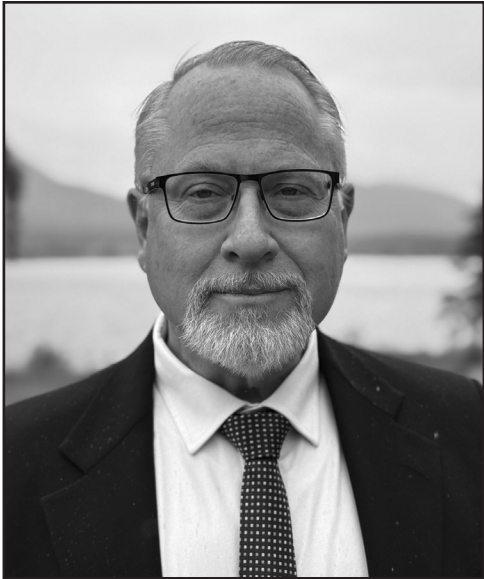


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OCCUPATION: Maritime Operations

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 65

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Aleknagik 1961 → 1997
Anchorage 1997 → 2024
Aleknagik 2024 → Present

EDUCATION:

High School - Walla Walla Valley Academy
College - Walla Walla University
Postgraduate - University of Washington Foster School
of Business

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Aleknagik City Council
Mayor of Aleknagik

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Founding member of Vitus Energy, 30-year career as executive, owner, and operator of marine transportation companies, Bristol Bay salmon fisherman.

Served as director on various boards: American Waterways Operators, Alaska Chadux Network, Commonwealth North, Rural Alaska Fuel Service, Anchorage Propeller Club, Aleknagik Natives Limited Settlement Trust, and Nushagak Electric Cooperative.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Western Alaska history, photography, hydrographic mapping, mentorship

STATEMENT:

District 37 is geographically and culturally diverse. My maritime career has taken me to nearly every community in the district. I'm inspired by the success seen in many communities and want to serve in the legislature to ensure our district sees progress in fundamental services and the protection of our incredible resources.

Healthy schools are a hallmark of thriving communities. Supporting education is a no-compromise part of my legislative agenda.

The ocean surrounding us and the watersheds inland are amazingly productive. In a complex matrix of climate influence, harvesting methods, and management policy, we need a science-based action agenda to ensure long-term sustainability for all species.

We must participate at a higher level in our regional economy and leverage our unique positions to counter the high cost of living. Any business that extracts value from our region must contribute to the local stewards and provide greater economic opportunity for our residents.

What benefits Southwest Alaska also reflects sound policy for the entire state. A fair share of state resources must support essential services such as strong schools, utilities, social safety nets, health care, and law enforcement. I will advocate for a fiscal plan that supports a sustainable revenue stream that lessens the drain on our permanent fund.

My family and business roots are in Southwest Alaska. I will use my experience to provide strong representation for District 37 and to advocate tirelessly for stakeholder support and opportunity.

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