

**University of Alaska Fairbanks  
College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences  
Advisory Council Nominees**



**Robert Foy, Ph.D.**  
**Science and Research Director**  
**Alaska Fisheries Science Center**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

Robert (Bob) Foy is the Science and Research Director of the Alaska Fisheries Science Center. Bob joined NOAA Fisheries in 2007 as the Director of the Center's Kodiak Laboratory and Program Manager for the Shellfish Assessment Program. He led the program on assessment, biological, and ecological research of commercial crab species in Alaska. Bob earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Michigan, a Master in Science in Fisheries and Ph.D. in Oceanography from the University of Alaska.



**Molly McCammon**  
**Former Executive Director**  
**Alaska Ocean Observing System**

Molly McCammon is the former Executive Director of the Alaska Ocean Observing System (AOOS), the Alaska regional component of the national Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) based in Anchorage. She is currently treasurer of the IOOS Association, a Consortium for Ocean Leadership trustee, and member of the national Ocean Research Advisory Panel. She is a past member of the National Research Council's Polar Research Board, serving on its Committee on Designing an Arctic Observing Network. She also served on the initial Advisory Group for the National Academy of Science's Gulf Research Program. In Alaska McCammon serves as the Municipality of Anchorage representative to the Cook Inlet Citizens Advisory Council and member of the Alaska Sea Grant Advisory Committee and Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy Steering Committee. McCammon moved to Alaska in 1973 after graduating from the University of California Berkeley, with her early years in Alaska spent as a journalist, homesteader in the Brooks Range, and natural resource policy specialist for state government.

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**Stephanie Madsen**  
**Executive Director**  
**At-Sea Processors Association**

Stephanie Madsen has been involved in Alaska fisheries since arriving in Alaska over forty years ago. She has lived in the fishery dependent communities of Cordova, Kodiak, Unalaska/Dutch Harbor and now Juneau so Stephanie understands first hand the importance of healthy, sustainable fisheries to thriving communities.

Having served six years on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, four of those as Chair, she was involved in establishing the Arctic Fishery Management Plan, the Aleutian Islands Fisheries Ecosystem Plan and designing catch share type programs in several fisheries. Madsen continues to serve the Council as member of the Ecosystem Committee. Stephanie is the Executive Director of the At-Sea Processors Association.



**Vera Kingeekuk Metcalf**  
**Director**  
**Eskimo Walrus Commission**

Vera Kingeekuk Metcalf was born and raised in Savoonga (Sivungaq) on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska. Since 2002, Vera has been the Director of the Eskimo Walrus Commission (EWC) at Kawerak, Inc., working with communities in the promotion of community involvement in research, documentation of local traditional ecological knowledge, and co-management of the Pacific walrus population. Vera represents the EWC in various forums, including the Indigenous People's Council on Marine Mammals, the Arctic Marine Mammal Coalition, and the Arctic Waterways Safety Committee. Vera is a Commissioner on the

U.S. Arctic Research Commission, an Advisory Panel member of the North Pacific Research Board, a Steering Committee member for the Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy, Special Advisor on Native Affairs for the Marine Mammal Commission, and a member of the Inuit Circumpolar Council Executive Committee. Vera is also a Commissioner for the U.S. Department of State, facilitating travel between Chukotka, Russia and the Bering Straits region of Alaska. Vera is a strong advocate for the subsistence lifestyles of Alaska Native peoples, and passionate about strengthening Alaska Native languages and cultures.

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**Stephanie Quinn-Davidson, Ph.D.**  
**Director**  
**Yukon River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission**  
**Tanana Chiefs Conference**

Dr. Stephanie Quinn-Davidson is a fisheries scientist and has worked in salmon fisheries in Alaska for the past nine years. She is currently the director of the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission with Tanana Chiefs Conference. Previously, Stephanie worked as a fishery biologist and then a fishery manager for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game on the Yukon River, and as a professor in the Environmental Studies and Biology Departments at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. She serves as an interim board member for the Certified Seafood Collective, and as President of the Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Stephanie received her PhD in Limnology and Marine Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2008 and bachelor's degree in Biology from Grinnell College in 2003. She was born in Gresham, Wisconsin and grew up in a rural area where hunting and fishing were a big part of her upbringing. She is an enrolled member of the Brothertown Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. She enjoys traveling and exploring the outdoors with her wife and two dogs.



**Norman Van Vactor**  
**CEO/President**  
**Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation**

Norman Van Vactor is the CEO/President of Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, one of 6 Community Development Quota organizations in the State of Alaska. Since assuming the position 3 years ago Norman and his wife proudly call Bristol Bay home. Prior to his tenure with BBEDC Norman worked in the Alaska Fishing Industry for over 30 years starting as a crewman on a fishing vessel and culminating in a variety of senior management positions principally in Alaska's Salmon Fishery. Norman over the years has demonstrated his passion not only for his vocation, but also in working towards ensuring sustainability fisheries, sustainable communities, and protecting the environment. He serves and has served on a variety of Boards in both appointed and volunteering roles.

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**Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game**

Doug Vincent-Lang spent his 34-year public service career at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game before accepting the position of commissioner in January 2019. A scientist with a focus on fulfilling the department's mission, Vincent-Lang began work at the department as a fisheries research and management biologist for the Division of Sport Fish in 1981. He held the positions of regional management and research coordinator and assistant director for 28 years in the Division of Sport Fish. In 2012 he was named Director of the Division of Wildlife where he managed Alaska's wildlife under the sustained yield principles and public trust doctrine principles. He led legislative wildlife issues on the state, national and international levels. In addition to his experience in both fisheries and wildlife management, Doug has served as the Endangered Species Act Coordinator for the State of Alaska. He has represented the State of Alaska on a wide range of policy issues including climate change, arctic, and marine policy issues. He holds a B.S. degree in biology/population dynamics from the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay and a M.S. degree in Biological Oceanography from the University of Alaska – Fairbanks.