Welcome

Mayor Jan Hill:
Haines Mayor and Southeast Conference President
Lifelong Southeast Alaska resident, three-term mayor of Haines, and president of Southeast Conference for her second time.

Lew Williams III: Mayor, City of Ketchikan
Lew Williams III is a long-time resident of Ketchikan. He and his wife, Vicki, have raised three daughters, and he enjoys spending time with his grandsons. Lew is co-owner of the Ketchikan Daily News. He was first elected to the City Council in 1987, and has served in that capacity for over 18 years. He was appointed mayor in May of 2009 when the former mayor resigned, and was subsequently elected to a three-year term as mayor during the October elections of 2012 and 2015.

David Landis: Mayor, Ketchikan Gateway Borough
David Landis was elected Mayor of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough in Ketchikan Alaska in October 2014. Mayor Landis is employed as the General Manager of Southern Southeast Aquaculture Association, which operates 5 salmon hatcheries in the Ketchikan, Wrangell and Petersburg region. Mayor Landis has also worked for both Cape Fox Corporation and Ketchikan Indian Community, working his way up to the executive management and leadership positions. Running fishing boats and construction crews have also been a part of David's employment history. David holds a Master's degree in Management from New England College in Henniker, New Hampshire and a Bachelor's degree in Geosciences at Oregon State University. David proudly graduated from his hometown school, “Kayhi”, 1982. In 2008, Mr. Landis finished two terms as an elected local municipal government official on the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly including several years as Vice-Mayor. Other activities in which Mayor Landis has participated include ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) outreach; Board of Directors of the Southern Southeast Alaska Aquaculture Association; both Ketchikan Rotary Clubs, and the Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Landis formerly served on the Advisory Board of the Ketchikan Campus of the University of Alaska, Southeast; as chair of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Ethics Board; and as a Planning Commissioner. David's wife of 28 years, Danelle, and children Jackson, Claire and Izaak enjoy living and participating in outdoor recreation and other activities in the Ketchikan area. Extended family members on both sides are also longtime citizens and are active in the community.

Gianna Willard Flanery: Ketchikan Indian Community Tribal Council President

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Richard Peterson: Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Tribes of Alaska President

Richard (Chalyee Éesh) Peterson is Tlingit from the Kaagwaantaan clan. He grew up in Kasaan, Alaska and is a lifelong Alaska Native resident of Southeast Alaska. Prior to being elected as President of the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) in 2014, Richard served as Chief Executive Officer of Prince of Wales Tribal Enterprise Consortium, LLC (POWTEC), President of the Organized Village of Kasaan (OVK), Mayor/City Council Member for the City of Kasaan, and member of the Southeast Island School District Board of Education.

Energy Forum

Jodi Mitchell: Chief Executive Officer at Inside Passage Electric Cooperative

An expert in rural energy systems, Jodi Mitchell has worked with Inside Passage Electric Cooperative (IPEC), known formerly as the Tlingit and Haida Regional Electrical Authority, for more than 20 years, assuming the role of chief executive officer/general manager in 2008. Prior to IPEC, she worked at Sealaska. She is currently the vice chair on the Sealaska Board. Mitchell is former chair and trustee of the Kootznoowoo Permanent Fund Settlement Trust, a director of the Kwaan Electric Transmission Intertie Cooperative, and a member of the Energy Committee for Southeast Conference. She also serves as a director of Synergy Systems, Inc., Olympic Fabrication, LLC, Kingston Environmental Services, Sealaska Constructors, LLC, and Haa Aani, LLC. Mitchell is Raven-Beaver Deisheetaan, originally from Angoon, Alaska. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University of Oregon and is a certified management accountant from the Institute of Management Accountants.

Devany Plentovich: Program Manager for Biomass and Combined Heat and Power for the Alaska Energy Authority

Devany Plentovich has spent the last 8 years as the Program Manager for Biomass and Combined Heat and Power for the Alaska Energy Authority, focusing on project development in the 200+ rural communities that are not tied to the Anchorage-Fairbanks power grid. She has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Master’s Degree in Environmental Science and Policy. Devany’s previous experience includes 22 years with a consumer products corporation where she managed projects in biomass cogeneration, environmental sustainability, and product development.

Crystal Enkvist: Alaska Power Association Executive Director

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Karen Petersen: Southeast Alaska Biomass Coordinator for Southeast Conference
Karen has recently begun work for SE Conference as the Biomass Outreach Coordinator. She is the facilitator for the Alaska Wood Energy Development Task Group, and organizer for the Alaska Wood Energy Conference. Her position at SE Conference involves outreach for all things biomass. Karen lives and works from Thorne Bay Alaska.

Trey Acteson: CEO, Southeast Alaska Power Agency
Mr. Acteson has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) since 2012. His electric utility career has spanned over 34 years, encompassing a broad spectrum of power infrastructure across the state of Alaska. Mr. Acteson is a strong advocate for affordable energy initiatives and works closely with Federal, Regional, and State leadership to cultivate change across the industry. He’s on the Board of Directors of the Alaska Power Association, serving as co-chair of the Statewide Manager’s Forum and Vice-Chair of the Hydropower Working Group. He’s President of the Northwest Hydroelectric Association and is also an active member of the National Hydropower Association. SEAPA is a regional Joint Action Agency of the State of Alaska that owns the Swan Lake and Tyee Lake hydroelectric facilities, 14 miles of submarine cables, and 175 miles of overhead transmission lines. They serve the wholesale power needs of the municipalities of Ketchikan, Petersburg, and Wrangell, and are currently evaluating options for the next increment of power generation.

Janet Reiser: Alaska Energy Authority Executive Director
Janet Reiser is Executive Director of Alaska Energy Authority (AEA). AEA is the State of Alaska Energy Office, providing technical, financial, and project development assistance to improve community energy safety, reliability and affordability. Janet serves on the Governor’s Climate Cabinet Team, working alongside the Climate Action Leadership Team to recommend a comprehensive Alaska climate policy and action plan. Prior to joining AEA, Janet spent 9 ½ years on the Board of Directors at Chugach Electric, Alaska’s largest electric utility. Janet has been in Alaska for over thirty years, serving in technical and executive management roles in the telecom, construction, and engineering industries. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Economic Forum
Mike Navarre: Commissioner of the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
As Commissioner of the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Mike Navarre oversees six divisions and seven corporate agencies. Commissioner Navarre came to the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development from Kenai Peninsula Borough where he served as mayor for the past six years. He twice served as President of the Alaska Conference of Mayors. Prior to his service as the mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, he served Alaskans in the Alaska House of Representatives from 1985 - 1996 in several different
roles, including House Majority Leader and Finance Committee chair, as well as serving on the Joint House/Senate Health Care Task Force, the Long Range Financial Planning Commission and the Finance Committee.

**Meilani Schijvens:** *Rain Coast Data*

Meilani Schijvens is the owner and Director of Rain Coast Data, a Southeast Alaska-based research and consulting firm specializing in regional economic analysis, publications, socioeconomic impact studies, survey research, and public outreach. Meilani is also the Economic Development Director for Southeast Conference (and past Executive Director). She has been studying the Southeast Alaska economic conditions for two decades. Her publications include Southeast Alaska by the Numbers, and the Southeast Alaska 2020 Economic Plan. She previously taught Alaska economic history at the University of Oregon, worked as an environmental technician at the Greens Creek Mine, and was a staffer in Washington DC for the US Senate Minority Leader. She holds a Master of Science from the University of Oregon and a B.A. in history. A lifelong resident of the region, she believes there is no better place on the planet.

**Lucy Murfitt:** *U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Deputy Chief Counsel*

Lucy Murfitt joined the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in 2013 and serves as the Deputy Chief Counsel. In this position, Ms. Murfitt provides counsel on all energy policy and federal land management issues within the Committee’s jurisdiction. She has a particular focus on federal lands management involving the Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. Previously, she spent eight years as legislative counsel to U.S. Senator Jon Kyl, the Republican Whip, handling the energy, environment, and natural resources portfolio. She has also worked at the Ecological Restoration Institute at Northern Arizona University as its director of policy and partnerships and for the Department of the Army as a trial attorney and advisor to the Base Realignment and Closure Office. Lucy was commissioned into the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps in 1999. During her career as a JAG, Lucy supervised the Army’s administrative environmental litigation, was the Army’s lead legal advisor on Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act issues and she was an environmental law course instructor at the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General School and the Army’s Management and Staff Colleges. Lucy studied philosophy and history as an undergraduate at the University of Scranton, and law at Loyola University School of Law in Chicago. After law school, she worked in rural western Pennsylvania, as a legal aid attorney for Northwest Legal Services providing legal representation to the economically disadvantaged. Lucy is an avid hiker.

**Brian Hughes:** *U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Deputy Staff Director*

Brian Hughes is the staff director for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which is chaired by Senator Lisa Murkowski. Born and raised in Anchorage, he attended Washington State University and interned for two summers in the office of Senator Ted Stevens. After college he joined Senator Stevens’ office full time, first as a staff assistant and then as speechwriter. He joined the Energy and Natural Resources Committee in 2007 and has since held a variety of positions there, including Senior Writer and Policy Advisor and Deputy Staff Director. Hughes also left the committee in 2012 to serve as a speechwriter on the Romney-Ryan presidential campaign.
Gubernatorial Forum

Bill Walker: Governor of Alaska

Governor Bill Walker was born in Fairbanks and raised in Delta Junction and Valdez. His parents, Ed and Francis Walker, were Alaskan pioneers. Ed Walker was an Alaskan Scout with Castner’s Cutthroats in the Aleutians in WWII, and his mother worked on the Alcan Highway project. As a family, the Walkers celebrated Alaska Statehood in 1959, survived the 1964 Earthquake, and worked together in the family construction and hotel businesses. Governor Walker also worked as a carpenter, teamster and laborer on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline construction to pay for his education. He earned his bachelor of science degree in business management from Lewis and Clark College and his juris doctor from the University of Puget Sound School of Law (now Seattle University). Prior to taking office, Governor Walker and his wife, Donna, owned a law firm that focused on municipal and oil and gas law. Married since 1977, the Walkers have four children, and five grandchildren. Governor Walker is an avid downhill skier and enjoys fishing, boating, snow-machining, campfires with the family at the lake, and taking the grandkids ice skating.

March Begich: Gubernatorial Candidate

As a lifelong Alaskan with decades of experience in public service and business, Mark Begich has spent his career working to make Alaska the best place to live and raise a family. In 2003, Mark was elected as Mayor of Anchorage, where he served two terms, and oversaw the biggest building boom in Anchorage in a generation, balanced the city budget while earning top grades from bond rating agencies, grew the economy, strengthened relations with Alaska Natives and other minority groups, and reduced crime. In 2008, Mark was elected to the United States Senate where he earned the reputation of a no-nonsense problem-solver who was willing to work across party lines to get things done. Defying party labels and drawing on his business background, Mark broke down bureaucratic barriers to do what was right for Alaskans and built an impressive record of accomplishments on key Alaska issues such as fisheries, travel & tourism, transportation, resource development, tribal and Alaska Native interests, the Arctic, education, veterans, commerce, housing and more. Anchorage born and raised, Mark's parents moved to Anchorage in the Alaska Territory to be teachers in 1957. When Mark was 10 years old, he lost his father, Congressman Nick Begich, when his plane went down over the Gulf of Alaska. Mark has never forgotten the strong Alaska values and call for community service that defined his childhood. Mark is married to Deborah Bonito, a successful Anchorage business owner. Together, they have a teenage son, Jacob.

Mike Dunleavy: Gubernatorial Candidate

Mike Dunleavy was born and raised in a working-class family in Scranton, Pennsylvania. In 1983 Mike pursued his dream of moving to Alaska to hunt and fish. He quickly put down roots—and he's never looked back. Mike spent almost 20 years in rural Alaska where he met his wife, Rose. Married almost 30 years, their three daughters, Maggie, Catherine, and Ceil were raised in both rural and urban Alaska. They have made their home in the Mat-Su Valley since 2004. Dunleavy is a former Republican member of the Alaska State Senate, representing District D from 2013 to 2015 and District E from 2015 to 2017.
**Trevor Sande:** R&M Engineering and Hump Island Oysters

Mr. Sande has been a resident of Ketchikan for 48 years working as a registered engineer and project manager on public and private improvement projects for 26 years. Mr. Sande is a licensed civil, environmental and structural engineer in Alaska. Mr. Sande is the president of R&M Engineering-Ketchikan, Inc., and has a variety of design experience in all facets of surveying, civil and structural design. Mr. Sande is also a licensed general contractor operating as Marble Construction. Mr. Sande also operates a small land development company and a small sawmill and pellet mill. The design of the Ketchikan based OceansAlaska floating research facility opened Mr. Sande’s eyes to the world of mariculture. In 2013, Mr. Sande started Hump Island oyster company with 150,000 oyster seed obtained from a nursery on Prince of Wales Island. The farm is located at Hump Island near Ketchikan in the waters of Clover Passage about 2 miles from the family’s home. The farm now has about 6 million oysters in the water and continues to grow in size each year. In 2018 sales ranged from Anchorage to Portland and included the Princess cruise ships calling on Ketchikan. The farm was the site of the first commercial kelp harvest in Alaska in 2017.

**Scott Habberstad:** Director Sales & Community Marketing

Scott Habberstad is a lifelong Alaskan currently residing in Anchorage with his lovely bride Amy, daughter Catheryne and son Jack. Scott graduated from Ketchikan High School in 1989, attended flight school upon graduation from high school. Scott earned his multi engine commercial land and sea ratings. He returned to Ketchikan to fly for Taquan Airlines in the summer and attended college in the fall at Boise State University. Scott graduated with a Bachelors of Business Administration in Marketing in 1997 and returned to Ketchikan to continue his flying career; shortly after returning, however, he went to work for the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau as the Director of Marketing. In 2001, Scott went to work for Alaska Airlines as an account executive in Anchorage and was later elevated to Manager of Regional Sales, Alaska and is now the Director of Sales & Community Marketing-Alaska. Scott is active in the community, sitting on the boards of the Resource Development Council, Visit Anchorage – past chair, Alaska Travel Industry Association – chair, Providence Foundation, Alaska & Alaska Air Carriers Association.

**Timber Forum**

**Chris French:** Associate Deputy Chief at U.S. Forest Service

Mr. French was appointed to the Associate Deputy Chief position one year ago. Prior to that he served as the Director Ecosystem Management Coordination, the Deputy and Acting Director of Forest Management in Washington DC.

**Christine Klein:** University of Alaska Chief Facilities & Lands Management Officer

Christine Klein is with the University of Alaska System, serving as Chief Facilities & Lands Management Officer, where she monetizes its land grant lands for purposes of helping fund education programs and Alaska student scholarships. Klein is a lifelong Alaskan originally raised near Ketchikan on her family

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homestead. She previously led and managed several successful Alaska native owned for-profit corporations, the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, and was Deputy Commissioner of the Alaska DOT&PF. Christine began her career in environmental and facilities operations in the North Slope oil & gas fields. Her experience has ranged from rural projects in over 150 Alaskan villages; as well as, large-scale capital programs at several airports around the nation on development, environmental regulatory compliance, and engineering projects. Her education includes bachelor’s degrees, from University of Alaska and Northern Michigan University, and a Masters degree from University of California. Her technical engineering education was at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, School of Mines.

McHugh Pierre: Goldbest Vice President - Alaska Operations

McHugh Pierre is born and raised in Southcentral Alaska. He is the Vice President of Alaska Operations for Goldbelt, Inc. Juneau’s Alaska Native Corporation. Goldbelt is a diverse company with business operations across the country and three vice presidents oversee the corporations 20 business units. In addition to the businesses he oversees, McHugh is also responsible for overseeing shareholder services, public relations, and the land holdings. Goldbelt has 33,000 acres of land in Southeast Alaska and is the largest, non-government, land owner in the City and Borough of Juneau.

Bryce Dahlstrom: Vice President Viking Lumber

Maritime Forum

Doug Ward: Director of Shipyard Development for Vigor Alaska

Since 1994, Doug Ward has been Director of Shipyard Development for the Ketchikan Shipyard. The Ketchikan Shipyard is owned by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) AND operated by Vigor through a long term public private partnership that includes the City and Borough of Ketchikan. Vigor is currently building the first of two Alaska Class Ferries for the Alaska Marine Highway System. Doug is co-founder of the Ketchikan Marine Industry Council (KMIC) and Maritime Works (MWs) formed to support the growth and expansion of Alaska’s maritime industrial base. In 2017, under Ward’s leadership, Vigor partners with Maritime Works to launch the Advancing Alaska Workers demonstration of practices that are producing a best-in-class, Alaska resident shipbuilding and repair workforce at the Ketchikan Shipyard. Founded on employer-led co-investment of private, public, and philanthropic resources, the Ketchikan Shipyard sustains a regionally competitive, advanced manufacturing enterprise in an isolated, rural, and resource-driven economy.
Sierra Callis: Welder and Workforce Development Specialist

Sierra Callis began her career in shipbuilding and repair following completion of her technical training in welding and fitting at Alaska Vocation Technical Institute (AVTEC) in Seward. Sierra earned her journey status while helping fabricate the new ferry M/V Tazlina at the Ketchikan Shipyard. In January of 2017, Sierra was selected to lead Vigor's skill building program at the Ketchikan Shipyard. As Vigor Alaska's Work Force Development Specialist, Sierra has led implementation of the companies Registered Apprenticeship in the Occupation of Welder/Fitter (Combo Welder) while managing all other skill building activities in Ketchikan.

University of Alaska Forum

James R. Johnsen: University of Alaska Statewide System President

Dr. Jim Johnsen was appointed to serve as the 14th president of the University of Alaska on July 28, 2015. His most recent experience includes service as an executive with Alaska Communications and previously with Doyon, Limited. President Johnsen also served the University of Alaska between 1996-2008, in several executive roles including vice president of administration and chief of staff. President Johnsen is passionate about higher education and economic opportunity, having served as chair of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, vice chair of the Alaska Student Loan Corporation, vice chair of the University of Alaska Foundation, commissioner on the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education, member of the Alaska State Committee on Research, and member of the Board of Directors of the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce. As president, he serves as a commissioner on the Denali Commission, and is a member of the Alaska Aerospace Corporation board and the UA Foundation Board of Trustees. His education includes a B.A. in politics from the University of California, Santa Cruz, a master's in political science from the University of Chicago, and a doctorate in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania. He is leading a major systemwide Title IX compliance effort, a comprehensive restructuring of the academic programs and administrative services of the university, a major initiative to align with Alaska's primary and secondary education sectors, and a systemwide push to achieve the state’s goal of higher attainment — 65% by 2025. Dr. Johnsen and his wife, Mary, who is retired, have two grown children, both born and raised in Alaska.

Rick Caulfield: Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast

Dr. Rick Caulfield serves as Chancellor of the University of Alaska Southeast, a position he has held since 2015. Prior to that he served for five years as UAS chief academic officer. Based in Juneau, he has responsibilities for working with all three UAS campuses: Juneau, Ketchikan, and Sitka. An Alaska resident for 43 years, he worked within the UA system as a professor, dean, and campus director. His doctoral research included a study of aboriginal subsistence whaling in Greenland and the Arctic. He and his wife Annie met and were married in Southeast Alaska 40 years ago. In subsequent years they lived in Fairbanks and in Bristol Bay where he fished commercially. They happily returned to Southeast in 2010. He and his wife have three grown children and one grandchild.
Alaska Marine Highway

Dennis Watson: General Manager of the Inter-Island Ferry Authority

Dennis Watson served as Craig Mayor for 26 years, he was Chairman of the Statewide Conference of Mayors, he served as the president of the Southeast Conference of Mayors several times, was a commercial salmon fisherman for 40 years, and is currently the General Manager of the Inter-Island Ferry Authority. He is the incoming Southeast Conference President, and serves as Chair of the Statewide AMHS Reform Steering Committee.

Shirley Marquardt: Executive Director of the Alaska Marine Highway System

Marquardt previously served as Mayor and City Council member of Unalaska for 22 consecutive years. During the past 38 years, she has worked for two shore plants, the At-Sea Processors fleet, two fisheries logistics companies, and an Alaskan-owned and operated marine transportation company. She served on the Aleutian Island Risk Assessment Advisory Panel, the Alaska Marine Pilot Board, the Marine Transportation Advisory Board and the American Seafoods Community Advisory Board. She also served as President of the Alaska Municipal League, President of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference, and President of the Unalaska Senior Center board. She is currently Vice President of the Aleutian Island Waterways Safety Committee, and the Director of Boards and Commissions for the State of Alaska. “I became highly engaged in Arctic issues-challenges and opportunities as we saw significant interest in marine related activities and support services in our Port. My work history is all marine related, including trawling on the Bering Sea, managing Dutch Harbor Samson Tug and Barge operations and years of logistics for the fishing industry. I believe in clear direction, fully vetted projects and the value of partnerships while meeting challenges.”

Commissioner Marc Luiken: Alaska Department of Transportation

Marc Luikenserves as the Commissioner for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. Under his direction, the department is responsible for the planning, design and construction, as well as the maintenance and operation of Alaska’s transportation system, public buildings and facilities. He previously served as the department’s Commissioner from December 2010 to October 2012; a position he took after serving as DOT’s Deputy Commissioner for Aviation. Most recently, Commissioner Luiken was employed as a project manager and performance coach with RLG international, a consulting firm supporting the oil industry in Alaska with ConocoPhillips and BP Exploration Alaska. Prior to his public service to the State of Alaska, Luiken served 29 years with the U.S. Air Force. He is combat veteran with service in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Joint Forge and Operation Enduring Freedom. Commissioner Luiken holds a bachelor’s in Human Factor’s Engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy; a master’s degree in Management from Troy State University and a master’s in Strategic Studies from Air University in Alabama. He is a Certified Member of the American Association of Airport Executives and a member of the Air Force Association. He lives in Anchorage with his wife Suzanne. They have five children; each of whom are Alaska residents.
Captain John Falvey Jr.: General Manager of the Alaska Marine Highway

Captain John Falvey is a graduate of the Maine Maritime Academy. After graduation Captain Falvey spent 25 years operating offshore deep sea oil tankers for the Union Oil Company of California, the majority of those years were spent sailing as a Captain. Captain Falvey retired from UNOCAL Corporation and went on to operate fast ferries for 5 years as a High Speed Code Type Rated Captain in both New England and South American waters. Captain Falvey was next employed by AMHS in early 2003 as a Port Captain, and was appointed to the position General Manager of AMHS in May of 2004, where he currently serves.

Susan Bell: McDowell Group

McDowell Group Principal Susan Bell manages a wide array projects including community development and planning assignments, market demand assessments, feasibility studies for public and private investments, public opinion research, and stakeholder outreach. Prior to re-joining McDowell Group in 2015, Susan served as Commissioner of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Commissioner where she led state initiatives to market Alaska domestically and internationally; develop Alaska’s renewable and traditional energy resources; and enhance the state’s business climate. She served as State Co-Chair of the Denali Commission and as a board member for the Alaska Railroad Corporation, Alaska Energy Authority, Alaska Gasline Development Corporation, and Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority.

John Waterhouse: Elliott Bay Design Group

John Waterhouse serves as Chief Concept Engineer, and was a founding partner, at Elliott Bay Design Group, and has over 30 years of experience in naval architecture and marine engineering. Throughout his career, he has made significant contributions to the industry through innovative design and engineering achievement. His ferry experience includes vessel design and engineering for various clients including Washington State Ferries, Alaska Marine Highway System, and The Steamship Authority. John’s expertise includes analysis and development of transportation studies, including operational and business plans and analyzing long-term financial strategies for both public and private operators including Alaska Department of Transportation, Delaware River and Bay Authority, and Alaska’s Inter-Island Ferry Authority.

Mining

Deantha Crockett: Executive Director of the Alaska Miners Association

Deantha Crockett is the Executive Director of the Alaska Miners Association, which advocates for and promotes responsible mineral development in the state of Alaska. She was born and raised in Alaska and came to AMA from the Resource Development Council, where she led issues and policy for the mining and tourism industries for seven years.
Tourism Forum

**John Binkley:** Cruise Line International Association Alaska President

John is a third-generation Alaskan; he grew up in the family tour business operating sternwheel riverboats. He saw firsthand the growth of the tourism industry from its humble beginnings during the 1950’s and 60’s, to the dramatic growth of the 1980’s and 1990’s when the larger cruise ships started coming to Alaska; to now having almost two million visitors a year to the state. John served as CEO of the family business, and now his sons operate the successful family tourism business through the fourth generation. In 1977 John and his wife Judy founded and operated a tug and barge business in western Alaska. It was there that John began his public service, first as a member of the Bethel City Council in the early 80’s and then representing the region in the Alaska House of Representatives. He went on to the State Senate, serving as co-chairman of the Finance Committee. John’s extensive record of civic service includes serving as Chairman of the Alaska Railroad Corporation for 13 years, continuing to serve as a member of the Board of Directors since 1995; he serves or has served on many statewide boards including Doyon Tourism Board, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, Alaska Travel Industry Association and many other corporate and non-profit boards. He currently serves as President of Cruise Lines International Association Alaska. John and Judy live in Fairbanks, and have four adult children and nine grandchildren, all in Alaska.

**Zak Kirkpatrick:** Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Allen Marine/Alaskan Dream Cruises

Zakary Kirkpatrick was born and raised in Juneau and is a third generation Alaskan. His passion for exploring the Inside Passage led him to the visitor industry at age 14, when he worked as a deckhand aboard a yacht based in Gustavus. Immediately after graduating from Juneau Douglas High School, Zak was hired as a ranger for the U.S. Forest Service at the Mendenhall Glacier. Between college semesters at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, he worked for Allen Marine Tours as a deckhand and naturalist. At age 23, he received his captain's license and began operating vessels for the company. After graduating from BYU with a degree in advertising, Zak was determined to use his education to market the wonders of Alaska. He held various roles in the marketing department for the Allen Marine family of companies before being promoted to his current position—Director of Marketing and Public Relations. In addition to managing the marketing efforts for both Allen Marine Tours and small ship cruise line, Alaskan Dream Cruises, Zak works closely with the Allen family and senior management in business and product development.
Robert Venables: Southeast Conference Executive Director

Robert's involvement with Southeast Conference began in 2001 and continued for 7 years as a member of the SEC Board of Directors, including one year as president before stepping down in 2008 to take the role of SEC Energy Coordinator. Robert was previously employed by the Haines Borough for nearly 8 years, the first half as Economic Development Director and the last half as Borough Manager. Before his work with the municipality, Robert was the local manager for a SE Alaska regional wholesale distributor and served 7 years on the local chamber of commerce with 2 terms as President. Robert has served on a number of local and state boards and commissions and currently is a member of the state's Marine Transportation Advisory Board and the Municipal Advisory Gas Project Review Board. He and his wife lived in Haines for more than 30 years, before relocating to the "big city" of Juneau.

Healthcare Forum

Matt Eisenhower: PeaceHealth Ketchikan Executive Director

Matt Eisenhower serves as the Director of Community Health Development for PeaceHealth and lives in Ketchikan. His early involvement with rural healthcare and overseeing multiple projects focusing on the triple aim of healthcare reform gives him a unique perspective on the evolving changes in healthcare and healthcare costs. Healthcare plays an important role in the economic environment in Southeast Alaska and Matt knows how healthcare costs and quality care can serve as a driver in economic development. He has spoken nationally to various audiences on the changing trends in healthcare, change management, and population health care models. He is married and has six boys, serves on the school board, and is active in youth baseball.

Dan Neumeister: SEARHC Senior Executive Vice President

Dan Neumeister has been a Senior Healthcare Executive with a 25+ year record of distinguished service as both CEO and COO. As a trusted leader known for developing high-performing teams while building cultures of collaboration and accountability, he came to SEARHC in April 2013 and immediately took on the task of assessing the needs of the Consortium and restructuring its operations. The goal was not only to secure the financial future of SEARHC but to set the stage for being the provider of choice and the employer of choice in Southeast Alaska. Dan received a BS in Management from San Diego State University and an MS in Healthcare Administration from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. He has also been successful in various leadership positions throughout his career including non-profit community-based tertiary medical centers, district hospitals, critical access hospitals, and federally qualified health centers and clinics.
Jaeleen Kookesh: Legislative Sealaska Corporation
V.P. General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

Jaeleen Kookesh serves as the Sealaska Corporation Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary. Sealaska is an Alaska Native Corporation formed pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and is owned by more than 22,000 shareholders, primarily of Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian descent. Ms. Kookesh’s experience is driving the Corporation’s legal activities, as well as public policy priorities, which include developing legislation and regulations to advance Alaska Native interests and addressing Alaska Native shareholder issues. Prior to joining Sealaska Corporation, Ms. Kookesh was an Attorney with the law firm of Van Ness Feldman in Washington D.C. from 1998 – 2008. Ms. Kookesh holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Stanford University, and a Juris Doctorate and Certificate of Indian Law from the University of New Mexico School of Law. She is also a Sealaska and Doyon shareholder, an enrolled member of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, and a member of the Alaska Bar Association and the District of Columbia Bar Association. Ms. Kookesh is originally from Angoon, AK. She now lives in Juneau, AK and has three children: Maya (16), Jade (16) and Antone (12).

Oil and Gas Forum

Joe Marushack: President, ConocoPhillips Alaska

Joseph P. (Joe) Marushack is president, ConocoPhillips Alaska. Marushack began his career with Phillips Petroleum Company in 1982 as a staff engineer in Casper, Wyoming. He has held numerous oil and gas operating and commercial leadership roles in upstream, refining, treasury and planning groups. In April 2015, he was named to his current position following previous roles as President, ConocoPhillips Canada, and President, ConocoPhillips Asia Pacific and Middle East. In these roles he managed operations in Canada, Australia, Indonesia, China, Malaysia, Qatar, and East Timor. These operations include oil and gas production, development, projects and LNG. Marushack currently serves on the boards of United Way of Anchorage, The Nature Conservancy Alaska and Yellowstone Forever. Marushack was born in Norman, Oklahoma and is a native of Rock Springs, Wyoming. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Wyoming in Laramie in 1980 and a Master of Business Administration in 1982 from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

Leslie “Fritz” Krusen: Vice President LNG and Administrative Services
Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC)

Leslie “Fritz” Krusen is Vice President of LNG and Administrative Services at AGDC. He is responsible for AGDC oversight and technical aspects of the major facilities within the Alaska LNG project. Mr. Krusen joined AGDC on October 1st, 2014, following a 36-year career with ConocoPhillips, most recently as Chief Facilities Engineer in their Houston office. During his career, Mr. Krusen held a variety of engineering, technical management, and project management positions both domestically and internationally. He brings over 25 years of LNG experience to the position, including six years as head engineer at ConocoPhillips’ Kenai LNG plant and four years as Project Manager for Alaska Gas Commercialization. Mr. Krusen holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Kansas.
Seafood Forum

**Julie Decker:** Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation Executive Director

In 1994, Julie Decker arrived in Ketchikan to work in a cannery during summer break from college, and she has worked in Alaska’s seafood industry ever since. Her work experience has been varied and includes: deckhand, diver, vessel owner, and management of both for-profit and non-profits. Julie has also served on various boards and committees working toward economic development in the seafood industry, including the Southeast Conference, United Fishermen of Alaska, and the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute. In 2016, Julie was elected to a second term on the Wrangell Assembly. Currently, Julie is the Executive Director of the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation (AFDF). In the summers, she takes vacation time to commercial fish with her family on the F/V McCrea out of Wrangell.

**Jeremy Woodrow:** Communications Director Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

Jeremy Woodrow is the communications director for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI). Jeremy is a born and raised Alaskan whose family has commercially fished in Southeast Alaska for five decades. Prior to ASMI he served as the communications officer for the Alaska Department of Transportation. He has practiced public relations in Alaska for over 15 years. Jeremy received his bachelor’s in public relations and bachelor’s in advertising from Northern Arizona University. He lives in Juneau, Alaska with his wife and two young children.

**Steve Reifenstuhl:** Northern S.E. Regional Aquaculture Association General Manager

Steve Reifenstuhl is the general manager of the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association. He has previously served as Executive Director to the Southeast Herring Conservation Alliance, and as Fleet Manager and Staff Scientist for Silver Bay Seafoods. He also took first place in the Yukon Arctic Ultra (100 mile foot race) and the Alaska Ultrasport (383 mile foot race), in addition to many other athletic accomplishments.

**Mark Scheer:** CEO of Premium Aquatics and Southeast Conference Seafood Committee Chair

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Legislative Leaders Forum

Senator Bert Stedman: Senator

Senator Bert Stedman is a fourth-generation Alaskan. In 1908, the Stedman family homesteaded in Kake, where Bert's great-grandfather operated a fox farm and worked as a hunting guide and shipwright. Senator Bert Stedman attended Sitka High School. He long-lined and seined throughout Southeast Alaska. After graduating in 1974, he worked in the heavy construction industry and continued to fish commercially for several years. Senator Stedman graduated from the University of Oregon with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He returned to Sitka and founded Pioneer Capital Management. Bert successfully operated this personal investment services firm from 1986-2016. Bert served eight years on the Sitka Planning and Zoning Commission and four years on the Sitka Assembly, including one year as deputy mayor. In 2003, Governor Murkowski appointed Senator Stedman to the Alaska State Legislature as a State Senator. Senator Stedman was then elected to the seat in 2004 and reelected in 2008, 2012 as well as in 2016. Senator Stedman is currently the Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee and is a member of the Senate Resources Committee, Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee, and the Legislative Council Committee.

Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins: Alaska Representative House District 35

Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins represents Sitka and 21 other rural Southeast Alaska communities in the Alaska House of Representatives. He is the youngest member of the legislature. He cares deeply for rural Alaska and the issues its small communities face. Jonathan was born and raised in Sitka, and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout while growing up. He attended Yale College for three years before leaving school early to run for the Alaska Legislature. Representative Kreiss-Tomkins cares deeply for rural Alaska. Legislative focuses include growing Alaska's fishing economy, sustainable rural economic development, growing Alaska's knowledge economy, and celebrating and revitalizing Alaska Native culture and language. His 2014 legislation enshrining Alaska's 20 Native languages as official languages of the State of Alaska attracted national attention. Jonathan was recognized by The Washington Post in 2014 as one of its "top 40 under 40" in American politics. Outside politics, Jonathan has started several programs that bring young people and energy into Sitka. Together, these programs have brought over 200 people to volunteer, work, or live in Sitka, and have led the Yale Office of Career Strategy to identify Sitka as the number one worldwide destination for Yale undergrads seeking OCS summer opportunities, exceeding placements in cities such as London and San Francisco. In addition to his work, he enjoys endurance running and outdoor adventure, and has won or placed in various trail races and ultramarathons across Alaska and Lower 48. In 2011, Jonathan and his climbing partner posted a first ascent of El Muertito (19,639 feet) in the Argentine-Chilean Andes, then the highest unclimbed peak in the Western Hemisphere, as well as helping settle a debate over the altitude of the world's tallest volcano Ojos del Salado (22,615 feet). Jonathan also plays cello and double bass, and has twice toured through rural Alaska with a piano trio sponsored by a performing arts grant from the Rasmuson Foundation.

Sara Hannan: Candidate for House District 33

Sara Hannan is a retired life-long Alaskan and has lived in Juneau for 32 years. Sara spent three decades in education, teaching high school for 21 years. Sara and her husband own a small fish business and enjoy the Alaskan lifestyle of hunting and gathering.
**Dan Ortiz: Alaska Representative House District 36**

Dan Ortiz has served as the representative for Alaska House District 36 since 2014. Dan is an award winning educator who has also worked as a fisherman, house painter and tour guide. Rep. Ortiz grew up in Ketchikan, Alaska where he graduated from Ketchikan High School in 1976. Ortiz has worked as a fisherman, house painter and tour guide, in addition to his 30 year career as an educator at his alma mater. Dan taught A.P. Macroeconomics, A.P. United States History, and J.A. Economics. Dan earned multiple awards including VFW Teacher of the year and the American Legion Teacher of the year. Rep. Ortiz was first elected to the Alaska House of Representatives in 2014 and serves on the House Community & Regional Affairs Committee and the House Transportation Committee. He also serves on the Special Committees for Fisheries as well as Economic Development, Tourism, & Arctic Policy.

**Chris Dimond: Candidate for House District 33**

I was born in Juneau, raised in Douglas and graduated from Juneau-Douglas High School. My 23-year career in construction has included work as a journeyman carpenter, foreman and superintendent on numerous projects around Southeast. I have also worked as a part-time instructor for the Carpenters Training Center and currently work as an Organizer for the Carpenters Union here in Juneau. I am a proud 4th generation Alaskan, whose family has deep roots in this state. Like most in this district, I am registered as an “Undeclared” voter. While many of my core values align with Democrats, neither party has all the answers. Individual voters matter, and party politics can drown out voices with good ideas. Working independently across party lines is the only way to end the bitter partisanship that has gridlocked our state government. This is going to take leadership. I have learned what qualities leadership requires from my time working as an apprentice on up through my time working as an organizer, advocating for workers rights. I can fill that leadership role as an independent voice for House District 33. If we all pull together for the greater good, we can get our state back on track and leave the next generation of Alaskans with a healthy, robust state.

**Richard Wein: Candidate for House District 35**

I am a surgeon by trade with a 40 year career—board certified and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. I have held multiple positions of responsibility from Chief of Staff for 525 physicians to multiple Board of Trustee memberships that included a large hospital group and nonprofit organizations. I provided surgical care for almost ten years at SEARHC Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital and more than six years at Sitka Community Hospital. Currently, I sit on the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly. I have served our community and Southeast faithfully and I hope well—literally 7/24. I earned my Bachelors and Masters degrees from Columbia University in New York. My Masters degree was in journalism. I was awarded a doctorate of medicine from Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston.

**Trevor Shaw: Candidate for House District 36**

Trevor Shaw resides in Ketchikan, the community where he was raised, with his wife Lisa. As a high school senior, Trevor was elected to the Ketchikan School Board. He served on the School Board for five years, including two terms as the Board President. Mr. Shaw also served on the Board of Directors for the Association of Alaska School Board and, in 2015, was appointed by Gov. Walker to a three-year term on the Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee. Trevor is currently employed as the Administrative Manager and Director of Government Affairs for Ward Cove Group. In the 2018 election, Mr. Shaw is the Republican Nominee for the District 36 Seat in the Alaska House of Representatives.
Telecommunications Forum

Tyson Gallagher: Government Affairs Manager for GCI
Tyson Gallagher is a Government Affairs Manager for GCI, Alaska’s largest telecommunications company, where he oversees a team of employees dedicated to establishing a dialogue between telecomm stakeholders in the state of Alaska. Tyson’s work ensures that GCI, their customers, the broader public and state government officials are able to create an environment that is beneficial for all parties and enables connectivity throughout Alaska and to the world. Tyson was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska and grew up with a strong regard for politics and a passion for entrepreneurialism. Tyson graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder in 2009 with a Bachelor’s degree in Finance. Upon returning to Alaska, he moved to Juneau to begin work for the Office of Management and Budget under Governor Sean Parnell, eventually moving over the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. After nearly six years in Juneau, Tyson moved back to Anchorage and began work as Chief of Staff to Representative Lynn Gattis. In 2016 Tyson joined GCI, and currently serves as their Manager of Government Affairs. Tyson’s work in government affairs spans 10 Alaska legislative sessions. Tyson enjoys, golfing, hiking, spending time with his family, and the New York Yankees.

Christine O’Connor: Alaska Telecom Association
Christine O’Connor has deep roots in Alaska’s telecom industry. She has served as Board President of Nushagak Cooperative in Dillingham, Alaska, Account Executive and Regulatory Analyst with Matanuska Telephone Association in Palmer, Alaska, and currently is the Executive Director of the Alaska Telecom Association. In each of these roles, she has advocated for advanced services through the state and in support of Alaska’s telecommunications providers. Christine is a lifeline Alaskan whose heritage in rural Alaska has given her a deep commitment to bringing service to Alaskans, as well as an appreciation of the challenges remote location, extreme climate, and high costs bring. She goes home to Bristol Bay every summer to fish with her family in the greatest sustainable fishery in the world.

Ed Cushing: KPU Telecommunications
Ed Cushing has over 30 years of senior management experience with telecommunications organizations in Alaska, including roles with Sitka Telephone Co., Pacific Telecom, Alascom, Alaska Network Systems, ACS, and KPU Telecommunications. In his role as Division Manager, KPU Telecommunications, Ed is responsible for operation of a world class local network (and an Alaska-to-Canada Microwave and fiber-to-Seattle network) providing fiber-to-the-home-and-business derived services including: high speed broadband, local and national TV services, Hosted IP ‘cloud’ business services, and 4G/LTE wireless in Ketchikan and Skagway. Ed is a past-president of the Alaska Telecom Association, and serves on the Board of the national WTA Broadband Association. Former residents of Sitka and Anchorage, Ed and his wife, Memoree, have lived in Ketchikan for 9 years.
**Tom Brady: Microcom**

Tom Brady, Chief Technology Officer, Microcom, 46 years in telecommunications, including 22 years as a USAF telecom officer with assignments at Mt Home AFB, ID; Eielson AFB AK; Scott AFB IL; King Salmon AFS AK; Peterson AFB CO; and Elmendorf AFB AK; and 24 years with Microcom developing the Alaska VSAT, rural cable TV, direct to consumer satellite TV and broadband business. Started with 300 bits per second teletype, HF radio, tropospheric scatter, and electromechanical telephone switches and now dealing with fiber IFLs, gigabit links, 4K video, cellular backhaul, VOIP, and Ka/V band. For the last 5 years I have spent summers in Wrangell and winters in Anchorage.

**Shawn Uschmann: AT&T**

Shawn is a 29 year member of the telecommunications industry, having worked for a variety of companies ranging from Pacific Telecom, CenturyLink, Blackfoot Telecom, ACS and AT&T. Shawn has held senior leadership positions in Sales, Product Management, and Finance and is currently the Director of External and Government Affairs for AT&T. Shawn attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst where he studied Economics. Shawn has lived and worked in Alaska for 23 years and currently resides in Palmer with his wife Shannon and their three daughters.

**Bill Bishop: ACS**

Bill Bishop serves as Senior Vice President Customer and Revenue Management, overseeing product, marketing and sales teams for both Enterprise & Carrier and Mass Market segments. Mr. Bishop joined Alaska Communications in August 2004, and has served in several leadership roles in consumer and business sales and operations. Prior to his current position, he served as Senior Vice President, Business Market. Mr. Bishop brings more than 25 years of telecom and business leadership experience to Alaska Communications, including positions at AT&T, McCaw Communications, and a federal government logistics contracting company. Mr. Bishop holds a bachelor's degree in Natural Sciences from University of Alaska Anchorage.

**Workshops**

**Rick Harris: Sealaska Heritage Institute**

Rick Harris was the Executive Vice President of Sealaska until July 2014 when he retired after 34 years with Sealaska Corporation. During his tenure with Sealaska he had an active role in legislation and regulation development, environmental management and lobbying in both Alaska and in Washington D.C. Prior to his employment with Sealaska he was responsible for salmon harvest management and enhancement programs in Washington state and in Alaska he lead the Southern Southeast Aquaculture Association salmon enhancement brood stock collection program and regional salmon enhancement planning. Since his retirement from Sealaska, Rick provides consulting service which includes Sealaska Heritage Institute where he is working on strategies to create policy authorizations and appropriations to support SHI Northwest Coast arts initiative.

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Bobbie Meszaros: Sealaska Heritage Institute

Bobbie Meszaros is Tlingit, of the Ch’áak’ (Eagle) moiety of the Sik’nax.ádi (Wolf Killer Whale) Clan from Shtax’héen Kwáan (Wrangell, Alaska) and Tseesk’i’ya dachxán (grandchild of the Tahltan Crow Clan). Bobbie works for Sealaska Heritage Institute as the new Development Officer. In this role, she is responsible for the management, planning, and implementation of the philanthropy program that secures financial resources to support Sealaska Heritage’s mission and program goals. Bobbie has over ten years of fundraising and event planning experience while working for several national based nonprofit organizations. She specializes in serving Alaska Native and American Indian Tribal Nations throughout Indian Country. Prior to joining Sealaska Heritage, she worked for the American Indian College Fund as a grant writer and researcher. Bobbie holds a B.A. in Anthropology and History from the University of Alaska Anchorage. She has recently relocated back home to Alaska after spending the last several years in Colorado and is excited to promote Juneau as the Northwest Coast Art Capital within the region and nationally.

Emily Edenshaw: Director of Business & Economic Development Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Emily Edenshaw leads the efforts that promote business and economic opportunities for the Tribe, its tribal business enterprises and citizens, and Southeast Alaska communities. Edenshaw holds an Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) degree in Strategic Leadership from Alaska Pacific University and a Bachelor’s degree in Journalism and Public Communications from the University of Alaska Anchorage. She came to Tlingit & Haida from the First Alaskans Institute where she served as the Sustainability Director. She serves as President of Friends of ANCCS, a non-profit organization that supports the Alaska Native Cultural Charter School. Edenshaw previously served as the Academic Policy Committee Vice President of the Alaska Native Cultural Charter School. Originally from Emmonak, Alaska, Edenshaw is the great-granddaughter of Axel and Pearlie Johnson, granddaughter of John and Cecilia Sipary, and daughter of John Neeley and Helen Miller. Edenshaw and her husband Devin have three beautiful sons and one adventurous daughter. Her Yup’ik name, Kenegmkayagaagtaq, means a person with a beautiful persona, spirit, aura and friend.

Wayne Benner: City Administrator City of Thorne Bay

Started my career in the public sector after graduating from Washington State University as a Mechanical Engineer. First with the City of Pullman, Washington as the operations Engineer. Then, 8 years as Assistant County Engineer and 6 years as an elected County Commissioner in Bonner County, Idaho. Later I spent 9 years as an elected Fire District Commissioner, and 9 years as a Planning Commission member also in Bonner County, Idaho. And most recently 7 1/2 years as City Administrator for the City of Thorne Bay, Alaska. In the private sector spent 24 years as the in-house planner, engineer, utility manager and government liaison for the development at a major ski resort, major golf course and private consulting firm in Bonner County, Idaho. Authored and was successful with the first local option tax bill in the Idaho State Legislature, designed and developed an alternative sewage disposal system for development in snow country and developed a format for laying out developments based on live ability not mobility. In 7 1/2 years with Thorne Bay have worn the hats of City Administrator, Public Works Director and City Planning Director. Chaired the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council and Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority, successful in obtaining grant funds, rewriting city codes, defending legal issues, increasing city revenues, and fulfilling many of the duties of the mayor.