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Age:

60

Place of Birth:

Long Beach, CA

Spouse's Name:

Leslie Fields

Children's Names:

Naphtali, Noah, Isaac, Elisha, Abraham, Micah

Occupation:

Fisherman, attorney, consultant

Length of Residency in Alaska:

60 years

Alaskan Communities Lives In:

Kodiak 1956-1987
Anchorage 1987-1989
Kodiak 1989-2016

Education:

Kodiak Island Borough School District K-12
Cedarville College 1974-1979, Social Science, Magna Cum Laude, teaching certificate
University of Oregon 1982-85, Juris Doctorate

Political and Government Positions:

Kodiak Island School Board 2014-2016
North Pacific Fisheries Management Council 2007-2016
Alaska Seafood Marketing Board 2004-2007
Alaska Fisheries Marketing Board 2003-2006

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Legislative Joint Fisheries Task Force 2001-2003

Business and Professional Positions:

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| Commercial Fisherman | 1960-Present |
| Fields & Sons, Inc. (Owner/Operator) | 1980-Present |
| Kodiak Salmon Packers (Owner/processor) | 1982-2007 |
| Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition | 1997-present |
| Shoreside Consulting (Natural Resource Consultant) | 1996-Present |
| Jamin, Ebell Bolger & Gentry (attorney) | 1989-1996 |

Service Organization(s) Memberships:

United Fishermen of Alaska
Kodiak Livestock Co-op
Alaska Farm Bureau
Kodiak Soil and Water Conservation District
Rotary International
Kodiak Chamber of Commerce

Special Interests:

Wood working
Sailing
Antique Engines
Philosophy/Theology
Living off Grid
Baseball

Awards:

Alaska Federation of Natives – Denali Award 2004

Statement:

Alaska is suffering from economic gangrene. We've got to restore the blood flow to our budget, or we face economic amputation. Most Alaskans realize our state's cash emergency is life threatening. We must get past our inaction and cure the disease.

Alaska's path to recovery is relatively simple: increase revenue while keeping costs of state government at or below current levels. All revenue possibilities need to be on the table and all costs of state government need to be reviewed.

The State must create about \$3.2 billion dollars in new revenue to balance the budget. I like the approach of marrying the use of permanent fund earnings to expected oil revenues; with more oil revenue, less money is used from the permanent fund earnings.

The state's use of Permanent fund earnings should provide about half of our operating budget gap or \$1.6 -1.7 billion, with a portion of the remaining gap filled with revenue from a comparatively small personal income tax. An income tax captures non-resident earners, particularly in the oil and fishing industries. Any income tax should also be married to expected oil revenues.

In addition, Alaska's oil industry must contribute more toward a balanced budget through a combination of revised tax rates and reduced tax credits.

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What about State spending? Given our urban-focused legislature, it's likely that additional cuts will result in disproportionate harm to rural Alaska. I'd much rather focus on the revenue side and keep these essential services funded while being diligent to identify savings opportunities.



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