

# Welcome to the Southeast Conference Mid Session Summit February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018



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**2018 SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE MID-SESSION SUMMIT**

**FEBRUARY 13-14, 2018 • JUNEAU, ALASKA**



**NAVIGATING THE  
SOUTHEAST ECONOMY**



**Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall 320 W. Willoughby Ave, Juneau

## Agenda

**7:00 AM** Registration: *Sponsored by Wostmann Associates*  
Breakfast sponsored by Alaska Marine Lines



**8:00 AM** Opening

- National Anthem: Sung by the Thunder Mountain High School Concert Choir
- Welcome – Jan Hill, President, Southeast Conference
- Welcome – Richard Peterson, President, CCTHITA
- Welcome – Ken Koelsch Mayor, City & Borough of Juneau

**8:30 AM** **Keynote Address**  
**Alaska Governor Bill Walker**

**8:55 AM** The Southeast Conference 2020 Economic Plan – **Meilani Schijvens**

**9:00 AM** **Maritime and Fisheries**

**Mark Scheer, Chair** Attorney for Williams Kastner

- Maritime Building: Vigor Shipyard – **Doug Ward** Director of Shipyard Development for Vigor Alaska and **Sierra Callis** Vigor Alaska's Work Force Development Specialist
- Ship and Boat Building – **Britteny Cioni Haywood** - *Director Division of Economic Development*
- Mariculture Development – **Julie Decker** *AFDF Director* and **Mark Scheer**
- King Salmon Fisheries Closures – **Deborah Lyons**
- Introduction to new UFA Executive Director – **Frances Leach**



**10:00 AM** *Maritime/Fisheries Networking Coffee Break Sponsored by AFDF*



**10:15 AM** **Energy Industry**

**Alec Mesdag, Chair** Director of Energy Services at AEL&P

- **Janet Reiser**, Executive Director Alaska Energy Authority
- State and federal Updates on Regulatory Issues – **Michael Rovito** Alaska Power Association
- H.E.L.P. and Energy Efficiency Initiatives – **Robert Venables**
- Biomass updates – **Devany Plentovich** (AEA), **Bob Deering** (USFS)
- Energy Roundtable – Reports from the region



**11:15 AM** *Energy Networking Coffee Break*

**11:30 AM** **Commissioner of the Department of Commerce Community and Economic Development, Mike Navarre**

**11:50 AM** Community Shorts: Mayors updates from across the region

Noon

## Chris French Associate Deputy Chief at U.S. Forest Service Luncheon Speaker



*Lunch Sponsored by the Alaska Committee and the Alaska Forest Association*

1:15 PM

## Timber and Mining Industries

### Joint Committee Meeting



- Status of the Roadless Rule Litigation – **Tom Lenhart** State of Alaska Assistant Attorney General
- Petition for Tongass Roadless Exemption and Tongass Plan Revision – **Heidi Hansen** Alaska Department of Resources Deputy Commissioner
- Interior Appropriations Bill Update – **Jim Clark** attorney
- Tier 3 Wilderness Waters designation process - **Liz Cornejo** Constantine
- Stand for Alaska Initiative proposed resolution and HB 199 legislative update **Josh Kindred** from the Alaska Oil and Gas Association

2:15 PM

### Timber Committee Meeting

**Bryce Dahlstrom**, Chair Vice President Viking Lumber



- Timber Sale Program Update – **Owen Graham**
- Sealaska Land Management Update – **Anthony Mallott**: President and CEO, Sealaska
- University's Timber Activities and Large Landowners Group – **Christine Klein**

2:45 PM

### Mining Committee Meeting

**Jan Hill**, Chair Mayor of Haines



- **Mark Kiessling**, General Manager, Coeur Alaska Kensington Mine
- Palmer Project – **Liz Cornejo**: Vice President, Community & External Affairs Constantine Mining
- **Deantha Crockett**: Executive Director of the Alaska Miners Association

3:15 PM

*Mining and Timber Networking Coffee Break  
sponsored by Viking Lumber*



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3:30 PM

## Economic Development

**Maegan Bosak**, Chair Community Affairs Director, City and Borough of Sitka

- University of Alaska Southeast – **Rick Caulfield** Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast: UAS and the region
- Northwest Coast Arts Initiative – **Rick Harris** Sealaska Heritage Institute
- Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: **Annette Ulmer** Acting Manager of Business and Economic Development Department
- The Nature Conservancy "The Communities, Economies, and Place Initiative" **Christine Woll**

4:30 PM

*Economic Development Networking Coffee Break*

4:30 PM

Conference of Mayors Meeting (Breakout)

5:30 PM

## Legislative Reception

Held at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall sponsored by Sealaska





## Wednesday, February 14, 2018

**7:30 AM** Registration Sponsored by Wostmann Associates  
Breakfast Sponsored by  
Cruise Line International Association Alaska



**8:15 AM** **Keynote Address**  
**Alaska Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott**

**8:45 AM** **Transportation Committee**

**Dennis Watson, Chair** Executive Director of the IFA

- **Marc Luiken**, Commissioner, AK DOT&PF
- AMHS Update, Capt. **John Falvey**
- AMHS Reform: Phase 2 Overview: **John Waterhouse**, PE, Elliott Bay Design Group
- Phase 3 Implementation Concepts, **Susan Bell** McDowell Group



**10:30 AM** *Networking Break sponsored by Southeast Alaska Pilots Association*

**10:45 AM** **Visitor Industry**

**KC Hostetler, Chair** Alaska Airlines Sales & Community Marketing Manager

- Cruise Industry 2018 and 2019 expectations: Cruise Line International Association Alaska President **John Binkley**
- Icy Strait Point - **Russell Dick** President/CEO, Huna Totem Corporation
- Southeast Alaska Tourism Council: **Elizabeth Arnett** and **Liz Perry**
- Juneau Visitor Infrastructure Update – **Rorie Watt** City Manager of City and Borough of Juneau



**11:45 AM** *Visitor Industry Networking Coffee Break  
Sponsored by the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau*



**Noon** **Community Shorts: Mayors updates from across the region**

**12:15** **Luncheon: Effectively Presenting to Your Alaska Legislators: Kathie Wasserman, AML; Michael Rovito, APA**



**1:30 PM** **Southeast Solid Waste Authority**

**2:00 PM** **AMHS Reform Steering Committee** (Breakout)

**2:00 PM** **Southeast Cruise Port Association**  
(Breakout with Rorie Watt and John Binkley)

**2:00 PM** **Meet with Legislators at the Capitol**

Appointments are being made with Legislators and staff for the afternoon. Please let Robert Venables know if you would like to be part of the group discussions.