



2018 Symposium  
**Building our Foundations**  
October 23-25, 2018

**Tuesday, October 23, 2018**

- 8:00 – 8:30 Conference Check-in and Late Registration
- 8:30 – 9:00 Welcome by **Robert Stephan Sr., Chairman Alaska Tribal Conservation Alliance**  
Blessing  
Introductions by **Angela Peter, Executive Director, Alaska Tribal Conservation Alliance**
- 9:00 – 10:00 **Linda Cronin, Acting Director , Office of the Secretary Office of Tribal Relations**
- 10:00 – 11:00 Tribal Advisory Councils, **Astor Boozer, NRCS Regional Conservationist Washington DC**
- 11:00 – 11:15 **Networking Break**
- 11:15 – 12:15 Keynote, **Zach Ducheneaux, Intertribal Agriculture Council**
- 12:15 – 1:30 **Lunch**
- 1:30 – 2:00 Farms Bill and USDA Programs, **Barry Hamilton, USDA National Tribal Liaison**
- 2:00 – 2:45 **Mark Begich, Gubernatorial Candidate ([Clare@begich.com](mailto:Clare@begich.com))**
- 2:45 – 3:15 **Joni Scharfenberg, District Coordinator Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District**
- 3:15– 3:30 **Networking Break**
- 3:30– 4:00 **Michael Crowder, NACD 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and Chairman of the NACD Tribal RPG**
- 4:00 – 4:30 **Jenny Daniels, AACD**
- 4:30 – 5:00 **Karen Linnell, Executive Director, Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission dba/CRITR**
- 5:00 – 5:15 Wrap up/Next Day



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**Wednesday, October 24, 2018**

- 8:00 – 8:30 Welcome and Recap,
- 8:30 – 9:00 TCD's, **Kristi Harper, NRCS Tribal Liaison**
- 9:00 – 9:30 Conservation Planner Certification Training, **Scott Crockett, NRCS State Resource Conservationist**
- 9:30 – 10:00 NRCS Alaska Conservation Investments, **Amanda Crowe, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist Programs**
- 10:00 – 10:30 AgAlaska, **red bradley**
- 10:30 – 10:45 **Networking Break**
- 10:45 – 11:15 Farm Service Agency, **Bryan Scoresby, State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency**
- 11:15 – 11:45 Honorable Senator Lisa Murkowski/Representative**
- 11:45– 1:15 **Lunch Buffett – Award Ceremony**
- 1:15 – 1:45 Food Sovereignty, TBD**
- 1:45 – 2:15 Prince of Whales TCD, **Dennis Nickerson, Environmental Planner, Prince of Wales-Tribal Stewardship Consortium**
- 2:15 – 2:45 TTCD Success Story, **Tonya Kaloa, Program Assistant, Tyonek Tribal Conservation District**
- 3:15 – 3:30 **Networking Break**
- 3:30 – 4:00 TCD Open Mic
- 4:00 – 4:45 Matching Fund Panel, **Joni Scharfenberg, Christy Cincotta, Foraker**
- 4:45 – 5:00 Wrap up/Next Day



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**Thursday, October 25, 2018**

- 8:30 – 9:00 Welcome and Recap,
- 9:00 – 9:45 Alaska Native Agriculture, **Charles Parker, CEO/President Alaska Village Initiatives**
- 9:45 – 10:15 Agriculture Grant Collaboration, **Brian Atkinson, Agriculture Soils and GIS Specialist, Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District**
- 10:15 – 10:30 Aquatic Invasives, **Aditi Shenoy, Invasive Species Specialist, Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District**
- 10:30 – 10:45 **Networking Break**
- 10:45 – 11:15 **Keith Kahklen, Natural Resource Manager, Bureau of Indian Affairs Alaska Region**
- 11:15 – 11:45
- 11:45 – 1:00 **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 1:30 Rural Development Programs, **Jessie Huff, State Energy Coordinator, Rural Development**
- 1:30 – 4:00 **Break-out Sessions – NRCS Hub Leaders meet with TCD's**
- North Hub**  
Joanne Kuykendall, NRCS Hub Leader  
**Akiacuarmiut, Asa'carsamiut, Kuigglugmiut, Nuiqsagmiut, Nunivak Island, Tanana, T'ee Drin Jik**
- South Hub**  
Meg Mueller, NRCS Hub Leader  
**Nuwendaltun, Tuyuryaq, Tyonek**
- Central Hub**  
Michelle Jezeski, NRCS Hub Leader  
**AHTNA/CRITR, Eklutna, Ketchikan, Knik, Prince of Wales, Southeast Regional, Yakutat**
- 4:00 – 5:00 Wrap it Up/ Door Prize Drawings