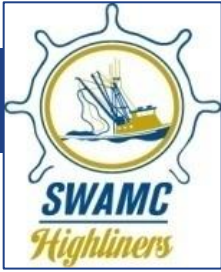




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**Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference**  
Virtual Economic Summit & Membership Meeting  
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## Welcome to SWAMC's 2021 Virtual Economic Summit – Southwest Strong

Dear SWAMC Members, Supporters, and Attendees:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2021 SWAMC Economic Summit and Membership Meeting on behalf of the Board of Directors. I want to thank everyone for being with us this week as we navigate hosting a conference virtually. It will be different, but we all know this is the right thing to do at this time. Many of you have attended SWAMC events before, and you will notice the flow of the conference will be the same as in previous years. For those new to SWAMC, welcome; we look forward to “meeting” you and working with you over the next two days.



Last year's conference concluded just as COVID-19 was making an impact on Alaska. We all left feeling refreshed and with goals in mind to continue making a difference in our communities. But when we returned home, many of us were immediately faced with the reality of a global pandemic and had to hunker down to protect our elders, families, and communities. Over the last year, many of us have learned so much about viruses, how they transmit, and how to protect ourselves against them.

We as leaders have community members looking to us to help guide them through the uncharted waters we have found ourselves in. Being able to support each other and share lessons learned has allowed our region to be a spotlight within the state. Our COVID-19 numbers have stayed low, and deaths in the region are low as well. This is very encouraging. As the vaccine begins to roll out to wider demographics, we will begin to see communities being fully vaccinated. This will allow us to get back to life as we knew it pre-pandemic.

Everyone attending has chosen to be a part of our Conference due to a mutual passion for your community's being. Your passions help us all to unite, and the energy we create is what allows us to achieve our individual and group goals. We need you as much as you need us, and that is why we are grateful to have you join us here this week.

Our panels are loaded with experts to help guide our decision-making. Please ask questions of them using the “Q&A” feature on Zoom. You can also “Chat” with others during the conference – the Chat box is your place to talk with others privately or pose questions to the whole audience.

Finally, as I reflect on my two years as President, I would like to express how proud I am of where SWAMC is today. The staff has worked with multiple state partners to help individuals and communities access information and funding for COVID-19 related needs. Shirley has led us through tough decisions and has been instrumental in helping the Board stick to our priorities when it would have been easier to pivot. I hope you enjoy the Conference.

Wash your hands, wear a mask, and do something nice for someone every day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Swain". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Swain  
President, SWAMC Board of Directors



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## Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – First Day of Conference

**9:00 Opening & Welcome – Board President Mary Swain, Executive Director Shirley Marquardt**

**9:10 Mariculture: The Status of Seaweed & Oyster Farming in Southwest Alaska**

*Moderated by Terry Haines, SWAMC Board Director & Treasurer, City of Kodiak Council Member*

- Riley Smith – Deputy Director, Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation
- Chris Sannito – Seafood Technology Specialist, Alaska Sea Grant
- Julie Decker – Executive Director, Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation
- Erik Obrien – Owner/Farmer, Kodiak Ocean Bounty

————— Break – Sponsored by Alaska Airlines —————

**10:15 It's 2021 – Are we *Finally* Getting Broadband in Southwest Alaska?**

*Moderated by Dennis Robinson, SWAMC Board Director, City of Unalaska Deputy Mayor*

- Harold Johnston – Founder/President, Alaska Tribal Broadband
- Chuck Schumann, CEO – Pacific Dataport
- Mark Lester – President & CEO, Alaska Aerospace Corporation
- Dan Boyette, VP/General Manager & Jenifer Nelson, Senior Manager of Corporate Communications and Community Engagement – GCI

————— Break – Sponsored by Alaska Airlines —————

**11:20 Sponsor Announcements**

**11:30 Alaska's Congressional Delegation** *(invited to present live or taped)*

*Introduced by Julie Kavanaugh, SWAMC Board Director, Kodiak Island Borough Assembly Member*

- Senator Lisa Murkowski
- Senator Dan Sullivan
- Representative Don Young

**12:00 Lunch Break**

**12:45 Fishing: Forecasts, Marketing, and Policy Challenges and Opportunities**

*Moderated by Mayor Alice Ruby, SWAMC Board Director, City of Dillingham Mayor*

- Deputy Commissioner Rachel Baker & Director of Commercial Fisheries Sam Rabung – Alaska Department of Fish & Game
- Jeremy Woodrow – Executive Director, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute
- Dr. Rachel Donkersloot – Coastal Cultures Research
- Andy Wink – Executive Director, Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association

————— Break – Sponsored by Alaska Airlines —————

**2:00 Southwest Alaska Regional Economic Recovery & Resiliency Plan**

- Erin Harrington – Consultant, McKinley Research Group
- Katie Berry – Economist, McKinley Research Group

**2:15 Community Roundtables**

**2:45 End of Day One**



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## Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Second Day of Conference

**8:45 Opening and Welcome**

**9:00 Legislative Leader's Updates** (*invited to present live or taped*)

*Introduced by Darren Muller, SWAMC Board Director*

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

————— Break – Sponsored by Alaska Airlines —————

**10:15 COVID-19 Relief: State and Federal Programs that Helped Southwest Alaskans**

*Moderated by Shirley Marquardt, SWAMC Executive Director*

- Glenn Hoskinson – Special Assistant to the Commissioner, DCCED
- Keri Scaggs – FORWARD Team Leader, Compass North Solutions
- Jon Bittner – Executive Director, Alaska Small Business Development Center

————— Break – Sponsored by Alaska Airlines —————

**11:00 COVID-19 Impacts: Lessons Learned**

*Moderated by Mary Swain, SWAMC Board President, Bristol Bay Borough Assembly Member*

- John Conwell – Superintendent, Unalaska City School District
- Aimee Williams – Executive Director, Discover Kodiak
- Mary Swain – Executive Director, Camai Community Health Center
- Nicole Kimball – Vice President, Pacific Seafood Processors Association
- Frances Leach – Executive Director, United Fishermen of Alaska
- Heidi Hedberg – Director, State of Alaska Division of Public Health

**12:30 Lunch Break**

**1:15 Vaccine Plans for Southwest Alaska in 2021**

*Moderated by Mary Swain, SWAMC Board President, Bristol Bay Borough Assembly Member*

- Tonda Scott BSN-RN – Regional Preparedness and Safety Nurse, State of Alaska Dept. of Health & Social Services
- Wendy Allen, RN, BSN, TCRN – Trauma Program Manager, Rural & Community Health Systems, State of Alaska Division of Public Health
- Dr. Robert Onders – ANMC Administrator, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
- Dr. Anne Zink – Chief Medical Officer, State of Alaska

————— Break – Sponsored by Alaska Airlines —————

**2:15 SWAMC's 2021 Membership Meeting** (*will be held as a Zoom Meeting*)

- Sub-Regional Caucuses & Board Elections
- Financial Report & Resolutions

**3:30 End of Day Two**



## Membership Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 2:15 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order**.....Mary Swain, President
- II. **Roll Call**.....Shirley Marquardt, Executive Director  
A quorum of current SWAMC municipal members, either present or through proxies, is required to conduct the Membership Meeting.
- III. **Approval of Minutes & Agenda**.....Mary Swain
- IV. **Board Elections**.....Mary Swain
  - A. Sub-Regional Caucuses (*using Zoom breakout rooms*)
  - B. Election of At-Large seat
  - C. Caucus Reports
- V. **Financial Report**.....Shirley Marquardt
  - A. FY20 Financial Review
- VI. **Governance Issues**.....Mary Swain
  - A. Resolutions
- VII. **Staff Report**.....Shirley Marquardt
- VIII. **Voice of the Membership**.....Mary Swain
- IX. **Next Annual Meeting – March 3-4, 2022**.....Mary Swain
- X. **Adjourn**.....Mary Swain



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# 2021 SWAMC Board of Directors

## Officers

President

**Ms. Mary Swain**

Bristol Bay Borough  
Municipal – Bristol Bay  
*\*Up for election*

Vice President

**Mr. Paul Gronholdt**

Aleutians East Borough  
Municipal – Aleutians/Pribilofs  
*\*Up for election*

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**Mr. Terry Haines**

City of Kodiak  
Municipal – Kodiak

## Directors

**Mr. Layton Lockett**

City of Adak  
Municipal – Aleutians/Pribilofs  
*\*Up for election*

**Ms. Julie Kavanaugh**

Kodiak Island Borough  
Municipal – Kodiak  
*\*Up for election*

**Ms. Myra Olsen**

Lake & Peninsula Borough  
Municipal – Bristol Bay

**Ms. Alice Ruby**

Bristol Bay Economic Development Corp.  
Associate – Bristol Bay  
*\*Up for election*

**Mr. Dennis Robinson**

Ounalashka Corp.  
Associate – Aleutians/Pribilofs  
*\*Up for election*

**Mr. Darren Muller**

Spruce Island Development Corp.  
Associate – Kodiak

**Ms. Laura Delgado**

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Associate – At-Large Seat A  
*\*Up for election*

**Mr. Joe Sullivan**

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Associate – At-Large Seat B



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### Municipal

#### Aleutians:

- ❖ Aleutians East Borough
- ❖ City of Adak
- ❖ City of Akutan
- ❖ City of King Cove
- ❖ City of Sand Point
- ❖ City of Unalaska

#### Bristol Bay:

- ❖ Bristol Bay Borough
- ❖ City of Aleknagik
- ❖ City of Dillingham
- ❖ City of Newhalen

#### Kodiak:

- ❖ Kodiak Island Borough
- ❖ City of Kodiak

### Associate

#### For-Profit

- ❖ Alaska Airlines
- ❖ Alaska Commercial Fishing & Agriculture Bank (CFAB)
- ❖ Alaska Groundfish Data Bank Inc.
- ❖ Alaska Tribal Broadband, LLC
- ❖ Alaskan Observers, Inc.
- ❖ The Aleut Corporation
- ❖ Alyeska/Westward Seafoods
- ❖ Bristol Bay Native Corporation (BBNC)
- ❖ Cannery Cove Fisheries LLC
- ❖ Compass North Solutions, LLC
- ❖ Joe Sullivan Law Office PLLC
- ❖ Koniag, Inc.
- ❖ Matson
- ❖ Moffatt & Nichol
- ❖ OBI Seafoods
- ❖ Old Harbor Native Corporation
- ❖ OptimERA Inc.
- ❖ Ounalashka Corporation
- ❖ PDC Engineers, A Division of RESPEC Company, LLC
- ❖ Professional Growth Systems
- ❖ Shumagin Corporation
- ❖ Silver Bay Seafoods
- ❖ Spruce Island Development Corporation
- ❖ TelAlaska

### Associate

#### Non-Profit

- ❖ Alaska Chamber
- ❖ Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation (AFDF)
- ❖ Alaska Municipal League
- ❖ Alaska Scallop Association
- ❖ Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association (APIA)
- ❖ Aleutian Pribilof Islands Community Development Association (APICDA)
- ❖ At-Sea Processors Association
- ❖ Bristol Bay Borough Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC)
- ❖ Bristol Bay Housing Authority (BBHA)
- ❖ Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA)
- ❖ Camai Community Health Center INC
- ❖ Groundfish Forum
- ❖ Karluk Tribal Council
- ❖ Kelty & Associates
- ❖ Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA)
- ❖ Kodiak Economic Development Corporation
- ❖ Naknek Electric Association
- ❖ Nushagak Cooperative
- ❖ Pacific Seafood Processors Assn. (PSPA)
- ❖ Qagan Tayagungin Tribe (QTT)
- ❖ UAF Bristol Bay Campus
- ❖ United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA)

## Thank You for Your Membership!