



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, Shauna Lee
- 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** – **Leslie Isaacs**, Business Enterprise Director, CCTHITA
- 9:25 AM **Southeast Conference Missions, Values, and Visions- CEDS SWOT**
- 9:45 AM **Natural Resources – Industry Forecast** – facilitated by **Elizabeth Cornejo**
Scott Habberstad, President, Resource Development Council, **Sierra Minder**, External Affairs Manager, AK Oil & Gas Assoc. **Jeremy Douse**, Deputy Director, Division of Forestry, **Tessa Axelson**, Executive Director, Alaska Forest Association, **Frank Sherman**, Tongass National Forest - Forest Supervisor, USFS, **Graham Neale**, Project Relations, Constantine | Palmer Project
- 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 Goldbelt
President Richard (Chalyee Éesh) Peterson, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska,
Mayor Rodney Dial, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, **Delilah Walsh**, City Manager, City of Ketchikan
- 1:15 PM **Transportation Outlook Perspectives- From DC to AK**
Milo Booth, Director of Tribal Affairs, Tribal Governmental Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation,
Ryan Anderson, Commissioner, AKDOT&PF
Seth Gainer, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs, U.S. DOT
- 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**, Manager, Alaska Marine Lines, **Julius Adolfsson**, Active Transportation Planner, AKDOT&PF
- 2:45 PM **Planning the Fleet of the Future – AMHS Long-Range Plan**
Craig Tornga, Marine Director, AMHS, **Katie Berry**, President, McKinley Research Group, **Ed Schwarz**, Head of Maritime & Offshore Americas, 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** – 420 Spruce Mill Way, Ketchikan
Food, Drinks, Live Music and the Great Alaska Lumberjack Show! Dinner on your own
- 8:30-9:30 PM **Emerging Leaders Reception** - Uncharted Alaska 319 Main St.
Network, Community, Catalyst hosted by Sitka's Emerging Leaders, a program of the Sitka Chamber





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 **A Conversation with Alaska's Commissioners**
Julie Sande, DCCED, Cathy Munoz, DOLWD, Doug Vincent-Lang, ADF&G, Emma Pokon, DEC, Brent Goodrum, Deputy Commissioner, DNR, Katherine Keith, Deputy Commissioner, DOT&PF
- 9:15 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, Susan Bell, VP of Strategic Initiatives, Huna Totem Corp., Angela Rodell, Founder, Rodell Consulting
- 10:00 AM **Break** Sponsored by The Landing
- 10:30 AM **The Alaska Mariculture Cluster** – facilitated by Juliana Leggett, Dan Lesh, SE Conference
Angie Bowers, Sitka Aquaculture/Mariculture program lead, UAS, Keolani Booth, Mariculture Liaison, AMC
- 11:30 AM **Path to Prosperity Program Update** – Ashley Snookes, Director, Spruce Root
Southeast Alaska 2030 CEDS- Prioritization of 5-year Economic Initiatives (bring your laptops)
- 12:00 -1:00 PM **Luncheon** – sponsored by UAS
Keynote: 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 **Federal Update** – Live from DC: U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan
- 1:35 PM Transition Break
- 1:45 PM **Energizing Innovation, Sustainability and Economic Development** Facilitated by: Cady Lister, Senior Policy Advisor, SEC., Casey Sixkiller, Regional Administrator, Region 10, EPA, Paul Voelckers, Alaska Heat Smart, Katie Conway, Energy Program Manager, Denali Commission, Audrey Alstrom, Director of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Programs, Alaska Energy Authority, Robert Siedman, CEO, SEAPA,
- 2:30 PM **Break** Sponsored by Siemens Energy (polls close)
- 3:00 PM **Seafood Modernization**
Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner, Alaska Dept. Fish & Game, Greg Smith, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Kristy Clement, Chief Executive Officer, Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, Albert Smith, Mayor, Metlakatla Indian Community
- 3:45-4:15 PM **Legislative Prognostication: "Fear the Oil Prices"** - Larry Persily
- 5:45 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** Sponsored by *All of our Sponsors!*
- 8:30 AM **Welcome** –*Lacey Simpson*, Southeast Conference President
- 8:35 AM **Membership Meeting**
- 9:30 AM **Break** sponsored by *Visit Sitka*
- 9:45 AM **University of Alaska Southeast Update**
Elizabeth Cornejo, Executive Director for Community Relations & Strategic Partnerships, UAS
- 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, **Zach Gianotti**, Environmental Specialist, AK DEC
- 10:30 AM **Economic Support Pillars: Child Care, Housing, Workforce, Aging Impacts**
 Facilitated by: **Katie Berry**, President, McKinley Research Group
Blue Shibler, Executive Director, SEA-AEYC, **Richard Harney**, Tribal Planner, KIC, **Mariko Selle**, Executive Director, Alaska Workforce Alliance, **Brian Holst**, ED, JEDC, **Bob Sivertson**, Alaska Commission on Aging
- 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**, POW Field Rep., 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**, Sealaska
- 1 – 3:00 PM **Southeast Alaska Sustainable Strategy (SASS) Stakeholder’s Workshop**
 Next Steps for Investment proposals, Technical Assistance and Project Development
- 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
- Economic Impacts of SASS, Year Two: Jean Daniels**, Regional Economist, USDA Forest Service, **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
- 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*



Download Supplemental Meeting Materials
 Speaker Bios, FY24 Annual Report, and more!

