Goal: Implement the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan

Progress: The State of Alaska's Strategic Workforce Partnership (SWP) was established in 2018. The Alaska SWP, led by the Alaska Sea Grant and surrounded by 13 entities, is a collaborative effort to support the work of states, regions, and local maritime stakeholders to develop a workforce of seafarers and maritime professionals.

Additionally, the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan (AMWDP) is being developed. The Plan will provide a strategic roadmap to address the workforce needs of the maritime industry in Alaska. The AMWDP will be informed by stakeholder input, including industry leaders, educational institutions, and government agencies. The Plan will outline initiatives and strategies to support the development of a diverse and skilled workforce for the Alaska maritime industry.

Goal: Support the development of specialty seafood products that can be sold at national and international markets, and increase the value provided to local fishermen by providing access to capital and marketing opportunities.

Progress: In 2018, the bureau received RFPs from 13 companies. These RFPs included requests for information on seafood products that could be produced and marketed. The bureau is currently reviewing the RFPs to identify potential seafood products that can be sold at national and international markets.

Goal: Implement the Alaska Marine Highway System Reform Project

Progress: The Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) Reform Project is underway and focuses on the strategic priorities of the Southeast Alaska 2020 Economic Plan. The project is working on full service utilization, secure adequate timber supply, and market Southeast Alaska to visitors.

Goal: Implement the Southeast Conference Marine Workforce Development Plan

Progress: The Alaska Statewide Workforce Development Plan (ASWDP) was developed in collaboration with the Southeast Conference (SE) to support the development of a workforce for the marine sector in Southeast Alaska. The plan is being implemented through a multi-phase approach that will identify structural changes to improve the sustainability and financial health of the state ferry system.

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Southeast Conference Mission
The mission of Southeast Conference is to undertake and support activities that generate strong economies, healthy communities, and a quality environment in Southeast Alaska.

About Southeast Conference
Southeast Conference was incorporated in 1958 to lobby for a regional transportation system that eventually became the Alaska Marine Highway System. After that success, we stayed together to continue to advocate for services that are key to the Southeast region as a whole. Our goal is to help develop strong economies, healthy communities, and a quality environment in Southeast Alaska. We fight for controversy and areas where we can work together for the betterment of the region.

Our key areas of focus include economic development, transportation, tourism, energy, and other businesses. We help support the Southeast Conference of Alaska and the Marine Transportation Advisory Board. Southeast Conference is the federally designated Regional Economic Development Organization for Southeast Alaska.

Southeast Conference’s 23rd Members
Southeast Conference has 23 member communities and organizations that work together to plan for change at the AMHS state agency that could bring about the focus of many of our efforts. The Alaska Marine Highway System is a vital and integral part of the region’s economic and transportation system. Transportation is the backbone of all economies and a strong system is necessary to support the development, growth, and quality of life in our region. We work with our member communities and organizations to advocate for the system and to ensure that all parties, including the Alaska Native and Tribal organizations, have a seat at the table for decision making. Our Advisory Board is comprised of representatives from nine communities across the region, including three city and borough councilors, three local elected leaders, and three local elected leaders from the state’s regional Native corporations. This board has been an integral part of the region for over 60 years and counting.

In 2019 our members and partners were the extra mile in supporting us and working toward the goal of the organization: an outstanding ferry system that continues to be the number one priority of Southeast Conference, and has been for 15 years and counting.

Southeast Conference and our Board of Directors

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Member Communities and Organizations
- 223 Southeast Conference Members
- Community of the Year Award: Kake
- Business of the Year Award: Aspen Hotels
- Annual Meeting Community Host: Ketchikan

Economic Plan Initiatives
- 7 priority objectives and 46 economic initiatives
- The Southeast Alaska 2020 Economic Plan received the Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations.

Scholarship Money Raised
- $17.7K

Publications
- Southeast Alaska by the Numbers
- Southeast Alaska Business Climate and Private Investment Survey
- The Case for AMHS Reform
- Southeast Alaska by the Numbers

Fees
46

Committees
- Transportation, Maritime, Marine/Seafood Technology, Tourism, Timber, Mining, Economic Development, Solid Waste, Arts

Total Revenue FY18 = $698K

Southeast Conference 2019
Southeast Conference 2018 In Review

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Future events and initiatives include regional transportation, energy, industrial, tourism, seafood, tourism, timber, and mining. We are also committed to pursuing opportunities to expand our membership. In 2019, Southeast Conference will continue to work toward the goal of partnering to develop a Southeast Alaska Healthcare Workforce Assessment.