



February 6, 2024
ELIZABETH PERATROVICH HALL JUNEAU, AK

- 7:15 AM **Registration** - Sponsored by *Wostmann and Associates*
Breakfast - Sponsored by *the Alaska Committee*
- 8:00 AM **Opening Ceremony** – Alaska Flag Song & National Anthem by the *JDHS Chamber Singers*
Welcome **Lacey Simpson**, SEC President, Assistant City Manager, City of Ketchikan, KPU
Wade Bryson, Assembly Member, City and Borough of Juneau
Richard Peterson, (*Chalyee Eesh*) President, Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
- 8:15 AM **Tribal Enterprises** – Revitalizing the Southeast Economy
Richard Peterson, (*Chalyee Eesh*), President, Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
McHugh Pierre, President and CEO, Goldbelt Inc.
- 8:45 AM **Business Spotlight** – Spruce Root, **Alana Peterson**, Executive Director
- 9:00 AM **Southeast Alaska 2023 Economic Updates** - **Meilani Schijvens**, Rain Coast Data
- 9:30 AM **Natural Resources Roundtable**
Kara Moriarty, Alaska Oil & Gas Association, **Deantha Skibinski**, Alaska Miners Association,
Leila Kimbrell, Resource Development Council, **Karen Petersen**, SEC Biomass Coordinator,
Steve Belinda, Mule Deer Foundation, **Helge Eng**, AK DNR, **Tessa Axelson**, Alaska Forest Association,
Kati Capozzi, President, Alaska Chamber
- 10:30 AM **Break**
- 10:45 AM **Tourism Panel** – facilitated by **Scott Habberstad**, Alaska Market Managing Director, AK Airlines,
Alix Pierce, CBJ Tourism Manager & **Heather Haugland**, Senior Consultant, McKinley Research,
Juneau’s Cruise Industry: Resident Sentiment
Russell Dick – President and CEO, Huna Totem
Renee Limoge Reeve – VP of Government and Community Relations, CLIA
Carol Fraser - Vice President, Aspen Hotels of Alaska
- 11:45 AM **Legislative Crystal Ball** - **Larry Persily** - Former Dep. Commissioner, Owner, Wrangell Sentinel
- 12:00 PM **Keynote Speaker U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski** (*Live, Virtual*)
- 12:30 PM **Lunch** – Sponsored by *Sealaska*, remarks by **Joe Nelson**, Chairman
UAS Update and Southeast Conference Scholarship Check Presentation
Aparna Palmer., UAS Chancellor
- 2:00 PM **Alaska Senate Panel: Senators Stedman, Kiehl, Giessel, Stevens**
- 3:00 PM **Break** – Sponsored by *AIDEA*
- 3:15 PM **Fisheries: Defining the Southeast Fisheries, and its future**
Douglas Vincent-Lang, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Julie Decker, President, Pacific Seafood Processors Association
Tracey Welch, Executive Director, United Fishermen of Alaska
Jeremy Woodrow, Executive Director, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute
- 4:00 PM **State and Federal Partnerships: OneUSDA, EDA, Denali Commission, AIDEA, AK Dept. Commerce**
- 4:45 PM **Adjourn to Legislative Reception-** Sponsored by *Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute*
and the *Pacific Shellfish Processors Association*.





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- 7:55 AM **Welcome Back** – **Lacey Simpson**, SEC President, Assistant City Manager, City of Ketchikan, KPU
- 8:00 AM **U.S. Federal Delegation** – **Representative Mary Sattler Peltola** (*video*)
- 8:15 AM **Transportation**
Katherine Keith, Deputy Commissioner Alaska DOT&PF
Chris Goins – Southcoast Regional Director, Alaska DOT&PF
Craig Tornga, Director, AMHS Operations Update
Ed Page, AMHOB, Vice Chair
Ron Curtis – IFA Operations Update
- 9:15 AM **Workforce Development**
Cari-Ann Carty, Executive Director, Alaska Safety Alliance, **Cathy Munoz**, Commissioner, Alaska DOL
Captain Mike Murray, Master, Mates and Pilots, **Emily Ferry**, Association of AK School Boards
- 9:45 AM **Broadband** – facilitated by **Christine O'Connor**, Executive Director, Alaska Telecom Association
Jason Custer, AP&T, **Chris Cropley**, T&H, **Lisa Von Bargaen**, Deputy Director, Alaska Broadband Office
- 10:30 AM **Break**
- 10:45 AM **U.S. Federal Delegation** – **US Senator Dan Sullivan** (*Live, virtual*)
- 11:15 AM **Alaska Mariculture Cluster**– **Year 2 of the EDA Build Back Better Regional Challenge**
An overview of the 7 project components of the statewide mariculture project
- Noon **Governor’s Office** – **Tyson Gallagher**, Chief of Staff for Governor Dunleavy
- 12:20 PM **Lunch**
- 12:45 PM **Alaska House of Representatives Panel** – **Rep Ortiz, Rep Himschoot, Rep Story, Rep Hannan, Rep Stutes**
- 1:45 PM **Break**
- 2:00 PM **Energy Committee**
Curtis Thayer, Executive Director Alaska Energy Authority
Michael Rovito, Dep. Director, Alaska Power Assoc.
Erin Reinders, **Director of infrastructure Development**, Alaska Municipal League, (Energy Shed, CPRG)
Project Updates from the floor (MIC, AP&T, IPEC, Kootznoowoo, REAP, ACEP, AK Heat Smart)
- 3:00 PM **Break**
- 3:30 PM **Healthcare Spotlight** – SEARHC
- 3:45 PM **Economic Impacts on the Horizon**: Panel discussion on topics ranging from childcare, climate change and an aging population, facilitated by **Nils Andreassen**, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League
- 4:30 PM *Closing Comments and Adjournment*

Southeast Conference 3rd Annual Transportation Symposium, February 8th at Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall

4pm- SEASWA Meeting held at the JEDC Conference Room, 612 W. Willoughby Ave (within walking distance)





FEBRUARY 8, 2024

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- 8:00 AM **Registration & Breakfast** – *Sponsored by Wostmann and Associates*
- 8:30 AM Opening remarks, Special Introductions
- 8:45 AM SESSION 1- AMHS Meeting the Needs of the Future**
 AMHS Vessel Overview- *Current Status Update*
Craig Tornga, AK DOT&PF, AMHS Division Director
- 9:15am AMHS Planning Update- *Preparing AMHS for the Long- term*
Craig Tornga, AK DOT&PF, AMHS Division Director
Ed Page, AMHOB, Vice Chair
Juliette Lehman, Elliott Bay Design Group, Naval Architect
Kristen Kissinger, KPFF, Associate-Senior Project Manager and Planner
- 10:00 AM **The Fleet of the Future Roundtable**
- 10:30 AM **Break**, *Sponsored by PND Engineers*
- 11:00 AM SESSION 2- STATE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING EFFORTS**
 AKDOT&PF Planning Projects- *Moving into 2024 and Beyond*
Christopher Goins, AK DOT&PF Southcoast Regional Director
Marie Heidemann, AK DOT&PF, Juneau Field Office Planning Chief
James Marks, AK DOT&PF, Planning and Project Delivery Division Director
- 11:45 AM **SEC Transportation Resolutions**
- 12:00 PM **Lunch** -*Sponsored by AIDEA*
Keynote Speaker: Xochitl Castañeda, Director, Pacific Northwest & Alaska Gateway Office, US Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration,
Making connections to build a strong marine transportation system now and for the future
- 1:30 PM SESSION 3- YEAR 3 OF IJJA: FUNDING YOUR TRANSPORTATION PROJECT**
Katherine Keith, AKDOT&PF, Deputy Commissioner, *Alaska and the IJJA*
Scot Rastelli, FTA, Director, Office of Planning and Program Development, *Federal Transit Administration – Joint Ferries Funding Programs*
Gerald Varney, FHWA, Alaska Deputy Division Administrator, *FHWA funding under BIL*
Jocelyn Fenton, Denali Commission, Director of Programs, *FY24 Program Grants*
Milo Booth (virtually), U.S. DOT, Director of Tribal Affairs
Xochitl Castañeda, U.S. DOT Maritime Admin, Director, Pacific NW & AK Gateway Office

Nils Andreasson, AML, Executive Director, *Emphasizing Community Benefits*
Marcus Hartley, Northern Economics, VP & Principal Consultant, *Preparing for Cost-Benefit Analyses*
Aurah Landau, HDR, Senior Financial Consultant, *Tips to ‘Check the Box’*
- 3:00- 3:30 PM **Closing remarks** with AMHS and Union Representatives - *Reflections of the day*
Earling Walli, Inlandboatmen’s Union, Regional Director
Mike Murray, Masters, Mates, & Pilots, Regional Representative of the Alaska Region
Claudia Cimini, Marine Engineers’ Beneficial Association, Executive Vice President
Craig Tornga, AK DOT&PF, AMHS Division Director





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