



2024 Annual Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 24th, Ted Ferry Civic Center

- 7:00 AM **Registration**- Sponsored by *Wostmann & Associates, Inc.*
- 7:00 AM **Breakfast**- Sponsored by *the Alaska Committee*
- 8:00 AM **Opening Ceremony** – USCG Ketchikan Color Guard, National Anthem & Alaska Flag Song,
- 8:10 AM **Welcome Panel - What makes a successful community, region – and conference?!**
Lacey Simpson, Southeast Conference President, City of Ketchikan
Mayor Dave Kiffer, City of Ketchikan, **Mayor Rodney Dial**, Ketchikan Gateway Borough
President Norman Skan (Xaakw), Ketchikan Indian Community
President Richard (Chalyee Éesh) Peterson, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
- 8:40 AM **Southeast Alaska by the Numbers** - **Meilani Schijvens**, Rain Coast Data
- 9:10 AM **Tlingit & Haida Central Council CEDS** – **Jamie “JC” Cowan**, Tribal Development Manager
- 9:25 AM **Southeast Conference Missions, Values, and Visions- CEDS SWOT**
- 9:45 AM **Natural Resources – Industry Forecast** – *facilitated by Liz Cornejo*
Scott Habberstad, President, RDC, **Kara Moriarty**, President/CEO, AK Oil & Gas Assoc.
Jeremy Douse, Deputy Director, Division of Forestry, **Deantha Crockett**, Executive Director, Alaska Miners Association, **Tessa Axelson**, Executive Director, Alaska Forest Association
- 10:45 AM **Break**- Sponsored by *Cruise Line International Association Alaska*
- 11:15 AM **Visitor Industry** – *facilitated by Scott Habberstad*, Alaska Airlines
Kara Tetley, Executive Director, KVB, **Renée Limoge Reeve**, VP of Government and Community Relations, CLIAA
Tanya Carlson, ATIA, **Steve Sahlender**, VP, Goldbelt Tram, **Terry Wanzer**, The Landing Hotel
- 12:00-1:00 pm **Luncheon Keynotes: Disaster Preparedness** – *Sponsored by*
President Richard (Chalyee Éesh) Peterson, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska,
State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (invited)
- 1:30 PM **Transportation Outlook**
Milo Booth, Director of Tribal Affairs, Tribal Governmental Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation,
Ryan Anderson, Commissioner, AKDOT&PF
Annie Petsonk, Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation
- 2:00 PM **Connecting the Region**
Ron Curtis, General Manager, Interisland Ferry Authority, **Christopher Goins**, Southcoast Region Director,
AKDOT&PF, **Carl Ramseth**, General Manager & Co-Owner, Alaska Seaplanes, **Kelly Moore**, Sales-Account
Manager, AK Marine Lines
- 2:30 PM **Planning the Fleet of the Future – AMHS Long-Range Plan**
Craig Tornga, Marine Director, (AMHS), **Elliot Bay Design Group**, **Katie Berry**, McKinley Research, **Kaitlyn Jared**,
Transportation and Special Projects, Southeast Conference, **Siemens Energy**
- 3:30 PM **Break**- Sponsored by *Southeast Alaska Pilots’ Association*
- 4:00 PM **State of Alaska Southeast Legislative Forum** - *A discussion of State policies, programs and regional needs*
- 5:30-8:30 PM **Community Reception**
Dinner on your own

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Wednesday, September 25th, Ted Ferry Civic Center

- 7:30 AM **Registration** Sponsored by *Wostmann and Associates*
- 7:30 AM **Breakfast** Sponsored by *Sponsored by Alaska Forest Association*
- 8:15 AM **Welcome Back** – **President Lacey Simpson, City of Ketchikan**
Meet the candidates running for election to SEC board seats, Polls Open
- 8:30 AM Governor’s Office – **Lt. Governor Nance Dahlstrom**
- 9:00 AM **A Conversation with Alaska’s Commissioners**
Julie Sande, DCCED, **Cathy Munoz**, DOLWD, **John Boyle**, DNR, **Doug Vincent-Lang**, ADF&G, **Emma Pokon**, DEC
- 9:45 AM **Investing in SE Alaska’s Rural Communities:**
Ryan Zamarripa, Program Manager, Build Back Better Regional Challenge, EDA – D.C.
Jocelyn Fenton – Interim Federal Co-Chair & Director of Programs, Denali Commission, **Randy Ruaro**, Executive Director, AIDEA, **Alana Peterson**, Executive Director, Spruce Root, **Dan Miller**, VP, Huna Totem Corp., **Angela Rodell**, Founder, Rodell Consulting, **Tlingit and Haida**
- 10:30 AM **Break**
- 11:00 AM **The Alaska Mariculture Cluster** – *facilitated by* **Juliana Leggitt**, **Dan Lesh**, SE Conference
Angie Bowers, Sitka Aquaculture/Mariculture program lead, UAS, **Keolani Booth**, Mariculture Liaison, AMC
- 12:00 -1:00 PM **Luncheon** – *sponsored by*
Live from D.C. - U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski
Followed by remarks (in person) from Casey Sixkiller, EPA’s Regional Administrator for Region 10
- 1:15 PM **Energizing Innovation, Sustainability and Economic Development**
Casey Sixkiller, Regional Administrator, Region 10, EPA, **Audrey Alstrom**, Director of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Programs, Alaska Energy Authority, **Robert Siedman**, CEO, SEAPA, **Cady Lister**, Senior Policy Advisor, SEC, **Paul Volckers**, Alaska Heat Smart, *Energy project updates from the floor as time allows*
- 2:15 PM **Seafood Modernization**
Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner, Alaska Dept. Fish & Game, **Julie Decker**, President, Pacific Seafood Processors Association, **Greg Smith**, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, **Kristy Clement**, Chief Executive Officer, Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, **Albert Smith**, Mayor, Metlakatla Indiana Community
- 3:00 PM **SEC CEDS Prioritization**
- 3:15 PM **Break (polls close)**
- 3:40 PM **Legislative Prognostication: “Is There a Future”** - **Larry Persily**
- 4:00-4:30 PM **University of Alaska Update**
- 5:30 PM **Awards Banquet & UAS Scholarship Auction** **Markos Scheer & KC Hostetler**, Auctioneers

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Thursday, September 26th, Ted Ferry Civic Center

- 7:30 AM **Registration** Sponsored by *Wostmann & Associates*
- 7:30 AM **Breakfast**
- 8:30 AM **Welcome** –*Lacey Simpson*, Southeast Conference President
- 8:35 AM **Membership Meeting**

- 9:30 AM **Break** sponsored by:

- 9:45 AM **Federal Update – Video Address from DC: U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan**
- 10:00 AM **Regional Solid Waste Solutions** *Facilitated by Kaitlyn Jared*
 Aaron Marohl, SEASWA, Petersburg Assistant Public Works Director, **Dianna Robinson**, Environmental Project Specialist, City and Borough of Juneau, **Brandi Tolsma**, Environmental Specialist, Tlingit & Haida Central Council, **Zach Gianotti**, Environmental Specialist, AK DEC
- 10:30 AM **Economic Support Pillars: Child Care, Housing, Workforce, Aging,**
 Blue Shibler, Executive Director, SEA-AEYC, **Richard Harney**, Tribal Planner, KIC, **Cari-Ann Carty**, Executive Director, Alaska Safety Alliance, **Brian Holst**, Executive Director, JEDC

- 11:15 AM **Emerging Opportunities in Forestry**
 Jason Gubatayao, General Manager, SEALASKA, **Bob Christensen**, Regional Community Forestry and Fisheries Catalyst, Sustainable Southeast Partnership, **Michael Kampnich**, Nature Conservancy
- 11:45 AM **Luncheon** –*sponsored by Sealaska*
- 12:15 AM **Federal Update – Video Address from DC: U.S. Representative Mary Peltola**
 Lunch Keynote: A Vision for a Sustainable Southeast – **Joe Nelson**, Chairman of the Board, Sealaska

- 1 PM **The OneUSDA Southeast Alaska Sustainable Strategy Team**
 Natalie Kovach, Alaska Telecommunications, USDA-RD, **Barb Miranda**, Deputy Forest Supervisors, USFS, **Samia Savell**, NRCS, **Keith Perkins**, USDA-RD
- Southeast Alaska Sustainable Strategy (SASS) Stakeholder’s Workshop**
 Next Steps for Investment proposals, Technical Assistance and Project Development
- Economic Impacts of SASS, Year One:** **Meilani Schijvens**, Rain Coast Data
- Partner Showcase:** *Southeast Conference overview, case study:*
 Partner Showcase: Tlingit & Haida overview, case study:
 Partner Showcase: Spruce Root overview, case study:

- 2:30 PM **Closing remarks, Conclusions and Next Steps** - OneUSDA and Partner Leadership Panel *with Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Spruce Root, Southeast Conference and OneUSDA team*

- 3:00 PM **Adjourn for flights home and Rural Development Rural Partners Roundtable**
 **Sign up for airport shuttles at registration table by 12pm on Thursday*

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