

David W. Schade BIO

David W. Schade, MPA appointed Director of the Division of Agriculture in the Alaska Department of Natural Resources.

In his role as Director, Dave supervises the Division's programs around the State of Alaska. This includes the Northern Latitude Plant Materials Center and offices in Palmer and Fairbanks. Dave is a life-long Alaskan who was raised on the family homestead East of Homer, where he attended grades 1-12, graduating from Homer High School in 1977. Dave has a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics from the University of Idaho (1982) and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Alaska, Anchorage (1994).

Prior to taking the position of Director, Dave was the Chief of the Water Resources Section in the Division of Mining, Land and Water in November 2012; and prior to that was Navigability Subunit Manager in the Public Access Assertion and Defense Unit (PAAD) where he served since returning to State service in 2008.

Dave is currently an Alaska representative on the Western States Water Council, President of the Alaska Chapter of the River Management Society; and the President of the Eagle River Valley Community Council.

Dave is a member of the Alaska Farm Bureau and the Alaska Farmers Union, where he was a board member for many years. He continues to participate in the running of the family's ranch in Homer, Alaska; and does boating and flying when time allows.