

# ANCSA: WHY IT MATTERS



A gathering of leaders, elders, and youth to reflect on the past, present, and future of Alaska Native self-determination

Anchorage Marriott Downtown  
Thursday, September 25, 2025  
9:00AM – 4:00PM

## AGENDA

### 8:30AM Registration

### 9:00AM Invocation and Land Acknowledgement

- Crawford Patkotak, Chairman, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation
- Aaron Leggett, President and Chair, Native Village of Eklutna

### 9:15AM Opening Remarks

- Overview of the day and why ANCSA remains vital today
  - Nicole Borromeo, President, ANCSA Regional Association

### 9:30AM Session 1: The Origins of ANCSA – Historical Context

- Why ANCSA was necessary, the land claims movement of the 1960s, federal and state pressures that helped shape the Act
  - Emil Notti, (former and first) President, Alaska Federation of Natives
  - Willie Hensley, (former) President, NANA Regional Corporation and (former) Co-Chair of the Alaska Federation of Natives
    - Moderator: Patuk Glenn, Executive Director, Arctic Slope Community Foundation

### 10:15AM Session 2: ANCSA's Framework – What Was Agreed To (and Future Laws)

- What the law requires (corporate structure, land ownership, and cash settlement), early challenges and implementation, the 1991 amendments, and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conversation Act
  - Joe Nelson, Interim President, Sealaska
  - Ana Hoffman, President & CEO, Bethel Native Corporation
    - Moderator: Nikki Graham, Senior Manager of Compliance and Privacy, Southcentral Foundation

### 11:00AM Break

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**11:15AM**    **Keynote:** Alaska House Speaker Bryce Edgmon

**11:45AM**    **Lunch**

**1:00PM**    **Session 3: ANCSA in Action – A Regional Review**

- How ANCSA shaped the Kodiak region
  - Shauna Hegna, President, Koniag
  - Mike Pfeffer, CEO, Kodiak Area Native Association
  - Freddie Christiansen, Secretary, Old Harbor Native Corporation
  - Allison Pestrikoff, Chief, Alutiiq Tribe of Old Harbor
    - Moderator: Stacey Simmons, Vice President Koniag Region Investments, Koniag

**1:45PM**    **Session 4: ANCSA Today – Economic, Social, and Cultural Impacts**

- What Alaska Native corporations provide today: economic power, shareholder benefits (education, jobs, dividends), and cultural preservation
  - Andrew Guy, President & CEO, Calista
  - Tabetha Toloff, President, Cook Inlet Region, Inc.
  - Andrea Gusty, President & CEO, The Kuskokwim Corporation
    - Moderator: Haven Harris, Senior Vice President of Growth and Strategy, Bering Straits Native Corporation

**2:30PM**    **Break**

**2:45PM**    **Session 5: ANCSA and the Future – Alaska Native Self-Determination**

- What policy challenges and opportunities lie ahead across land, subsistence, and sovereignty
  - Andrea Greene Montag, Secretary, Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corporation
  - Peter Boskofsky, General Counsel, Koniag
  - Geraldine Simon, Board Chair, K'oyitl'ots'ina, Limited
    - Moderator: Nick Ostrovsky, Vice President and General Counsel, Chugach Alaska Corporation

**3:30PM**    **Closing Reflections**

- Why ANCSA still matters
  - Michelle Anderson, President, Ahtna

Thank you for  
joining us today!

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