SOUTHEAST ALASKA TRIBAL
COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

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First of its kind for regional tribal perspective – rural Southeast
Tribal partners: 19 Tribes, Alaska Native Corps, others
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CEDS TRIBAL INPUT

- Tlingit & Haida General Assembly resolutions from 2014-2016
- Online survey from partners, tribal community
- One-on-one outreach
- Research data to create profile of tribal community
- Other regional planning (housing, health, forest, Southeast Conference)
- Next step is upcoming CEDS workgroup review and finalize goals, objectives, strategies and evaluation.
• Region is home since time immemorial
• 17,000 tribal members with ties to 19 communities
• Population trend in rural communities to urban centers
• *Rural* - lower birthrates than past decades
• *Elder* - Change in demographics point to aging of rural residents
• *Youth* – The number of youth is decreasing
• Contribute to the Cultural Wellness and Workforce Development goals
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**Median Income Comparison per Community**

The chart above shows the median income comparison per community from 2009 to 2015. The data indicates a general increase in median income across various communities, with notable differences in absolute values and growth rates.
POVERTY STATUS

2015 Poverty Comparison
American Indian / Alaska Native
Population per Community

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Angoon
Ketchikan
Wrangell
Sitka
Petersburg
Saxman
Juneau
Kake
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ALASKA NATIVE WORKFORCE

- Higher % of unemployed American Indian/Alaska Native compared to non-Native workforce
- Same with “not in the workforce” and HUB communities
• Head Start – Programs throughout the region
• High School/College – Each community had lower Native graduation rate than general population
INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS

- Transportation – Alaska Marine Highway
- Tribally owned housing stock
- Problematic telecommunications

Support the development of non-diesel energy sources

Encourage the state to handle deferred maintenance on transportation facilities in smaller communities

Protect services of the Alaska Marine Highway

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
Consistent with Southeast Conference
Resident vs non-resident
Key industries to rural communities
- Fisheries, timber, tourism
• Community Catalyst October Workshop
• Food Security – 7 projects
• Energy – 10 projects
• Natural Resource Management – 20 projects
• Workforce Development – 11 projects
• Economic Development – 15 projects
• Total 63 Projects
ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Tribes – 19 communities in the region
- Alaska Native corporations – 1 regional, 12 villages
- Non profits – housing, health (SEARHC)
- Events – Tlingit & Haida Tribal Assembly, Gold Medal and Sealaska Celebration
COMMUNITY, REGIONAL PRIORITIES

- **Housing** - Support housing development.
- **Food Security** - Increase production, accessibility, and demand of local foods; maintain and protect access to subsistence fish, game, and plant resources on public lands.
- **Cultural Wellness** - Support activities and infrastructure that promote cultural wellness.
- **Education** - Partner with higher education and K-12 to meet workforce needs.
- **Healthcare** - Meet regional needs of tribal communities and advocate for increased services and funding.
- **Energy** - Promote and implement regional energy plan priorities.
- **Transportation**  Minimize impacts of budget cuts to Alaska Marine Highway and develop a sustainable operational model to meet current and future needs.
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We are able to overcome financial and economic challenges because of the resiliency of the people.
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Thank You