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**2024 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE:  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**



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## Introduction

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## Subsistence

### 1. WHAT IS YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON THE CURRENT DUAL FEDERAL-STATE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR SUBSISTENCE HUNTING AND FISHING IN ALASKA?

The perfect situation would be for the Nation State of Alaska to take the full lead on fishing, then for the federal Government to secure the decisions of Alaska on the international stage, or simply leave us alone. When the Nation State of Alaska takes the lead on fish and game management, it must be a fully combined effort of all without the greed/race bias that usually gets interjected. We must be careful in hearing, and caring for each others differing view points.

### 2. DO YOU BELIEVE THE DUAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ADEQUATELY SERVES ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES?

Federal management does not benefit Alaskans.

### 3. HOW WOULD YOU SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A NATIVE-LED MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK TO ENSURE ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES HAVE A STRONGER ROLE IN MANAGING THEIR SUBSISTENCE RESOURCES?

First I would get several Native commercial fishermen, to travel to the subsistence villages, and see what their cousins are doing, hopefully they can have a better discussion, than is possible through government, or mob meetings.

The hope too many times is that Government will give more than is available, this will always result in a Government taking more than it should.

### 4. DO YOU SUPPORT RECOGNIZING ALASKA NATIVE CO-MANAGEMENT RIGHTS OVER SUBSISTENCE RESOURCES ON PUBLIC LANDS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES?

We will either become one joined people composed of, Russian, Inuit, Athabaskan, Caucasian, etc, or we will continue as slaves controlled by the Federal Government. We must not hurt ourselves, by fighting each other. Even a Government designed for freedom will require absurdities, if the individuals cannot see great value in each others race as well. No, we must not divide ourselves by race.

### 5. HOW WOULD YOU SUPPORT INTEGRATING TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE INTO MANAGEMENT DECISIONS THAT AFFECT SUBSISTENCE RESOURCES?

Native traditional knowledge of great value can be written, in a clear and concise manner, and will by it's very nature be included in any rational discussion.

### 6. WOULD YOU ADVOCATE FOR AMENDMENTS TO FEDERAL LAWS SUCH AS THE ALASKA NATIONAL INTEREST LANDS CONSERVATION ACT (ANILCA), THE MAGNUSON-STEVENS FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT, AND THE MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT TO ENSURE CONSULTATION WITH ALASKA NATIVE TRIBES AND ORGANIZATIONS, ESTABLISH CO-MANAGEMENT STANDARDS, AND INCREASE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THESE EFFORTS?

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, gives too much control of the council to non Alaskan members, this should be changed, or the whole idea of Federal control be eliminated.

ANILCA, gives some control to Native groups, yet it's overall function is to give control to the Federal Government, I believe it should be repealed, or made of no effect, by all Federal land simply becoming Alaskan land.

### 7. WOULD YOU SUPPORT AMENDING THE ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT (ANCSA) TO AUTHORIZE ALASKA NATIVE MANAGEMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE ON ALL NATIVE CORPORATION-OWNED LANDS IN ALASKA?

ANCSA is be a great asset in Alaskan's battle for individual freedom, however it has many stipulations that are odious. America should have simply given full control to individual Native land owners. The land based resources of

Alaska, currently being used are less than 1% of Alaska's land, yet we all are making a living off that 1%. I only imagine the great number of extremely wealthy individual natives we would have today, if the 10% of Alaska, that is held in corporations, etc, had been simply given to the individual natives.

Time is of the essence, taking time to change the details, at this time, is a waste, yet using ANCSA, to obtain the highest level of Individual Native control is crucial, in the struggle for Alaskan's freedom. The Feds would like to see the Native/Non-Native fight each other, rather than working together for a stronger Alaska.

**8. WOULD YOU SUPPORT AN ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FOR SUBSISTENCE THAT FULLY INCORPORATES ALASKA NATIVE SUBSISTENCE RIGHTS AND USES, ENSURING PROTECTIONS EXTEND TO ALASKA NATIVES REGARDLESS OF PLACE OF RESIDENCE WITHIN THE STATE, IN ADDITION TO THE FEDERAL PROTECTION FOR RURAL RESIDENTS UNDER ANILCA?**

No. Many Native individuals are already commercial fishing, do they then also get another amount for Subsistence use as well?

To live Subsistence is a part of the nature of the ground, and waters of Alaska, it has also been used by Russian settlers for over 100 years, many natives are half of another race, do they then only get to half subsist?

**9. WOULD YOU SUPPORT THE RETURN OF ALASKA NATIVES' ABORIGINAL HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS BY REPEALING SECTION 4(B) OF ANCSA?**

No.

## Public Safety

**1. AFN HAS PASSED NUMEROUS RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR INCREASED PUBLIC SAFETY IN RURAL ALASKA. HOW WILL YOU WORK TO ENSURE THAT EVERY ALASKAN COMMUNITY HAS A FULL-TIME (OR OTHERWISE ADEQUATE) PUBLIC SAFETY PRESENCE?**

The brothers, and Cousins in the villages need to learn to get along, and not lie to each other. A dry village does not exist, other than in the minds of law makers.

Police do not stop crime they only discover it after the fact.

**2. ALASKA FACES SOME OF THE HIGHEST RATES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND SUICIDE, WITH ALASKA NATIVE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING THESE ISSUES AT RATES TEN TIMES THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. IN THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) OF 2022, CONGRESS RECOGNIZED THE INHERENT AUTHORITY OF ALASKA NATIVE TRIBES TO EXERCISE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JURISDICTION OVER ALL INDIANS PRESENT IN THEIR VILLAGES. HOWEVER, ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES ARE OFTEN DENIED ACCESS TO VITAL PUBLIC SAFETY AUTHORITIES AND FUNDING DUE TO CONFUSION ABOUT P.L. 280 AND ALASKA'S UNIQUE LEGAL LANDSCAPE. DO YOU SUPPORT INCORPORATING THE DEFINITION OF "VILLAGE" FROM VAWA 2022 INTO ALL PUBLIC SAFETY STATUTES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES, AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES?**

Having a blanket decision for all villages, takes away the village's power. Currently they can decide to allow State law, or Village law, as they see fit.

**3. THE 2021 TRIBAL LAW AND ORDER ACT (TLOA) REPORT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ESTIMATED THAT THE TOTAL COST FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE PROGRAMS IN INDIAN COUNTRY IS OVER \$3.5 BILLION, WITH SIGNIFICANT GAPS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, DETENTION CENTERS, AND TRIBAL COURTS. DO YOU SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS REPORT, AND HOW WOULD YOU ADVOCATE FOR INCREASED FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE NEEDS IN INDIAN COUNTRY?**

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A good system will allow each citizen, to decide what portion of the resource money they want to go to which department, and they can also keep a portion for themselves. I suggest that in the first year of such a division 50% would be the maximum a person could keep for personal use, then that amount increases by 10% each year, so that in 5 years all citizens would have control over 100% of their portion of the the State funds.

**4. AFN HAS CALLED ON THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE DEDICATED ANNUAL NON-COMPETITIVE BASE FUNDING FOR P.L. 280 TRIBES TO DEVELOP AND SUSTAIN TRIBAL COURT SYSTEMS AND SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES. DO YOU SUPPORT OUR POSITION?**

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would be the maximum a person could keep for personal use, then that amount increases by 10% each year, so that in 5 years all citizens would have control over 100% of their portion of the the State funds.

**4A. IF SO, HOW WOULD YOU WORK TO ENSURE THAT FUNDING MEETS THE BUDGETARY NEEDS OF TRIBES IN ALASKA?**

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**Economic Development**

**1. HOW WILL YOU ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HELP SECURE THE BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED FOR ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES TO DEVELOP, ATTRACT, AND SUSTAIN PROFITABLE BUSINESS VENTURES?**

I am in favor of basic right of ways via RS2477, not that it is the best, but it is the quickest to implement. The right of ways would be listed to all residents of the Nation state, and would be available for GPS guidance, these would be unmaintained, with any state resident having authority to improve, and travel on these right of ways. This is actually a State issue, as the right of ways are already owned by the state, it is just that the state needs to make them available for use by all residents, or at least the ones in National parks, across State land, and those across Native land at least be available to residents of the native corporation in which the RS2477 exists.  
To attract business ventures, and still retain reasonable control, it is essential for the land to belong to Individual Native persons.  
Unfortunately, in an effort to attain more power over Corporation ground, some villages, have hampered their corporation's ability to proceed with some highly valuable projects, while simultaneously allowing very bad deals, and raised opposition from by the BIA in the process.

**2. OUTMIGRATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND SKILLED WORKERS HAS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY IN ALASKA. WHAT SPECIFIC POLICIES OR INITIATIVES WOULD YOU SUPPORT TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS OF ALASKANS HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO THRIVE IN THE STATE?**

Full ownership of land, at no cost to individuals is the key to solve this problem.  
This is both a Nation State issue, and a Native corporation issue. Both groups need to make land freely available to those wanting a home or business location. No Home=No Hope, for many young people.  
The State owns 24% of the land, The Native Corporations own 10% of the land. While it is true that the Federal Government is currently immorally holding about 65% of Alaska's land, it is expedient for us to make the best use of the 34% that is currently available, and after future generations have gained strength by stewarding this land, they can revisit the ownership of the rest of the land currently held by the Feds.

**3. HOW DO YOU ENVISION A SUCCESSFUL RURAL ALASKA ECONOMY?**

I see a multitude of diverse communities, some would be mining communities supplying iron, nickle, chrome to the plants that will be building the latest industrial equipment. I also see a multitude of get-a-way resorts where mostly Alaskans, but also international travelers will visit.  
The rural economy, must match the desires of the individuals of the communities, so the vision is actually bigger than a mind can hold.

**3A. WHAT ROLE DO YOU BELIEVE THE EXPANSION OF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PLAYS IN ACHIEVING THAT VISION?**

Better internet, is quickly coming via satellite, broadband will be a given for almost the whole planet, within 10 years, while it will be good, we must also watch out for the problems.  
Currently the Homeland Security Cameras, that abound in the cities, will spread to the rural, as broadband makes this possible. The homeland security Cameras are illegal according to the State Constitution, Art 1 sec. 22, and should be eliminated in the cities, as well as never being allowed in rural Alaska.  
The addiction by youth, to a multitude of wasted time & perversion, is also a major problem, and parents, older cousins, Aunts, Uncles, and other leaders of the young must be careful as this is rolled out. Guarding the hearts, and minds of the youth is vital, even more so than blind progress, that is gauged by money rather than life values.

**4. ONE ROADBLOCK TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE VILLAGES IS THE HIGH COST OF ENERGY. WHAT MEASURES**

**WILL YOU TAKE TO LOWER THE COST OF ENERGY IN RURAL ALASKA AND THEREBY REDUCE THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS?**

High cost of energy is a problem for all Alaskans, it is worsened the more remote one travels. The view of oil, as an export item, to be sold for the support of a bloated government is perverse, Alaska must quit acting like a 3rd world Nation. The statehood contract guaranteed 90% of royalties to Alaska for all resources developed on Federal land, however the Federal government, required Congress to change the 90% to 50%, as a requisite for the oil pipeline. This needs to be modified back to 90%, the additional income could then offset much of the cost of energy in Alaska.

Hydroelectric dams should be built where ever practical, as they are a proven safe form of low-cost power. I have great hopes for solar cells in the future, we should build them from materials mined in Alaska would be great.

**5. TOURISM IS ONE OF THE LARGEST SECTORS OF ALASKA'S ECONOMY, AND CULTURAL TOURISM PRESENTS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES. DO YOU SUPPORT THE CREATION OF AN INDIGENOUS TOURISM ORGANIZATION TO ENHANCE CULTURAL TOURISM CAPACITY?**

No. Most of the tourism money goes to large international organizations, to actually obtain much income for remote Alaskans, is not realistic, with the exception of guide hunting & fishing.

**6. HOW WOULD YOU ADVOCATE FOR INCREASED FUNDING AND RESOURCES TO PROMOTE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CULTURAL TOURISM INITIATIVES?**

I love to meet people that travel to Alaska, to mingle, and meet with us, for who we are, and how we live, however I dislike the atmosphere at many of the high volume tourist locations.

I believe that tourism is honorable, but I do not want to push people into making, still yet another "clown town" in Alaska.

**6A. ADDITIONALLY, WOULD YOU SUPPORT A STATEWIDE INITIATIVE TO CREATE A CERTIFICATION AND BRANDING SYSTEM TO ENSURE THAT ALASKA NATIVE-LED ORGANIZATIONS ARE AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE TOURISM INDUSTRY?**

No

## **Health and Wellness**

**THE COMMISSION ON NATIVE CHILDREN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 19, 2024. IN IT, THERE ARE 29 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR NATIVE CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN FOUR MAIN AREAS, INCLUDING EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING, PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE. WHILE SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED BY AGENCIES WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE ACTION, OTHERS REQUIRE CONGRESSIONAL RESPONSE. HOW WILL YOU ENSURE ATTENTION TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND FOLLOW UP ON THE IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES THEY SET?**

I do not have time to properly detail my feeling on this.

**2. THE SECOND FOCUS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ADDRESSED CROSS-SYSTEM ISSUES, RESEARCH AND DATA SOVEREIGNTY. THESE SUPPORTED INCREASED AUTHORITY FOR TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS IN PROGRAM DESIGN, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION WITHOUT BURDENSOME ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION BY FEDERAL AGENCIES. SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLES THAT THE REPORT SPECIFICALLY HOW TO LEVERAGE OPPORTUNITIES WITH P.L. 102-477, SELF-GOVERNANCE, AND FLEXIBLE FUNDING. DO YOU SUPPORT EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF FLEXIBLE FUNDING AND INCREASED AUTHORITY FOR TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS IN IMPLEMENTING THEIR OWN PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?**

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**3. CHRONIC DISEASES SUCH AS DIABETES AND RESPIRATORY ILLNESS DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECT ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES, AND THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS) HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN UNDERFUNDED. WHAT STEPS WILL YOU TAKE TO ENSURE THAT IHS RECEIVES ADEQUATE FUNDING TO ADDRESS THESE HEALTH DISPARITIES AND MEET THE HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF ALASKA NATIVES?**

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**4. ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT IS OFTEN LIMITED OR UNAVAILABLE IN RURAL ALASKA, CONTRIBUTING TO ONGOING CHALLENGES IN THESE COMMUNITIES. WHAT STRATEGIES WILL YOU EMPLOY TO INCREASE ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS IN RURAL AREAS?**

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**4A. AND HOW WILL YOU ENSURE THAT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ARE INTEGRATED INTO THESE EFFORTS TO SUPPORT LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS?**

Not I, nor a trillion dollars, will give the long term care that is needed, only the village community can do this.

**5. AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS IN CRITICALLY SHORT SUPPLY IN ALASKA, CONTRIBUTING TO VARIOUS SOCIAL CHALLENGES. FUNDING UNDER THE NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT (NAHASDA) IS THE MAIN SOURCE OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE SAFE, ACCESSIBLE, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO AMERICAN INDIANS, ALASKA NATIVES, AND NATIVE HAWAIIANS. DO YOU SUPPORT REAUTHORIZING AND ADEQUATELY FUNDING NAHASDA?**

Federal funding for housing money is not used well. Many first houses in interior Alaska, are of a smaller size, with gray water, and an outhouse, affordable housing must be affordable. I lived for several years without running water, and I know many in the villages do also, the gray water system is a low cost option for washing, and shower.

**5A. AND WOULD YOU ADVOCATE FOR INFLATION-PROOFING THESE FUNDS TO ENSURE LONG-TERM STABILITY FOR TRIBAL HOUSING PROGRAMS?**

Any amount of money that is received in Alaska, should be stored as precious metals, the US dollar will either fail, or be converted to a CBDC, which is just a servitude of the citizens stage, previous to the total collapse.

**6. ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES ARE FACING A SEVERE DRUG CRISIS, INCLUDING THE IMPACTS OF HEROIN, METH, AND FENTANYL. HOW WOULD YOU ADVOCATE FOR ONGOING EFFORTS TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES IN COMBATING THIS CRISIS?**

I can not offer a good solution, that will work for the many varied villages.

## **Voting and Representation**

**1. HOW DO YOU PLAN TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES FACED BY ALASKA NATIVES IN VOTING, SUCH AS LANGUAGE BARRIERS AND ACCESS TO POLLING LOCATIONS?**

I do not know enough about this, to frame a logical response at this time.

**2. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT TO OUR YOUTH AND NEW VOTERS, ESPECIALLY WITHIN ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES?**

What a citizen must do, is to become informed, Many will tell you you have a duty to vote, yet if you have not studied what you are voting for then, Why?  
I believe voting should be for what an informed person believes is best for others, without infringing on the individual right of anyone. For this reason I believe all taxes that are voted on, should be voted against, as some individual might be required to pay for something against his will.  
Government will do 2 things. Government will oppress, and Government will grow. Oppression has a negative sound, yet is necessary, going the wrong direction on a road will cause harm, stealing from each other or murder must be oppressed. The growth of government will continue with it becoming worse than the thief, unless a mechanism is in place to stop the excess growth. I suggest we eliminate taxes, so that the Government can not grow bigger, than we are willing to pay for.

Become informed, not just listening to others, but rather thinking for yourself, what will happen if?? Then be sure to help the "if" happen, or not happen.

**3. ACCESS TO RELIABLE POSTAL SERVICES IS A SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE IN RURAL ALASKA, IMPACTING ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES' ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS, ACCESS HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, AND ENGAGE IN PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESSES. DO YOU SUPPORT EFFORTS TO SECURE A GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE INVESTIGATION INTO THE STATUS OF POSTAL SERVICES IN RURAL ALASKA?**

The post master position in a small village, is a coveted job. A lot might be gained first by calling the post master. Are we expecting an unrealistic time for deliveries? if Air mail is not good enough, maybe we should build a road, the physical problems must be fixed before we can demand results.

**3A. AND HOW WOULD YOU WORK TO ENSURE THE FINDINGS LEAD TO IMPROVED MAIL SERVICES THAT WOULD ENHANCE ELECTION PARTICIPATION AND ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR ALASKA NATIVE PEOPLE?**

After changes are made results must always be inspected, and compared to expectations.

## **Education**

**1. HOW WOULD YOU ADVOCATE FOR INCREASED FUNDING AND CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE PROGRAMS IN ALASKA?**

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**1A. AND WHAT STEPS WOULD YOU TAKE TO ENSURE THESE PROGRAMS ARE FULLY INTEGRATED INTO OUR SCHOOLS?**

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**2. RECRUITING AND RETAINING QUALIFIED TEACHERS, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES, HAS LONG BEEN A CHALLENGE IN ALASKA, CONTRIBUTING TO GAPS IN EDUCATION QUALITY AND STUDENT OUTCOMES. WHAT SPECIFIC STRATEGIES AND POLICIES WOULD YOU IMPLEMENT TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES, IMPROVE TEACHER RETENTION, AND ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS—PARTICULARLY IN RURAL AREAS—HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATORS?**

We might need a better program for growing the teachers, as they are in short supply everywhere.

**3. WHAT MEASURES WILL YOU TAKE TO EXPAND ACCESS TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR ALASKA NATIVE CHILDREN?**

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**4. HOW DO YOU PLAN TO EXPAND VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT ALIGN WITH THE ECONOMIC NEEDS OF ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES?**

I run a machine shop, and have been involved in a multitude of industrial arts, I teach apprentices, While I am all for good technical training, I also realize most is available from employers for free. I have some instruction videos on YouTube channel howeesmachineshop.

Decades ago few employers would hire untrained people, that is different today, school helps a little, but most important is for the starting apprentice to learn to be dependable in getting to work, and following directions. For most vocational training, it will be available on the job, if it is local. If the type of job that is available locally is

not what the young person wants to do, then they will need to travel, and they may not be coming back. The out-moving of such persons can't be changed with training, because their heart is in a vocation that is not available anyway. The village can move to diversify by letting mining, manufacturing, etc start in the community, but the varied business's will require their own land, so you must have full land title, and be willing to let it be transferred to the businesses.

## Other

### **1. IN LIGHT OF RECENT TENSIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND RUSSIAN JET FIGHTERS IN THE ARCTIC, HOW DO YOU DEFINE ALASKA'S STRATEGIC ROLE AS AN ARCTIC AND PACIFIC STATE IN SHAPING AMERICAN FOREIGN AND ECONOMIC POLICY?**

We must quit giving weapons to other nations, the Russian Government is flexing, it's muscles, because the US, froze Russia's assets, then tried to get Ukraine to join the war-mongers in NATO, and recently sent weapons to Ukraine, that are not just threatening Russia, but are already killing people there. I am a peace-monger, I want to close all the foreign bases, and defend only to the US borders

### **1A. HOW WOULD YOU ENSURE ALASKA'S SECURITY AND MAXIMIZE ITS ECONOMIC POTENTIAL IN THESE REGIONS?**

By being a good neighbor, rather than looking for a fight.

### **2. ALASKA IS ON THE FRONT LINES OF CLIMATE CHANGE, WITH WILDFIRES, STORMS, RISING TEMPERATURES, AND OTHER EXTREME EVENTS THREATENING THE VIABILITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE. HOW WILL YOU SUPPORT EFFORTS FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND LONG-TERM RESILIENCE TO HELP THESE COMMUNITIES ADAPT TO THE IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, INCLUDING THE PROTECTION OF SUBSISTENCE FOODS AND LOCAL ECOSYSTEMS?**

Alaska was much easier to fight wildfires in, 50 years ago, when trails to mines, and cabins had not been eradicated by BLM, and The Park Service regulations. Encouraging the use of all RS2477 trails will help open up the land again. Communities having full title to their land will facilitate changes as deemed proper by the rural Alaskans themselves.

I am saddened to see the depth of the lies about CO2 causing climate change, and must refute this stupidity. No mechanism has been shown, to the supposed CO2 causing climate change, or warming, however it has been known for hundreds of years by science, that CO2 will increase the amount of plankton for fish, and the plants that both us, and wild animals eat. If change is happening faster, than in years past, then many of the most extreme events will have been in the near past, rather than the common 20+ years ago.

When you watch the local weather news, observe. How long ago was the last high Temperature? The last low temperature? The last strong wind?