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2025 SOUTHEAST ALASKA MID-SESSION SUMMIT

FEBRUARY 11-12 2025 JUNEAU, ALASKA

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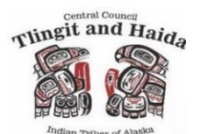
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Access Meeting
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- 7:15 AM **Registration** - Sponsored by *Wostmann and Associates*
Breakfast - Sponsored by **The Alaska Committee**
- 8:00 AM **Opening Ceremony** – Alaska Flag Song & National Anthem by Juneau Chamber Singers
Welcome **Zak Kirkpatrick**, SEC President, Allen Marine/ Alaskan Dream Cruises
Beth Weldon, Mayor, City and Borough of Juneau
Richard Peterson, (*Chalyee Eesh*) President, Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
- 8:15 AM **Tribal Enterprises** – *Building the Southeast Economy*
Richard Peterson, (*Chalyee Eesh*), President, Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
McHugh Pierre, President and CEO, Goldbelt Inc.
Joe Nelson, President, Sealaska
Alana Peterson, Executive Director, Spruce Root
- 8:45 AM **Path to Prosperity Award** – **Isabella Haywood**, Spruce Root
- 9:00 AM **Southeast Alaska Economic Updates** - **Meilani Schijvens**, Rain Coast Data
- 9:30 AM **Natural Resources Roundtable** *facilitated by Kati Capozzi*, President, Alaska Chamber
Sierra Minder, Alaska Oil & Gas Association, **Leila Kimbrell**, Resource Development Council,
Deantha Skibinski, Alaska Miners Association, **Jeremy Douse**, AK DNR, **Tessa Axelson**, Alaska Forest Association, **Julie Decker**, President, Pacific Seafood Processors Association
- 10:30 AM **Break** - Sponsored by **Samson Tug & Barge**
- 10:45 AM **Transportation Panel**
Ryan Anderson, Commissioner AK DOT&PF, **Chris Goins**, Southcoast Regional Director, AK DOT&PF,
Craig Tornga, Director, AMHS Operations Update and Long-Range Plan, **Ron Curtis** – IFA Update
- 11:45 AM **UAS Update and Southeast Conference Scholarship Check Presentation**
Aparna Palmer, Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast, **Pat Pitney**, UA President
- 12:00 PM **Lunch** – Sponsored by *Huna Totem*
- 12:30 PM **U.S. Federal Delegation** – **U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski** – confirmed (*virtual*)
Legislative Crystal Ball - **Larry Persily** - Former Dep. Revenue Commissioner, Wrangell Sentinel
- 1:30 PM **Networking Break** – Sponsored by
- 2:00 PM **Tourism Panel** – facilitated by **Scott Habberstad**, Alaska Market Managing Director, AK Airlines,
Alix Pierce, Visitor’s Industry Director, CBJ, **Susan Bell**, VP Strategic Initiatives, Huna Totem, **Renee Limoge Reeve**, VP of Government and Community Relations, CLIA, **John Leach**, Municipal Administrator, Sitka
- 3:00 PM **State and Federal Partnerships**
- 3:30 PM **Break** – Sponsored by *Goldbelt*
- 3:45PM **Alaska Senate Panel**
Senator Bert Stedman, **Senator Jesse Kiehl**, **Senator Cathy Giessel**, **Senator Gary Stevens**
- 4:45 PM **Adjourn to Legislative Reception**- Sponsored by *Elliott Bay Design Group, Pacific Seafood Processors Association & AIDEA*





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- Breakfast** – *Sponsored by Travel Juneau*
- 7:55 AM **Welcome Back** – **Zak Kirkpatrick**, SEC President, Allen Marine/ Alaskan Dream Cruises
- 8:00 AM **SEC Highlights** – **Robert Venables**, Executive Director, Southeast Conference
- 8:15 AM **Energy** – *Adaptation and Adoption for the Electric Future, Beneficial Electrification*
Curtis Thayer, Executive Director Alaska Energy Authority, **Michael Rovito**, Dep. Director, Alaska Power Assoc., **Robert Siedman**, SEAPA, **Devany Plentovich**, Deerstone Consulting, **Cady Lister**, SE Conference
- 9:15 AM **2030 Southeast Alaska Economic Plan (CEDS)** – **Meilani Schijvens**, Rain Coast Data
- 9:45 AM **Workforce Development** – *Meeting the Workforce Challenges*
Mariko Selle, Executive Director of the Alaska Workforce Alliance, **Charles Edwardson**, Director, Generations Southeast, **Robin Gilcrist**, Program Head of Construction Technology, UAS, **Jocelyn Swindel**, Workforce, AMHS
- 10:15 AM **Break** – *Sponsored by PND Engineering*
- 10:40 AM **U.S. Federal Delegation** – **Senator Dan Sullivan** – *confirmed (virtual)*
- 11:00 AM **Alaska Mariculture Cluster** – *A Placed-Based Economy* – Facilitated by Dan Lesh, SEC
Simon Marks, McKinley Research Group, **Alex Huller**, Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation (AFDF), **Nick Mangini**, SWAMC, **Charlie Herrington**, Southeast Conference
- Noon **Lunch** – *Sponsored by Sealaska*
- 12:20 PM **Alaska House of Representatives Panel** – **Representative Andi Story**, **Representative Sara Hannan**, **Representative Rebecca Himschoot**, **Representative Jeremy Bynum**, **Representative Louise Stutes**
- 1:15 PM **Transitional Break**
- 1:30 PM **U.S. Federal Delegation** – **Congressman Nick Begich**
- 2:00 PM **Fisheries** – *Rebuilding Southeast Fisheries and Seafood Modernization*
Facilitated by **Markos Scheer**, Premium Aquatics
Julie Decker, President, Pacific Seafood Processors Association, **Kristy Clement**, Executive Director, AFDF, **Jeremy Woodrow**, Executive Director, ASMI, **Scott Wagner**, NSRAA
- 2:45 PM **Break** – *Sponsored by SEARHC*
- 3:15 PM **Healthcare Spotlight**
Joe Wanner, CEO, Bartlett Regional Hospital
- 3:45 PM **Strengthening Southeast Communities** – Facilitated by **Nils Andreassen**, Executive Director, AML
A focus on Childcare, Disaster Preparedness, Food Security, Aging Impacts and Regional Solid Waste Planning
Blue Shibler, SEA-AEYC, **Sabrina Grubitz**, Tlingit & Haida, **Rachel Lord**, Alaska Food Policy Council, **Chris Cotta**, SEASWA, **Alyssa Fernandez**, Riverview Senior Living
- 4:30 PM *Closing Comments and Adjournment*

Southeast Conference 4th Annual Transportation Symposium, February 13th at Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall

