

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

October 11, 2024

Thursday, October 17
MORNING SESSION

- 8:30 a.m. Qasgirmiut Dancers
- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order – Ana Hoffman and Joe Nelson, Co-Chairs, AFN
- Posting of the Colors – Alaska Native Veterans Council
Invocation – Bishop Alexei of the Orthodox Church of Alaska
National Anthem – Tsgt. Heather Head
Introduction of AFN Board of Directors
- 9:40 a.m. Welcome Remarks from Dena’ina Leaders
Michael Curry, Board President and Chair, Eklutna, Inc.
Aaron Leggett, President and Chair, Native Village of Eklutna
- 9:50 a.m. Welcome from the City of Anchorage
Anchorage Mayor Suzanne LaFrance
- 10:00 a.m. Welcome Remarks from Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy (video)
- 10:05 a.m. Keynote Address
Julie Kitka, Former AFN President
- 11:05 a.m. AFN President’s Report
Benjamin Mallott, AFN President
- 11:25 a.m. Citizen of the Year Award
- 11:50 a.m. Special Convention Theme Speaker – Our speaker will emphasize the importance of the 2024 Convention theme, “Our Children, Our Future Ancestors.”
Emily Edenshaw, CEO, Alaska Native Heritage Center
- Noon **Lunch**

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AFTERNOON SESSION**

- 12:30 p.m. Chevak Tanqik Dancers
- 1:00 p.m. Call to Order - Ana Hoffman and Joe Nelson, Co-Chairs, AFN
Preliminary Credentials Report – Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN
- 1:05 p.m. Administrator Robin Carnahan, U.S. General Services Administration (video)
- 1:15 p.m. Addressing Alaska Brain Drain: Creating Greater Opportunities for Young Alaska Native Peoples – This panel will address the persistent issue of brain drain in Alaska. This session will bring together leaders from Alaska Native Corporations, tribal leaders, state leaders, and young professionals to explore strategies and initiatives to retain and attract young Alaska Native talent within the state.
Moderated by Liz Qaulluq Cravalho, Vice President of Lands, NANA Regional Corporation
Robert Snigaroff, President & CIO, Denali Advisors; Casey Sifsof, Shareholder Development Director, Bristol Bay Native Corporation; Justina Wilhelm, President, Iļisaġvik College; Senator Löki Tobin
- 2:10 p.m. General Tom Bussiere, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command and Commander, Air Forces Strategic – Air, U.S. Strategic Command
- 2:25 p.m. Congresswoman Mary Sattler Peltola
- 2:45 p.m. U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland (video)
Department of the Interior Update
Raina Thiele, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Alaska Affairs & Strategic Priorities
- 3:00 p.m. Strengthening Subsistence Rights: Legal Frameworks and Pathways to Improved Access for Alaska Native Communities - This session discusses the legal and policy structure of our subsistence management framework, followed by a panel of subject matter experts who will discuss the proposed subsistence resolution and

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highlight some initiatives across the state that are improving the subsistence framework for Alaska Native subsistence users.

- Opening Remarks – Gayla Hoseth and Ben Mallott (5 to 10 mins)
- U.S. v. Alaska Update – Nicole Borromeo (5 mins)
- Key legal concepts to understanding the subsistence framework in Alaska – Jaeleen Kookesh (10 to 15 mins)
- Strengthening Subsistence Rights: Legal Frameworks and Pathways to Improved Access for Alaska Native Communities – Moderated by Gayla Hoseth
- Closing Comments – Ben Mallott

5:00 p.m. **RECESS**

Friday, October 18
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8:30 a.m. Qissunamiut Yurartet

9:00 a.m. Call to Order – Ana Hoffman and Joe Nelson, Co-Chairs, AFN

Invocation – Pearl Chanar

9:05 a.m. AFN Co-Chair Candidate Presentations

9:20 a.m. Marisa Cummings, Senior Advisor to the ACF Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families

9:35 a.m. The Way Forward Report of the Alyce Spotted Bear & Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children – This panel, led by Gloria O’Neill, Chairwoman of the Commission on Native Children and President/CEO of the Cook Inlet Tribal Council, and Don Gray, Commission Board Member from the Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation, will discuss the pathways forward for implementing the recommendations of the Alyce Spotted Bear & Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children.

10:20 a.m. U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan

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10:40 a.m. AFN President's Awards – Award Categories, Health, Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education, Hannah Paul Solomon "Woman of Courage," Katie John Hunter-Fisher, Roger Lang Youth Leadership, Small Business, Gin'tith (Richard Frank) Military Service, Glenn Godfrey Law Enforcement, Special Merit: Census and Voting

Noon

Lunch

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12:30 p.m. Parka Parade Presentation by Monica Riedel

1:00 p.m. Call to Order – Ana Hoffman and Joe Nelson, Co-Chairs, AFN

Credentials Report, Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN

1:05 p.m. Navigator Program and Alaska Tribal SSBCI Consortium Update
Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN

1:20 p.m. Alaska Homeland Defense Update: Brigadier General David Moar, Deputy Commander, Alaskan NORAD Region

1:35 p.m. First Alaskans Institute – Elders and Youth Conference Update
Roy Agloinga, President/CEO

1:45 p.m. White House Office of Management and Budget and Domestic Policy Council update – Elizabeth Molle-Carr, Tribal Advisor to the Director, Office of Management and Budget; Morgan Rodman, Senior Policy Advisor for Native Affairs, White House Domestic Policy Council, The White House

2:10 p.m. Securing the Promise of Equality for Alaska Natives One Hundred Years After the Passage of the Indian Citizenship Act: This panel will describe past and ongoing barriers that Alaska Natives have faced in schooling, access to public services, and the right to vote, as well as efforts in the courts and federal and state legislatures to remove those barriers for future generations.

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Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN

2:50 p.m. Alaska Bush Caucus Update

3:10 p.m. Unlocking the Power of the Native Vote
Michelle Sparck, Director, Get Out The Native Vote
Ivan Encelewski, Chair, Get Out The Native Vote

3:40 p.m. Power in Ranking
Moses Wiseman, Alaska Native Language Program Director, Alaska Institute for Justice
Michelle Sparck, Director, Get Out The Native Vote

4:00 p.m. Securing Funding for Children’s Programs by Making Alaska Natives Count in Census Surveys: The panel will cover five areas: (1) how children’s programs use census data; (2) addressing the undercount of children; (3) impacts of undercounts on children’s programs; (4) improving the count of Alaska Native children; and (5) data tools to access census data needed to prepare grant applications for children’s programs.

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Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN

Alaina Capoeman, Tribal Relations Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau

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**Saturday, October 19
MORNING SESSION**

9:00 a.m. Call to Order
Ana Hoffman and Joe Nelson, Co-Chairs, AFN

Invocation

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- Final Credentials Report
Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN
- 9:05 a.m. Alyeska Section 29 Update
John Kurz, President, Alyeska Pipeline
- 9:15 a.m. Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy (video)
- 9:30 a.m. State Justice Update – Alaska Supreme Court Justice Jennifer Henderson
- 9:50 a.m. Sara Olsvig, Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council
- 10:00 a.m. Election of 2024 AFN Co-Chair and Announcement of AFN Village Representatives
- 10:10 a.m. Consideration of 2024 Resolutions
- Noon RECESS**

**Saturday, October 19
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- 1:00 p.m. Call to Order
Ana Hoffman and Joe Nelson, Co-Chairs, AFN
- 1:05 p.m. U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski
- 1:30 p.m. Denali Award Presentation
- 1:50 p.m. Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Update
Bryan Wilson, Executive Assistant United States Attorney, Criminal Chief and Tribal Liaison, United States Attorney’s Office, District of Alaska
E. Ingrid Goodyear, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Regional Coordinator for the Great Plains & Alaska, United States Attorney’s Office, District of Alaska
- 2:10 p.m. Federal Bureau of Investigation State of the Justice Update –
Rebecca A. Day, Special Agent in Charge, Anchorage FBI Field Office

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- 2:30 p.m. Impacts of the *Chevron* and *Loper Bright* Decisions
 Geoffrey Toy, Subsistence Legal Fellow, AFN
- 2:45 p.m. Closing Comments – Benjamin Mallott, President, AFN
- 3:00 p.m. Adjournment – Ana Hoffman and Joe Nelson, Co-Chairs, AFN