

Sunday, July 9

- 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.** **2nd Floor Hallway:** Registration
- 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.** **1st Floor Cook Inlet Room:** Executive Committee Meeting (Senator Murkowski drop-in)
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** **Top of the World Restaurant** (utilize West Tower elevators): Opening Reception
- 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.** **22nd Floor McKinley Room:** Hospitality Suite

Monday, July 10

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.** **Aleutian Room:** Breakfast
- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m.** **Aleutian Room:** Welcome
- 8:45 – 10:30 a.m.** **Aleutian Room:** President’s Remarks / State Roll Call
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.** *Break*
- 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.** **Aleutian Room:** State Roll Call (continued)
- 11:30 a.m. – Noon** **Aleutian Room:** Washington Update
- Noon – 1:15 p.m.** **Aleutian Room:** Luncheon
Guest Speaker – **John Sturgeon** - who is regarded throughout Alaska as a modern-day “David” battling “Goliath” (i.e. Federal Government). John’s unexpected journey began as he attempted to use state lands and state waters to access hunting grounds for moose that he had been using since the early 1990s. Because the state lands (submerged lands underneath the Nation River) are located within the Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve, National Park Service employees prohibited him from using his traditional hovercraft, permissible under state law, within federal preserve boundaries. From this remote beginning, John began his legal battle to assert his and the rights of all Alaskans under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) against the awesome power of the Federal Government. His battle against federal overreach has already taken him to a UNANIMOUS DECISION in his favor by the usually divided UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT that recognizes the uniqueness of Alaska and the limits of federal power.
- 1:15 – 3:00 p.m.** **Aleutian Room:** General Session – WSLCA Strategic Overview discussion
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m.** *Break*
- 3:15 – 5:00 p.m.** Concurrent Committee Sessions
Dillingham Room: Communications
Call-In Number: 1-800-315-6338 (access code: 22939)
Katmai Room: Asset Management
Call-In Number: 1-800-315-6338 (access code: 98627)
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** *Dinner on your own*
- 6:00 – 9:30 p.m.** **Aleutian Room:** Strategic Planning session (Hospitality Suite then back to General Session Room) – Commissioners, Deputies, and Committee leads
- 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.** **22nd Floor McKinley Room:** Hospitality Suite

Tuesday, July 11

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.** **Aleutian Room:** Breakfast
- 8:00 – 8:25 a.m.** **Aleutian Room:** IT Business Practices (Asset Management breakfast presentation)
- 8:30 – 10:15 a.m.** Concurrent Committee Sessions
 Dillingham Room: Surface & Land Tenure
 Call-In Number: 1-800-315-6338 (access code: 22939)
 Katmai Room: Legislation
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.** *Break*
- 10:30 – 12:15 p.m.** Concurrent Committee Sessions
 Dillingham Room: Subsurface
 Call-In Number: 1-800-315-6338 (access code: 22939)
 Katmai Room: Data Sharing Initiative
 Call-In Number: 1-800-315-6338 (access code: 98627)
 King Salmon Room: Resolutions
- 12:45 – 7:00 p.m.** **Girdwood / Alyeska Bus Excursion**
(Includes box lunch on bus)
- 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** *Dinner on your own*
- 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.** **22nd Floor McKinley Room:** Hospitality Suite

Wednesday, July 12

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.** **Aleutian Room:** Breakfast
- 8:00 – 8:25 a.m.** **Dillingham Room:** Submerged Lands & Water Management Issues & Initiatives
Brainstorming
 Call-In Number: 1-800-315-6338 (access code: 22939)
- 8:30 – 10:15 a.m.** General Session
 Aleutian Room: Climate Change
 Recognizing Effects and Response in Alaska
 Climate Change is occurring and the effects are more pronounced in Alaska. This panel will explore the evidence of change, implications in Alaska and why it matters to those outside of Alaska. The panel will explore this from a meteorological perspective, from land form changes and threats to communities, changes in forestry and fire management, and causal effects outside of Alaska.
 – **Wyn Menefee**, Deputy Director, Alaska Mental Health Lands Trust Office – Moderator.
 – **Heidi Strader**, Predictive Services Meteorologist, Alaska Interagency Coordination Center – Introduction on climate change in Alaska; key indicators; why Alaska is ground zero for climate change.
 – **Jacquelyn “Jaci” Overbeck**, Coastal Scientist and Manager of the Coastal Hazards Program, Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys – Melting permafrost and coastal erosion; how fast it is happening; impacts to Alaskans and others.
 – **John “Chris” Maisch**, Alaska State Forester and Director of Division of Forestry, Alaska Department of Natural Resources – How climate change has affected fires and fire response in Alaska; impacts on forest health.

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – Noon

Concurrent General Sessions

Dillingham Room: Oil and Gas

This session will cover the history of oil and gas in Alaska and speakers will focus on the challenges and opportunities from oil exploration 150 miles west of Prudhoe Bay to workovers and enhancements to the legacy fields of Cook Inlet that helped drive the federal government's decision to grant Alaska statehood in 1959.

– **Nate Emery**, North Slope Permitting lead, Division of Oil and Gas – Moderator.

– **Dale Hoffman**, Land and External Affairs Manager for Caelus Energy Alaska and a Certified Professional Landman – History of oil and gas in Alaska and exploration and development assets and experiences that Caelus has in play on the North Slope.

– **John Barnes**, Senior Vice President for Exploration and Production in Alaska with Hilcorp Alaska – Hilcorp Alaska's Cook Inlet natural gas renewal efforts that have prevented southcentral Alaska from pending energy shortages. Also, Hilcorp Alaska's North Slope activities which includes additional infrastructure and increased drilling efforts in and around the assets they acquired in late 2014.

10:30 a.m. – Noon

Concurrent General Sessions (continued)

Aleutian Room: Use of New Technologies

As we need to be more efficient in our land management practices, we are relying more on technology to help us do our business. Whether it be gadgets, software, or other applications, land managers are expanding the use of technology. This panel will explore the use of drones (licensing and practical application), examples of how new business process development tools will help organizations more rapidly adopt new data management tools, and how the power of GIS analytics can be utilized beyond a pretty map.

– **Todd Johnson**, Unit Manager, Technology Service Center, Alaska Department of Administration – Moderator.

– **Russell "Russ" Kirkham**, Geologist and Manager of the Coal Regulatory Program, Alaska Department of Natural Resources – Russ will discuss types of drones, what it takes to become licensed, alternative licensing, costs, examples of practical uses.

– **Ron Hall**, AgilePoint – Ron will address the rapid development of integrating work flow process improvement in the digital world.

– **Anne Johnson**, Geospatial Information Officer, Alaska Department of Natural Resources – Anne will discuss using the powerful analytic tools of GIS combined with remote imagery and digital elevation modeling.

Noon – 1:15 p.m.

Aleutian Room: Luncheon – WSLCA Strategic Recap from Conference Planning Events

1:15 – 3:00 p.m.

Concurrent General Sessions

Aleutian Room: State Sovereignty Issues

Alaska is a vast state with enormous natural resources that is unique in many regards. Maintaining public access statewide, clearly delineating boundaries and establishing clear title and ownership to lands and waters are paramount to state sovereignty. This panel will address diverse topics that demonstrate the conflicts between Alaska and the Federal Government as well as private parties in its efforts to protect and defend state property interests in perpetuity.

– **Kris Hess**, Division Operations Manager, Division of Mining, Land and Water, Alaska Department of Natural Resources – Moderator.

– **Jessie Alloway**, Assistant Attorney General, Alaska Department of Law – Jessie will address efforts in federal court litigation against the Federal Government to secure clear title to Alaska's vast state submerged lands including

Alaska's victories in the Mosquito Fork Case, the Stikine River Case, and the Knik River Case. Jessie will also discuss Alaska's vision and strategy for future litigation in its ongoing efforts to clear numerous clouds on state title to submerged lands that impair its ability to enjoy fully the promises of statehood.

– **Kent Sullivan**, Assistant Attorney General, Alaska Department of Law – Federal and state court litigation involving RS 2477 routes and other state easements against private parties and federal entities including, but not limited to, the pending Chicken litigation, the successful Dickson litigation and other salient matters. Kent will also touch on how RS 2477 and other rights-of-way represent vital components of Alaska's state transportation network and how crucial that the access they provide is for all Alaskans. Kent will demonstrate how tools such as ArcGIS are advancing state interests in the courtroom and how such tools can be helpful to land managers in numerous areas.

– **Mike Schechter**, Assistant Attorney General, Alaska Department of Law – Alaska's ongoing dispute with the Federal Government concerning the ANWR boundaries, the history of the dispute, its importance to the State of Alaska, and the progress of the proceedings before the Interior Board of Land Appeals. With victory now in sight, Mike will highlight the significant issues involved and the difficult path that we were forced to take to secure clear title to state land.

– **Gwen Gervelis**, Alaska Land Survey Manager, Alaska Department of Natural Resources – Gwen will elaborate on efforts by the Federal Government to abrogate its surveying responsibilities by unilaterally instituting a new surveying methodology and practice that is presently unable to provide the survey-grade precision that is owed to the State of Alaska simply to pinch pennies. Although federal efforts in this regard have recently lost momentum, adoption of DPPS would foist uncertainty and problems in survey upon private property owners and state government in Alaska for generations to come.

– **Jim Walker**, Manager, Public Access Assertion and Defense, Department of Natural Resources – Jim will address Federal Administrative Process for clearing title to state submerged lands through recordable disclaimers of interest and its difficulties, problems and shortcomings. Jim will also discuss Alaska's use of state navigability determinations in an effort to break the deadlock that accompanies federal administrative process and clear state title more quickly, economically and effectively.

Dillingham Room: Alaska's Mineral Industry Potential

Alaska has tremendous mineral resources and the Alaska constitution is set up for the state to be funded by the use of its resources. How are mines developed in Alaska, what are the big mines in production, and what's on the horizon. But what does it take to put that into action, what are the exploration economics, and what are the current and trending mineral economics in Alaska and the US?

– **Deantha Crockett**, Executive Director, Alaska Miners Association – Moderator – Introduction of Alaska Miners Association and panel and importance of mining in Alaska.

– **Bartly Kleven**, Environmental Manager, Kinross Fort Knox – Brief overview of existing large mines in Alaska: Fort Knox, Red Dog, Greens Creek, Pogo, Kensington, Usebelli; also what the outlook is for new mines in Alaska.

– **Curtis "Curt" Freeman**, President, Avalon Development Corporation – Exploration Economics: What considerations a company must evaluate to bring a mine online.

– **Gregory "Greg" Beischer**, President, CEO, and Director, Millrock Resources Inc. Market Forces: Current and trending status of mineral economics (market analysis and market trends of the mineral industry), how mining can become economic engines for regional infrastructure and other benefits, and how the outlook affects mineral development in Alaska and the US.

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6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Museum: Cocktail and tours

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Museum: Closing Banquet

9:00 – Midnight

22nd Floor McKinley Room: Hospitality Suite

Thursday, July 13

Explore and enjoy Alaska!