



SOUTHEAST TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

Preserving Our Roots, Protecting Our Future

AUGUST 25 - 28, 2025 | JUNEAU, AK

Monday, August 25th

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| 08:00 AM – 08:30 AM | Coffee and Light Breakfast |
| 08:30 AM – 09:00 AM | Welcome and Opening Remarks
<i>Tlingit & Haida President Chalyee Éesh Richard Peterson</i> |
| 09:00 AM – 09:20 AM | Intertribal Agriculture Council Programs and Services
<i>Katie Herzner, Intertribal Agriculture Council Programs</i> |
| 09:20 AM – 09:30 AM | You're invited: A Southeast Alaska Food System Network to Learn, Share, and Eat Local Foods!
<i>Jennifer Nu, Sustainable Southeast Partnership (SSP)/Ecotrust; Annika Ord, SSP/University of Alaska Fairbanks</i> |
| 09:30 AM – 09:50 AM | BREAK |
| 09:50 AM – 10:10 AM | Working with the Division of Subsistence
<i>Emily Doll, ADF&G Division of Subsistence</i> |
| 10:10 AM – 10:50 AM | Food Sovereignty, Security, and Invasives in Southeast Alaska
<i>Kenneth Weitzel, Tlingit & Haida (T&H); Amy Erfling, T&H; Emily Reed, Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition (SAWC); John Hudson, SAWC</i> |

10:50 AM – 11:30 AM	Fostering Coexistence: Tools and Resources for Preventing Human-Bear Conflict in Southeast Alaska <i>Isabel Grant, Defenders of Wildlife</i>
11:30 AM – 01:00 PM	LUNCH
01:00 PM – 01:30 PM	Adapt Alaska Coasts <i>Nadine Kochuten, Alaska Conservation Foundation; Rachel Lekanoff, Aleutian Bering Sea Initiative/University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>
01:30 PM – 01:50 PM	Fish-Friendly Flood Resilience in the Mendenhall Watershed <i>Rebecca Bellmore, Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition (SAWC); Amy Erfling, Tlingit & Haida; John Hudson, SAWC</i>
01:50 PM – 02:30 PM	Understanding the Outburst Flood from Mendenhall Glacier <i>Eran Hood, University of Alaska Southeast</i>
02:30 PM – 02:50 PM	BREAK
02:50 PM – 03:30 PM	The Tongass: An Indigenous Place <i>Anthony Mallott, Spruce Root</i>
03:30 PM – 03:50 PM	Integrating Indigenous Values and Community Priorities into Climate and Health Assessments (Virtual) <i>Micah Hahn, University of Alaska Anchorage</i>
03:50 PM – 04:10 PM	Harvest Series: Concept to Creation <i>Todd Antioquia, Cedar Group; Will Race, Cedar Group</i> Watch the series at youtube.com/@tlingithaidaharvest
04:10 PM – 04:20 PM	Solid Waste Field Trip Information <i>Cer Scott, Tlingit & Haida; Jonathan Rubbo, Totemic Solutions LLC</i>
04:20 PM – 04:30 PM	End of Day Remarks

Tuesday, August 26th

08:00 AM – 08:30 AM	Coffee and Light Breakfast
08:30 AM – 08:40 AM	Welcome
08:40 AM – 09:00 AM	Landslide Risk Reduction in Southeast Alaska <i>Lindsey Pierce, Tlingit & Haida (T&H); Luka Silva, Sitka Sound Science Center (SSSC); Kenneth Weitzel, T&H; Jimmy Refuerzo, T&H; Ray Paddock, T&H; Lauren Bell, SSSC</i>
09:00 AM – 09:20 AM	SLIPP from Slide: Strategic Planning for Landslides <i>Lisa Busch, Fairweather Cove Consulting; Lindsey Pierce, Tlingit & Haida</i>
09:20 AM – 09:50 AM	Changes to the National Environmental Policy Act: Implications for Forests, People, and Ways of Life <i>Arielle Halpern, Tlingit & Haida</i>
09:50 AM – 10:10 AM	BREAK
10:10 AM – 10:50 AM	Food from the Forest: Alaska National Forest Contributes to Wild Food Systems <i>Marie Gutgesell, Pacific Northwest Research Station/US Forest Service</i>
10:50 AM – 11:30 AM	Land, Culture, and Food: Codifying the Roadless Rule to Protect Indigenous Food First/Food Sovereignty in Southeast Alaska <i>Yolanda Fulmer, Women's Earth & Climate Action Network International (WECAN); Wanda Culp, WECAN</i>
11:30 AM – 01:00 PM	LUNCH <i>Return to the hall at 12:30 pm to learn more about Alaska Youth Stewards</i>
01:00 PM – 01:20 PM	Alaska Youth Stewards - A Pathway to Lifelong Stewardship <i>Gabe Sjoberg, Tlingit & Haida; Alaska Youth Stewards Crewmembers</i>
01:20 PM – 01:40 PM	Stream Team: Involving Youth in Data Analysis <i>Maia Carter, Sitka Sound Science Center</i>
01:40 PM – 02:10 PM	Salmon in the Classroom <i>Reuben Cash, Skagway Traditional Council</i>

02:10 PM – 02:40 PM	Understanding Ocean Acidification in Southeast Alaska: A Status Update and Dialogue <i>Esther Kennedy, University of Alaska Southeast</i>
02:40 PM – 03:10 PM	BREAK
03:10 PM – 03:20 PM	Mariculture Opportunities <i>Maranda Hamme, Ecotrust/Sustainable Southeast Partnership</i>
03:20 PM – 03:30 PM	Impacts of Alaska Mariculture Cluster on Southeast Tribal Communities <i>Noah Enelow, Ecotrust; Jennifer Nu, Ecotrust</i>
03:30 PM – 03:50 PM	Tribal Fish & Wildlife Management – Training for Tribal Staff from the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society <i>Kaitlyn Demoski, Native American Fish & Wildlife Society</i>
03:50 PM – 04:10 PM	Engaging Indigenous Knowledge in Alaska Fisheries Management <i>Hekia Bodwitch, University of Alaska Southeast (UAS); Alex Jenkins, University of Alaska Fairbanks; Maya Beauvineau UAS</i>
04:10 PM – 04:20 PM	Southeast Village Fisheries Collective <i>Jill Weitz, Tlingit & Haida</i>
04:20 PM – 04:30 PM	End of Day Remarks

Wednesday, August 27th

08:00 AM – 08:30 AM	Coffee and Light Breakfast
08:30 AM – 08:40 AM	Welcome
08:40 AM – 09:10 AM	Pollution and Spill Risk Associated with Heavy Fuel Oil Use by Ocean-Going Vessels Visiting Southeast Alaska <i>Aaron Brakel, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council; Jim Powell, University of Alaska Southeast</i>
09:10 AM – 09:30 AM	Federal & State Marine Pollution Response in Alaska <i>Brian Moneghan, US Coast Guard Sector Southeast Alaska; Rachael Krajewski, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation</i>
09:30 AM – 10:10 AM	Contamination Near You: Understanding Contaminated Sites in Southeast Alaska <i>Julie Fix, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), Flannery Ballard ADEC</i>
10:10 AM – 10:30 AM	BREAK
10:30 AM – 10:50 AM	Brownfields 101 <i>Flannery Ballard, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation</i>
10:50 AM – 11:10 AM	ADEC's ANCSA Contaminated Lands Program <i>Julie Fix, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation</i>
11:10 AM – 11:30 AM	FREE Technical Assistance and No-Match Required Grant Funding to Help Collect and Manage Environmental Data! (Virtual) <i>Angie Reed, Tribal Exchange Network Group</i>
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Tlingit & Haida Elders Dance Group Performance
12:00 PM – 01:00 PM	LUNCH
01:00 PM – 01:40 PM	Educating Scientists: How to 'Research with CaRE' <i>Lauren Bell, Sitka Sound Science Center; Lindsey Pierce, Tlingit & Haida</i>
01:40 PM – 02:00 PM	Prioritization and Management Strategies on Annette Islands Reserve for Expanding European Green Crab Populations <i>Ian Hudson, Metlakatla Indian Community</i>

02:00 PM – 02:20 PM	Environmental DNA (eDNA) for Tribally-led Monitoring Efforts <i>Meredith Pochardt, Ocean & Earth Environmental Services/Chilkoot Indian Association</i>
02:20 PM – 03:10 PM	Preserving the Dream: Assessing the Water Quality and Ooligan Population of the Unuk River <i>Iphigenia Arvanitis, Ketchikan Indian Community</i>
03:10 PM – 03:30 PM	BREAK
03:30 PM – 03:50 PM	Water Quality Monitoring Methods for Establishing Baseline Conditions <i>Meredith Pochardt, Ocean & Earth Environmental Services (O&E); Jenn Hamblen, O&E</i>
03:50 PM – 04:30 PM	Guardians of Jilkáat Aani Ká Héeni: Tribal-Led Watershed Monitoring and Salmon Conservation <i>Nicholas Szatkowski, Chilkat Indian Village</i>
04:30 PM – 04:40 PM	Forum Closing Remarks

Thursday, August 28th

08:45 AM – 09:10 AM	Coffee and Light Breakfast
09:10 AM – 10:40 AM	Building CaRE: Tribal Priorities for Research Respect and Reciprocity (Tribal Only) <i>Jennifer Hanlon, Sitka Sound Science Center; Lillian Feldpausch</i>
10:40 AM – 10:55 AM	BREAK
10:55 AM – 11:00 AM	Welcome & Field Trip Information
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	The Tree, the Map, and the Youth <i>Seth Bader, See Stories</i>
11:30 AM – 01:00 PM	LUNCH
01:00 PM – 04:30 PM	Field Trip: On-site Solutions for Organic Waste <i>Cer Scott, Tlingit & Haida; Jonathan Rubbo, Totemic Solutions LLC</i>

Building CaRE Workshop Information: This workshop is focused on tribal needs and interests. The intended participants should be directly affiliated with a Tribal government, Tribal consortium, or an Alaska Native Corporation (ANC). If you are a tribal council member, ANC board member, tribal staff, or a tribal citizen: this session is for you!

Field Trip Information: Join us for a field trip and tour of the Tlingit & Haida Compost operations. This project is aimed at diverting organic waste from all T&H internal office spaces and commercial enterprises such as coffee shops and the central kitchen. We will utilize on-site technologies to minimize hauling and reducing waste at the source, creating a closed loop on waste management and taking control of our waste impact.

Location: T&H Compost Site, 1721 Anka Street, Juneau, AK 99801

Time: Arrive by 1:15 PM if driving yourself

Transportation: Ride sharing/transportation will be available from EP Hall. The bus will leave promptly at 1:00 PM and return by 4:30 PM.