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Division of Agriculture Welcomes New Director

(Palmer, AK) – Today, a longtime Alaskan is named as the new permanent director of the Alaska’s Division of Agriculture. Bryan Scoresby will take over his leadership duties with the 30-person Division on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Mr. Scoresby served as the State Executive Director for the United States Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency in Palmer from 2017 to 2021. As Executive Director, Mr. Scoresby approved farm loans and guided staff in overseeing programs as required by statute and agency directive. He also previously served as the District Director in the Alaska State Office of the Farm Service Agency for five years in the mid-1990s.

“Bryan Scoresby is the right leader to continue the Division’s mandate to promote and support Alaska’s agriculture industry,” said DNR Commissioner-designee John Boyle. “His extensive experience in agriculture and other senior roles will complement the State’s focus on food security for Alaskans.”

Additional industry and government experience:

- Current member, Board of Agriculture and Conservation
- Chair, State Food and Agriculture Council for 2 years
- Commissioner, Mat-Su Port Authority Board from 2017 - 2023
- Commissioner, Mat-Su Energy Commission from 2013-2014
- Past president and board member, Palmer Kiwanis Club

Mr. Scoresby also worked in the mortgage business, financing homes for Alaskans for 21 years.

Mr. Scoresby earned a Bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Education from Utah State University and a Master degree in Agribusiness Management from Brigham Young University. He was born and raised on a small dairy farm in Idaho and moved to Alaska in 1992.

DNR thanks the Board of Agriculture & Conservation for their partnership during the Division of Agriculture hiring process. The Board reviewed applications, interviewed five candidates, and forwarded three high-quality finalists to DNR for consideration.

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