

Brent L. Watkins—House District 32—Democrat

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Age:

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New York

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Occupation:

Carpenter

Length of Residency in Alaska:

30 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Kodiak 1968 to present

Education:

Timberlane Regional High

Political and Government Positions:

Vice Co Chair for the North Gulf Coast Region;
Democratic Member of the State Central Committee;
Planning and Zoning Commissioner;
Architectural Review Board

Business and Professional Positions:

I have been involved in local government on Kodiak, with over 10 years of experience in leadership positions.

Special Interests:

Renewable Energy

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Other:

My background is in aircraft maintenance, fishing and tourism. I have skills and experience in rescue and recovery. I am a small organic grower; I subsistence fish, along with smoking and canning salmon; skills that keep me sustainable.

Statement:

Our District covers a vast area that stretches across our Southern coast. My goal is to develop a connection with the people that are working so hard to meet their communities needs and bring their voice to the discussion. Clean water, affordable housing, local food production, and infrastructure that links us digitally and physically, are some of their concerns that I want to address.

It is my objective to see a moratorium on coal mining and fracking in Alaska, like the Chuitna River, Cook Inlet and Cooper River projects. I'm actively working to prevent salmon habitat destruction during resource extraction. Special interests cannot come before the safety of our water. We need new ideas and approaches, new coalitions. While my opponents divide up the fishery we stand ready to lose the very habitat that provides these fish. I want to be sure the environment is sound for our salmon. No clean water equals no fish, and without enough fish no coastal community can survive here.

Another subject of serious interest is local food production, this is a key element in maintaining physical and mental health, and in keeping coastal communities sustainable.

I feel strongly that I must step forward and offer the voters of District 32 a choice. More of the same won't get Juneau back on track; no new taxes until oil pays its fair share. As Democrats we look to a future that is inclusive, progressive and sustainable.



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