

TRIP REPORT

Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference, Anchorage

February 27th and 28th 2019

Wednesday 8:30 AM executive director Griffin and president Skinner gave the opening and welcome statements.

Approximately at 8:35 We listened to Ben Stevens , the policy adviser for the office of the governor Talk about the governor's budget without giving any clear answers to questions he was asked. He was questioned about Dunleavy's intent to quit sharing the fish taxes at the state level. He didn't have any clear answers.

Next will Charmaine Ramos of the United States Census Bureau giving the census bureau's schedule of jobs for counting.

Newly appointed speaker Representative Edgmon spoke using Skype from Juneau as he could not make it to Anchorage. Senator Gary Stevens and Representative Louise Stutes followed with their presentation and comments on the impact of the proposed governor's budget to our communities

We then watched the drone racing display.

The lunch break was pretty good as it featured the winning products of the Alaska Symphony for seafoods. Among them was Trident seafoods protein noodles which I thought were pretty good. Too bad they don't sell them on the West coast yet.

Sometime after lunch Frank and I gave an update on what we're doing in Unalaska.

We heard from Jeremy Douglas, the chief operating officer at advanced robotics for manufacturing. He spoke about how robotics could make food processing more efficient.

At 5:30 who is the president's reception in silent auction on the quarter deck. I did not attend this function.

Thursday at 8:30 AM

We were provided an update on the SWAMC Energy Network Grant. The coordinators were Laura Vaught, SWAMC, Bruce right of APIA in Tyler Kornelius, KANA.

Jim Fowler gave a little spiel on scoping and financing of municipal energy efficiency programs.

We had the membership meeting And I was elected to the SWAMC Board representing the Ounalashka Corporation.

The following is the agenda for the conference.

Wednesday, February 27th – First Day

8:00 Registration & Networking Breakfast

8:30 Opening & Welcome – President Skinner, Executive Director Griffin

8:35 Ben Stevens, Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

9:00 2020 Census – Charmaine Ramos, U.S. Census Bureau

9:15 Legislative Update & Dialogue

Break

- Senator Gary Stevens
- Representative Bryce Edgmon
- Senator Lyman Hoffman
- Representative Louise Stutes

10:30 Drones: Racing for Education

Steve Colligan, Alaska Drone Racing League

Break

11:15 Fisheries Impact on Communities

Fish Taxes Impact on Municipal Economies

- Dan O'Hara, Mayor of Bristol Bay Borough

Maximizing Fisheries Value Goes Far Beyond Harvest Communities

- Garrett Evridge, Economist at McDowell Group

12:00 Networking Lunch Buffet featuring Alaska Symphony of Seafood Winning Products

Jeremy Woodrow, Executive Director at Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute - Platinum Sponsor

1:00 Platinum Sponsor – Alaska Airlines

1:10 Sponsor Appreciation

1:20 Exhibitor's Announcements

1:30 Resource Development Roundtable – Moderated by Daniel L. Cheyette, BBNC

Brent Goodrum, Deputy Commissioner at Dept of Natural Resources

Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner at Dept of Fish and Game

Jason Brune, Commissioner at Dept of Environmental Conservation

Break

2:45 Visualizing the Future: Case Study on Using VR for Energy Management

Dr. Richard Webb, Chief Operating Officer at Designori, LLC

Break

3:15 Advanced Manufacturing in Seafood Processing

Good News for Manufacturers & Workers: The Robots are Coming

- Jay Douglass, Chief Operating Officer at Advanced Robotics for Manufacturing Research in Applied Robotics & Automation

- Dr. Gleyb Bledsoe, Founding Director at Center for Advanced Food Technology - WSU, UI

The Cutting Edge of Fish Processing Technology

- Rob Anderson, Sales Manager at Baader

Collaborative Robots to Foster Innovation in Seafood Handling

- Joyce Sidopoulos, Co-Founder & Director at Mass Robotics • Murphy Wonsick, Ph.D. Candidate at Northeastern University

Designing Fish Processing Plants for the Future

- Chuck McKain, Sales Manager at Carsoe

5:30 President's Reception & Silent Auction – Quarter Deck

Thursday, February 28th – Second Day

8:00 Registration & Networking Breakfast

8:30 Opening & Welcome

8:35 Energy Session – Energy System Sustainability as a Community Investment

SWAMC Energy Network Grant: Update from Regional Energy Coordinators

- Laura Vaught, SWAMC; Bruce Wright, APIA; Tyler Kornelis, KANA

Scoping & Financing Municipal Energy Efficiency Programs

- Jim Fowler, PE, CEM, Principal at Energy Audits of Alaska

State Energy Resources

- Carolyn Ramsey, Energy Specialist at AHFC; Cady Lister, Dep. Director & Chief Economist at AEA

Break

9:45 Southwest Alaska Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Importance of CEDS Planning

- Shirley Kelly, Economic Development Representative for EDA Alaska Office

Review & Update SWOT Analysis

- Doug Griffin, Executive Director of SWAMC

10:15 Platinum Sponsor – GCI

Break

10:40 SWAMC's 2019 Membership Meeting

12:00 Networking Lunch, Plated – Southwest Alaska Slideshow

1:00 Community Resilience Roundtable – Moderated by Doug Johnson, PGS

Adam Crum, Commissioner at Dept of Health and Social Services

Greg Cashen, Former Commissioner at Dept of Labor and Workforce Development

Amanda Price, Commissioner at Dept of Public Safety

Luke Fanning, CEO at APICDA

Break

2:15 Infrastructure Roundtable – Moderated by Wanetta Ayers, PWSEDD

Mary Siroky, Deputy Commissioner at Dept of Transportation and Public Facilities

Greg Samorajski, Deputy Commissioner at Dept of Revenue

Jon Faulkner, Deputy Commissioner at Dept of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Christine O'Connor, Executive Director of Alaska Telecom Association

Break

3:30 A Dynamic Ocean: Opportunities and Threats

A Hot Time in the North Pacific & Insights into the Future

- Dr. Nicholas Bond, Joint Institute for the Study of the Atmosphere and Ocean

Managing an Ecosystem in Flux

- Dr. Elizabeth Siddon, Scientist at Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NOAA

The Human Effect of Change

- Dr. Tobias Schwoerer, Research Professor at University of Alaska, ISER

Bristol Bay Salmon: A Bright Spot in Southwest Alaska

- Tim Sands, Westside Area Management Biologist at Alaska Dept of Fish and Game

Diversifying for Value-Added Opportunity

- Tommy Sheridan, External Affairs at Silver Bay Seafoods

5:00 Conference Wrap-up