



City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska • Official Candidate Statement

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Candidate: Mayor

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Occupation: Development Consulting

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Length of Residency in Juneau: 34 years

Education: BA Geography, Indiana University

Political and Government Positions: CBJ Docks and Harbors Board (10 years)
Fisheries Development Committee (9 years)
Juneau Economic Development Council Board (6 years)
CBJ Task Force: Basing NOAA Fisheries & Oceanographic Functions in Alaska (Chair, 2014)
Accomplishments include: New cruiseship docks, Auke Bay Loading Facility, Downtown Revitalization; Plan for relocating federal fisheries science jobs from Seattle to Juneau.

Business and Professional Positions:	SeaFisk Consulting, Owner (development consultancy - fisheries, started 1988)
Service Organization Memberships:	Downtown Business Association Board (current Treasurer)
Other appropriate information:	Greg Fisk's economic development work has taken him across Canada, the Arctic and Scandinavia, to the Far East, and to all areas of Alaska. He's contracted with the University's Marine Advisory Program, western Alaska Community Development groups, and worked on the Alaska Fisheries Revitalization Program. He has fished for salmon, and prawns, and still longlines halibut. He's an active hiker, skier and swimmer.

Position Statement:

State government remains Juneau's economic mainstay - 20% of jobs and 28% of payroll. We must work hard to protect that base. But we also need to work effectively to grow and diversify our economy - tourism, seafood, mining, attracting active retirees, and many other areas. Examples?

- A CBJ task force I chaired on moving NOAA Alaska fisheries science jobs from Seattle laid out a specific plan that would bring 175 high paying jobs to Juneau.
- Downtown Revitalization is very important for all of Juneau. It bolsters our Capital City status, supports tourism growth, and addresses key housing issues.

The last point is critical. Our extremely tight housing market – particularly rentals – is the biggest inhibitor to economic growth. The shortfall is pegged at 700 units, but is actually higher given the many substandard units now occupied.

- Let's streamline permitting, and put our revenue bond authority behind housing development to reduce developer costs and lower risk.
- There's high demand downtown from both younger and older populations. Top quality circulator transit has proven extremely effective in stimulating housing / mixed use investment – and it will be good for tourism, reduce downtown congestion, and add convenience for Juneau work commuters.
- The Auke Bay town center idea supports desirable housing options and further development of UAS.

And, we actually have resources to make these investments with no increases in sales or property taxes. Practical, effective ideas. That's my approach and why I'm asking for your vote.