



# Annual Meeting Agenda

## Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

- 1:30 PM** **Ferry from Juneau Arrives (Leaves Juneau at 9AM, a bus will meet ferry in Haines)**  
**4:00 PM** Reception at the Haines Sheldon Museum with hors d'oeuvres  
**6:30 PM** No host bar at Haines Brewery with hors d'oeuvres by the Haines Chamber of Commerce



## Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

Harriett Hall, Southeast Alaska State Fairgrounds

- 7:15 AM** Registration & Breakfast (Transportation provided from hotels) *Sponsored by the Alaska Committee*

### 8:00 AM Opening Ceremony

**Chelsea Goucher:** Southeast Conference President

National Anthem & Alaska Flag Song by Rebekah McCoy

**Jan Hill:** Haines Mayor and Southeast Conference First Vice President

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

**Shirley Marquardt:** Boards and Commissions Director for Governor Bill Walker



### 9:00 AM Economic Development Strategies

**Micaela Fowler:** Introduction by the Legislative Liaison for the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

- 9:10 AM** **Brittney Cioni Haywood:** Northern Opportunity: Alaska's Economic Development Strategy by the Director Division of Economic Development

**9:25 AM** **Meilani Schijvens:** Southeast Alaska by the Numbers and Regional Economic Plan, Rain Coast Data

**9:55 AM** **Kathie Wasserman:** Alaska Municipal League and the Economy

**10:15 AM** **Myrna Gardner:** Manager Business & Economic Development Department Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Regional CEDS

### 10:30 AM 15 minute Break – Coffee and Snacks Sponsored by Wostmann Associates

### 10:45AM Visitor Industry

**Ralph Samuels:** Holland America Line Vice President, Government & Community Relations

**Patti Mackey:** Ketchikan Visitors Bureau President, CEO, & Southeast Alaska Tourism Council

### 11:45 AM Health Care

**Matt Eisenhower:** Healthcare & economic development by PeaceHealth Ketchikan Executive Director

**Mining Luncheon:** Southeast Opportunities and Responsibility In Action: Hosted by Constantine Mining

- 12:15 PM** **Deantha Crockett:** Executive Director of the Alaska Miners Association;

**Liz Cornejo:** Vice President, Community & External Affairs Constantine Mining

**1:40 PM** Southeast Conference Board Candidates Introduction

**1:45 PM** **Rick Caulfield** Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast: UAS and the region

### 1:55 PM Timber Industry Panel

**Bryce Dahlstrom** Vice President Viking Lumber, **Steve Seley** former Pacific Log and Lumber owner, **Frank Roppel** formerly Alaska Pulp Corporation, **Jim Clark** Timber Attorney

**2:40 PM** **Anthony Mallott:** President and CEO, Sealaska. Economic Development in the Region.

### 2:55 PM 15 minute Break – Coffee and Snacks Sponsored by Visit Sitka/Sitka Chamber

### 3:10 PM Regional Planning

Video Greeting: **Senator Lisa Murkowski** welcomes Southeast Conference

**Governor Frank Murkowski:** Transportation and the economy

**Ken Alper:** Tax Division Director, Alaska Department of Revenue

**Christopher Mertl:** Growing Local Economies & Strategic Land Use Planning: Corvus Design Landscape Architect

**4:05 PM** **Alana Peterson:** Program Director for Spruce Root, Inc. & Sustainable Southeast Partnership

(following her presentation, transportation back to hotels will be provided)

### 6:00 PM Community Reception at Hotel Halingland with Historic Pub Crawl

After hours activities sponsored by Haines CVB and the Haines Chamber of Commerce





**Wednesday, September 20th**  
Harriett Hall, Southeast Alaska State Fairgrounds

7:15 AM Registration & Breakfast (Transportation provided from hotels) Sponsored by Life Med Alaska

7:15 AM Heat Pump Working Group

8:00 AM Polling Station Opens

8:00 AM **Transportation and the Alaska Marine Highway System**

**Dennis Watson:** Introduction by Southeast Conference Transportation Committee Chair

8:20 AM **Commissioner Marc Luiken:** Alaska Department of Transportation

8:40 AM **Captain John Falvey Jr.:** General Manager of the Alaska Marine Highway

9:00 AM AMHS Reform: Phase II Report: Elliott Bay Design Group, McDowell Group

**10:00 AM 15 minute Break - Coffee and Snacks sponsored by The Grind Coffee Company**

10:15 AM Strategic Business and Operations Plan for AMHS

11:00 AM **Panel of Past Presidents:** *Rosemary Hagevig (Juneau), Rob Allen (Sitka), Jon Bolling (Craig), Maxine Thompson (Angoon), Mike Korsmo (Skagway), Tom Briggs (Craig)*

11:30 AM **Legislative Leaders Panel:** *Senator Bert Stedman and Representative Sam Kito (confirmation pending for additional leaders)*

Noon **Lunch on your own. There will be a working lunch for the AMHS Reform Project on site. There will be a working lunch for the Solid Waste Authority at the Aspen Hotel. Transportation to Haines eateries will be provided, along with transportation back to the conference.**

1:45 PM **Seafood**

**Julie Decker:** Alaska's Mariculture Industry Tangible Indications of Growth by AFDF Director

2:05 PM **Joe Plesha** Trident Seafoods Chief Legal Officer. Overview of the status of the seafood industry.

2:35 PM **Action Oriented Southeast Alaska Arts Panel**

Sealaska Heritage Institute: Southeast as the Northwest Arts Capitol of the World: **Rick Harris and Bobbie Meszaros.** Building a Regional Arts and Culture Center: **John Clough.** Alaska Arts Confluence **Carol Tuynman.**

**Polling Station Closes at 3:00 PM**

**3:15 PM 15 minute Break - Coffee and Snacks**

3:30 PM **Workforce Development**

**Regional Economic Plan Priority Objective: Maritime Industrial Support Sector Talent Pipeline**

**Doug Ward:** Director of Shipyard Development for Vigor Alaska

**Sierra Callis:** Vigor Alaska's Work Force Development Specialist

**Cari-Ann Carty:** Executive Director Alaska Process Industry Careers Consortium

3:55 PM **Jim Bates** CEO of Business Improvement Group, Inc., MAKE program partner

4:05 PM **Susan Bell:** Workforce Education and Training in Southeast Alaska

4:20 PM **Haines Business Highlight - Solid Waste Authority/Haines Friends of Recycling**

4:35 PM AMHS Steering Committee meeting (Transportation back to hotels provided)

6:00 PM **Cocktail Hour**

Sponsored by AP&T



6:45 PM **Banquet & Auction** (Evening transportation provided)





**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
American Bald Eagle Foundation

8:00 AM Registration & Breakfast (Transportation provided from hotels) Sponsored by Waste Management

8:00 AM Biomass working group



9:00 AM **Alaska Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott Keynote Breakfast Presentation**

9:30 AM **Energy**

**Alec Mesdag:** Electric vehicles in Southeast Alaska by the Director of Energy Service for AEL&P and Southeast Conference Energy Committee Chair

9:45 AM **Host Utility Updates:**

**Jodi Mitchell** Chief Executive Officer at Inside Passage Electric Cooperative

**Jason Custer** Business Development Director for Alaska Power & Telephone Company

**Greg Mickelson:** Vice President and COO of the Energy Division Alaska Power & Telephone Company

10:00 AM **Devany Plentovich:** AK Energy Authority update

10:15 AM **Southeast Biomass Projects**

**Karen Petersen** Southeast Alaska Biomass Coordinator for Southeast Conference

**Bob Deering,** renewable energy coordinator for the Alaska region of the U.S. Forest Service

10:30 AM **Jessie Huff:** USDA Rural Development Energy Programs, Program Manager

**10:45 AM 15 minute Break – Coffee and Snacks Sponsored by IPEC**

11:00 AM **Heather Parker:** Policy and Program Analyst Office of Governor Bill Walker: Great Alaska Energy Challenge

11:05 AM **Robert Venables:** Energy Efficiency and Southeast business energy audits

11:20 AM **Regional round-robin:** Project updates

11:35 AM Southeast Conference Annual Membership Business Meeting

12:35 PM Adjourn

**5:30 PM Ferry to Juneau Leaves (transportation provided, bus leaves downtown at 4PM)**



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