The New Economic Engine For Coastal Alaska

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Southeast Conference:
Mission Statement

The mission of Southeast Conference is to undertake and support activities that promote strong economies, healthy communities, and a quality environment in Southeast Alaska.
Southeast Conference:
Major Issue: Declining Population

The major issue or crisis facing the region is the declining population of Southeast Alaska.
Population decline: (outside of Juneau)

- 1996 – 2006: down (-11%)
- 2006 – 2030: down another (-17%)
- From 1996 – 2030 (-30%)
- State of Alaska: +34%
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Major Issue: Declining Population

Population decline: 1996 - 2030

- Haines: -35%
- Ketchikan: -27%
- POW: -56%
- Skagway-Hnh –Ang: -62%
- Wrangell – Petersburg: -35%
- Yakutat: -35%
- Sitka: 0.00%
- Juneau: +9%
Southeast Conference: Major Issue: Declining Population

- Most of the decline is due to migration based on lack of viable jobs.
- It can be turned around.
Southeast Conference: Job Creation

- What attracts jobs and people?
  - Great place to live – good life style fit
    - Schools
    - Health care
    - Second income amenities
    - Retirement

- A JOB OR WORK ACTIVITY
The challenge and opportunity is to create long term, economically and environmentally sustainable year around jobs.
OceansAlaska Facility Complex and Programs

- Direct jobs
- Sustainable revenue for operations
- Community asset: Second income
- Education facility
- Research facility
- Create knowledge based science research jobs.
- Leadership to growing shellfish industry
Shellfish Aquaculture

Mussel

Clam

Oyster

Scallop
Shellfish Industry
Alaska’s Potential

- Conservatively estimate growth from $7 million to $50 - $100 million
- Create 400 - 600 year around, economically sustainable jobs in Coastal Alaska
- Establish a world class research and development facility in Southeast Alaska.
Encourage the investment of private capital.
Every action and activity we take in building infrastructure, starting research, development and training programs must assist, encourage or give confidence to the investor putting private capital and equity into the shellfish industry.
AQUATIC FARMING LOCATIONS IN ALASKA
Southeast Conference:
Current Activities: Shellfish Industry

- Shellfish Strategic Plan completed: January 2008.
- OceansAlaska:
  - Site development – $400,000: underway
  - Shellfish research, training and education facility: EDA grant awarded: $1 million + $1 million match = $2 million
- Naukati: Weekend Warrior Program underway
- U of A – Ketchikan: $170,000 USDA grant to fund shellfish training program
- SeaGrant: Financial model for oyster farming: developed
- Private corporate involvement
- FITC – Kodiak food science research: deep chilling oysters: freezing geoduck
- Homer Processing facility nearing completion
- Geoduck hatchery – nursery program assistance
An indepth report is available
- On the web: OceansAlaska.org
- CD
- Printed copy

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