



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
- 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, State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (invited)
- 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 Leggitt**, **Dan Lesh**, SE Conference
Angie Bowers, Sitka Aquaculture/Mariculture program lead, UAS, **Keolani Booth**, Mariculture Liaison, AMC
- 11:30 AM **Path to Prosperity Winners Announcement** – **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, **Julie Decker**, President, Pacific Seafood Processors Association, **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: *AP&T*

- 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**
Blue Shibler, Executive Director, SEA-AEYC, **Richard Harney**, Tribal Planner, KIC, **Mari 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 PM **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*
- 3:00 PM **Adjourn for flights home and Rural Development Rural Partners Roundtable**



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

