

Benjamin Mallott

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN)

March 2019 – Present

Vice President of External Affairs

- Manages the policy and process of various AFN committees to build consensus around policy priorities, including the committees on Subsistence, Executive Governance, and Resolutions Committee.
- Proven track record in playing a pivotal role in stewarding AFN resolutions through passage and leading in resolution follow-up after the Annual AFN Convention.
- Leads in developing, stewarding, and strengthening working relationships with key federal, state, and local public officials to further AFN's priorities.
- Manage organizational functions, operations, and administration; advocates on state and federal levels and coordinate with a 38-member board and over 300 member organizations.
- Guides coordination, management, planning, and fundraising for the annual AFN Convention, the largest statewide convening of 5,000 attendees and delegates.

Office of U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski

February 2018 – March 2019

Legislative Assistant

- Developed and executed policy priorities related to rural Alaska, Alaska Native affairs (BIA, IHS, ANILCA, ANCSA), Housing, Small Business Administration, Census, and USDA Rural Development for the office of U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski.
- Led office coordination with the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and worked closely with the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee. Managed policy process and maintained clear lines of communication to achieve the Senator's goals.
- Managed the relationship with hundreds of constituents, other congressional offices, and stakeholders to develop, edit, and review legislation and accomplish legislative priorities.

Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN)

March 2011 - February 2018

Vice President, Director of Communications, and Special Assistant to the President

- Managed the policy and process of various AFN committees, including legislative and Litigation, Media and Elections, Transportation, Resolutions, and Fiscal Committees.
- Led the development and management of effective working relationships with key federal, state, and local public officials.
- Managed non-profit organizational functions, operations, and administration; advocated on state and federal levels in collaboration with a 38-member board and over 300 member organizations.
- Assisted in coordinating, managing, planning, and fundraising the annual AFN Convention, the largest statewide convening of 5,000 attendees and delegates.

OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Baan O Yeel Kon Corporation

July 2019 – Present

Board Member

- Serve on the BOYK Investment Committee and Lands Committee

Northern Taiga Ventures, Inc.

July 2019 – Present

Board Vice Chair

- NTVI has multiple 8(a) subsidiaries in construction, professional services, and facilities management nationwide.

The Nature Conservancy Alaska

October 2019 - Present

Trustee and Development Committee Chair

- Serve on the Board of Trustees for the Alaska Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC).
- Chair the TNC Development Committee, in which I led the development of the board of the future framework to diversify the demographic expertise, influence, and donor capacity of the TNC Alaska Board of Trustees.

Alaska Humanities Forum

October 2020 - Present

Board Chair

- Elected as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Alaska Humanities Forum in September 2023.

Alaska Native Heritage Center

October 2020 - Present

Board Vice Chair

- Elected as the Board Vice Chair and serve on the Executive and Governance Committees.

Arctic Athabaskan Council

January 2014 - March 2018

Communications Liaison

- Track Arctic Council policies and priorities on behalf of the Arctic Athabaskan Council (AAC) and communicate to members.

Alaska Affordable Energy Strategy Advisory Group

September 2015 - January 2018

Committee Member

- Assisted in coordinating with the AEA and other state agencies, regional groups, the University of Alaska system, and utilities for programmatic energy solutions for Alaskan communities.

Singapore Cooperation Program

September 2015

Certificate in Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Strategies for Small Island and Developing Nations

EDUCATION:

American University
Master in Public Administration and Policy
Graduated 2018

Oregon State University
B.S. Environmental Science with a concentration in
Natural Resource Policy and Pre-law
Graduated 2007

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2016 Top 40 under 40 Native American Leadership Award - The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development

2023 Alaska Top 40 under 40 Award - Alaska Journal of Commerce