

Community Research Projects and Needs Assessment Survey

Introduction:

A new collaboration among industry and other groups for strengthening economic development in Southeast Alaska is being coordinated by the Juneau Economic Development Council. This approach is called cluster based planning. The survey below is intended to provide information about research needs that support communities and business. Please see the Project Description at the end of this survey for more information.

You are invited to participate in this survey to share your community's current research initiatives and relationship with the regional research community. The survey has 14 questions and should take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

***1. Participation: Your participation in this project is completely voluntary. The results of the survey will be shared publicly, but your name will remain anonymous. While we are hoping to expand the awareness of research activities and networks as part of this effort, please indicate whether Juneau Economic Development Council may share your contact information with others interested in scientific research in Southeast Alaska.**

- Yes, you may share my contact information
- No, please do not share my contact information

2. Please provide the following:

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Company:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>
Address 2:	<input type="text"/>
City/Town:	<input type="text"/>
ZIP:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>

3. What type of organization do you work for?

- Federal
- State
- Municipality
- Nonprofit
- Business
- Education/Academic/Research
- Tribal organization
- Other (please specify)

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4. Please describe what research means to you, and how it relates to your community.

5. What type of research is currently being done in your community that you are aware of?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical or human health related | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological (wildlife, botanical, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Species |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic | <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Anthropological |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watershed | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism-related research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

6. Please describe the community-based or citizen science projects, programs, and/or initiatives currently underway in your community

7. Please describe how research currently supports or is involved in these citizen science projects/programs/initiatives

8. Please describe how research could support or be relevant to these current citizen science projects/programs/ initiatives

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9. Please list your community's top five priority research needs.

1	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>
4	<input type="text"/>
5	<input type="text"/>

10. Please describe the research gaps or needs you perceive in Southeast Alaska

11. Please list the pertinent Southeast Alaska community issues, needs, or topics that you feel would benefit most from focused, applied research

- Medical or human health related
- Biological (wildlife, botanical ,etc)
- Economic
- Social
- Environmental
- Climate change
- Watershed
- Forestry
- Marine Species
- Fisheries
- Cultural/Anthropological
- Mining
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- Other (please specify)

12. Please list the types of research work or projects (if any) that you feel need more support, or need to be carried out in the region:

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13. From whom do you request research to support the projects/programs/citizen science initiatives carried out in your community? Please list key individuals or organizations, including contact information if available:

14. Please describe your community's capacity to support research:

- Fully capable and conducting research
- Lacking adequate research facilities
- Lacking adequate workforce (employees, researchers, volunteers, interns, etc)
- Lacking adequate accommodations for potential researchers
- Require more support services (restaurants, entertainment, etc)
- Other (please specify)

15. Please provide any additional comments about research.

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Project Description

The Juneau Economic Development Council has been provided the opportunity to bring a cluster-based planning approach to economic development in the Southeast Alaska region. Under a contract awarded by the USDA Forest Service, JEDC launched the Southeast Alaska Cluster Initiative to bring the private sector together with government agencies, university faculty, trade association representatives, community leaders and other stakeholders committed to addressing regional needs, concerns and opportunities on a partnership basis.

Since inception, JEDC has organized five industry cluster groups: Ocean Products, Visitor Products, Renewable Energy, Mining Services and Supplies, and Research and Development. The focus of activity for each cluster is the development and implementation of industry specific initiatives for increased business development, jobs and regional prosperity. Initiative implementation teams, each team led by a volunteer Champion, are composed of the private sector, federal, state and local agencies, university faculty, and other stakeholders active in the industry. The Research and Development Cluster has six action teams. Team 3, Connect Research to Communities, is working to strengthen awareness of and connection to regional research in rural Southeast Communities.

Connecting Research to Communities Action Initiative's goals are to:

- Support efforts to address the perceived lack of cataloged research projects currently being conducted in Southeast Alaska to strengthen community residents' and researchers' awareness, knowledge, needs, and relationship between community and research.
- Strengthen Southeast Alaska's research workforce pool of talent by building capacity in the region's remote and isolated rural communities to develop the place based and traditional knowledge inherent in residents of these communities that could serve as an invaluable base for a career in research of the region's natural environment.
- Open the lines of communication between rural Southeast communities and the region's research community.

This Action Initiative will work to achieve these objectives by creating a mechanism for communication between rural Southeast communities and research establishments.

The first step in creating a mechanism for communication between researchers and communities is to assess research projects currently underway in communities throughout the region, and to assess the current relationship between Southeast communities and regional researchers.

To complete this assessment, the Action Initiative Working Group has developed a brief survey to gather information on current community-based research in the region, as well as gauge key community stakeholders' perceptions of the strengths, needs, opportunities, and challenges that exist in the current relationship between communities and research.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your thoughtful responses are critical to successfully building an effective link and mechanism for communication between Southeast Alaskan communities and regional research establishments.