

# ALASKA STATE LANDS ADVISORY GROUP

- A nine-member advisory group established by the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas, through its authority at AS 41.37.230, to study, understand, discuss and advise on the viability, advisability and potential for transferring the ownership and/or management of federal public lands in Alaska to the State.
- Specific tasks include researching the legal, economic, jurisdictional, social and other issues associated with a transfer of federal land and/or authorities. The group will also work to identify, discuss and strategize the ability to more efficiently manage public lands in Alaska for sustained conservation, utilization, access and productivity, with an eye on federal or state obstacles and the existing and future needs of our communities.
- The group has developed several fundamental platforms and focus areas to organize its efforts and identify issues and intersections, including:
  - **Key Areas:** Litigation, Legislation, Negotiation/Administration, Sovereignty
  - **Perspectives:** Economics, Native Community, Environment, Interstate/International
- Meetings and work sessions (approximately six per year) are open to the public with opportunities for public testimony. The public is encouraged to submit relevant comments, reports, studies, media and academic articles, personal accounts and any other information for consideration by the group at any time.
- Under its [Charter](#), a detailed report of the group's findings and recommendations is to be issued no later than June 30, 2017. The group is strictly advisory and will not make policy decisions for the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas or the State of Alaska.

## MISSION

**Collaborate** with experienced and informed members of the Alaskan public;  
**Research** the legal, economic, jurisdictional, and political issues associated with a federal transfer;  
**Evaluate** the applicability of relevant work being done at state, national and international levels;  
**Identify** potential solutions to current problems with public land and resource management; and,  
**Inform** policy makers of findings and recommendations.

## MEMBERSHIP

**Mead Treadwell, Anchorage (Chairman)** – public and private sector leader in Alaska for 40 years and an instrumental player in circumpolar cooperation since the 1980s; served as Alaska's Lieutenant Governor from 2010-14; former Commissioner and Chair of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission; helped the Bush administration develop the current U.S. Arctic policy and funded the 2009 eight-nation Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment; worked as Cordova's director of oil spill response during the Exxon Valdez oil spill crisis; served as Governor Hickel's Deputy Commissioner of ADEC; as a private entrepreneur and investor, he has helped launch a series of technology, manufacturing and service companies serving global markets; graduate of Yale University and Harvard Business School; with his late wife, Carol, he has three children.

**Stan Leaphart, Fairbanks (Vice-Chair)** – moved to Interior Alaska in the 1970s while serving in the U.S. Air Force; retired Executive Director of the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas; joined the Commission staff on its establishment in 1982 as a research analyst and appointed Executive Director in 1984, where he served until the Commission was defunded in 1999 and following its reauthorization in 2007; worked as a right-of-way agent for DOT&PF Northern Region, focusing on rural airport projects; holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Alaska Fairbanks; married to Gerry with three daughters, two grandsons and one great-grandson.

**John Crowther, Anchorage** – raised in Anchorage, where his parents and brothers still live; studied economics at Dartmouth and received a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center; worked as a legal intern and aide on the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Senator Lisa Murkowski; currently serving as special assistant to the DNR Commissioner since 2012, focusing on land use, policy and federal affairs issues.

**Hugh “Bud” Fate, Fairbanks** – 70+ year Alaskan; drafted into military service while working on a drill rig on the North Slope, during which time he helped map the ALCAN highway for military use and advised mission commanders about the Arctic and Alaska; past President, University of Alaska Board of Regents; chaired the Alaska Land Use Council Advisory Committee; state legislator for Fairbanks from 2001-05; commercial fisherman, gold miner, retired dentist and public servant; married to honored stateswoman Mary Jane, father of four and grandfather of twelve.

**Craig Fleener, Anchorage** – Gwich’in Athabascan originally from Fort Yukon; Alaska Guardsman and veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps; currently serving in Governor Walker’s cabinet as Arctic Policy Advisor; former Executive Director of the Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments; served as chair of the Gwich’in Council International, the Eastern Interior Federal Regional Advisory Council and co-chair of the Yukon River Panel; served as Deputy Commissioner and Subsistence Director for ADF&G; holds a Master of Arts in Intelligence Studies from American Military University, a Master of Science in Wildlife Biology from the University of Calgary and a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Management from the University of Alaska Fairbanks; firefighter, fur-buyer, moose hunter, wood cutter and aircraft mechanic; married to Uliana and father of five.

**Ray Kreig, Anchorage** - Civil engineer, geologist, land consultant. 1970 to 1975 routing studies for Trans Alaska Pipeline (R&M Consultants, Fairbanks). After 1978, R. A. Kreig & Associates in Anchorage (land assessment, soils, permafrost, terrain evaluation for pipelines, railroads, and highways). President, Chugach Electric Association (1995 to 97); Alaska Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Board, Executive Committee, 1995-98. Landowner in Denali NP, Yukon Charley Rivers NR, Wrangell St-Elias NP, Kodiak NWR. Alaska Land Rights Coalition, Vice Chairman; Kantishna Inholders Association, Chairman.

**Scott Ogan, Palmer** – 40-year Alaskan; recovering state legislator (House and Senate); retired manager of DNR’s Public Access Assertion and Defense Unit, under whose leadership the State acquired clear title to hundreds of miles of trails and rivers guaranteed at statehood; passionate advocate for Alaska; hunter, fisherman, builder; his wife, Janet, and daughter find him incredibly handy!

**Dick Randolph, Fairbanks** – 55-year Alaskan; former school teacher in Valdez and South Naknek; State Farm agent in Fairbanks since 1964; Jaycee National Vice President in 1968; state legislator from 1970-74 and 1978-82, where he led several successful statewide initiatives, including repealing the state income tax, saving the Permanent Dividend Fund, the Tundra Rebellion to gain control of federal land in Alaska (passed 70/30) and deregulating intrastate transportation through abolition of the Alaska Transportation Commission; candidate for Governor in 1982 and 1986; married to Lydia, father of five, grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of five.

**Bill Satterberg, Fairbanks** – raised in Anchorage; solo attorney entering his 40th year of practicing law in Alaska, specializing in eminent domain, mining rights, inverse condemnation and federal/state issues; has argued cases before the Alaska Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, including the high profile federal overreach case, *U.S. v Wilde*; licensed to practice in Alaska, Washington, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and numerous federal bars; former Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Division; holds a Juris Doctorate and Master of Public Administration from Syracuse University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alaska Fairbanks; married to Brenda for 35 years, father of two daughters and grandfather of one very active six-year-old grandson.

**JP Tangen, Anchorage** – solo attorney practicing in Alaska for most of the past 40 years, specializing in public land law and mining interests; licensed to practice in all state and federal courts in Alaska and Washington; former Regional Solicitor (Alaska) for the U.S. Department of the Interior and attorney advisory with the U.S. Department of Commerce; four years with the U.S. Army, Judge Advocate General’s Corps; holds a Bronze Star service medal (Vietnam); former President/CEO of an Alaska gold mining company; Director Emeritus of the Alaska Miners Association and regular columnist for the *North of 60 Mining News*; holds a Master of Laws (Environmental Law) from George Washington University and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Virginia; married to Valerie for 51 years, father of three and grandfather of five.