



NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY

2024 Alaska Regional Conference

Theme: Managing Fish & Wildlife Resources for Future Generations

Hosted by Circle Native Community

October 16, 2024

Marriott Anchorage Downtown | 820 W 7th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Conference Registration Coordinators: Native American Fish & Wildlife Staff
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Opening Session Master of Ceremonies: David Reiss NAFWS Deputy Executive Director Invocation: Orville Lind Welcome Address: Alaska NAFWS Regional Directors: Orville Huntington & Hope Roberts Danzhit Hanlaih - Circle Native Community: 2 nd Chief Jessica Fields Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director: Jolene John USGS AK CASC Deputy Director: Patrick Lemons
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Danzhit Hanlaih-Circle Native Community Update Speaker: 2 nd Chief Jessica Fields
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Introduction to \$250 million Tribal Salmon Restoration Fund Investment with US Department of Commerce and US Department of Interior Speaker: Dr. Zachary Penney, NOAA
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Sponsor Remarks and Break- Chugach Regional Resource Commission
10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	AK Tribal Climate Resilience Efforts Speakers: Jessica Garron, AK CASC Deputy Director & Megan Pittas, AK CASC Program Coordinator, UAF
11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Leveraging Emerging Technologies for Tribal Resource Management: Drone Mapping and Off-Grid Remote Camera Systems at Anan Bear Observatory Speaker: Gabe Low & Brian Reggiani, T3 Alaska Program

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	NAFWS Alaska Region Business Luncheon Coordinator: Orville Huntington, NAFWS Alaska Regional Director 1) National Office Update: David Reiss 2) Regional Updates-Alaska BoD's 3) Election of Regional Director and Alternate
1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	USFWS Transfer of Office of Subsistence Management to US Department of Interior Speaker: Joanne Bryant, USFWS
1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Chickaloon Village Traditional Council Historical and Contemporary Salmon Research Speaker: Benjamin Americus & Cody Henrikson, Chickaloon Village Traditional Council
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p. m.	Sponsor Remarks and Break-Bureau of Indian Affairs
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Innovation through Conservation: Creation of an Indigenous Sovereign Habitat Tribal Conservation District through ATBC grant funds Speaker: Bering Sea Interior Tribal Commission Leadership Team: Eugene Paul Chairman, Frank Katchatag First Vice-Chair, Christina Changsak Second Vice-Chair, Michael Stickman Executive Board member & Suzanne Little Pew Charitable Trust
3 p.m. -- 3:30 p.m.	Guardians in the US and Alaska Speaker: Warren Jones, Indigenous Leadership Initiative
3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Chugach Regional Resource Commission Tribal Fisheries and Wildlife Biology Project works with tribal communities Speaker: Michael Opheim, Madeline Lee, Raven Cunningham & Dustin Carl, CRRC Fish and Wildlife
4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Discussing Biological Threats to Alaskan Fish and Wildlife Speakers: Todd Sformo, North Slope Borough and Christina Alstrom, USGS

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