

BIO FOR BILL DUNCAN FOR COHEN COMMISSION

Mr. Duncan began fishing on his father's seine boat out of Alert Bay in 1958. He studied math and economics at the University of British Columbia until he accepted a public service related job with the DFO in 1969. In his 30 year career with government, Mr. Duncan spent six years with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada in Ottawa, nine years with the Public Service Commission of Canada, and the remainder of the time at DFO. In 1984, he took on the position of director in the Native Affairs Branch within DFO. When he retired from DFO in 1999, that branch had transformed into the Aboriginal Fishing Strategy. In 2000, Mr. Duncan became involved with the Native Brotherhood, initially volunteering to act as their executive director, and then being elected as their business agent, a position he has held since 2000. As business agent he is responsible for the Native Brotherhood's contracts, negotiations and other administrative duties. He has previously sat as the Native Brotherhood's representative on the Commercial Salmon Advisory Board (CSAB), and has been involved with the Aboriginal Fishing Vessels Owners Association.