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2023 NHA AK REGIONAL MEETING

Anchorage, AK

September 12, 2023

Tours of Eklutna and South Fork

8:30 – 3:30 PM

Tours of Eklutna Hydroelectric Plant and South Fork Hydroelectric Project

Lunch included for tour

Buses depart from the Hotel Captain Cook at 8:30 AM sharp.

4:00 – 6:00 PM

Networking Reception @ Hotel Captain Cook

Light hors d'oeuvres and beer & wine included in registration.

September 13, 2023

Alaska Regional Meeting

Hotel Captain Cook

8:00 AM

Registration Opens and Networking Coffee with Light Breakfast

8:30 – 8:40 AM

Opening Remarks

Michael Purdie, Director of Regulatory Affairs and Markets, National Hydropower Association

8:40 – 8:55 AM

Welcoming Remarks from Host

Curtis Thayer, CEO, Alaska Energy Authority

8:55 – 9:05 AM

Welcoming Remarks from Partner Organization

Crystal Enkvist, Executive Director, Alaska Power Association

9:05 – 10:00 AM

Licensing Reform

This “fireside chat” discussion will provide an overview of the current status of proposed federal legislation to reform the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensing process and what next steps are anticipated.

Panelists also will share what they perceive this federal licensing reform would mean for Alaskans ... What are the practical implications? Will reform make an actual difference? How many hydro projects (both existing and proposed) could be affected? Is additional reform on the state level also needed?

Moderator: **Michael Purdie**, National Hydropower Association

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10:00 – 10:30 AM

10:30 – 11:30 AM

HOST:



PARTNER ORGANIZATION:



11:30 – 12:30 PM

MEDIA SPONSOR:



12:30 – 1:30 PM

1:30 – 2:30 PM

- **Aaron Thiele**, Office of U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska (virtual)
- **Jeremy Bynum**, Acting Electric Division Manager, Ketchikan Public Utilities
- **Betsy McGregor**, Senior Scientist, Kleinschmidt
- **Charles Sensiba**, Partner, Troutman Pepper

Morning Networking Break

Grants and Loans: Part 1) Tips on What's Available; Part 2) Tricks on How to Write Applications

There is abundance of funding opportunities being offered by the federal government. Part 1 of this two-part session answers questions about: What is most relevant to Alaskans? How to get actual funding? Part 2 offers ideas of how to overcome challenges of applying, which can require considerable time and expertise.

Moderator: **Joel Groves**, Project Manager, Polarconsult Alaska, Inc.

- **Dan Smith**, State Energy Coordinator – Alaska, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- **Karen Bell**, Alaska Energy Authority
- **Dr. Erin Whitney**, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Arctic Energy
- **Jim Thrasher**, Thompson | HCMS

Displacing Diesel: Showcasing Successes Using Innovation and Technology

Case studies focusing on the use of small-scale storage, marine energy, and/or new technologies to enable displacement of diesel-powered generation, especially in off-grid environments.

Moderator: **Audrey Alstrom**, Director, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Alaska Energy Authority

- **Jodi Mitchell**, Chief Executive Officer, Inside Passage Electric Cooperative
- **Clay Koplín**, Chief Executive Officer, Cordova Electric Cooperative
- **Merrick Jackinsky**, Director of Development – Alaska, ORPC

Networking Lunch

Improved Hydro Construction Practices and How Pumped Storage in Alaska Can Play a Role in the Energy Transition

Hear practical applications of technologies and methodologies, including improving construction practices at hydro plants and applying small pumped-storage technology.

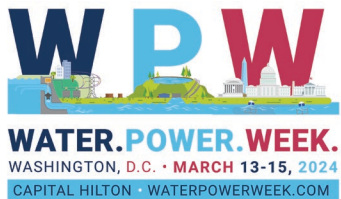
Moderator: **Matt Pevarnik**, Senior Sales Leader, GE Renewable Energy

- *Best Hydro Construction Practices*, **Rod Graybeal**, Director of Western Operations, Thompson | HCMS

OTHER NHA EVENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS:



Clean Currents 2023, the official waterpower event organized by the non-profit National Hydropower Association, brings the industry together in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 10-13 for a comprehensive trade show and conference.



Waterpower Week 2024, hosted in Washington, D.C. on March 13-15, 2024, will provide a unique opportunity for attendees to concentrate on regulatory, policy, markets, and legislative aspects of their work. Additionally, they will have the chance to hear from and network with others who affect the industry – regulators, resource agencies, and environmental communities.

2:30 – 3:30 PM

- *Prospects for Pumped Storage Hydropower in Alaska*, **David Martinez**, National Renewable Energy Laboratory; and **Jonghwan Kwon**, Argonne National Labs, DOE
- *Pumped Storage Projects in Alaska Susitna Update*, **Wayne Dyok**

Hydro Development: Status Report and Lessons Learned about Permitting/Licensing

New hydro development continues in Alaska – hear about what’s happening throughout the state. Great opportunity to engage with developers who have important insight and perspective about getting regulatory approval for new development.

Moderator: **Michael Rovito**, Deputy Director, Alaska Power Association

- *Nuyakuk Hydroelectric Project*, **Cory Warnock**, Licensing and Regulatory Discipline Lead, McMillen
- *Dixon Diversion*, **Bryan Carey**, Hydro Manager, Alaska Energy Authority
- *Sweetheart Lake*, **Duff Mitchell**, Managing Director, Juneau Hydropower, Inc.

3:30 – 4:00 PM

Afternoon Networking Break

4:00 – 5:00 PM

State Energy Task Force – Status Report; What This Means for Waterpower

Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy has pulled together an Alaska Energy Security Task Force – known as the AESTF. The task force’s mission? Identify ways to reduce energy costs for the state of Alaska and its communities by collaborating on policies, strategies, and tactics related to electricity generation, transmission, distribution, and storage.

In this fireside chat, members of the task force will share their views of how both conventional hydropower and marine energy (hydrokinetic, waves, or tides) can contribute to meeting the mission of reducing costs of electricity in Alaska.

Moderator: **Duff Mitchell**, Managing Director, Juneau Hydropower, Inc.

- **Nancy Dahlstrom**, Alaska Lieutenant Governor, Chair of the Alaska Energy Security Task Force
- **Curtis Thayer**, CEO, Alaska Energy Authority, Vice Chair of Alaska Energy Security Task Force
- **Clay Koplín**, CEO, Cordova Electric Cooperative, Vice Chair of the Alaska Energy Security Task Force

5:00 PM

Closing Remarks & Meeting Wrap-up