



**PRESS RELEASE**

**Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation to begin search for Chief Executive Officer**

Dillingham, Alaska – The Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) has announced that a search for a President/CEO will be initiated by the Board of Directors. The resignation of Norm VanVactor, former President/CEO, was announced earlier in 2021. By mutual agreement, Mr. VanVactor’s departure from BBEDC is effective 10/25/2021.

During the interim period, Helen Smeaton will serve as the Acting CEO for all Bristol Bay operations. Robin Samuelson will serve as the contact for partner and out-of-region duties. The Board of Directors expressed confidence in the current staffing and expect no disruption of services or other ongoing activities.

The BBEDC Board of Directors wish to express their gratitude for Norm Van Vactor’s service and wish him well as he moves into the next stages of his career.

Questions about the CEO search or any BBEDC operations can be directed to Helen Smeaton, Acting CEO.

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