

**Alaska Shellfish Growers Association
Annual Conference Agenda**

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
Thurs, December 7th		
8:30	Registration and Breakfast	
9:00	Welcome	Margo Reveil, ASGA President
9:10	PCSGA Welcome and Update	Connie Smith, PCSGA
Alaska, Drivers of Change		
9:30	Technology Transfer Grant Update	Bobbi Hudson, Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI)
10:00	Mariculture Task Force Update	Julie Decker, AK Fisheries Dev. Foundation (AFDF)
10:30	Training/Apprenticeship Brainstorming	John Kiser, Rocky Bay Oysters
11:00	Mariculture Diversification in Alaska, the Long View	Bobbi Hudson, Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI)
11:15	Keeping Alaska Shellfish Healthy (Vibrio, HABS, Norovirus, OsHV-1)	Bobbi Hudson, Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI)
12-1pm Lunch Sponsor Hooper Island Oyster Aquaculture Company (HIOAC.com)		
Farming Roundtables and Solutions Facilitated Discussions		
1:00	Seed outplanting (timing and gear)	Conor Eckholm, Abby Twyman
1:30	Hatchery Update (OA?): Is seed a concern to growers?	Conor Eckholm, Oceans Alaska
2:00	Experimenting w/ Gear: maximize QLTY and minimize TTM	Bobbi Hudson, Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI)
2:30	Building efficiencies Lean Farming Update	Quentin Fong, AK Seagrant
3:00	Shellfish Mariculture Bottlenecks	Bobbi Hudson, Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI)
3:30	Research Priorities	Bobbi Hudson, Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI)
4:00	A Blueprint for Shellfish Farming in Alaska	Quentin Fong, AK Seagrant
6:30	Banquet at Cape Fox Lodge	All Registered Conf. Attendees Welcome

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Friday, December 8th		
8:30	Breakfast Buffet	
9:00	Agency Panel: 2017 Highlights	Representatives from DNR, DEC, and ADFG
10:00	DEC Lab Recommendations and ISSC Update	Matthew Forester and Kimberly Stryker
10:30	Sitka Tribe of Alaska Environmental Research Lab (STAER), Services for Shellfish Farmers	Kari Lanphier, Environmental Research Assistant, Resource Protection Department
10:45	Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Q & A with PSI, DEC	Bobbi Hudson, Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI)
Regulations Facilitated Discussion		
11:00	Permitting Streamlining: How is it working for farmers?	Bobbi Hudson, Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI)
11:30	Data: Agencies collecting less? How does industry make its case?	Bobbi Hudson, Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI)
12:00 Lunch Sponsor Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC.org)		
Business Development		
1:00	Mitigating Risk - self assessment, decision making process (Required Insurance: DNR, Workers Com; non-required: USDA crop insurance etc.)	Katie Eddy, Petersburg-Wrangell Insurance
1:30	Maximizing profit - farm efficiencies, standing out, developing a niche	Quentin Fong, AK Seagrant
2:00	Making your P&L/Balance Sheet Useful	Quentin Fong, AK Seagrant
2:30	Applying for a loan FSA vs State vs. Private	Quentin Fong, AK Seagrant
Kelp- We Know It Grows, Now What?		
3:00	Developing Seaweed in Alaska	Tamsen Peeples, Blue Evolution
3:30	Kelp Mariculture Research and Update	Dr. Mike Stekoll, Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry UAS
3:45	Lessons from AK	Trevor Sande, Hump Island
4:00	Kelp Processing: A Case Study	Matt Kern, Barnacle Seafoods
4:30	Roundtable: • Cost of doing it - yield vs. ROI • Markets, Value Added/processing, promoting nutritional value etc. • Research priorities before you take this on for your farm • Next steps for ASGA?	Group Discussion, facilitated by Quentin Fong
5:00-7:00 Dinner on your own		
7:00	Movie: Ebb and Flow	Discovery Center

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Saturday, December 9th		
8:30	Breakfast on your own	
9:00	ASGA Annual Meeting	ASGA Grower Members Only
	General 2017 Report	
	Lobbying focus for 2018	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating Ecosystem services contribution to legislators (kelp feed to cattle reduces methane gas, testing etc.) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating Economic contribution of Mariculture to legislators 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating cost to farmers (lease, permits, cleanup of aging infrastructure, testing) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we communicate industry impact without data 	
	Projects for 2018	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Management Practices/ECOP Udate 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internship/Training Program 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Actions? 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions from MTF recommendations 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Development 	
Tour		
11:00	Open House/Farm Tour	Hump Island Oyster Company