

Senate District N

Joe Arness, Republican



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AGE: 61

PLACE OF BIRTH: Seward, Alaska

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Jake, James, Melissa,
Jennifer

OCCUPATION:
Commercial Fisherman, Real Estate Broker

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 61

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Nikiski 1951-1973; Anchorage 1974-1975; Sitka
1975-1976; Nikiski 1976-present

EDUCATION:
Kenai Central High School...1965-1969 graduate
Boise State College...1969-1973 BS degree

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly; Kenai Peninsula
Borough School District Board of Education

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Owner...several businesses over the years. Currently own Kenai Real Property Services and a commercial fishing operation

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Youth activities

STATEMENT:

It is truly an amazing thing that we live in a state where it is still possible to be a citizen and be able to directly participate in the process of government. That statement is true on the local level, but it is also still true on the statewide stage. The recent redistricting has created a series of "new" districts for both the State House and the State Senate, and therefore opportunities to serve are now available which did not exist before.

I have a long history (23 years) of participation in our local government here on the Kenai Peninsula. I am proud of that service, and I feel that it leaves a "trail" which citizens may follow who wish to know how I look at government in general. I have grown to understand that people can and will disagree on issues as they are presented...that's the nature of the human animal. The important thing is how we choose to respond to those differences. It is clear to me that even people with whom I disagree have a valid position to take, and that the art is in being able to find common ground and develop it.

I am a fiscal conservative who would like to see the State remove itself as an impediment to further development of our business community.

I would be honored to have your support on August 28th.