



KETCHIKAN, ALASKA



SEPT 29- OCT 1, 2026

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 WELCOME** *Color Guard Presentation by US Coast Guard, National Anthem by Shauna Lee*
Katie Koester, SEC President, Manager, City & Borough of Juneau, **Mayor Bob Sivertsen**, City of Ketchikan, **Mayor Austin Otos**, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, **President Gloria Burns (Ilxilee Stáng)**, Ketchikan Indian Community, **President Joe Williams, Jr. (Kaa'KeschKe')**, Organized Village of Saxman
- 8:45 AM** **STATE OF THE REGION**
Tlingit & Haida, Alaska Municipal League, Southeast Conference
- 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** **BUILDING OUR HOMES FOR THE FUTURE**
Jackie Pata, CEO, Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority, **Emily Edenshaw**, CEO, Ketchikan Indian Community, **Andrew Barkis**, Partner Altus Global Ventures
- 11:30 AM** **TRANSPORTATION - COORDINATING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**
James A. Crawford, Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs, USDOT, **Katherine Keith**, Deputy Commissioner, AKDOT&PF
- 12:00 PM** **U.S. SENATOR DAN SULLIVAN** *(Confirmed)*
- 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** **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
- 3:15 PM** **TRANSPORTATION UPDATES**
Craig Tornnga, 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
- 4:15 PM** **ALASKA AIRLINES** **Scott Habberstad**, Managing Director - Alaska Market
- 4:30 PM** **EPA SPOTLIGHT**
Emma Pokon, Regional Administrator, EPA Region 10

COMMUNITY OF KETCHIKAN RECEPTION

5:30-8:00PM

Downtown Community Night Reception featuring Unchartered Alaskan Distillery, Alaska Legends Cider & Wines, and SEAMAX Experience. ***Appetizers, Drinks, an Alaskan Experience and Networking!***

Transportation: Cape Fox Tours will provide transportation between three locations: Cape Fox Lodge, The Landing Hotel, and the Distillery. Pickups will begin at 5:00 p.m. and continue through 8:30 p.m.





WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
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- 7:30 AM REGISTRATION BREAKFAST** *Sponsored By Wostmann & Associates, Inc. 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 OVERVIEW**
John Crowther, Commissioner, DNR, **Janelle Crocker**, Forest Supervisor, USFS, **Jeff Green**, Deputy Director, Trust Lands Office, **Connor Hajdukovich**, Executive Director, RDC, **Ralph Wolfe**, Director of Indigenous Stewardship Programs, Tlingit & Haida
- 8:50 AM TIMBER, THE TONGASS COLLABORATIVE AND MORE**
Jeremy Douse, Director, DOF, **Tessa Axelson**, Executive Director, Alaska Forest Association, **Jason Gubatayao**, General Manager of Natural Resources, Sealaska Corporation, **Brett Martin**, President, Alaska Timber & Truss, LLC (Invited)
- 9:30 AM DISCOVERING SOUTHEAST'S CRITICAL MINERAL DISTRICT**
Graham Neale, AMA/Communications Consultant, **Gwen Preston**, President, Alex Metals, **Peter Mercer**, Director, Vizsla Copper
- 10:00 AM BREAK** *Sponsored By Pacific Seafood Processors Association*
- 10:15 AM FISHERIES - SWIMMING UPSTREAM**
 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, Seafood Producers Cooperative, **Sam Murphy**, VP of Communications, Alaska Pollock Fishery Alliance, **Abby Fredrick**, VP of Investor & External Affairs, Silver Bay Seafood
- 11:00 AM REGIONAL ENERGY PLANNING & ALASKA HEAT PUMPS**
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**
- 12:00 PM LUNCHEON** *Sponsored By Alaska Pollock Fishery Alliance*
- 12:30 PM KEYNOTE: MEASURING WHAT MATTERS** *Melissa Levy, Community Roots*
- 1:15 PM TRANSITIONAL BREAK U.S. REPRESENTATIVE NICK BEGICH** *(Recorded)*
- 1:30 PM SPOTLIGHT ON PRINCE RUPERT** *Conversation with Mayor Pond*
- 1:45 PM PARTNERING FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENTS**
Eric Koan, State Director, USDA-Rural Development, **Mason F. Villarma**, Borough Manager, City and 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**

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





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 New Board Members & Officers, Membership Comments, & Bylaw Changes
- 9:30 AM BREAK** *Sponsored By Port Communities of Alaska*
- 10:00 AM MANAGING THE VISITOR INDUSTRY**
Facilitated By: **Katie Berry**, President, McKinley Research Group
Jillian Simpson, Executive Director, ATIA, **Emily Deach**, Borough Manager, Municipality of Skagway, **Laurie Booyse**, Tourism Manager, City of Ketchikan, **Ricky Gease** (Invited) Director, DNR- Division of Parks & Rec
- 10:45 AM CHILD CARE SOLUTIONS**
Blue Shibler, Executive Director, Southeast Childhood Collective, **Issa Spatrisano**, Director of Programs, Rasmuson Foundation, **Rachel Roy**, Executive Director, Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce
- 11:30 AM CELEBRATING REGIONAL HEALTH CARE ACHIEVEMENTS**
Ryan Matej, Chief Administrative Officer, SEARHC, **Kate Govaars**, Communications Director, PeaceHealth
- 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
Mayor Albert Smith, Metlakatla Indian Community, **President Meda DeWitt** (invited), Yak-Tat Kwaan, Inc., **Mary Edenshaw**, CEO, Klawock Heenya Corporation, **Alana Peterson**, Executive Director, 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, seafood, and transportation projects by working through the "Measuring what Matters" framework to advance projects and effectively move the needle.

Room: Ted Ferry Ballroom
Facilitated By Melissa Levy, Community Roots

JAG MARINE SHIPYARD TOUR

During the worksession time, JAG Marine will also be offering a tour of their Ketchikan shipyard. See Southeast Alaska's largest shipbuilding facility and learn about this growing industry.

Transportation is provided and space is limited.

**Pre-registration is required.*

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.

Room: Cape Fox Shaa B
Facilitated by Donner Kahl, High Street

5:30PM- 11:00PM AN EVENING IN METLAKATLA

**Pre-registration is required.*

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



Register for MIC Visit Here.



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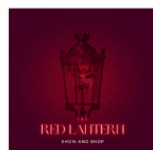


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