2026 Alaska Resources Conference:
Building on Momentum
Creating Lasting Opportunity for Alaska's Resources

Emerging Leaders & Established Professionals Opening Reception

Evening Before: Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Location: Aurora Room, 415 E. Street, downtown Anchorage
Theme: Taking Alaska to New Heights
Attire: Vintage Winter Holiday / Après Ski

Day 1: Wednesday, November 11, 2026 - Veterans Day

Location: Third Floor, Dena'ina Center, Anchorage, Alaska

8:00 Breakfast Buffet Opens in Exhibit Hall
Sponsor: Wells Fargo
Registration Check-in & Exhibit Hall Opens

8:30 Opening Remarks: Building Momentum: Creating Lasting Opportunity for Alaska's Resources

8:45 Welcome Remarks
Speaker: Randy "Church" Kee - Maj. General, USAF (Ret), Director, Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies

8:55 National Economic Outlook
Speaker: Tim Quinlan - Senior Economist, Wells Fargo (Virtual Remarks)

9:25 Alaska Travel Panel
Speakers: Jillian Simpson - CEO/President, Alaska Travel Industry Association, Robert Morgenstern - Senior Vice President, Holland America Line, Scott Habberstad - Managing Director Alaska Market, Alaska Airlines

9:55 Morning Networking Break
Sponsor: Contango Silver and Gold

10:25 Alaska Airlines Update
Speaker: Brett Catlin - Senior Vice President, Network, Partnerships, and Loyalty, Alaska Airlines

10:45 Seafood Industry Panel
Moderator: Julie Decker - President, Pacific Seafood Processors Association
Panelists: Stefanie Moreland - EVP Public Affairs, Trident Seafoods, Jeremy Woodrow - Executive Director, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Doug Vincent-Lang – Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game

11:20 Networking Break [clear the room]

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12:00 Keynote Luncheon:

Fisher House Presentation: George Wuerch

Moderator: Tara Sweeney - VP, External Affairs, ConocoPhillips
Speakers:
Bill Groffy - Principal Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Mike Olsen - Associate Deputy Secretary, Acting Director Marine Minerals Administration, Department of the Interior (DOI)
Lunch Sponsor: Northrim Bank

12:40 CODEL Remarks: Senator Lisa Murkowski (Pre-recorded)

12:50 Remarks from Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins

1:00 Networking Break [clear the room]

1:30 National Petroleum Council Report Subsurface Assessment Report
Speaker: Mark Myers - Commissioner, United States Arctic Research Commission

2:00 AI Technology in Resources Panel
Moderator: Jon Tull - CEO, HumanAxis
Panelists: Shelly Thomas - AI Program Manager for ASRC Energy, Randy John - CIO, ConocoPhillips Alaska

2:40 Workforce Development Panel
Moderator: Connor Hajdukovich, RDC
Panelists: Adam Weinert - Deputy Commissioner, Department of Labor, Joey Crum - CEO Northern Industrial Training, Beki Toussaint - Executive Director, Alaska Resource Education, Randy "Church" Kee - Maj. General, USAF (Ret), Director, Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies

3:10 Afternoon Break
Ice Cream Social Sponsor: Alaska Airlines

3:40 Glenfarne AK LNG Update
Speaker: Adam Prestige - President, Glenfarne Alaska, LNG, LLC, and Co-President of 8 Star Alaska, LLC

4:00 TAPS 50th Anniversary Presentation
Speaker: Ernesto Daza - CFO, Alyeska Pipeline

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4:15 Conclude Day 1 – Changing of the Guard RDC Board President Ceremony: Scott Habberstad transitioning to Joe Balash

4:30-6:30 VIP Reception
Sponsor: Santos

DAY 2: Thursday, November 12, 2026

Location: Third Floor, Dena'ina Center, Anchorage, Alaska

8:00 Breakfast Buffet Opens in Exhibit Hall
Registration Check-in & Exhibit Hall Opens
Sponsor: Alaska Petroleum Joint Crafts Council

8:30 Welcome Back – Day 2

8:40 Environmental Policy Discussion with EPA and Policy Analysts
Moderator: Mike Pawlowski
Speakers: Emma Pokon - Region 10 Administrator, Ankur Tohan - Partner, Stoel Rives, Anna Kohl - CEP, HDR

9:15 Alaska Oil and Gas Overview and Forecast
Speakers: John Crowther - Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources

9:35 Update from ConocoPhillips
Speaker: Marc Lemons - Vice President, Asset Development, ConocoPhillips

9:50 Update from Hilcorp
Speaker: Jillian Jopling, Alaska Senior Vice President, Hilcorp

10:05 Update from Santos
Speaker: Pete Laliberte, Vice President of Business Development, Santos

10:20 Morning Networking Break

10:50 Forest Products Industry Panel
Moderator: Connor Hajdukovich - RDC
Panelists: Jeremy Douse - Alaska State Forester, Matt Labrenz - Forest Products Specialist, UAF, Jeff Hermanns - Forestry Senior Resource Manager, Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office

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11:20 Remarks from the Secretary of Agriculture, Brooke Rollins (Recorded)

11:30 Discussion with the Newly Established USDA Office of Seafood
Moderator: Julie Decker, President, Pacific Seafood Processors Association
Speaker: Mike Illenberg, USDA Seafood Liaison (Virtual)

11:45 Networking Break

12:15 Keynote Luncheon Panel:
Building on Momentum: How Policy Decisions Impact Alaska's Economy
Moderator: Joe Balash, RDC Officer
Panelists: Trond-Erik Johansen - Frmr. ConocoPhillips Alaska President, Tom Barrett - Frmr. Alyeska Pipeline President, Deantha Skibinski - Executive Director, Alaska Miners Association, Renee Reeve - VP of Government and Community Relations, CLIA Alaska

Lunch Sponsor: Holland America Line

12:55 Pre-Recorded CODEL remarks
Speaker: Senator Dan Sullivan and Representative Nick Begich

1:15 Networking Break
Clear the room
Promote the raffle & centerpiece bidding

1:45 Fort Knox 30th Anniversary Presentation
Speaker: Francisco (Frans) Gonsalves, Interim VP and General Manager, Kinross Alaska

2:10 Alaska's Minerals. American Innovation. A Stronger Future for generations.
Alaska's Critical Mineral Accelerator Engine
Moderator: Lance Miller - VP, Natural Minerals NANA
Panelists: Dr. Lee Ann Munk - CEO and Co-Founder, NSF Critical Mineral Accelerator Engine, Akira Rattenbury - Teck, Kirsten Fristad - Chief Geologist, Graphite One

2:50 Afternoon Break

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3:05 Alaska Native Corporations and Alaska's Resource Future
Moderator: Nicole Borromeo - President, ANCSA Regional Association
Panelists: Lance Miller - VP Natural Minerals, NANA, Rep. Maxine Dibert, Thom Leanard - VP Corporate Affairs, Calista Corporation

3:40 Growing Alaska's Visitor Economy: Perspectives from Winter, Independent, and Cultural Tourism
Moderator: Jillian Simpson, President/CEO, Alaska Travel Industry Association
Panelists: Roberta Warner - Alaska Tourism Tour and Travel, Brett Carlson – Northern Alaska Tour Company, Kristina Woolston - Old Harbor Native Corp

4:10 Closing Toast:
Raffle & Centerpiece Drawing
Closing Champagne Send-Off Toast – Sponsored by: Saltchuk

4:35 Close of Conference

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