Aloha Rick,

After a 54-year long career in journalism and communications, I'm retiring as Communications Director at the Hawai'i Dept. of Land and Natural Resources on July 1, 2025.

It's been a great ride beginning with my first radio job in my hometown of Gunnison, CO at 14. In college I broke into TV as a stringer for all the Denver TV stations, followed by reporting gigs at KMGH and KUSA. Transitioned into newsroom management and served as ND at KRDO and KOAA in Colorado Springs, KHON and KHNL/K5 in Honolulu, KSBY in San Luis Obispo, and WDBJ in Roanoke.

In addition to my current and last role I worked in communications at Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument, as well as a freelance reporting role for ABC News One.

I'm proud to have earned a master's degree in Journalism Media Management from the University of Missouri in 2008, and three regional Emmy Awards for overall news excellence at KOAA, KHNL, and WDBJ.

One could not have asked for a richer, more rewarding career.

I intend to keep my fingers in conservation through my Conservation Commumications LLC. Former colleagues can contact me at this email address.

Still stay up on ND news, all thanks to you.

Warm regards, Dan Dennison