Wednesday, September 30th, Ketchikan's Ted Ferry Civic Center

Abby Fredrick, VP of Investor & External Affairs, Silver Bay Seafoods

Abby Fredrick is a 30+ year Juneau resident. She was raised in Juneau and attended UAS for Business. From 2009-2019 she worked at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Office of the Commissioner, where she served three different Commissioners. She married into a small boat commercial fishing family from Sitka. This coupled with her time at ADF&G, sparked her passion for supporting coastal communities and fishing families. Since 2019, she has worked for Silver Bay Seafoods, a fishermen-founded and owned seafood processing company headquartered in Sitka, Alaska. At Silver Bay she oversees shareholder relations, regulatory advocacy, communications, and government affairs.

Representative Andi Story, State of Alaska, District 3

Andi Story has lived in Southeast Alaska for over 40 years, raising her three children Ellen, Mallory & Ryan while her husband Mike ran a small engineering firm. She has served in the State House of Representatives since 2018. She currently serves as Co-chair for the House Education Committee, Vice Chair of the State Affairs Committee, and is a member of the Tribal Affairs Committee. She also serves on the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, the University of Alaska Southeast School of Education External Advisory Committee, the Council of State Governments Education and Workforce Development Committee, the National Conference of State Legislatures Higher Education Task Force, and the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Legislative Advisory Committee. She served on the Juneau School Board for 15 years and has regularly advocated for increased focus on education and equity in Alaska schools before the legislature, as a co-founder of Great Alaska Schools, and as president of the Alaska Association of School Boards. Andi has a master's in social work. She enjoys walking outdoors, cross-country skiing, and time spent with family and friends.

Andy Romanoff, Executive Director, AK Heat Smart

Since receiving a B.S. in Environmental Toxicology from New York's Clarkson University, Andy has worn a variety of hats: community organizer; wilderness guide; tourism business owner and boat captain; graphic designer; and dad. As Executive Director of Alaska Heat Smart and creator of the Alaska Carbon Reduction Fund, Andy is honored to be able to bring his passion, energy, and love of heat pumps and energy efficiency to the residents of Alaska.

Angie Bowers, Sitka Aquaculture/Mariculture program lead, UAS
Angie Bowers is an Assistant Professor in the Applied Fisheries program at the University of Alaska Southeast in Sitka, where she develops hands-on and online aquaculture courses that give students knowledge and experience in hatchery, farming, nursery operations, and maritime skills. She brought more than 13 years of industry experience to UAS in 2018, including a decade with the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) followed by a role as Aquaculture Director at the Sitka Sound Science Center. She holds a Master's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Administration from Oregon State University and a Bachelor's in Biology from the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire.

Anne Corrigan, National Laboratory of the Rockies
Anne E. Corrigan ("Annie"), a researcher and project manager at the National Laboratory of the Rockies's (NLR) Alaska campus, has a background in environmental health and spatial analysis. She leads community-based projects and contributes to problem-solving across a wide array of subject areas, particularly in remote Alaska. Anne E. is a core team member and cohort lead for the Community Microgrids Assistance Partnership (C-MAP) and technical contributor for projects in the Energy Technology Innovation Partnership Program (ETIPP) in Juneau and for Southeast Alaska. She has led projects on building energy retrofits, seasonal anaerobic digestion, and data gaps in biomass and geothermal resource development in addition to supporting partnership facilitation and development.

Chancellor Aparna Dileep-Nageswaran Palmer, UAS
Dr. Aparna Palmer serves as Chancellor at the University of Alaska Southeast. In this role, she is responsible for leading the university in fulfilling its educational mission. Before coming to UAS, Dr. Palmer was a Professor of Biology for 22 years at Colorado Mesa University where she eventually became the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs. She then served as Vice President at Front Range Community College and was responsible for the leadership of two of the College's campuses in Northern Colorado. Dr. Palmer holds a B.S. in Biological Sciences and a B.A. in English from Colorado State University as well as a Ph.D. in Zoology from Washington State University. As a marine biologist, she studies the natural histories and genetics of water bears and seaworms.

Senator Bert Stedman, State of Alaska, District A
Senator Bert Stedman, a fourth-generation Alaskan raised in Petersburg and Sitka, brings extensive experience in both the private and public sectors. Before joining the Alaska State Legislature, he ran a successful investment services firm for thirty years and spent over a decade serving in Sitka's local government. Since beginning his tenure in the Alaska Senate in 2003, he has served as Co-Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee for 14 years. Senator Stedman is widely recognized for his expertise in energy, taxation, public finance, and state budgeting. In addition to his work in the Alaska Legislature, Senator Stedman has twice chaired The Energy Council, a U.S.-Canada organization of energy-producing states that addresses oil and gas policy. He also serves as a member of the National Petroleum Council, a federal advisory committee that provides recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on oil and gas matters. Senator Stedman's strong financial background has greatly benefited the state, and he hopes to continue doing so in the years ahead.

Brett Martin, President, Alaska Timber & Truss, LLC- coming soon

Brian Kleinhenz, Tereverde, Inc. - coming soon

Cady Lister, Executive Director, REAP
Cady Lister is the Executive Director of the Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP), Alaska's leading nonprofit focused on advancing renewable energy and energy efficiency. A lifelong Alaskan, Cady has more than 20 years of experience developing and implementing clean energy policies, programs, and projects. She brings expertise in energy policy, project development, workforce development, strategic planning, and community engagement, with a particular focus on practical solutions that can improve energy affordability, reliability, and resilience for Alaskans.

Cari-Ann Carty, CEO, Alaska Safety Alliance
Cari-Ann Carty is the Chief Executive Officer of the Alaska Safety Alliance, where she leads statewide efforts to strengthen workforce development and safety training across industries. With more than 15 years of experience building collaborative workforce strategies, she has guided initiatives that prepare Alaskans for the future of work while advancing community resilience. Under her leadership, the Alaska Safety Alliance and the Alaska Workforce Alliance continue to align industry, education, and policy to address critical workforce needs. She is passionate about creating opportunities for all Alaskans, fostering a workforce that strengthens industries and sustains economic growth across the state.

Commissioner Cathy Muñoz, AK Dept of Labor and Workforce Development
Deputy Commissioner Cathy Muñoz is a life-long Alaskan, small business owner, and the mother of two. She served three terms in the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly and was elected in 2008 to the Alaska House of Representatives, where she served four terms. Workforce development has been a key priority throughout Muñoz's public service career. In the Legislature, she served as chairwoman of the Community and Regional Affairs Committee and was a member of the House Finance Committee. She advocated for the University of Alaska vocational training programs, and secured funding for Alaska's first mining simulator. She also sponsored a provision in state law allowing for tax credit contributions to vocational education programs. Muñoz holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of the Pacific, Stockton, California, and is a graduate of the Emerging Leaders Academy at the University of Virginia. She serves on numerous boards and commissions including the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Juneau Parks Foundation and the Advisory Board of the University of Alaska Southeast. Deputy Commissioner Muñoz is the mother of Matthew and Mercedes and is married to Juan Muñoz. In 2014 she was adopted into the Raven Coho clan. Her Tlingit name is Kee Nax i Klaa, an honored name given to her by the Kunz family of Juneau, Alaska.

Connor Hajdukovich, Executive Director, RDC
Connor Hajdukovich is the Executive Director of the Resource Development Council for Alaska (RDC). He has nearly a decade of federal and state policy experience, including serving as a legislative aide to U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan and later as a contractor in the Office of the Secretary of Defense advising on legislative policy. Prior to leading RDC, he served as its External Affairs and Policy Coordinator. Connor grew up in Fairbanks and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He also serves on the Velocity board and was named Alaska's Top Forty Under 40 in 2026.

Dan Lesh, Deputy Director, Southeast Conference
Dan Lesh joined Southeast Conference as deputy director, bringing a deep background in economic development in coastal Alaska. He adds capacity as the organization develops and implements partnerships and projects in mariculture, energy, transportation, fisheries, and other topics. Prior to joining SEC, Dan served as a senior consultant at McKinley Research Group (formerly McDowell Group). In his seven years at that firm, he led teams completing market assessments, economic development plans, feasibility studies, and other assignments for a wide variety of clients across Alaska and beyond. A lifelong Alaskan, Dan's professional experience includes policy analysis for the Alaska Legislature; tourism operations; serving on the Gustavus City Council; and renewable energy program development. He holds an undergraduate degree from Grinnell College and an MBA from the University of Illinois.

Dave Stieren, Economic Development Director, AIDEA- coming soon

Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang, AK DF&G
Doug Vincent-Lang spent his 34-year public service career at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game before accepting the position of commissioner in January 2019. A scientist with a focus on fulfilling the department's mission, Vincent-Lang began work at the department as a fisheries research and management biologist for the Division of Sport Fish in 1981. He held the positions of regional management and research coordinator and assistant director for 28 years in the Division of Sport Fish During his tenure at the Division of Sport Fish, Vincent-Lang worked on a number of high-level research and policy issues for the state. He evaluated habitat needs and instream flow requirements of fish while working on the feasibility assessment of the Susitna River Hydro-electric project. He was instrumental in integrating planning into the management of Alaska's recreational fisheries by leading an effort to develop and implement the first-ever strategic plan for the Division of Sport Fish. In 2012 he was named Director of the Division of Wildlife where he managed Alaska's wildlife under the sustained yield principles and public trust doctrine principles. He led legislative wildlife issues on the state, national and international levels. In addition to his experience in both fisheries and wildlife management, Doug has served as the Endangered Species Act Coordinator for the State of Alaska. He has represented the State of Alaska on a wide range of policy issues including climate change, arctic, and marine policy issues. He holds a B.S. degree in biology/population dynamics from the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay and a M.S. degree in Biological Oceanography from the University of Alaska – Fairbanks.

Douglas Huff, President, JAG Marine Group- coming soon

Eric Koan, Director, USDA-Rural Development- coming soon

Graham Neale, Executive Director, AMA
Graham Neale has worked in Southeast Alaska's mineral sector since 2008, with past roles at the Niblack Project on POW, UAS in Juneau, and the Palmer Project in the Chilkat Valley. He has served as a board member of Alaska Miners Association and Southeast Conference and now, as an independent consultant, he works with industry, tribes, communities, and governments to responsibly support mineral projects in the region.

Greg Smith, Communications Director, ASMI
Greg Smith was hired as the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute's Communications Director in June 2023. He was born and raised in Juneau and graduated from Juneau Douglas High School. He went Outside for school, where he graduated and then worked at Oregon State University. He participated as a crew member for three seasons on Southeast gillnetters, as well as a short opener in the Southeast troll fishery. He has worked on and advised numerous political campaigns, as well as contracted with small businesses and a nonprofit. Greg has worked nine legislative sessions, as an assistant to a lobbyist, legislative staff, and the

legislative liaison in the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. Greg is honored to serve on the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly.

Gwen Preson, President, Alex Metals
Gwen Preston has been a metals and mining analyst, investment leader, company executive, board member, and journalist for almost 20 years. Through this range of roles Gwen has built a deep base of knowledge around how to fund, find, and develop mineral projects and an expansive network in and understanding of the mining capital markets. Gwen began her career as a journalist with The Northern Miner before founding the Resource Maven newsletter in 2014, where she spent a decade producing independent research, investment commentary, and sector education for a global subscriber base. She then took on the role of Vice President Communications for West Red Lake Gold, where she brought capital markets interest to high potential but complicated mine restart opportunity. Gwen also serves on the board of Onyx Gold. Gwen holds a B.Sc. (Chemistry) from McGill University and a Master of Journalism from the University of British Columbia.

Janelle Crocker, Forest Supervisor, USFS
Janelle Crocker serves as the acting Forest Supervisor for the Tongass National Forest in southeast Alaska. Before joining the forest, she held several leadership roles in the Forest Service, including Forest Supervisor on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Deputy Regional Forester for the Eastern Region, Acting Regional Forester for the Alaska Region, and Director of Information Management. Prior to her Forest Service career, Janelle worked in leadership positions with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of Land Management, City of Sacramento, and Environmental Systems Research Institute. She grew up in Humboldt Redwoods State Park, where her passion for land stewardship began as a park seasonal. Her career has taken her across California, Michigan, Wyoming, Alaska, and Wisconsin. Janelle holds a degree from Humboldt State University and earned both a Master of Science in Geographic Information Systems and an MBA from the University of Redlands. Outside of work, she enjoys exploring nature with her husband and daughters.

Jason Gubatayao, General Manager of Natural Resources, Sealaska Corporation
As manager of activities on Sealaska land related to natural resources, Jason's focus is on working with local communities to develop opportunities for cultural and economic benefit. With a degree in Environmental Systems, Jason combines his in-the-field forestry experience with academic study to help manage Sealaska's resources respectfully and effectively. Jason spent his childhood in the Tongass and has a passion for exploring the abundance of our lands.

Jeff Green, Deputy Director, Trust Lands Office
Jeff Green serves as the Deputy Director of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office, where he leads strategic land and resource development initiatives across a diverse statewide land portfolio. He is dedicated to maximizing Trust revenues through responsible land, mineral, energy, forestry, and real estate development to ensure Trust lands support Alaskans' long-term mental health needs.

Representative Jeremy Bynum, State of Alaska District 1
Mr. Bynum served as an assembly member on the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly beginning in 2020. As an assembly member, he co-chaired the Assembly/School Board Liaison Committee as well as service on the University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan Campus Advisory Council. He was also a member of the Board of Directors for Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA). He remains connected and invested with his fellow Veterans as an active member of the American Legion, Joseph T. Craig, Post 3, serving as an executive board member. He also enjoys providing service to others as a Rotarian and active member of First City Rotary. In 2010, he earned his Professional Engineer (PE) license in electrical engineering, He was elected to the Alaska House of Representatives in 2024.

Jeremy Douse, Director, DOF
Jeremy Douse is the Director of the Alaska Division of Forestry and Fire Protection and Alaska state forester. Jeremy Started his career in 1998 at a seasonal fire fighter for the US Forest Service in Colorado but has worked as a forester in Alaska since 2002. In addition to working for the state of Alaska, Jeremy has worked in forestry for the US Army and the Tanana Chiefs Conference, a Native tribal consortium in Interior Alaska. Jeremy has been involved in forest inventory and timber management work all over the state.

Jill Weitz, Government Affairs, Central Council Tlingit & Haida India Tribes of Alaska
Jill Weitz serves as the Government Affairs Liaison within Tlingit & Haida's Office of the President, focusing on natural resource policy and advocacy. She holds a graduate degree in Natural Resources Law and Policy from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and has worked extensively with tribes, communities, and stakeholders for nearly two decades to defend Southeast Alaska's salmon-producing rivers and the livelihoods they support.

Commissioner John Crowther, AK Dept. of Natural Resources
John Crowther has served as Commissioner of Alaska's Department of Natural Resources since October 2025. He's held multiple roles within DNR since 2012 and served under the prior eight Commissioners. John leads a dedicated staff of approximately 900 full-time and 300 seasonal employees in the Department's mission to develop, conserve and maximize the use of Alaska's natural resources consistent with the public interest. DNR encompasses divisions as varied as Agriculture, Forestry & Fire Protection, Geological & Geophysical Surveys, Mining, Land & Water, Oil & Gas, and Parks & Outdoor Recreation. John previously served as Director of the Governor's office in Washington, DC and on the professional staff of the U.S. Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee after receiving his law degree from Georgetown University. He grew up and happily lives in Anchorage, Alaska.

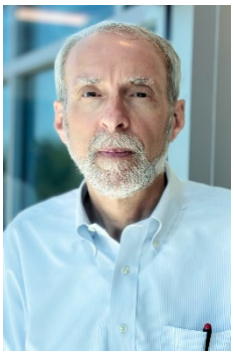
John Smet, Pacific Kelp Company
John Smet is the co-founder and CEO of Pacific Kelp Company, based in Ketchikan, Alaska. Pacific Kelp Company processes kelp into products for agriculture and other industries. Their flagship product is KelpEdge™, a liquid kelp biostimulant for farmers and growers.

Jonny Antoni, Sea Quester Farms- coming soon

Julie Decker, President, PSPA

Julie began working for Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation (AFDF) in 2011 as the Development Director. Julie became the executive director on January 1, 2014. Julie has 20 years of experience working in the Alaska seafood industry. Her family owns and operates a commercial fishing vessel in Southeast Alaska. She worked as a part of the executive management team at a seafood processing facility in Alaska which designed and implemented a $7 million conversion of a salmon cannery into a high quality, efficiency, and volume fresh and frozen salmon processing facility during the mid-2000's. She was also the executive director of the Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association (SARDFA) which grew this industry from a "new and developing fishery" with an annual ex-vessel value of approximately $3

million to an annual ex-vessel value of $10-15 million. Decker has a BA from Northwestern University and a Master of Public Administration (MPA) with a concentration in natural resource policy from UAS. Decker was awarded the 2013 Ernest Gruening MPA Excellence Award for outstanding graduate student in her field. Decker has also served on numerous boards and committees (i.e. Southeast Conference, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, United Fishermen of Alaska, AFDF, City & Borough of Wrangell's Assembly and Economic Development Committee, and the SE AK Ocean.



Larry Persily, Former Dep. Commissioner, Owner, Wrangell Sentinel
25-year journalism career in Alaska followed by 20 years in public policy work at federal, state and municipal levels, and now a return to journalism with the purchase of The Skagway News. Alaska journalism work includes ownership of two weekly newspapers -- the Wrangell Sentinel, and The Paper, in Juneau -- reporting stints with the Anchorage Times, Anchorage Daily News, The Associated Press and Petroleum News, and time as managing editor at the Juneau Empire and editorial page editor at the Anchorage Daily News. Currently, an oil-and-gas columnist for the Alaska Journal of Commerce.

Lexa Meyer, Archipelago Leadership Institute- coming soon

Markos Scheer, Seagrove Kelp & Oysters
Since 2016, Premium Aquatics, LLC d/b/a Seagrove operates the largest, vertically integrated, multi-species mariculture operation in Alaska. Seagrove built and operates a state-of-the-art shellfish holding and shipping facility in Ketchikan, Alaska, and the largest oyster production farms in Alaska – more than 6 million oysters. The 127-acre Doyle Bay farm on the west side of Prince of Wales Island features a 100-acre kelp farm (the largest contiguous kelp farm in the US), and a 27-acre OysterGro oyster farm. Seagrove also operates Marble Seafoods, LLC, shellfish operation north of Ketchikan, Alaska. Seagrove is focused on cultivating kelps and oysters on 300+ acres of cultivation area — which represents the most operating mariculture area operated by a single company in Alaska. Scheer also serves on the Board of Directors of the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation and is currently the Board President, on the Board of Directors of the Alaska Mariculture Alliance and the Build Back Better Regional Challenge Grant Governance Board.

Mason Villarma, Manager, City & Borough of Wrangel
Mason F. Villarma is the Borough Manager for the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, and a fourth-generation Wrangellite. He grew up spending summers in Wrangell commercial fishing, earned his degree from Gonzaga University, and began his career at KPMG before returning home to join the Borough as Finance Director in 2021. He stepped into the manager's role in 2023, including leading the community through recovery from the November 2023 landslide. Under his leadership, Wrangell has completed or advanced a broad slate of infrastructure and economic development efforts, including the Water Treatment Plant replacement, Public Safety Building rehabilitation, downtown waterfront development, the Wrangell Harbor Basin revitalization and transportation resiliency project, a municipally developed housing subdivision, a land exchange with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office, and SEAPA's Wrangell solar project. He has also led numerous public-private partnerships, including one with JAG Marine Group to develop a large-scale vessel repair shipyard at the Borough's 6-Mile deepwater port, and efforts to structure and grow the Borough's tourism sector, tripling visitor activity since 2023. Mason has also been a vocal regional advocate for commercial fishermen and subsistence users affected by the booming sea otter population, pushing state and federal agencies for stronger management of the species. Mason serves as vice chairman of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) Board of Directors and is a member of the Gonzaga University Accounting Advisory Council. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and coaching the Wrangell High School cross country team.

Melissa Levy, Community Roots- coming soon

Congressman Nick Begich, State of Alaska
Born in Anchorage and raised by his maternal grandparents, Congressman Nick Begich embodies the spirit of Alaska. Nick grew up learning the values that make Alaska strong: self-reliance, honesty, and a deep-seated love for this land and its people. Today, he lives in Chugiak with his wife, Dharna, and their son Nicholas, continuing the tradition of raising the next generation of Alaskans on these same principles. Nick pursued higher education in the Lower 48, graduating from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship, and later completing his Master of Business Administration at Indiana University. His education equipped him with the skills to navigate the complex world of business. Recruited by Ford Motor Company, Nick sharpened these skills in a variety of roles, from technology to finance to product development; but the call of home was too strong. In 2004, Nick and Dharna returned to Alaska, ready to give back to the state they love. Over the years, Nick has kickstarted numerous businesses, both within and beyond Alaska's borders. His business ventures have been built on innovation and industry. Nick's dedication doesn't stop at his own businesses - he has served as a startup coach and mentor, fostering the growth of early-stage companies and helping them thrive. Nick has continuously invested in Alaska. His prior work with the Alaska Policy Forum, Club for Growth, and his years as a Board Director for Matanuska Telecom Association, show his commitment to public service and to Alaska's progress. Nick has seen firsthand the challenges Alaskans face, and he has the skills and

experience to address these issues head-on. Nick's goal in Congress is to make sure Alaskans succeed. His lifelong connection to this land, his passion for responsible business growth, and his belief in the power of hardworking Alaskan families make him the leader we need to take on Washington and deliver for Alaska.

Peter Mercer, Director, Vulcan Minerals
Peter Mercer is Senior Vice President, Alaska for Vizsla Copper and a Professional Geoscientist. He leads the Palmer, Delta and Helm Bay projects and guides Vizsla Copper's broader Alaska strategy, integrating technical studies, permitting, environmental programs, engagement and regional partnerships.

Representative Rebecca Himschoot, State of Alaska District 2
In 2020, Rebecca was elected to the Sitka Assembly, where she served as liaison to the Sitka School Board and the Tree and Landscape Committee. In 2022, she was elected to represent House District 2, the coastal communities from Yakutat to Hydaburg. As a member of the Education Committee, the Community and Regional Affairs Committee, and the Special Committee on Fisheries, she is using her experience as an educator, a local elected official, and an advocate for healthy ecosystems to bring her district's voice to the decisions that are made in Juneau.

Ralph Wolfe, Director of Indigenous Stewardship Programs, Tlingit & Haida
Ralph (Góos'k') Wolfe is the Director of Indigenous Stewardship Programs for the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. His work advances Tribal sovereignty through Indigenous stewardship, natural resources, traditional food security, youth engagement, and partnerships across Southeast Alaska. He oversees the Seacoast Indigenous Guardians Network, the Traditional Food Security and Alaska Youth Stewards programs, and Indigenous stewardship policy advocating for the protection and responsible management of forests, waters, and fisheries. A lifelong Alaskan and citizen of Tlingit & Haida, Ralph was born and raised in Craig and has deep ties throughout Southeast. His experience includes serving as Mayor of Yakutat, Director of the Sustainable Southeast Partnership, and working with the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe. Ralph brings a community-centered perspective to natural resource governance and the future of Southeast Alaska, grounded in Tribal governance, Indigenous knowledge, responsible resource management, and opportunities that benefit communities and future generations.

Representative Sara Hannan, State of Alaska District 4
Sara is a life-long Alaskan and has lived in Juneau for over 37 years. She spent three decades in education, teaching high school for 21 years. She loves engaging in her community as a volunteer, working to support women, those less fortunate and the environment. She and her husband Mark have a small business selling locally caught fish. She loves exploring the outdoors in our beautiful and wet Southeast rainforest.

Sam Murphy, VP of Communications, APFA
Sam Murphy is Vice President of Communications for the Alaska Pollock Fishery Alliance, where he works to advance public understanding of Alaska's pollock fishery and the people, communities, and science behind it. He spends significant time engaging with Alaskans across the state, including fishermen, coastal communities, industry, and other stakeholders connected to Alaska's fisheries. His work focuses on bringing greater context and understanding to one of Alaska's most important - and often misunderstood - fisheries.

Stephane Rhoads, VP of Sales, SPC- coming soon

Tessa Axelson, Executive Director, Alaska Forest Association
Ms. Axelson is a life-long Alaskan with 20+ years of executive management, community planning, program and project administration, and facilitation experience. She spent 15 years with the Denali Commission, a federal agency focused on rural infrastructure development in Alaska. Ms. Axelson was responsible for the annual development and implementation of the agency's $100+ million program budget for transportation, energy, health facilities, solid waste, housing, training, and economic development. Ms. Axelson is highly skilled in project and program management, funding strategies, federal contracting, facilitation and planning, project scoping, data gathering, technical writing, and working with communities to identify needs, create goals, and implement vision and value strategies.