

Southeast Conference Overview

February 11-13, 2025

2025 Mid-Session Summit

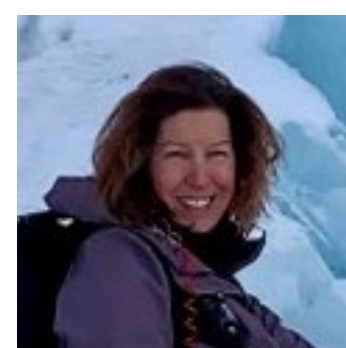


ABOUT SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

- Southeast Conference was incorporated in 1958, primarily to advocate for the creation of the Alaska Marine Highway System.
- After that success, stayed together to continue to advocate for issues that are key to the southeast region as a whole.
- Looks for consensus for the betterment of the region.
- Members from nearly every community, chamber of commerce, and economic development organization in the region.
- Support the Southeast Conference of Mayors and the Marine Transportation Advisory Board.
- Southeast Conference is the federally designated Regional Economic Development District and the State-designated Alaska Regional Development Organization.



SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mission Vision Values

of Southeast Conference

MISSION

What we do

SEC's mission is to undertake and support activities that promote strong economies, sustainable communities, and a healthy environment in Southeast Alaska.

VISION

Why we do it

To facilitate enduring connections that enable dynamic, diverse, and thriving economies across Southeast Alaska.

VALUES

How we do it

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We facilitate visionary and adaptive solutions to sustain our region in perpetuity.

We build trust among our partners.

We respect and celebrate the diversity of our region.

We develop capacity internally and externally to accomplish our mission.



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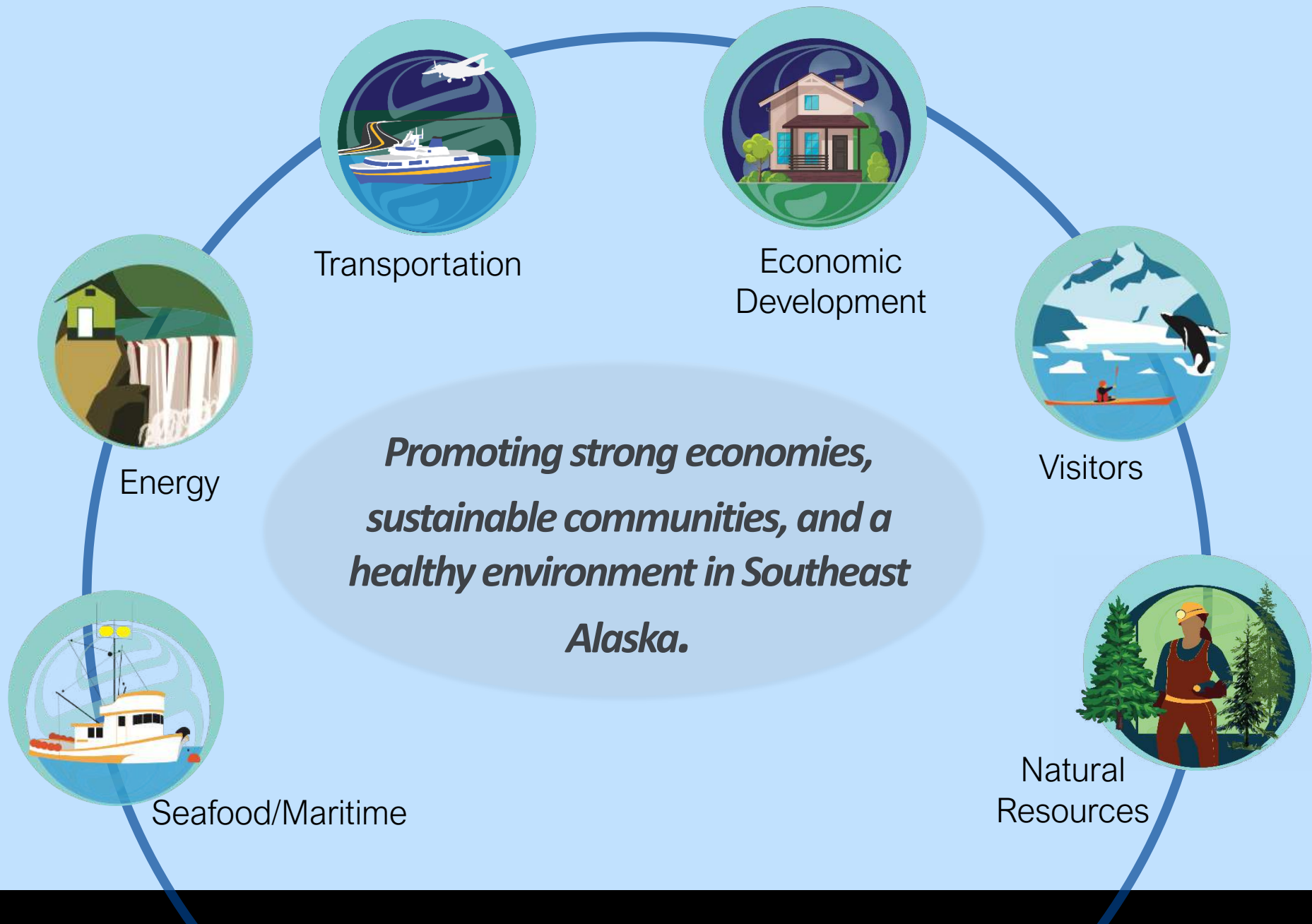
NAVIGATING THE CHANGING TIDES

2024 SOUTHEAST ALASKA ECONOMIC SUMMIT & 66TH ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24-26 2024 KETCHIKAN, ALASKA



COMMITTEES



SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE'S 2025 PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

The background of the slide features a photograph of a boat's stern. Large, brown, ruffled seaweed is hanging from the side of the boat, partially submerged in the water. To the right, a yellow buoy is attached to the boat's structure. The water is dark and reflects the light.

1

TRANSPORTATION:

Sustain and Support the AK Marine Hwy System

2

SEAFOOD:

Mariculture Development

3

VISITOR'S INDUSTRY:

Market SE Alaska to attract more visitor spending and more visitor opportunities

4

ENERGY:

Promote Beneficial Electrification

TRANSPORTATION



- AMHS Long-Range Plan
- Low/No Emissions
- Green Energy Corridor
- Saxman Project
- AMHS Business Impact Study
- Regional Planning Organization
- Other New Vessels
- USFS Long-Range Transportation Plan

ENERGY

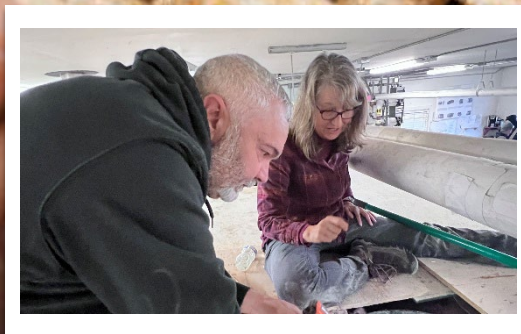
CURRENT PROGRAMS

- CPRG - \$38.6 Million for heat pumps
- EV Chargers
- REDA
- Arctic Ambassadors
- Energy Shed Project
- Rural Energy Conference



BIO MASS

- State-Wide Biomass Operator Training
- Gravina Island Pellet Mill
- Alaska Pellet Supply
- BDO Zone
- Tongass Collaborative Coalition
- POW Integrated Forest Product Campus



SEASWA

- Regional Tire Shredder
- Regional Municipal Solid Waste Planning Effort

MARICULTURE

ALASKA MARICULTURE CLUSTER

- DEC Lab
- University courses & workshops (50 students enrolled in UA's mariculture class)
- Spruce Root Technical Trainings
- Increased hatchery capacity/seed production
- Developing non-food market products
- Funding 9 Feasibility Studies
- Funding 9 Equipment proposals
- Beginning work on processing facility
- Revolving Loan Fund



SOUTHEAST ALASKA SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

SUBAWARD RECIPIENTS

- AK Sustainable Fisheries Trust
- AK Oyster COOP
- Oceans Alaska
- Craig City Schools
- +15 Microgrant Recipients
- Pellet Mill

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE'S 2030 PRIORITY OBJECTIVES



1 HOUSING:
Support the Sustainable Development of Housing

2 CHILD CARE:
Increase Childcare Capacity in Southeast Alaska

3 TRANSPORTATION:
Support the Stability, Sustainable & Longevity of the Marine Highway Systems of Alaska

4 ENERGY:
Reduce Costs & Increase Deployment of Renewables

5 SEAFOOD:
Further Develop Markets for Alaska Seafood

6 SEAFOOD: Seafood Modernization Initiative

7 VISITOR'S INDUSTRY:
Support Local Ownership & Entrepreneurship

FUTURE POTENTIAL PROJECTS



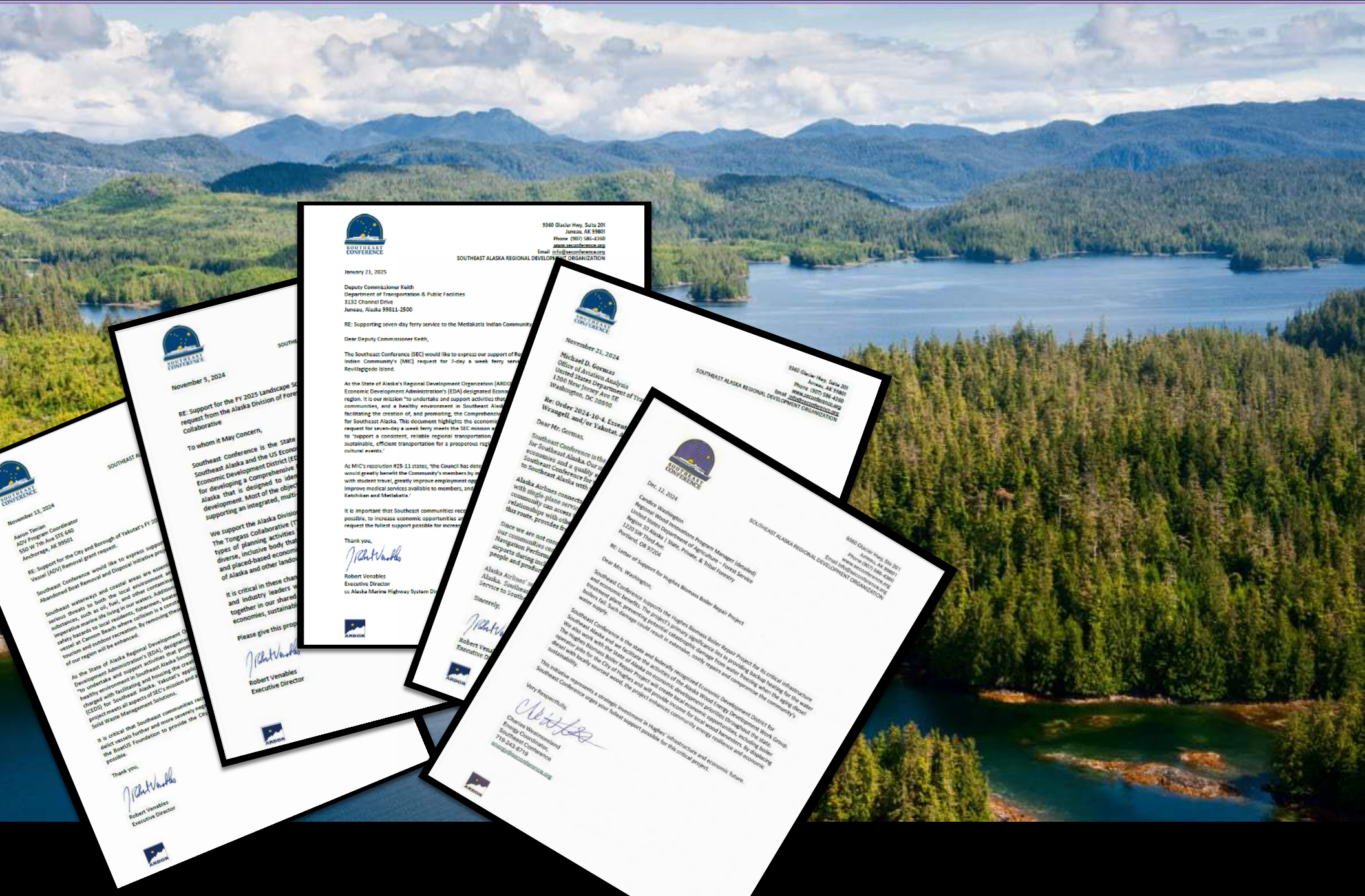
OPPORTUNITIES

- SEA Trails
- Young Growth Timber
- Fisheries Modernization

CHALLENGES

- Affordable Housing
- Labor Shortage
- Inflation & Supply-Chain

MANY MANY LETTERS OF SUPPORT



Funding Partners



SEC PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

University of Alaska

Spruce Root

Tlingit & Haida

Denali Commission

ONE USDA

AK Municipal
League

State of Alaska

AMHS

SARDFA

AK Heat Smart

Information Insights

AK Mariculture
Alliance

ASGA

NADO

SWAMCC

KPED

PWSEDD

Sealaska

Deerstone
Consulting

ANTHC

SEASWA

AFDF

Sea Grant

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WWF

SEACOAST Trust



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THANK YOU!

Save the Date!

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

Annual Meeting

September 16-18, 2023

Sitka, Alaska



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