

Application Form

Profile

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Self

Employer

Artist, environmental consultant

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Library Board: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Required Time Commitment: All city board/committee members and commissioners are expected to (1) be present at most, if not all, board/committee or commission meetings and (2) review agenda materials prior to arriving for the meeting to be best prepared for discussion and decision making. Are you aware of the time commitment involved in serving on this particular board, committee, or commission? Are you willing and able to commit to regular meetings plus work sessions every month for your full term?

Yes

How did you learn about this vacancy? *

Social Media

Interests & Experience

Why are you interested in serving on a City of Valdez board or commission?

I have been a long-time supporter of the library through the Book Basket Auction and book donations, and think that it's time I gave more meaningfully of my time. I believe in the necessity of libraries and think the community services ours provides are fundamentally necessary.

Please outline your education, work, and volunteer experience which will assist you in serving on a City of Valdez board/commission.

I have previously been a member of the boards of directors for Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council, Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation, and KCHU Public Radio. I understand the responsibilities of BODs and how they function (or at least are supposed to). As the executive director of Prince William Soundkeeper, I worked with a BOD and so have experience from both sides of the table. While my bachelor's and master's degrees in biology and environmental science don't directly relate to library management, they do demonstrate my ability to access and understand complex information. I have had many jobs, including with the Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Nuka Research and Planning, and Prince William Sound College, which have required strong written and verbal communication skills. Most importantly, I am a regular user of the Valdez library and am passionate about its continuation and sound management.

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Upload a Resume or Letter of Interest

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EDUCATION

2000 Master of Science in Environmental Science; Alaska Pacific University
1992 Secondary Teaching Certification; University of Alaska Fairbanks
1990 Bachelor of Science in Biology; University of Alaska Fairbanks

EXPERIENCE

Nuka Research and Planning, LLC; Senior Project Manager; February 2019 – present

- Conducted research and drafted final report for the *Southeast Alaska Vessel Traffic Risk Analysis*
- Assisted in drafting proposed changes to Alaska oil spill contingency planning regulations
- Peer reviewed scientific papers for the 2019 International Oil Spill Conference

Prince William Sound College; Assistant Director of Academic Affairs, Faculty; November 2015 – December 2017

- Restructured the existing Associate of Applied Science Outdoor Leadership degree programs to ensure graduates were gaining appropriate skills
- Evaluated industry workforce needs in Alaska to determine which new programs should be developed by the college (an ongoing process)
- Taught Introduction to Biology with lab, 24-hour HAZWOPER, Environmental Regulations, Red Cross First Aid/CPR, and other classes
- Mentored and evaluated Industrial Technology and Outdoor Leadership interns
- Participated in several committees, including curriculum, safety, continuing education, emergency response, and the University of Alaska Transition Coalition

Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation; Environmental Program Specialist III; November 2006 – November 2015

- Reviewed the PWS Tanker Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan (2007 and 2012), the Tesoro Cook Inlet Vessel ODPCP (2009 and 2014), and various non-crude ODPCPs
- Planned, implemented, and evaluated 12+ IMT and field response exercises
- Led several multiagency workgroups related to PWS tanker plan issues
- Wrote RFPs and co-managed two contracts for technical analysis
- Developed department guidance on the skimmer efficiency derating process
- Presented a paper on skimmer recovery and efficiency rating at the 2014 International Oil Spill Conference
- Represented the department at a variety of oil spill response and Arctic shipping conferences

Prince William Soundkeeper; Executive Director; September 2005 – November 2006

- Managed all operations and business for this small nonprofit organization
- Wrote and implemented successful grant applications
- Coordinated board of director activities
- Interfaced with local and national environmental organizations

Sound Consulting; Owner; March 2003 – November 2006

- Wrote the Valdez Fisheries Development Association fish processing facility user manual
- Provided environmental monitoring for Western Marine Construction during ferry terminal construction
- Summarized Air Force environmental remediation team meetings from recordings for MWH

MWH (Montgomery Watson Harza); Environmental Scientist; May 2000 – February 2002

- Led a field team conducting environmental hazard surveys at eight closed Air Force sites across Alaska and wrote the summary reports
- Redesigned a wetland for surface water remediation on Shemya Island
- Co-wrote the storm water pollution prevention plan for BP Alaska's Gas to Liquids Test Facility in Nikiski

Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game; Fish and Wildlife Technician II; June 1997 – August 1998

- Conducted catch sampling of commercial Yukon River salmon fisheries
- Collected scale samples and other biological data
- Aged salmon scales using a microfiche
- Used ATVs and small planes frequently for transportation