



Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference

March 5th & 6th, 2020 • The Hotel Captain Cook

Thursday, March 5th – First Day of Conference

8:00 Registration & Networking Breakfast

8:30 Opening & Welcome – Board President Swain, Executive Director Marquardt

8:35 Mayor Ethan Berkowitz

8:50 Critical Coastal Connections: Intrastate Marine Transportation in Southwest Alaska

- Gary Hennigh – City Administrator, City of King Cove
- Mary Siroky – Deputy Commissioner, Alaska Department of Transportation
- Shawn Richardson – Alaska Operations Manager, Samson Tug & Barge
- Susan Bell – Principal, McDowell Group

Break

10:10 Exhibitor Announcements

10:30 Kodiak to Adak and All Points in Between: Air Transportation in Southwest Alaska

- Scott Habberstad – Director of Sales & Community Marketing, Alaska Airlines
- John Binder – Deputy Commissioner, Alaska Dept. of Transportation
- Derek Shanks – Chief Commercial Officer, Ravn Air Group
- Chris Barnes – Grant Aviation

11:40 Platinum Sponsor Announcement – Alaska Airlines

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**12:00 Networking Lunch, Plated – Video Address by Senators Lisa Murkowski & Dan Sullivan
Legislative Update from Nils Andreassen, Executive Director at Alaska Municipal League**

1:00 Platinum Sponsor Announcement – Ravn Air Group

1:10 New Opportunities to Address Familiar Challenges

- Erik Obrien – Program Manager, Denali Commission – *Platinum Sponsor*
- Nuyakuk Hydro: Robert Himschoot – CEO/General Manager, Nushagak Cooperative
- Tribal 5G Spectrum: Harold Johnston – President, Alaska Tribal Broadband, LLC
- AMHS Reshaping/Reform: Robert Venables – Executive Director, Southeast Conference

Break

2:30 Brave New World: Broadband Internet Connectivity for Southwest Alaska

Moderated by Doug Griffin, former SWAMC Executive Director

- Jenifer Nelson – Sr. Manager Corp. Communications & Community Engagement, GCI
- Chuck Schumann – CEO, Pacific Dataport
- Emmett Fitch – CEO, OptimERA
- Roger Meeks – Sales Manager, TelAlaska

Break

3:45 First Responders in the Last Frontier: Public Safety in Southwest Alaska

- Katherine TePas – Program Coordinator II, Department of Public Safety
- John Skidmore – Deputy Attorney General, State of Alaska
- Nikole Nelson – Executive Director, Alaska Legal Services
- Captain Andrew Merrill – C Detachment Commander, Alaska State Troopers

5:30 President's Reception & Silent Auction – Quarter Deck



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8:35 Commissioner Julie Anderson, DCCED, on behalf of Governor Mike Dunleavy

9:00 Sponsor's Appreciation

9:15 SWAMC's 2020 Membership Meeting

- Sub-regional Caucuses & Board Elections
- FY19 Financial Report
- Resolutions

Break

11:00 Science-Driven Fisheries Dynamics: What's in Our Future?

- Glenn Merrill – Assistant Regional Administrator, NOAA Alaska Regional Office
- Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang – Alaska Department of Fish & Game
- Jeff Hetrick – Director, Alutiiq Pride Shellfish Hatchery
- Dr. Bradley Harris – FAST Lab Director & Assoc. Professor, Alaska Pacific University

12:00 Networking Lunch Buffet, featuring Alaska Symphony of Seafood Winning Products

Representative Louise Stutes

Ashley Heimbigner, Communications Director at Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute – *Platinum Sponsor*

1:00 Salmon, Cod, and Rockfish, Oh My! Fish Management Policy in Southwest Alaska

- Nicole Kimball – Council Member, North Pacific Fishery Management Council
- Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang – Alaska Department of Fish & Game
- Gerad Godfrey – Member, Alaska Board of Fish

Break

2:30 Farming the Gulf and the Bering Sea: Mariculture Opportunities in Southwest Alaska

Moderated by Erik Obrien, Denali Commission

- Craig Fleener – Founder & CEO, Alaska Ocean Cluster
- Julie Decker – Executive Director, Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation
- Charlotte Levy – Natural Resources Assistant Director, Aleutians East Borough
- Matthew Fagnani – Senior Development Executive, Alaska Development Team

Break

3:45 Legislative Update and Dialogue

- Senator Gary Stevens
- Representative Bryce Edgmon
- Senator Lyman Hoffman

5:00 Conference Wrap-up