



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
TED FERRY CIVIC CENTER

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- 7:00 AM** **REGISTRATION** *Sponsored By Wostmann & Associates, Inc.*
BREAKFAST *Sponsored By Alaska Committee*
- 8:00 AM** **OPENING CEREMONY** *Color Presentation by USCG, National Anthem by Shauna Lee*
WELCOME
Katie Koester, SEC President, Manager, City & Borough of Juneau, **Mayor Bob Sivertsen**, City of Ketchikan, **Mayor Austin Otos**, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, **President Gloria Burns (Ilsxilee Stáng)**, Ketchikan Indian Community, **President Joe Williams, Jr. (Kaa'KeschKe')**, Organized Village of Saxman
- 8:45 AM** **STATE OF THE REGION**
President Richard Peterson, Robert Venables, Nils Andreson, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League
- 9:15 AM** **BREAK** *Sponsored By Merrill Lynch*
- 9:30 AM** **SOUTHEAST BY THE NUMBERS** **Meilani Schijvens**, Rain Coast Data
- 10:15 AM** **U.S. SENATOR LISA MURKOWSKI** *(Confirmed, Live from DC)*
- 10:45 AM** **HOUSING**
Jackie Pata, CEO, Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority, **Emily Edenshaw**, CEO, Ketchikan Indian Community, **Andrew Barkis**, Partner Altus Global Ventures
- 11:30 AM** **INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION & TRADE**
Herb Pond, Mayor, Prince Rupert, **Halie Osmar**, Government Relations & Policy Coordinator, Prince Rupert Port Authority, **Ryan Leighton**, Executive Director, Metlakatla, BC First Nation, **Bruce Agnew**, Director, PNWER
- 12:00 PM** **TRANSPORTATION - COORDINATING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**
James A. Crawford, Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs, USDOT, **Commissioner Ryan Anderson**, AKDOT&PF
- 12:30PM** **LUNCHEON** *Sponsored By JAG Marine Group*
- 12:45 PM** **KEYNOTE: GUBERNATORIAL FORUM** *Confirmed, In-person*
Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins (JKT), **Dave Bronson**, **Treg Taylor**, **Bernadette Wilson** *(Unable to make forum but will attend 9/30)*
- 2:00 PM** **TRANSITIONAL BREAK** *Sponsored By Shee Atika*
- 2:15 PM** **TRANSPORTATION UPDATES**
Craig Tornga, AMHS Director, AKDOT&PF, **Ron Curtis**, General Manager, IFA, **Vicky Roberts**, Acting Southcoast Region Director, AKDOT&PF, **Jill Melcher**, Southcoast Region Planning Chief, AKDOT&PF, Sarah Cripe, Waterways & Freight Planner, AKDOT&PF, **Kevin Adam (virtual)**, NADO/ RPO America
- 3:15 PM** **A CONVERSATION WITH ALASKA'S COMMISSIONERS**
Facilitated By **Former Commissioner Susan Bell**, VP Strategic Initiatives, Huna Totem Corporation
Cathy Muñoz, DOLWD, **Randy Bates**, DEC, **John Crowther**, DNR, **Ryan Anderson**, DOT&PF, **Julie Sande**, DCCED, **Doug Vincent-Lang**, DF&G

COMMUNITY OF KETCHIKAN RECEPTION

@ Uncharted Alaska Distillery, Alaska Legends Cider & Wines & SEAMAX Experience

5:30-8:00PM *Appetizers, Drinks, Live Music and Networking!*





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- 7:30 AM REGISTRATION** *Sponsored By Wostmann & Associates, Inc.*
BREAKFAST *Sponsored By AIDEA*
- 8:00 AM WELCOME BACK** **Katie Koester**, SEC President, Manager, City & Borough of Juneau
Meet the candidates running for election to SEC board seats, Polls Open
- 8:10 AM NATURAL RESOURCES**
John Crowther, Commissioner, DNR, **Janelle Crocker**, Forest Supervisor, USFS, **Jeff Green**, Deputy Director, Trust Lands Office, **Connor Hajdukovich**, Executive Director, RDC, **Jill Weitz**, Government Affairs, Tlingit & Haida
- 8:40 AM TIMBER**
Jeremy Douse, Director, DOF, **Tessa Axelson**, Executive Director, Alaska Forest Association, **Jason Gubatayao**, General Manager of Natural Resources, Sealaska Corporation, **Brian Kleinhenz**, Teraverde Inc., **The Tongass Collaborative**, **Petersburg Mill** (Invited)
- 9:10 AM MINING**
Graham Neale, Executive Director, AMA, **Peter Mercer**, Director, Vizsla Copper, **Gwen Preston**, President, Alex Metals
- 10:00 AM BREAK** *Sponsored By Pacific Seafood Processors Association*
- 10:15 AM FISHERIES**
Facilitated By **Julie Decker**, President, Pacific Seafood Processors Association
Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner, ADF&G, **Greg Smith**, Communications Director, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, **Stephen Rhoads**, VP of Sales, SPC, **Sam Murphy**, VP of Communications, Alaska Pollock Fishery Alliance, **Silver Bay Seafood** (invited)
- 11:00 AM REGIONAL ENERGY PLANNING & ALASKA HEAT PUMPS**
Alaska Energy Authority (Invited), **Cady Lister**, Executive Director, REAP, **Anne Corrigan**, National Laboratory of the Rockies, **Andy Romanoff**, Executive Director, AK Heat Smart,
- 11:45 AM LEGISLATIVE PROGNOSTICATION** **Larry Persily**
- 12:05 PM LUNCHEON** *Sponsored By Alaska Pollock Fishery Alliance*
- 12:30 PM KEYNOTE: MEASURING WHAT MATTERS** *Melissa Levy, Community Roots*
- 1:00 PM U.S. SENATOR DAN SULLIVAN** *(Confirmed, Live from DC)*
- 1:30 PM TRANSITIONAL BREAK** *Sponsored by SEARHC*
- 1:45 PM PARTNERING FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENTS**
Eric Koan (invited), State Director, USDA-Rural Development, **Mason Villarma**, Manager, City & Borough of Wrangell, **Douglas Huff**, President, JAG Marine Group, **Dave Stieren**, Economic Development Officer, AIDEA
- 2:30 PM THE ALASKA MARICULTURE CLUSTER** *(polls close)*
John Smet, Pacific Kelp Company, **Angie Bowers**, Sitka Aquaculture/Mariculture program lead, UAS, **Markos Scheer**, Seagrove Kelp and Oysters, **Jonny Antoni**, Sea Quester Farms, **Lexa Meyer**, Alaska Ocean Farms, **Dan Lesh**, Deputy Director, SE Conference
- 3:15 PM BREAK** *Sponsored SEARHC*
- 3:30 PM UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA UPDATES & WORKFORCE**
Chancellor Aparna Palmer, University of Alaska Southeast, **Cari-Ann Carty**, President & CEO, AK Safety Alliance, **Cathy Muñoz**, Commissioner, DOLWD
- 4:00PM STATE OF ALASKA SE LEGISLATIVE FORUM**
Senator Bert Stedman, Representative **Jeremy Bynum**, Representative **Andi Story**, Representative **Sara Hannan**, Representative **Rebecca Himschoot**

6:00PM AWARDS BANQUET & SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION
Silent Auction, Dinner, Live Auction & Regional Awards
Banquet Theme: An Aquatic Affair *Markos Scheer & KC Hostetler, Auctioneers*





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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
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7:30 AM REGISTRATION *Sponsored By Wostmann & Associates, Inc.*

BREAKFAST *Sponsored By Grow Ketchikan*

8:30 AM WELCOME BACK **Katie Koester**, SEC President, City & Borough of Juneau

8:35 AM MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Installation of officers, Membership Comments to the Board, Manager, Resolution Consideration

9:30 AM BREAK *Sponsored By Port Communities of Alaska*

10:00 AM VISITOR INDUSTRY

Facilitated By **Scott Habberstad**, Alaska Airlines

10:50 AM CHILD CARE SOLUTIONS

Blue Shabler, Executive Director, Southeast Childhood Collective, **Issa Spatrisano**, Director of Programs, Rasmuson Foundation, **Rachel Roy**, Executive Director, Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce

11:30 AM HEALTH CARE
PeaceHealth, SEARHC

12:00 PM LUNCHEON *Sponsored By Sealaska Corporation*

12:15 PM KEYNOTE PANEL: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FROM A VILLAGE CORPORATION PERSPECTIVE

Facilitated By: Sarah Dybdahl (Aanshawatk'i), President, Sealaska Corporation
Metlakatla Indian Community, Yak-Tat Kwaan, Inc., Kake Tribal Corporation, Klawock Heenya Corporation, Spruce Root

1:00 PM WASTE NOT

Zach Gianotti, Environmental Specialist, AKDEC, **Tom Wetor**, Chair, SEASWA, **Patrick Cotter**, Program Manager, RESPEC

1:30PM BREAKOUT WORK SESSIONS

Join in on this region-wide, collaborative effort to address challenges in Southeast AK. All breakout sessions are open to all attendees.

DEVELOPING METRICS FOR TOP REGIONAL OBJECTIVES

Strengthen regional housing and transportation projects by working through the "Measuring what Matters" framework to make sure what we are measuring moves the needle for the condition we are working to change.

Facilitated By Melissa Levy, Community Roots

SEAFOOD SOLUTIONS FOR SOUTHEAST

Work together to map the movement of Chum Salmon from sea to plate, update the SE Seafood Modernization workplan and collaborate to design impactful projects for the top identified challenge and opportunity in SE's Seafood economy.

Facilitated by TBD

FRAMING REGIONAL OUTDOOR RECREATION

Looking at who the players are and what the needs are, work to develop a Outdoor Rec Trails matrix communities can use to advance local projects. Then, help identify the gaps and needs the future SEATrails can support and fill

Facilitated by Donner Kahl, High Street

JAG MARINE SHIPYARD TOUR

During the worksession time, JAG Marine will also be offering a tour of their Ketchikan shipyard. Transportation is provided and space is limited.

5:30PM- 11:00PM

AN EVENING IN METLAKATLA

Join us for a special evening over in the Metlakatla Indian Community!



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