



- 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 Axelsson**, 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)





TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM

FEBRUARY 8, 2024

ELIZABETH PERATROVICH HALL JUNEAU, AK

- 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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