



2023 Annual Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 19th, Sitka's Harrigan Centennial Hall

- 7:00 AM **Registration-** Sponsored by Wostmann & Associates, Inc.
- 7:00 AM **Breakfast-** Sponsored by the Alaska Committee
- 8:00 AM **Opening Ceremony** – USCG Sitka Color Guard, National Anthem & Alaska Flag Song,
Welcome Panel – **Lacey Simpson**, Southeast Conference President, City of Ketchikan
Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz, City and Borough of Sitka
Chairman Woody Widmark, Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Richard (Chalyee Éesh) Peterson, President, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
- 8:20 AM Welcome Panel Q&A, What makes a successful community, region – and conference?!
- 8:45 AM **Southeast Alaska by the Numbers - Meilani Schijvens**, Rain Coast Data
- 9:15 AM **Natural Resources – Industry Forecast** – facilitated by **Leila Kimbrell**, Executive Director, RDC
Liz Cornejo, AMA Executive Committee, VP Dow Alaska
Kara Moriarty, President/CEO, AK Oil & Gas Assoc.
Jeremy Douse, Northern Regional Forester
- 10:00 AM **Break-** Sponsored by Cruise Lines International Association Alaska
- 10:30 AM **Visitor Industry** – facilitated by **Scott Habberstad**, Alaska Airlines
Rachel Roy, Executive Director, Visit Sitka, Chair, Southeast AK Tourism Council
Renée Limoge Reeve, VP of Government and Community Relations, CLIAA
Jillian Simpson, President & CEO, ATIA, **Camille Ferguson**, Sitka Tribes of Alaska
Wendy Lindskoog, Regional VP, Royal Caribbean
Alix Pierce, City and Borough of Juneau Tourism Manager
- 11:45 am **Luncheon Keynotes:** – Sponsored by University of Alaska, Southeast
Tyson Gallagher, Chief of Staff, Governor Dunleavy
Russell Dick, Huna Totem Corp. Investing in Rural Communities
- 1:15 PM **Transportation Outlook**
Milo Booth, Director of Tribal Affairs, Tribal Governmental Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation
Marilyn Romano, Regional Vice President, Alaska Airlines
Panel Discussion: the future of Southeast Transportation
Christopher Goins, Southcoast Region Director, DOT
Craig Tornga, Marine Director, (AMHS)
Adison Spafford, Community Resiliency Coordinator, DOT
Ron Curtis, IFA update
- 2:30 PM **Transportation Workforce**
Mike Murray, MMP, **Jeff Duncan**, MEBA, **Earling Walli**, IBU
- 3:00 PM **Break-** Sponsored by Visit Sitka and Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce
- 3:30 PM **State of Alaska Southeast Legislator's Forum** - A discussion of State policies, programs and regional needs
- 5:30-7:30 PM **Community Reception-** Sitka Sound Cruise Terminal, 4513 Halibut Point Rd
(Bus Transportation provided to and from Harrigan Hall starting at 5:15.)
Dinner on your own





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- 7:15 AM **Breakfast** Sponsored by Morris Communications
- 8:00 AM **Welcome Back** – President Lacey Simpson, City of Ketchikan
Meet the candidates running for election to SEC board seats, Polls Open
- 8:15 AM **Investing in SE Alaska's Rural Communities – How to Measure ROI:** facilitated by Susan Bell Garrett Boyle – Executive Director, Denali Commission, Alana Peterson, Executive Director, Spruce Root Randy Ruaro, Executive Director, AIDEA, Will Ware, Chief Development Officer, Tlingit & Haida, Deven Mitchell, CEO, Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation,
- 9:15 AM **A Conversation with Alaska's Commissioners**
Julie Sande, DCCED, Cathy Munoz, DOLWD, John Boyle, DNR, Adam Crum, DOR,
- 10:00 AM **Break**
- 10:30 AM **The Alaska Mariculture Cluster & Fisheries**
Build Back Better – Alex Jones, EDA Acting Program Lead, BBBRC Program, Juliana Leggitt, Dan Lesh, SE Conference, Alana Peterson, Brooke Leslie, Spruce Root, Julie Decker, AK Fisheries Development Foundation, Jason Lessard, AMA, Nick Mangini, SWAMC, John Seal, CFO, Oceanium, Richard Peterson, President Tlingit & Haida, Greg Smith, ASMI, Cora Campbell, Silver Bay Seafoods, Scott Wagner, NSRAA
- 12:00 PM **Luncheon** – sponsored by ASMI
Keynote Speaker: Cristina Killingsworth, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and External Affairs, EDA
Video address by U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski
- 1:15 PM **Energy Committee**
Curtis Thayer, Alaska Energy Authority, Executive Director, Co-Chair Energy Security Task Force
Sam Spofforth, DOE/NREL, Clean Cities – is Alaska next?
Luke Briant, Director - Marine Solutions Americas, Siemens Energy
followed by **Energy Project Updates** (from the floor as time allows)
- 2:30 PM **Healthcare Spotlight**
Cate Buley, MD, FAAFP FACHE, SEARHC
- 2:45 PM **Legislative Prognostication: "Almost Solved?"** - Larry Persily
- 3:00 PM **Break** (polls close)
- 3:30 PM **Workforce Development: Maritime Works, FSMI**
Facilitated by Cari-Ann Carty, Executive Director, Alaska Safety Alliance
Cathy Munoz, Acting Commissioner, AK Dept of Labor, Mariko Selle, Maritime Director, Alaska Safety Alliance, Ralph Wolfe, Seacoast Indigenous Guardians Network, Tlingit & Haida, Jocelyn Fenton, Denali Commission,
- 4:00 PM **University of Alaska Update**
Aparna Palmer, Chancellor, UAS with introduction by Susan Bell, Senior Advisor, University of Alaska.
- 5:30 PM **Awards Banquet & UAS Scholarship Auction** Mark Scheer & KC Hostetler, Auctioneers





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- 8:05 AM **Federal Update** – Live from DC: U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan
- 8:30 AM **Membership Meeting**
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- 9:30 AM **Break** sponsored by: The Landing Hotel, Ketchikan
- 10:00 AM **Broadband Initiatives** – Connecting Southeast to the World
Facilitated by **Christine O’Conner**, Executive Director, Alaska Telecom Association
Chris Cropley, Tlingit & Haida Central Council Tribal Broadband Initiative
Tyler Sachtleben, NTIA Federal Program Officer – Alaska, **Jason Custer**, V.P., AP&T
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- 10:45 AM **Housing Challenges to the Southeast Economy**
Jackie Pata, President & CEO, T&H Regional Housing,
Nolan Klouda, Executive Director, UACED
Randy Hughey, Executive Director, Sitka Community Land Trust
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- 11:15 AM **Emerging Opportunities in the Outdoors**
Facilitated by: **Lee Hart**, Founder, Alaska Outdoor Alliance
Zak Kirkpatrick, Chief Marketing Officer, Allen Marine
Katie Riley, Deputy Director, Sitka Conservation Society
Carl Ramseth, General Manager & Co-Owner, Alaska Seaplanes
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- 11:45 AM **Luncheon** –sponsored by Sealaska
OneUSDA Southeast Alaska Sustainable Strategy (SASS)
 Keynote Speaker: **Deputy Under Secretary Farah Ahmad**, USDA Rural Development
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- 1 PM **Southeast Alaska Sustainable Strategy 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: POW Mariculture Processing facility
Partner Showcase: Tlingit & Haida overview, case study: Food Security in Rural Communities
Partner Showcase: Spruce Root overview, case study: SSP SASS Capacity Building Showcase
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- 2:30 PM **Closing remarks and Conclusion** - OneUSDA and Partner Leadership Panel with Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Spruce Root, Southeast Conference and OneUSDA team
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- 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*

