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Area residents are invited to meet the Cooperative Extension Service State Advisory Council and Extension’s new state director when they gather June 4-5 in Homer.

The council will meet at the Best Western Bidarka Inn’s Chinook Conference Room B and 11 a.m.-noon June 4 will be reserved for public comments. The 11-member advisory council is composed of community members from around the state who advise and advocate for Extension. Homer’s Rita Jo Shoultz is one of two Southcentral representatives.

Fred Schlutt, a 30-year veteran of the Cooperative Extension Service, joined Extension in Alaska as its new director on May 1. From Texas originally, Schlutt has served as an agent in Texas, Wyoming, and, most recently as 4-H program coordinator for the University of Maine. Schlutt wants to meet more Alaskans and hear their ideas for Extension.

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