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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Office of Senator Lisa Murkowski, Washington, D.C.** **2006 to Present**  
*Senior Legislative Assistant:* Advise the Senator on all legislative and policy issues related to Department of Commerce, NOAA, Fisheries, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Endangered Species Act, Arctic, United States Coast Guard, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Transportation, NASA, National Science Foundation, Army Corps of Engineers, and Clean Water Act.

**Commercial Fisherman, Alaska** **1976-2006**  
*Owner/operator:* Two commercial fishing vessels. Fished halibut, sablefish, crab, salmon, and herring throughout the State of Alaska.

**North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC)** **2003-2006**  
*Member:* Promoted measures to protect essential fish habitat, advocated sector allocations for pacific cod, helped draft the co-op management program for non-pollock trawl fisheries, sponsored bycatch reduction measures, initiated the Arctic Fisheries Management Plan, endorsed restructuring the groundfish observer program, developed crab fishery stock rebuilding and recovery plans, determined critical habitat for endangered species, encouraged the Aleutian Island fishery ecosystem plan and recommended conservative catch limits for all North Pacific fisheries.

**Advisory Panel to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council** **1996-2003**  
*Vice Chair (2000-2003):* Coordinated implementation of the halibut and sablefish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) program, developed License Limitation programs for crab, groundfish and scallops, drafted seabird avoidance measures, reviewed and refined the Programmatic Groundfish Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, created American Fisheries Act sideboards, developed Stellar Sea Lion protection measures and supported the Community Development Quota and community IFQ purchase programs.

**International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Research Advisory Board** **1999-2006**  
*U.S. representative:* Advised the Commission on research priorities and experimental design. Worked with scientists and fishermen to design new research projects and programs that answer questions important to the industry.

**Petersburg Vessel Owners Association (PVOA)** **1998-2006**  
*President:* Leader of a local advocacy organization of more than 100 vessel owners and businesses. Developed policy positions and represented PVOA on the United Fishermen of Alaska Executive Board, the IPHC Conference Board and at the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

## **EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Arts, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington** **1986**

## **AWARDS**

**United Fishermen of Alaska, "Fisherman of the Year".** **2005**  
**National Fisherman, "Highliner of the Year".** **2003**