

Draft QUESTIONS – COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES – 2019

Candidate: _____

1. Explain your resource management philosophy and identify the strengths and qualities that you would bring to the office of commissioner.
2. How do you envision the commissioner's role in terms of running the Department of Fish and Game and interacting with the public, legislature and governor?
3. How do you intend to organize staff and arrange assignments in the commissioner's office?
4. In your judgment what are the two most critical fisheries resource issues and the two most critical wildlife resource issues confronting the next commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game? What would be your approach to resolving these issues?
5. If your philosophy of Title 8 differs from fish and game managers, how would those differences be resolved? How much influence do you think that the administration should have in determining fish and game management or policy decisions?
6. Tell us what you know of the intensive management law, your thoughts regarding the ecological soundness of the law, the effects on management of wildlife by the department and how you intend to implement the statute.
7. Detail what you know of the state and federal subsistence laws and your thoughts regarding the effects on management of fish and wildlife by the department. What are your goals and strategies in terms of managing fish & wildlife in cooperation with the federal government under the dual management system?
8. Due to low salaries (by comparison to federal salaries) and the availability of early retirement, ADF&G has suffered a serious loss of personnel in recent years. How will you address these problems and advocate turning the situation around?
9. Since statehood, Alaska's fish and wildlife jurisdictions have been systematically eroded by federal intervention and preemption. Much of this has come through the passage of various federal laws. In recent years, however, aggressive federal agency actions and uncooperative administrative regulatory actions have further impacted the state's management programs. How would you approach this continued loss of management jurisdiction and lack of cooperation from the federal agencies?
10. What are the most important services that ADF&G should provide? How would you prioritize those services in times when there are revenue reductions in the Department? How important do you consider the BOF & BOG to be when it comes to allocating revenue between the Boards and the rest of the Department during general revenue shortfalls?
11. In light of recent declines in state revenue, will your direction be to reduce "staff" or "projects"? Explain your philosophy.

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12. How much do you value long term research vs short term. If funding is restricted how would you allocate spending between the two?
13. How do you view your role in working with the BOF & BOG?
14. If economics clash with science in making decisions during hunting and fishing seasons, how, if at all, would you resolve the clash?