



## **NHA Alaska Regional Meeting**

September 11, 2018 - Ted Ferry Civic Center, Ketchikan, AK

### **MEETING AGENDA**

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- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.      **Networking Breakfast & Registration**
- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m.      **Welcome Remarks**  
Jeff Leahey, National Hydropower Association  
Robert Venables, Southeast Conference  
Trey Acteson, SEAPA  
Janet Reiser, Alaska Energy Authority
- 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.      **Keynote Speaker:** FERC Commissioner Cheryl LaFleur
- 9:30 – 10:10 a.m.      **NHA Washington Update**  
Jeff Leahey, National Hydropower Association
- 10:10 – 10:30 a.m.      **Morning Networking Break**
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m      **APA Alaska Update**  
Cyrstal Enkvist, Alaska Power Association
- 10:45 – Noon          **Pending federal policy and regulatory changes which impact hydro in Alaska**  
This is a time of dramatic change with respect to the federal government’s implementation of its environmental laws and regulations. From the potential to rescind the “Waters of the United States” (WOTUS) rule to the proposed changes to National Environmental Policy Act and Endangered Species Act regulations, these changes in the federal governments implementation of environmental laws will have a significant impact on Alaskan hydro development and operations. This session will examine these changes as well as discuss the potential significance of these changes to hydropower.  
**Panelists:**  
Matt Love, Van Ness Feldman  
Heidi Wahto, McMillen Jacobs Associates  
Jeff Leahey, National Hydropower Association
- Noon – 1:00 p.m.      **Networking Lunch**

- 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.      **Alaska project updates – lessons learned from licensing to construction to operation**  
This session will discuss the status of specific projects that are moving forward, sharing tips, advice and useful information regarding all stages of project development.  
**Moderator:** Bryan Carey, Alaska Energy Authority  
**Panelists:**  
Gary Hennigh, City of King Cove  
Brandon Shaw, Inside Passage Electric Cooperative  
Duff Mitchell, Juneau Hydropower Inc.  
Wayne Dyok, H2O EcoPower
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.      ***Afternoon Networking Break***
- 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.      **Federal and state regulators update panel**  
This session will allow attendees to hear from both federal and state regulatory staff on national and regional issues impacting the development of hydropower in Alaska. What are the pressing issues on which they are working? Are there new initiatives planned or underway in which the industry should be engaged? What do they want us to know about communicating with their agencies? What organizational changes could directly or indirectly affect how agencies interact with developers and licensees?  
**Moderator:** Jay Maher, Kleinschmidt  
**Panelists:**  
Sue Walker, NMFS  
Doug Cooper, FWS  
Jerry Ingersoll, Alaska Region, Forest Service
- 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.      **Hot topics roundtable**  
**Moderator:** Bruce Sellars, Mavel  
**Panelists:**  
Travis Smith, SNC Lavalin  
Connie Hulbert, AEL&P  
TBD, Launch Alaska
- 5:15 – 5:30 p.m.      **Meeting Wrap-up**
- 6:00 p.m.              **Joint Networking Reception with Southeast Conference**

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