



SWAMC

CHARTING A COURSE FORWARD

Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference

2024 Economic Summit & Membership
Meeting March 7th & 8th

Welcome to SWAMC's 2024 Economic Summit Charting a Course Forward in a Dynamic World.

Dear SWAMC Members, Sponsors, and Participants,

Welcome to the Hotel Captain Cook for the 2024 Economic Summit and Membership Meeting of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference. Over the next two days we hope you will take the opportunity to network, reconnect, and connect for the first time with all of the members, sponsors, exhibitors and participants who have gathered here to look ahead to the economic potential of our dynamic region.

The theme of the 2024 Economic Summit is Charting a Course Forward in a Dynamic World.

We are entering a period of unprecedented infrastructure investment by the federal and state governments. New industries like mariculture and new tools like robust broadband connectivity offer the potential for a more diverse and stable regional economy. But some of the same challenges remain. How do we develop the workforce necessary to build the future, and how do we provide a safe and healthy environment for them? Will our transportation systems be ready? Thursday's panel discussions will seek to explore these issues.

Our state and federal legislators will generously join us on Friday for an update on the political landscape. Thank you to Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute for sponsoring the delicious lunch on Friday afternoon.

Fisheries and fishery management are central to our regional economy. Friday will feature a deep dive into today's increasingly complex management issues. Finally, we will take a hard look at the market challenges faced by seafood buyers and processors.

Active participation is encouraged at our panel discussions. We hope this Summit will provide an informative backdrop for meetings and conversations among the region's economic leaders and public servants that will help propel Southwest Alaska into the future. Please take the opportunity to visit our sponsor's booths to learn about how they are helping to drive our region's economy.

There are six seats on the SWAMC Board of Directors up for election at our Friday business meeting. If you are interested in running for a seat or running for re-election, please be sure to pick up and submit your application at the registration desk before the start of the meeting at 9:00 am Friday morning. We need all our members at this meeting!

Thank you for attending the 2024 Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Economic Summit and Membership Meeting. I hope you have a fun and productive conference, and I will see you there!



Terry Haines

President, SWAMC Board of Directors





Thursday, March 7th – First Day of Conference

7:30 Registration and Networking Breakfast

8:00 Opening Remarks – SWAMC Executive Director David Nelson

8:10 Welcome – Anchorage Mayor Dave Bronson

8:45 Opening Speaker

9:15 Workforce Development and Job Training for Future Projects

- Paul Layer- University of Alaska, Vice President of Academics, Students, and Research
- Dirk Craft- Alaska Workforce Investment Board, Director
- Bridgett Mayorga- UAA School of Allied Health, Assistant Dean
- Andrea Jones- Midnight Sun Home Care, Care Administrator

10:15 Connectivity Horizons: Navigating Regional Broadband and Telecom

- Thomas Lochner- AK DCEED, Director of Broadband
- Shawn Williams- Pacific Dataport, VP of Government Affairs and Strategy
- Christine O'Connor- Alaska Telecom Association, Executive Director

11:00 Safe Communities: Strengthening Public Safety & Healthcare

- James Hoelscher- Village Public Safety Officer, Director
- Lynda Hernandez- Alaska AHEC (Area Health Education Centers)

12:00 Networking Lunch

- Gold Sponsor Spotlight: Alaska Airlines

1:00 Mariculture Momentum: Cultivating Sustainable Growth in Coastal Economies

- Lindsey Olsen- Greenwave
- Robert Venables- SEC
- Tommy Sheridan- UAF blue economy
- Arron Jones- Seagrant
- Jason Lessard- Mariculture Alliance
- Mary Nelson- Larsen Bay TC

2:00 Frontiers of Prosperity: Emerging Economies in Southwest Alaska's Tomorrow

- Nolan Klouda- Center for Economic Development, Director

3:00

 Break

3:30 Navigating Tomorrow's Routes: Transportation Solutions in our region

- Ryan Anderson- Department of Transportation, Commissioner
- Mike O'Shea- Cook Inlet Tug & Barge, Vice President of Business Development and Planning
- Emily Stewart- Alaska Airlines

5:30 President's Reception and Silent Auction – Quarter Deck, Tower 1



Friday, March 8th – Second Day of Conference

8:00 Networking Breakfast & Membership Voting

8:45 Sign Up Opening and Welcome

9:00 SWAMC's 2024 Membership Meeting

- Sub-Regional Caucuses and Board Elections
- FY23 Financial Report
- Resolutions

11:30 Video Address by Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan and Rep. Peltola

12:00 Seafood Buffet Lunch hosted by Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

1:00 Harmony in Flux: Navigating Fisheries Management Challenges

- Doug Vincent-Lang- Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Commissioner

2:00 _____ Break _____

2:30 Legislative Update and Discussion with Membership

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

3:30 Reel Solutions: Overcoming Marketing and Processor Challenges in the Fishing Industry

- Greg Smith- Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Communications Director
- Nicole Kimball-Pacific Seafood Processors Association, Vice President

4:30 Conference Wrap-up



Membership Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 8th, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

- I. **Call to Order**..... Terry Haines, President
- II. **Roll Call – Municipal Members**..... David Nelson, 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**..... Terry Haines
Printed copies of 2023 minutes are available
- IV. **Board Elections**..... Terry Haines
 - A. Sub-regional Caucuses
 - B. Caucus Reports
 - C. Election of At-Large seat(s)
- V. **Financial Report**..... David Nelson
 - A. FY23 Financial Review
- VI. **Governance Issues**..... Terry Haines
 - A. Resolutions (print copies available)
- VII. **Staff Report**..... David Nelson
- VIII. **Voice of the Membership**..... Terry Haines
- IX. **Next Annual Meeting: March 1, 2025**..... Terry Haines
- X. **Adjourn**..... Terry Haines



Board of Directors

Officers

President

Mr. Terry Haines

City of Kodiak Municipal
Kodiak Island Borough

**Up for election*

Vice President

Ms. Mary Swain

Bristol Bay Borough
Municipal – Bristol Bay

Treasurer

Mr. Dennis Robinson

Vice Mayor, City of Unalaska
Municipal – Aleutians/Pribilofs

**Up for election*

Ms. Carlin Enlow

Aleutian Expeditors
Associate – Aleutians/Pribilofs
**Up for election*

Ms. Paul Gronholdt

Aleutians East Borough
Municipal – Aleutians/Pribilofs

Ms. Myra Olsen

Lake & Peninsula Borough
Municipal – Bristol Bay
**Up for election*

Ms. Alice Ruby

Bristol Bay Economic Development Corp.
Associate – Bristol Bay

Dr. Jared Griffin

Municipal – Kodiak Island Borough
**Up for election*

Mr. Darren Muller

Spruce Island Development Corp.
Associate – Kodiak Island Borough
**Up for election*

Mr. Glen Gardner, Jr.

Associate – At-Large Seat A

Open

Associate – At-Large Seat B



FY24 SWAMC Members

Municipal

Aleutians:

- ❖ Aleutians East Borough
- ❖ City of Adak
- ❖ City of Atka
- ❖ City of False Pass
- ❖ City of King Cove
- ❖ City of Sand Point
- ❖ City of Unalaska

Kodiak:

- ❖ Kodiak Island Borough
- ❖ City of Kodiak
- ❖ City of Larsen Bay

Bristol Bay:

- ❖ Clarks Point City Council
- ❖ City of Egegik
- ❖ City of Pilot Point
- ❖ City of Chignik
- ❖ City of Port Heiden
- ❖ City of Aleknagik
- ❖ City of Aleknagik
- ❖ Bristol Bay Borough

Associate: For-Profit

- ❖ Alaska Commercial Fishing & Agriculture Bank [CFAB]
- ❖ Alaskan Observers, Inc.
- ❖ The Aleut Corporation
- ❖ Grant Aviation
- ❖ Information Insights
- ❖ Koniag, Inc.
- ❖ Moffatt & Nichol
- ❖ At-Sea Processors Association
- ❖ Shumagin Corporation
- ❖ Matson
- ❖ Microcom
- ❖ Highmark Fabrication
- ❖ Aleutian Expeditors LLC
- ❖ Bristol Bay Native Corporation
- ❖ King Cove Corporation

Associate: Non-Profit

- ❖ Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation
- ❖ Aleutian Housing Authority [AHA]
- ❖ Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association [APIA]
- ❖ Bristol Bay Economic Develop. Corp.
- ❖ Bristol Bay Native Association
- ❖ Camai Community Health Center
- ❖ Groundfish Forum
- ❖ Native Village of Ouzinkie
- ❖ Naknek Electric Association, Inc.
- ❖ Unalaska Visitor's Bureau
- ❖ Nelson Lagoon Council
- ❖ King Cove Corp.
- ❖ Old Harbor Native Corp.
- ❖ Alaska Chadux Network
- ❖ Southeast Alaska Municipal Conference
- ❖ Native Village of Larsen Bay
- ❖ Unalaska Visitors Bureau
- ❖ APICDA

Thank you for your membership!