



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**, Ketchikan Indian Community, **President Joe Williams, Jr.**, Organized Village of Saxman
- 8:45 AM** **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE (INVITED)**
Tyson Gallagher, Chief of Staff
- 9:15 AM** **BREAK** *Sponsored By Merrill Lynch*
- 9:45 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, **Kurt Slocombe**, President & CEO, Prince Rupert Port Authority, **Ryan Leighton**, Executive Director, Metlakatla, BC First Nation, **Francois Bertrand**, Executive Director, Marine Branch - Policy, Programs and Partnerships Division, BC Ministry of Transportation and Transit, **Bruce Agnew**, Director, PNWER, **Yukon** (invited)
- 12:30PM** **LUNCHEON**
- 12:45 PM** **KEYNOTE: GUBERNATORIAL FORUM** *Top Primary Winners (Invited)*
- 2:00 PM** **TRANSITIONAL BREAK** *Sponsored By*
- 2:15 PM** **TRANSPORTATION - COORDINATING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**
James A. Crawford, Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs, USDOT, **Commissioner Ryan Anderson**, AKDOT&PF, **Craig Tornnga**, AMHS Director, AKDOT&PF, **Ron Curtis**, General Manager, IFA, **AKDOT&PF Projects** - SEATP, AK LRTP, Ketchikan Viaducts Replacement, **Kevin Adam** (virtual), NADO/ RPO America
- 3:15 PM** **A CONVERSATION WITH ALASKA'S COMMISSIONERS**
Cathy Muñoz, DOLWD, **Randy Bates**, DEC, **John Crowther**, DNR, **Ryan Anderson**, DOT&PF, **Julie Sande**, DCCED, **Doug Vincent-Lang**, DF&G
- 4:15 PM** **ART ECONOMY** **Meilani Schijvens**, Rain Coast Data

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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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, **USFS** (invited), **Jeff Hermanns**, Senior Resource Manager, Trust Lands Office, **Connor Hajdukovich**, Executive Director, RDC, **Tlingit & Haida** (Invited)
- 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 Neal, Executive Director, AMA, **Robert Fithian**, Manager, Sundance Mining Group, **Peter Mercer**, Director, Vulcan Minerals, **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, **Linda Behnken**, Executive Director, ALFA/ President, ASFT, **Sam Murphy**, VP of Communications, Alaska Pollock Fishery Alliance, **Silver Bay or Wild Fish**
- 11:00 AM REGIONAL ENERGY PLANNING & ALASKA HEAT PUMPS**
Alaska Energy Authority (Invited), **Cady Lister**, Executive Director, REAP, **Andy Romanoff**, Programs Manager, 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, **JAG** (invited), **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, **Tomi Marsh**, OceansAlaska, **Andrew Jylkka**, Spruce Root, **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**
Representative Rebecca Himschoot, **Representative Jeremy Bynum**, **Representative Andi Story**, **Senator Bert Stedman**
- 5:30PM AWARDS BANQUET & SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION**
Silent Auction, Dinner, Live Auction & Regional Awards
Banquet Theme: An Aquatic Affair *Markos Scheer & KC Hostetler, Auctioneers*





KETCHIKAN, ALASKA



SEPT 29- OCT 1, 2026

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

Port Communities of Alaska, Ketchikan Visitor, KIC, Saxman

10:50 AM CHILD CARE SOLUTIONS

Blue Shibler, Executive Director, Southeast Childhood Collective, **Issa Spatrisano**, 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:

Metlakatla Indian Community, Yak-Tat Kwaan, Inc., Kake Tribal Corporation, Klawock Heenya Corporation

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

ROOM TWO

Facilitated By **Melissa Levy**

TBD

SEAFOOD SOLUTIONS FOR SOUTHEAST

ROOM THREE

Facilitated by

TBD

FRAMING REGIONAL OUTDOOR RECREATION

ROOM ONE

Facilitated by **Donner, High Street**

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5:30PM- 11:00PM YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR AN EVENING IN METLAKATLA

MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON! LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE, REGISTER IN ADVANCE TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT.





Thank you

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