



2021 Mid-Session Summit

Tuesday, February 9th

- 9:00 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks**– **SE Conference President Markos Scheer**, Seagrove Kelp
President Richard Peterson, Central Council Tlingit Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
- 9:20 AM **Randy Ruaro**, Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Mike Dunleavy
- 9:40 AM **Legislative Crystal Ball**
Larry Persily - Former Department of Revenue Deputy Commissioner, Owner, Wrangell Sentinel
- 10:15 AM **Break** – *Sponsored by the Alaska Committee*
- 10:30 AM **Southeast Population and Economic Updates**
Meilani Schijvens, Rain Coast Data
- 10:45 AM **Industry Forecast Roundtable** – Getting Through to '22
Deantha Skibinski, Executive Director, Alaska Miners Association
Tessa Axelson, Executive Director, Alaska Forest Association
Kara Moriarty, President/CEO, Alaska Oil and Gas Association
Trey Acteson, CEO, SEAPA and President of the Alaska Power Association
Sarah Leonard, President and CEO, Alaska Travel Industry Association
Howard Sherman, Executive Vice President, Norwegian Cruise Lines
- 11:45 **Sealaska Update** - **Anthony Mallott**, CEO Sealaska
- Noon **P2P Winners Announcement** – Spruce Root
- 12:30 PM **Getting Through to '22**- Economic Resiliency Strategies
Kaitlyn Jared, Executive Director, Skagway Development Corporation, SEC Committee Chair
Meilani Schijvens, Rain Coast Data
Katherine Bell, Economic Resiliency Fellow
Nolan Kluda, Executive Director, UAA Center for Economic Development
- 1:00 PM **Alaska Senate Panel**
Senators Stedman, Kiehl, von Imhof, Micciche (invited)

Adjourn






Wednesday, February 10th

- 8:15 AM **Welcome Back** – President Markos Scheer, Seagrove Kelp
 Jon Bittner, Executive Director, Alaska Small Business Development Center

- 8:30 AM **Federal Update:** Congressman Don Young

- 9:00 AM **Alaska House of Representatives Panel**
 Representatives Ortiz, Kreiss-Tomkins, Hannan, Story, Stutes, Thompson

- 10:00 AM **Healthcare** – Keeping the Region Healthy
 Dr. Anne Zink, State Medical Officer
 Kevin Benson, CFO, Bartlett Hospital
 Dori Stevens, CAO, PeaceHealth, Ketchikan

- 10:55 AM **Break** – Alaska Airlines – Do the (safety) Dance with **Scott Habberstad** 

- 11:00 AM **Disaster Preparedness** – *Rebuilding in the Shadow of COVID-19*
 Douglas Olerud, Haines Borough Mayor
 Jason Wilson, Incident Commander, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
 Paul Nelson, Director, Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
 Abner Hoage, Incident Commander, Ketchikan Emergency Operations Center

- 12:00 PM **Funders and Facilitators**
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Thursday, February 11th

- 8:15 AM **Welcome** – **President Markos Scheer**, Seagrove Kelp
Mayor’s Moment with CBJ Mayor, **Beth Weldon**
- 8:30 AM **Federal Updates** – **Senator Lisa Murkowski and Senator Dan Sullivan**
personal participation may be impacted by impeachment proceedings schedule
- 9:00 AM **Tourism** – Return to Cruising, Facilitated by **Patti Mackey** – President/CEO, Ketchikan Visitor’s Bureau
Josh Carroll, VP, Destination Development, Royal Caribbean
Liz Perry, President and CEO, Travel Juneau
Rorie Watt, CBJ Manager, Southeast Cruise Port Communities
Rick Erickson, Vice President, Cruiseline Agency of Alaska
- 9:40 AM **Transportation**
Admiral Barrett – Red Sky at Morning, Moving AMHS Forward
D.O.T and AMHS Updates - **Rob Carpenter**, Dep. Commissioner, **Captain Falvey**, AMHS
Ron Curtis, General Manager, Inter-Island Ferry Authority– IFA Update
- 10:30 AM **Break**
- 10:45 AM **Beneficial Electrification**, facilitated by **Alec Mesdag**, AEL&P
Bob Deering, Alaska Heat Smart
Michelle Wilbur, Alaska Center for Energy and Power
Jason Custer, Vice President, Business Development, AP&T
Tim Leach, Lead Facilitator, Alaska Electric Vehicle Working Group: Principal, Sparkbox LLC.
- 11:30 AM **Fisheries & Mariculture Forecast**,
Facilitated by **Markos Scheer**, Seagrove Kelp, SEC Seafood Committee Chair
Jeremy Woodrow, Executive Director, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute
Meta Mesdag, President, Alaska Shellfish Growers Association
Riley Smith, Development Director, Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation
- Noon **UAS Update** and **Southeast Conference Scholarship check presentation**
Karen Carey, Ph.D., UAS Chancellor
Pat Pitney, UA President

Lunch Break
- 1:30-3:30 PM **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Workshop**
Kaitlyn Jared, SEC Committee Chair, **Meilani Schijvens**, Rain Coast Data
Brett Schwartz, NADO Associate Director
Shirley Kelly, Alaska Economic Development Representative, U.S. DOC / EDA





Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Workshop

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1:30 - 3:30pm

Kaitlyn Jared, SEC Economic Development Committee Chair,

Meilani Schijvens, Rain Coast Data

Brett Schwartz, NADO Associate Director

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- 1:30 PM **Kaitlyn Jared** - Welcome and Introduction
Brett Schwartz - What is a CEDS? National best practices
Shirley Kelly – CEDS in Action in Alaska
Meilani Schijvens – The Process for Southeast Alaska 2025 Economic Plan:
Where we are and what are the next steps
- 2:00 PM **Kaitlyn Jared**– Mini-Meeting of SEC’s Economic Development Committee
Prioritization of the economic development committee initiatives
- 2:15 PM **Presentations by SEC Committee Chairs**
- Tourism - KC Hostetler and Zak Kirkpatrick
 - Seafood/Maritime - Markos Scheer
 - Energy - Alec Mesdag
 - Timber – Tessa Axelson
 - Mining – Jan Hill
 - Solid Waste – Katherine Bell
 - Health Care- Meilani Schijvens
 - Transportation –Dave Kensinger

Q&A



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