

ALASKA TRIBAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NETWORK

2026 ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 14 - 16

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 14, 2026

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| 8:00 - 9:00 AM | BREAKFAST | <i>Location: Third Floor Lobby</i> |
| 9:00 - 10:45 AM | PLENARY <u>Welcome to the TCD Network</u> Visions for the TCD Network <ul style="list-style-type: none">Laurie Stuart, Tyonek Tribal Conservation DistrictKaren Linnell, Ahtna Intertribal Resource CommissionTheo Garcia, Knik Tribe <u>Panel: Creating Alaska's First TCDs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kristi Harper, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (Facilitator)Robert Stephan Sr., Tyonek Tribal Conservation DistrictKaren Linnell, Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission | <i>Location: Redington Ballroom</i> |
| 10:45 - 11:00 AM | BREAK | |
| 11:00 - 12:00 PM | PLENARY <u>Opportunities to Participate, Create, and Learn Together</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Laurie Stuart, Tyonek Tribal Conservation DistrictAftan Lynch and Lexi Prunella, Strategic Prevention Solutions | <i>Location: Redington Ballroom</i> |
| 12:00 - 1:00 PM | LUNCH | <i>Location: Third Floor Lobby</i> |
| 1:00 - 2:00 PM | PLENARY <u>Fish Passage Partnerships in Tyonek</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Laurie Stuart, Tyonek Tribal Conservation District (Facilitator)Kirsten Valentine and Joseph Lyon, US Fish and Wildlife ServiceMichael Mazzacavallo, Alaska Department of Fish and GameNicole Swenson and Marian King, Tyonek Tribal Conservation DistrictMeg Mueller and Kristopher Nichols, Natural Resource Conservation Service | <i>Location: Redington Ballroom</i> |
| 2:00 - 2:15 PM | GROUP PHOTO & BREAK | |
| 2:15 - 3:00 PM | BREAKOUT SESSIONS <u>How to Form a TCD and Renew USDA Agreements</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">State Conservationist Alan McBee, Natural Resource Conservation ServiceKaren Linnell, Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission <u>Local Working Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Theo Garcia, Knik Tribe | <i>Location: Redington Ballroom</i> <i>Location: Lake Spenard Room</i> |
| 3:00 - 3:15 PM | BREAK | |
| 3:15 - 4:00 PM | BREAKOUT SESSIONS <u>Creating Governance Documents</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Karen Linnell, Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission <u>Local Agriculture and Aquaculture Production in Alaska</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kelsey Stanbro, Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission (Facilitator)Justin McDonald, Keex' Kwaan Tribal Conservation DistrictCarol Conant, Chugach Regional Resources CommissionCody Beus, Knik TribeJeff Collins, Kawerak Inc. | <i>Location: Redington Ballroom</i> <i>Location: Lake Spenard Room</i> |

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4:00 - 4:15 PM

BREAK

4:15 - 5:00 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

How to Register Land as a Farm

- *Erin Sturdivant, USDA Farm Service Agency*

Location: Redington Ballroom

TCDs and Co-Management

- *Karen Linnell, Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission*

Location: Lake Spenard Room

5:00 PM

DINNER/EVENING ON YOUR OWN - ENJOY ANCHORAGE!

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THURSDAY

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| 8:00 - 9:00 AM | BREAKFAST | <i>Location: Third Floor Lobby</i> |
| 9:00 - 10:45 AM | PLENARY <u>Building Network Sustainability</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laurie Stuart, Tyonek Tribal Conservation District• Aftan Lynch and Lexi Prunella, Strategic Prevention Solutions | <i>Location: Redington Ballroom</i> |
| 10:45 - 11:00 AM | BREAK | |
| 11:00 - 12:00 PM | BREAKOUT SESSIONS <u>Elements of Management</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karen Linnell, Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission• Bruce Cain, Copper River Growth Company• Mandy Ramsay, Foraker Group <u>Invasive Species - Introduction, Resources, & Management Plans</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nicole Swenson, Andy Wizik and Olivia Mueller, TTCD• Cody Beus, Knik Tribe | <i>Location: Redington Ballroom</i> <i>Location: Lake Spenard Room</i> |
| 12:00 - 1:00 PM | LUNCH | <i>Location: Third Floor Lobby</i> |
| 1:00 - 2:00 PM | PLENARY <u>How TCDs Can Support Food Security in Alaska</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theo Garcia, Knik Tribe (Facilitator)• Katie Herzner, Intertribal Agriculture Council• Erica Lujan and Emma Shelton, Tyonek Tribal Conservation District | <i>Location: Redington Ballroom</i> |
| 2:00 - 2:15 PM | BREAK | |
| 2:15 - 3:00 PM | BREAKOUT SESSIONS <u>Funding TCD Projects and Programs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karen Linnell, Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission• Theo Garcia, Knik Tribe• Elizabeth Bezinque, Natural Resource Conservation Service <u>Committee: Creating A Handbook for Standardizing TCDs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laurie Stuart, Tyonek Tribal Conservation District | <i>Location: Redington Ballroom</i> <i>Location: Lake Spenard Room</i> |
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| 3:15 - 4:00 PM | BREAKOUT SESSIONS <u>Committee: Creating a Communication Portal for the TCD Network</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theo Garcia, Knik Tribe• Laurie Stuart, Tyonek Tribal Conservation District <u>Committee: How to Work Effectively with TCDs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karen Linnell and Deanna Kosbruk, Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission• Kristi Harper, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society | <i>Location: Redington Ballroom</i> <i>Location: Lake Spenard Room</i> |
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Learning Activity and Dinner Logistics

- Laurie Stuart, Tyonek Tribal Conservation District
- Aftan Lynch, Strategic Prevention Solutions

5:00 - 8:30 PM

SOCIAL DINNER AND KEYNOTE AT THE **ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE CENTER**

Shuttle from Lakefront to ANHC: Shuttle 1: Departs 5PM; Shuttle 2: Departs 5:15PM

Leaving From: Lakefront Anchorage Hotel, 4800 Spenard Rd, Anchorage, AK 99517

Arriving: Alaska Native Heritage Center, 8800 Heritage Center Dr, Anchorage, AK 99504

Dance Performance by Áanchich'x Kwaan

Keynote Speaker Crystal Ciisquq Leonetti, Director Office of Subsistence Management, US Fish & Wildlife Service

Shuttle from ANHC to Lakefront: Shuttle 1: Departs 8PM; Shuttle 2: Departs 8:15PM

Leaving From: Alaska Native Heritage Center, 8800 Heritage Center Dr, Anchorage, AK 99504

Arriving: Lakefront Anchorage Hotel, 4800 Spenard Rd, Anchorage, AK 99517

Dinner Catered by Fish On! Camp Grill

Dance Performance by Áanchich'x Kwaan

Keynote Speaker Crystal Ciisquq Leonetti,
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Office of Subsistence Management



Appetizers

Charcuterie: salmon dip, crackers, cheeses, deli meats, vegetables, fruit, shrimp ceviche, chips and house-made ranch

Salmon brat pigs in a blanket with pineapple rhubarb habanero mustard

Main Dishes

Halibut Fish Pie

Honey Garlic Glazed Baked Salmon

Sides

Jasmine Rice

Garlic Parmesan Linguini

Maple Glazed Carrots

Desserts

Peach Cobbler

Chocolate Cake

Cheese Cake

Refreshments

Coffee, Tea, Lemon Water

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Natural Resource/Stewardship Planning Tools

- *Theo Garcia, Knik Tribe*
- *Karen Linnell and Kesley Stanbro, Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission*
- *Josh Schrecengost, Natural Resource Conservation Service*

Planning Regional Gatherings in 2026-2027

- *Laurie Stuart, Tyonek Tribal Conservation District*

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Next Steps for the Network

- *Laurie Stuart, Tyonek Tribal Conservation District*
- *Aftan Lynch and Lexi Prunella, Strategic Prevention Solutions*

12:00 PM

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