

Bob Poe, First Gubernatorial Candidate, Visits Kodiak

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Candidate for governor Bob Poe poses with KMXT's non-Y2K-compliant Associated Press Computer. Poe successfully led Alaska's effort to ensure that the state's computers did not shut down on Jan. 1, 2000. Photo by Jay Barrett

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The first declared candidate for next year's gubernatorial election was in Kodiak last week for ComFish. Bob Poe is a Democrat who's worked for four governors, Bill Sheffield, Steve Cowper (cooper), Wally Hickel and Tony Knowles. Poe is probably best known as being responsible for Alaska's year 2000 computer preparations.

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sec "There probably 90 ... having
any problems.")

After saving the state from the specter of massive Y-2-K computer failures, Poe continued working for the Knowles Administration:

-- (Poe 2 38
sec "After the Department ...
aviation use for that building.")

Poe describes himself as a pro-business, pro-development democrat.

-- (Poe 3 47
sec "Alaska's economy really
... is really important in that.")

Poe said he is in favor of increasing the amount of value-added processing done to seafoods, and believes quota share fisheries are here to stay:

-- (Poe 4 1:10 "Change is hard ... as the market
changes.")

Poe said it is what he sees as Governor Palin's lack of progress in several areas that prompted him to seek the Democratic nomination for governor:

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sec "But honestly I don't
think ... at the end of the session.")

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