

Alaska Shellfish Growers Association 2018 Annual Conference Agenda		
TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER/FACILITATOR
Thurs, December 6th		
8:30 AM	Registration - Breakfast Provided	
9:00 AM	Welcome	Margo Reveil, ASGA President
9:10 AM	Welcome to Cordova	Clay Koplín, Mayor of Cordova
9:25 AM	Introductions: 2018 successes and challenges	All participants introduction plus one success and one challenge
9:55 AM	PCSGA welcome and update	Connie Smith, Pacific Coast Shellfish growers Association (PCSGA)
Farmer to Farmer		
10:00 AM	Lessons from France	Trevor Sande, Hump Island; Bill Dewey, Taylor Shellfish; Connie Smith, PCSGA
10:45 AM	Training/Apprenticeship discussion (veteran apprenticeships, French training, Bellingham Technical College tour highlights)	John Kiser, Rocky Bay Oysters, Connie Smith, PCSGA, and Margo Reveil, Jakolof Bay Oyster Co.
11:15 AM	<i>Break</i>	
11:30 AM	Hatchery update	Conor Eckholm, Oceans Alaska
11:50 AM	Bio-fouling roundtable: 2018 season observations and solutions	Bobbi Hudson, PSI (facilitator) and all growers
12:10 PM	Ecosystem services	Margo Reveil, Jakolof Bay Oyster Co.
12:30 PM	Lunch Provided	
Business Development		
1:30 PM	Building efficiencies lean farming update	Quentin Fong, Seafood Marketing Specialist, AK Sea Grant
2:00 PM	Setting up your mariculture business and mitigating risk	Mark Scheer, Esq., Premium Aquatics, LLC
2:40 PM	<i>Break</i>	
2:55 PM	Maximizing profit - standing out, developing a niche	Quentin Fong, Seafood Marketing Specialist, AK Sea Grant
3:40 PM	The agile business plan: Keeping your business plan relevant and ready for changes on your farm	Quentin Fong, Seafood Marketing Specialist, AK Sea Grant
4:25 PM	<i>Break</i>	
Solutions Facilitated Discussions		
4:40 PM	Government and Community Relations: Communicating our story	Bill Dewey, Public Policy and Communications Director, Taylor Shellfish
5:25 PM	Tabled Topics: Catching up on any discussions cut short, consolidating any new research questions.	Margo Reveil, ASGA President
5:40 PM	<i>Adjourn</i>	
6:30 AM	Banquet at Powder House Restaurant	All Registered Conf. Attendees Welcome

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Friday, December 7th		
8:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet Provided	
	Discussions with Agencies	
9:00 AM	DNR lease updates	Karen Cougan, Aquatic Farming Program Coordinator, AK Dept of Natural Resources
9:15 AM	ADF&G update	Cynthia Pring-Ham, Aquatic Farming Coordinator, AK Dept of Fish & Game
9:30 AM	ADEC food safety update	George Scanlan, Shellfish Permit Coordinator, ADEC
9:45 AM	New ISSC Model Ordinance key points	George Scanlan and Kimberly Stryker, ADEC
10:15 AM	FDA Review - Alaska's efficiencies and deficiencies	Kimberly Stryker, Program Manager, Food Safety & Sanitation ADEC
10:45 AM	Break	
	Agencies Continued	
11:00 AM	Shellfish Portal issues and developments	Kimberly Stryker, Program Manager, Food Safety & Sanitation ADEC
11:15 AM	ADEC lab recommendations	Matthew Forester and Kimberly Stryker
11:30 AM	Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) El Nino and ASP 2019 discussion	Bobbi Hudson, Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI), Kimberly Stryker
11:45 AM	Minimizing marine mammal interactions, permitting requirements, and National NOAA initiative to support AK mariculture	Julie Scheurer, National Marine Fisheries Service Protected Resources Division Alaska Regional Office
12:00 PM	Lunch Provided	
	Grants and Research	
1:00 PM	Technology transfer grant update	Bobbi Hudson, Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI)
1:15 PM	Water quality monitoring research grant update	Bobbi Hudson, Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI)
1:25 PM	NOAA Monitoring and Event Response for Harmful Algal Blooms (MERHAB) ADEC Grant	Kimberly Stryker, Program Manager, Food Safety & Sanitation, ADEC
1:40 PM	Temperature control and performance of cold chains for half-shell oysters	Bobbi Hudson, Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI)
1:55 PM	NOAA vibrio research update	Kimberly Stryker, Program Manager, Food Safety & Sanitation, ADEC
2:05 PM	ASGA research priorities - accomplishments, new directions	Bobbi Hudson, Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI)
2:35 PM	Break	
	Drivers of Change	
2:50 PM	Ocean acidification: industry impacts and responses	Bill Dewey, Public Policy and Communications Director, Taylor Shellfish
3:10 PM	Shellfish Growers Climate Coalition: A collaboration between East and West Coast growers and the Nature Conservancy	Bill Dewey, Taylor Shellfish and Margo Reveil, Jakolof Bay Oyster Co.
3:20 PM	Governors Mariculture Task Force update	Julie Decker, AK Fisheries Dev. Foundation (AFDF)
3:40 PM	Grower's experiments with seaweed (and other diversification approaches)	Bobbi Hudson, PSI (facilitator) and all growers experimenting with seaweed
4:00 PM	Kelp in Alaska Grant	Torie Baker, MAP Agent presenting for Gary Frietag, AK Sea Grant
4:30 PM	Tabled Topics: catching up on any talks cut short and requesting input on topics for next year	Margo Reveil, ASGA President
5:00 PM	Adjourn	
	Dinner on your own	

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Saturday, December 8th		
8:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet	<i>All conference attendees are welcome to breakfast</i>
	Annual Meeting - ASGA Grower Members Only	
9:00 AM	General 2018 Report	
9:30 AM	Develop Member Agreement on Best Management Practices	
10:30 AM	Lobbying focus for 2019	
	How do we communicate industry impact	
	• Communicating Ecosystem services contribution to legislators	
	• Communicating Economic contribution of Mariculture to legislators environmentalists and communities	
	• Communicating cost to farmers (lease, permits, cleanup of aging infrastructure, testing)	
11:15 AM	Projects for 2019	
	• Internship/Training Program	
	• Research Actions	
	• Actions from MTF recommendations	
	• Membership Development	
12:00 PM	Lunch Provided	<i>All conference attendees are welcome to lunch</i>
	Tour	
1:00 PM	Open House/Hatchery Tour	Jim Aguiar, Eagle Shellfish
	Dinner on your own	