

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE MID-SESSION SUMMIT

March 22-24, 2005

Centennial Hall Convention Center-Juneau, AK

Registration: \$35 members, \$50 non-members

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Tues March 22

Draft Agenda

- 9:00a **Welcome** *SEC President Murray Walsh*
- 9:15a **Energy/Intertie Committee**
Small Energy Projects, David Lockard, Alaska Energy Authority/AIDEA
Updates of Southeast Alaska Energy Projects
- 10:30a - Break – Sponsored by the Southeast AK Regional Health Consortium
- 10:45a **Health & Social Services Committee**
Status Reports/Updates from Southeast Hospitals
- Noon - **Lunch, on your own –**
- 1:00p **Environment Committee**
SEC Solid Waste Plan Update, Richard Smith, solid waste consultant
What is happening with the Household Hazardous Waste Program? Steve Haavig
Haines Solid Waste Solution – Tom Hall, Haines Sanitation
Legislation: State Water Permit Authority – Dan Easton, ADEC
Wood for Fuel on POW Island – Paul Coffey, NRCS
- 2:00p **Tourism Committee**
Update: Cruise Ship Plans for Glacier Bay, Tomie Lee, National Park Service
Panel: *Cruise Ship Tax Initiative, moderated by Becky Hultberg, Governor's Office*
Initiative Proponent, Joe Geldhof
Northwest Cruiseship Assn., John Hansen
Bills in the Alaska Legislature, Rep. Paul Seaton
Others Invited
Tourism Project Updates from around the Region
- 3:00p - Break – Sponsored by the City of Prince Rupert
- 3:15p **Fisheries Committee**
Marketing & Branding, Gig Decker
Ocean Policy, Heather Brandon, State of Alaska
Fisheries Legislation, Sarah Gilbertson, ADF&G
Watershed Councils – Salmon Restoration, Samia Savell, NRCS
Fisheries Organization Updates- United Fishermen of Alaska, and others invited
- 4:15p **Timber Committee**
Timber Projects Wrap-up - George Woodbury, timber coordinator
University Land Transfer Program, Joe Beedle, University of Alaska
UAF – Sitka Forest Products Program – Dr. Val Barber, UAF
Medium-Density-Fiberboard Plant Study – Len Guss, Consultant
Timber Receipts Program – Speaker to be determined
- 5:30p **Reception** *with Juneau Chamber at Alaskan Brewing Co.*
Departure
Transportation to/from Centennial Hall provided
Limited Space Available – Let us know ahead
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Wed March 23

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- 8:30a **Welcome**, AK Dept. of Commerce, Comm. Edgar Blatchford
- 8:45a **Economic Overview**, SE Alaska Update, Susan Bell - McDowell Group
- 9:15a **DC Perspectives Rep. Don Young**
- 9:45a - Break – Sponsored by the City of Wrangell, Site of 2005 Annual Meeting
- 10:00a **Economic Development Committee**
Mining Updates: Kensington Mine, Rick Richins, Coeur Alaska
Economic Inventory Grant Program Update
All-Alaska Gas Route – Community Dividend, Bert Kottle, mayor of Valdez
- 11:00a **Alaska's Resources – Gov. Frank Murkowski, invited**
- 11:30a **Federal Perspectives – Trends & Outlook**
Denali Commission, Jeff Staser, chairman
USDA Rural Development, Bill Allen
- Noon **Luncheon** Centennial Hall Sponsored by Coeur Alaska
Tongass Forest Update/Timber Forrest Cole, Denny Bschor, USFS
- 1:00p **Canadian Issues & Cross-Border Alliances**
Moderated by Herb Pond, Mayor of Prince Rupert
Tulsequah Chief Mine – Terry Chandler, Redfern
Fiberoptics and other Options for SE Alaska – Joe Bradley, Yukon Territorial Govt
Renewable Resources – Clint Ireland, Economic Development, Yukon Territorial Govt
Transboundary Salmon Issues, David Bedford, AK Dept of Fish and Game
Cross-Border Alliances – Graham Kedgley, Northwest Corridor Dev. Corp.
Yukon Association of Communities – Tom Paterson
Update from Stewart, BC, Mayor Angela Brand-Danuser
Report: US-Canadian Agreements, Jeannette James, State of Alaska
Timeline for Canada-Alaska Railroad Connection, Len Ginnever, Prince George
Bradfield Road, Terry Otness, City of Wrangell
- 2:45a - Break – Sponsored by Alaska Marine Lines
- 3:00p **Transportation Committee** (Comm. Mike Barton, invited)
Roads, Bridges, Plans, and Funding – Updates from across the region
Funding Issues - Gary Paxton, AK Dept of Transportation
Sitka Access and Northern Panhandle Study - Andy Hughes, AK DOT
Juneau Access- Road Access to the State Capital - Pat Kemp, AK DOT
News from the Alaska Marine Highway – Robin Taylor, AMHS
Update: Inter-Island Ferry Authority – Stu Vincent, IFA
Marine Transportation Advisory Board – JC Conley, chair
- 5:00p **Southeast Alaska Legislators' Panel** Q&A with our 8 legislators
Senators Stedman, Kookesh, Elton (invited)
Representatives Elkins, Wilson, Thomas, Kerttula, Weyhrauch (invited)
- 6:00p **Reception**– sponsored by the AK Committee & Juneau Chamber
In Centennial Hall

Thurs March 24

- 8:00a-Noon Additional Meeting Time for Committees
- 8:30a SE AK Conference of Mayors
- TBD SEC Chambers of Commerce
- 9:30a SEC Board
- Noon Luncheon with Juneau Chamber of Commerce (Centennial Hall)