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## Commissioner Jon Kurland Biography

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Jon Kurland was appointed Commissioner to the International Pacific Halibut Commission on September 12, 2022. Mr. Kurland is the Alaska Regional Administrator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service, where he leads the agency's regulatory and management programs for fisheries, marine mammals, and habitat conservation in the waters of the North Pacific and Arctic Oceans. He oversees the management of sustainable fisheries that produce more than half the seafood caught in U.S. waters, as well as programs to conserve marine mammals and habitats that contribute to healthy ecosystems and support a robust tourism industry as well as vital subsistence uses by Alaska Natives.

Mr. Kurland has been with NOAA Fisheries since 1990, serving in two regional offices and headquarters, including three previous senior leadership roles in the Alaska Region: Assistant Regional Administrator for Habitat Conservation, Acting Deputy Regional Administrator, and Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Government from Hamilton College and a Master of Arts in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island, and he is an alumnus of the Williams-Mystic Maritime Studies Program.