Sitka Annual Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 18th
Harrigan Centennial Hall

7:15 AM  Breakfast Sponsored by Alaska Committee & Registration sponsored by Wostmann Associates

8:00 AM  Opening Ceremony

Dennis Watson: Southeast Conference President
National Anthem & Alaska Flag Song by the Sitka High School Choir. Gary Paxton: Mayor, City and Borough of Sitka. Welcome by Lesa Way, Sitka Tribe of Alaska Council Officer

8:30 AM  Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Richard Peterson: Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska President

8:45 AM  Energy Panel 1: Alec Mesdag, VP AEL&P – Chair; Michael Rovito, Alaska Power Association Executive Deputy Director; Gievy Kochanowski US Department of Energy, Indian Energy Office;
Panel 2: Jodi Mitchell, IPEC CEO/General Manager, Gunnuck Creek hydro; Melissa Kookesh, Thayer Creek hyro; Jason Custer, Hillangaay hyro

9:45 AM  Denali Commission Jason Hoke: Federal Co-chair

10:00 AM  15 minute Break – Break Sponsored by Northrim Bank

10:15 AM  Timber Industry Bryce Dahlstrom Vice President Viking Lumber - Committee Chair
Jerry Ingersoll USFS Deputy Regional Forester

10:45 AM  Housing and the Southeast Alaska Economy
Jackie Pata, Tlingit and Haida Regional Housing Authority CEO
Stacy Barnes, AK Housing Finance Corporation, Director Governmental Relations & Public Affairs

11:15 AM  Southeast Alaska by the Numbers 2019
Meilani Schijvens: Southeast Alaska by the Numbers. Rain Coast Data Director

11:50 AM  2020 Alaska Angel Conference Brian Holst, Juneau Economic Development Council ED

1:20 PM  Economic Development Implementation: Panel of Municipal Managers & Administrators Lisa Von Bargen Wrangell; Rorie Watt Juneau; Dennis Gray Hoonah; Jon Bolling Craig; Jon Erickson Yakutat; Leslie Isaacs Klawock; Wayne Benner Thorne Bay; Lacey Simpson Ketchikan; Brad Ryan Skagway.

2:20 PM  Health Care and Southeast Alaska: Southeast Alaska Health Care Workforce Analysis:
Health Care Providers Survey Meilani Schijvens, Health Care Panel: Bartlett Regional Hospital: Charles Bill, CEO. PeaceHealth Ketchikan: Matt Eisenhower, Executive Director of Community Health Development and Foundation. SEARHC: Dan Neumester, Senior Executive VP. University: Karen Carey, UAS Provost, Jeff Jesse, UAA College of Health Dean.

3:30 PM  Health Care Break – Coffee and Snacks Sponsored by PeaceHealth and SEARHC

3:45 PM  Sitka Business Highlight Alaska Pure Sea Salt Co.: Jim and Darcy Michener

4:00 PM  University of Alaska Update Jim Johnson President, University of Alaska.
Introduction by Rick Caulfield Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast

4:30 PM  Allen Marine Cruise One-hour cruise for 100. Cruise Boards at 4:30, departs at 4:45 from Crescent Harbor adjacent to Harrigan Centennial Hall. Refreshments and no host bar on-board. Free tickets at registration. (You can still make the evening plane afterwards.)

6 to 8 PM  Community Reception at Sitka Fine Arts Camp Odess Theater
Sitka Made: a sampling of flavors from Sitka’s makers and a special performance by the New Archangel Dancers. Dinner on your own following.
Thursday, September 19th
Harrigan Centennial Hall

7:30 AM  Breakfast Sponsored by Denali Commission
Polls Open  
Sitka Artist Market all day in Chum room!

8:30 AM  Transportation

Dennis Watson: Introduction by Southeast Conference Transportation Committee Chair.
John MacKinnon: DOT&PF Commissioner Southeast Transportation update
AMHS Reform Susan Bell, McDowell Group. Dave Kensinger
John Cannon VP Business Development Delta Western

9:30 AM  Mining Industry
Jan Hill, Haines Mayor: Southeast Conference committee chair
Deanthia Crockett: Executive Director of the Alaska Miners Association
Mike Satre: Hecla Greens Creek Mine

10:00 AM  15 minute Break - Coffee and Snacks sponsored by Southeast Pilots Association

10:15 AM  Visitor Industry
KC Hostetter, Alaska Airlines: Southeast Conference committee chair
Zak Kirkpatrick: Marketing Director Allen Marine
John Binkley: Cruise Lines International Association Alaska President
ATIA/Tourism Works for Alaska: Elizabeth Hall & Carol Fraser
Liz Perry: Tourism Best Management Practices

11:20 AM  Sealaska
Anthony Mallott: President and CEO

11:40 AM  Community and Economics Driven Land Use Master Planning
Chris Mertl Corvus Design and James Bibb Northwind Architects

12:00 PM  Networking Luncheon  co-sponsored by First Bank. Video Presentations.

1:25 PM  Spruce Root
Alana Peterson Program Director

1:45 PM  Seafood
Mark Scheer CEO Premium Aquatics – SEC Committee Chair
Nicole Kimball: Vice President Pacific Seafood Processors Association
Ashley Heimbigner: Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Marketing Director

2:30 PM  Telecommunications
Christine O'Connor Executive Director, Alaska Telecom Association

2:45 PM  15 min break polls close Coffee and Snacks Sponsored by Cruise Lines International Association Alaska

3:00 PM  Legislative Leaders Forum: Elected SE Legislative Leaders
Senator Bert Stedman, Senator Jesse Kiehl, Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, Representative Dan Ortiz, Representative Sara Hannan, Representative Andi Story

6:00 PM  Cocktail Hour  Drink Tickets sponsored by AP&T

6:45 PM  Awards Banquet & UAS Scholarship Auction  Mark Scheer Auctioneer
Seafood donated by ASMI
Dessert sponsored by the Haines Borough

Video remarks from Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan, and Representative Young during conference.

Snacks and refreshments underwritten by Sitka’s Seamart Quality Foods
Friday, September 20th
Harrigan Centennial Hall

8:00 AM  Breakfast Sponsored by BDO

8:15 AM  **Workshops**

**Regenerative Tourism** moderated by Paul Hackenmueller Spruce Root, Inc. Business Development Director *(King Room)* This session will begin a discussion around enhancing local tourism opportunities in Southeast Alaska at a scale and type that match community needs and priorities. This initiative is a partnership between Sustainable Southeast Partnership, Sealaska, and Allen Marine.

**AMHS Reform Steering Committee** led by Robert Venables *(Silver Room)* Continue the discussion on strategies and goals for marine transportation with regional stakeholders including former Governor Frank Murkowski.

**Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority** led by Leslie Isaacs *(Chum room)* Join a community discussion on alternatives to decrease and control the costs of handling, processing and disposing of municipal solid waste.

**Census 2020**  led by Barbara Miranda Partnership Specialist *(Steelhead Room)* Participation and engagement are critical in the 2020 Census, especially for smaller communities. This session will help participants understand the process, the local value, and the importance of being counted.

9:30 AM  **30 minute Break - Coffee and Snacks Sponsored by City and Borough of Wrangell**

10:00 AM  **Southeast Conference Annual Membership Business Meeting**

11:00 AM  **Sitka Tours:** Tours depart from Harrigan Centennial Hall. Sign up for your tour choice at the Registration desk.

**Allen Marine Shipyard:** Tour the Allen Marine Shipyard where innovative expedition vessels are constructed for use throughout Southeast Alaska. Transportation provided.

**Fortress of the Bear:** Tour the educational bear rescue center where orphaned brown and black bear cubs from all over Alaska are cared for and rehomed. Transportation provided.

**Sitka Sound Science Center:** Follow the Sea Walk to the Sitka Sound Science Center for a facility tour and presentation on the economic impacts of the hatchery program on the local economy beginning at 11:15 am.

**Sitka Walking Tour:** Shop Sitka’s locally owned downtown or take a walk through historic Sitka at your own pace, visit St. Michael’s Cathedral, the Sheldon Jackson Museum, walk through Sitka National Historical Park and much more. Admission fees are not included.

1:00 PM  **Luncheon Aboard the Amsterdam**

**Transportation:** Meet busses at Harrigan Centennial Hall at 12:15 and 12:30 pm. Old Sitka Dock is located at 4513 Halibut Point Road. Parking available at the top of the hill adjacent to the road. Meet at Security Office near the gangway.

Celebrate Southeast Conference’s 61st anniversary with a luncheon aboard the cruise ship Amsterdam. Sponsored by Holland America Princess. $61 per person. Must have signed up by September 13th.