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Governor Walker Announces New Department of Natural Resources Commissioner

June 23, 2016 ANCHORAGE—Governor Bill Walker announced today the appointment of Andy Mack as Department of Natural Resources Commissioner. Mr. Mack fills the vacancy left by Commissioner Mark Myers, who retired in February. Marty Rutherford, who has been serving as Acting DNR Commissioner, recently informed the Governor of her own plans to retire in June.

“I am pleased Andy has accepted this position, given his vast experience in oil and gas issues,” Governor Walker said. “As we look for more oil and gas exploration and development opportunities, Andy has the vision and passion Alaska needs to aggressively chart our own path. I am grateful to Marty, who has led the department seamlessly these past four months. Alaskans owe Marty a debt of gratitude for her nearly three decades of government service.”

Mr. Mack is currently a Managing Director of Pt Capital, the only private equity fund based in Alaska. Born and raised in Soldotna, Mr. Mack brings over a decade of experience in Arctic policy and development. He currently serves as an advisor to multiple Alaska Native Corporations engaged in oil and gas activities on the North Slope. In this role, he helped guide the regulatory drafting and implementation applied to drilling efforts in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas.

Mr. Mack worked as both a civil and criminal defense attorney for five years and as a legislative assistant for more than 10 years. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Concordia College in Minnesota and a juris doctor from Loyola Law School in California. He is a former member of the Resource Development Council of Alaska Board of Directors.

(Attached: Photo of Andy Mack)

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