk operator and dispatcher for field operators. Multi-tasked duties utilizing various communications equipment, computer programs and office equipment. Ability to stay composed, diplomatic and friendly was a constant requirement when dealing with utility subscribers who needed assistance from the trouble desk.

Substitute Teacher: Mat-Su Borough School District. Filled in for teachers in various classes and grade levels during college breaks.

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**ARCTIC E&P ADVISORS**

President 1998-2002  
 Anchorage, Alaska

Developing exploration, production and pipeline concepts; preliminary and detailed operating plans and permit applications to commercialize Alaskan petroleum prospects for investors and independent producers. Conducting economic evaluations for various oil field service and development activities. Complied technical and operational drilling history for ARCO Alaska.

**DOYON DRILLING INC.**

General Manager 1994-1998  
 Anchorage, Alaska

Managed Alaska's second largest drilling contractor. Implemented HSE Management System that reduced Lost Time Incident Rate by more than fifty percent in four years and established auditable environmental compliance policy. Increased rig fleet 25%, doubled company's active client base and increased earnings nearly fifty percent in the inelastic North Slope Market.

**ARCO Shabwa Inc.**

Operations Manager 1992-1994  
 Sana'a, Yemen

Managed the startup and operations of Russian oil field in central Yemen. Project scope included constructing production facility, commissioning field, pipeline, and marine terminal, drilling three exploration wells and conducting two years of daily production operations.

Incorporated Russian technology eliminating 75% of redevelopment capital budget. Eliminated numerous "nice to have" operations and maintenance concepts that decreased annual O & M budget from \$30 MM to \$12 MM.

**ARCO British Limited**

Operations Manager 1988-1992  
 Guildford, Surrey, United Kingdom

Directed North Sea operations from a single platform/occasional drilling rig entity to prosperous enterprise with four operating mobile marine drilling rigs and four producing platforms. Earnings grew from less than \$40 MM in 1988 to more than \$100 MM in 1991 and 1992. Prior to my UK assignment, a severe well control incident had placed ARCO's viability as a UK operating company in question.

My contributions to this turnaround were:

- ◆ Managed the fatal accident inquiry into the causes of the blowout to establish the most favorable scenario that lead up to the fire. The UK Department of Energy has positively acknowledged the successful defense by awarding 9 exploration licenses to ARCO British.
- ◆ Successfully drilled first ultra high temperature/high pressure discovery well under new UK HP/HT regulations. Another operator drilled delineation well for more than twice our cost.
- ◆ Optimized production operations during four budget cycles to decrease O&M cost per MCF by forty percent.

**ARCO Alaska Inc**  
Drilling Manager 1983-1988  
Anchorage, Alaska

- ◆ Managed ARCO's largest drilling organization in the mid-80's with responsibilities for all Alaskan drilling and workover activities. Annual capital budgets exceeded \$400 MM while workover and stimulation budgets exceeded \$50 MM.
- ◆ Reduced individual well costs by 60% by changing operational culture, employing new technology and motivating the staff to generate a continuous stream of enhancements.
- ◆ Drilled ultra low cost wells by partnering with drilling contractor to pay contractor a bonus for each extra well completed during a multiple year contract. ARCO saved \$8 MM on 24 incremental wells.

<b>ARCO OIL &amp; GAS</b>	<b>Dallas,</b>	<b>1981 - 1983</b>	<b>DIRECTOR DRILLING OPS</b>
<b>ARCO OIL &amp; GAS</b>	<b>Bakersfield</b>	<b>1978 - 1981</b>	<b>DRILLING SUPERINTENDENT</b>
<b>ARCO ALASKA INC.</b>	<b>North Slope</b>	<b>1975 - 1978</b>	<b>SENIOR DRILLING ENGINEER</b>
<b>ATLANTIC RICHFIELD</b>	<b>Plano</b>	<b>1969 - 1975</b>	<b>PR. RESEARCH ENGINEER</b>

**EDUCATION**

BS (HONORS), ME, Ph.D. CHEMICAL ENGINEERING  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND RECOGNITION**

Alaska State Chamber of Commerce	6 years
The Support Industry Alliance	7 years
International Association of Drilling Contractors	7 years
University of Alaska Petroleum Advisory Committee	4 years
Society of Petroleum Engineers	30 years
SPE Western Regional Distinguished Service Award	1988
ARCO Outstanding Technical Contribution Award	1980
Atlantic Federal Credit Union Director	14 Years

## **oil and gas conservation commission**

### **Commission History**

The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Act (1955) created the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC or Commission). The Commission was composed of the Governor of the Territory of Alaska, the Territorial Commissioner of Mines, and the Territorial Highway Engineer. Rules and regulations governing Commission activities became effective on October 1, 1958.

Under the State Organization Act of 1959, the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was abolished, its function and authority transferred to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mines and Minerals. A group within the department was designated to hold hearings and issue decisions on oil and gas matters. This group was the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Committee which consisted of the Director of the Division of Mines and Minerals (Chairman), the State Petroleum Geologist, the State Petroleum Engineer, and the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

In 1968 the Division of Oil and Gas was created within the Department on Natural Resources. The new division arose from the Petroleum Branch of the Division of Mines and Minerals. The Alaska Oil and Gas Committee was placed within the new division, and consisted of the Director, Chief Petroleum Geologist, and Chief Petroleum Engineer. In 1976 the word "conservation" was added to the division's title, and it became the Division of Oil and Gas Conservation.

With the advent of production from Prudhoe Bay in 1977, the Legislature became concerned that there was the appearance of a conflict of interest with the Department of Natural Resources, an owner of oil and gas rights, also acting as the regulator of other owners of oil and gas rights. To obviate its concern, the Legislature amended AS 31.05 by Chapter 158, SLA 1978 to restore the Commission, effective January 1, 1979, as an independent quasi-judicial agency within the executive branch of the state. Initially, the new Commission was housed within the Department of Natural Resources, but in 1980 it was transferred to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development. More recently, Governor Hickel transferred the Commission to the Department of Administration on February 17, 1994.

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#### Commissioner Terms of Office

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## **oil and gas conservation commission**

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### **Core Services**

- Prevent waste of Alaska's oil and gas resources
- Protect correlative rights of the mineral interest owner
- Maximize recovery of oil and gas for the benefit of Alaska's citizens
- Protect freshwater from contamination by oil/gas/mud during drilling, production, and abandonment operations
- Administer Alaska's Underground Injection Control program for oil and gas wells
- Inspect oil field drilling, production, metering, and abandonment activities
- Evaluate, modify, and approve drilling and workover operations
- Evaluate, modify, and approve oil pool development rules
- Adjudicate disputes between owners
- Maintain state production records
- Maintain well history files and well records

### **Customers**

- Oil and gas industry
- Alaska Department of Natural Resources
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- Concerned citizens and organizations
- Alaska Department of Revenue
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

### **General Functions**

### **Oversight and Surveillance Functions**

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