

SUSTAINABLE SOUTHEAST PEER LEARNING NETWORK

ANNUAL MEETING/RETREAT

November 7-8, 2013

Eagle River Methodist Camp (Mile 28, Glacier Highway)

Juneau, Alaska

Meeting Goals

The 2013 Sustainable Southeast Network's Annual Meeting will provide community-based practitioners and leaders with an opportunity to:

Share information, tools and methods, and to prioritize the resources and support needed to advance their natural resource management and sustainable development work.

Identify the most critical local resource/information gaps/needs the Sustainable Southeast Network (SSN) could support and develop action plans to do so.

Leave the meeting feeling like a Team—empowered, invigorated, and ready to collaborate with Network and other colleagues— to accomplish sustainable development and natural resource priorities in your communities and across Southeast Alaska.

When you take breaks, please fill-in the SSN **ASSET MAP**.

November 7, 2013

Agenda

8:30-9:30 am **Arrive, Registration, Coffee/Tea & Breakfast Foods**

9:30-10:15 am **Welcome & Introductions/ Meeting Purpose & Agenda Review**

10:15-11:00 am **Session 1: How We Got Here & Where We Could Go**

The Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition (SAWC) and the Fish, People, Place, Program (FPPP) have some similar goals and priorities. This led both to realize that there are benefits to networking and sharing tools and resources. Over the last year there have been joint teleconferences/webinars, but this is our first in-person meeting.

Agenda times are somewhat flexible. We can take more or less time for a session, as long as we accomplish them all.

After a short review of the history that led to forming a Sustainable Southeast Network and this meeting, there will be time to discuss aspirations for this/our Sustainable Southeast Network.

*This meeting is co-hosted by the
Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition (SAWC) & the Fish, People and Place Program*

<http://alaskawatershedcoalition.org>

<http://sustainablesoutheast.net/>

11:00-11:30 am Break

11:30 – 2:30 pm Session 2: Stories & Peer Learning (lunch provided)

Each person will have 5-10 minutes to give a snapshot of current work in your community. Network participants will share a project/program and/or a significant challenge/obstacle that you have addressed in your work this past year.

Please choose a project/program and/or systemic challenge/obstacle that you are addressing in your community and that you feel is applicable in other communities throughout SE Alaska.

Feel free to pose a question you'd appreciate insights on. After we have shared our stories, facilitated conversation will focus on questions such as:

- What common themes emerge from these stories? What are the “take-home” points?
- List the projects/programs we collectively could work on through this network.
- List the challenges/obstacles we could overcome through this network.
- Is there value in working on common projects and/or addressing common challenges through this network?
- List the services and expertise we collectively have.
- Have we taken enough time to learn from our successes and “failures”? How can we get better at this?

2:30-3:00 pm Break

3:00-5:00 pm Building Local Capacity: What Is Available Now, What Is Needed, & Action Planning to Provide/Deliver

Wall Exercise:
Identifying and
Using the
Network's
**HUMAN
RESOURCES.**

A short written “Toolbox” document is in your packet. It summarizes the tools and services the Network has developed/made available to date.

Discussion One: What Is Available Now

1. What are the tools and services provided through the Sustainable Southeast Peer Network
2. Do you need more information about how to use any of the tools? (Break-out hand's-on learning if needed)
3. Which tools are you using now and how/why?
4. Will the tools and services being provided – if utilized- support project/program implementation and/or overcome challenges and obstacles identified above?
 - a. If not, what should change, what should be added?

5. Are there any “lessons learned” about the value of working within a network?

Discussion Two (will continue in morning): What Is Needed & Creating Action Plans

1. Let’s discuss **specific challenges or obstacles** you faced recently, or anticipate this year, to accomplishing your priorities. What support is needed to help you be successful?
2. Develop a candidate list of priority Network needs.
3. List the services and expertise we collectively have. How can we leverage these? What are the gaps?
4. During discussion or while “sorting,” break into those that Network Coordinators could help provide – either with their time or expertise – and that Network practitioners/leaders can provide to each other.
5. How do we prioritize which to fill this year? What is most important and why?
6. Create short Action Plans to accomplish priority capacity needs.

5:00 pm Meeting Adjourned for Day. Activities, Free Time & Dinner for Overnighters

November 8, 2013
Agenda

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| 7:30-8:30 am | Breakfast for overnighters |
| 8:30-9:00 am | Recap of what was Accomplished Yesterday and Today’s Agenda |
| 9:00-11:00 am | Finish: Capacity Building - What Is Needed & Creating Action Plans |
| 11:00-11:30 am | Break |
| 11:30-1:30 pm | Messages For Partners From Our Collective Wisdom (<i>lunch provided</i>) |

As a network of community practitioners and leaders we could encourage some of our partners to help/support us to overcome challenges/implement projects. What are the key messages we’d like to convey so they could be more effective? What are our strategies for accomplishing this?

Who are the Government Entities/Agencies and NGOs that are somewhere on a spectrum of Collaborators/Partners?

Dot & Index Card Exercise, followed by discussion:

1. Things they do/offer that are helpful and promote community-based sustainable development
2. Things they do/offer that are not helpful and complicate or throw a wrench in community-based sustainable development
3. Identify key messages; Develop Actions for delivering messages.

1:30-2:00 pm Break

2:00-3:30 pm Sustainable Southeast Network: Aspirations (the Vision Thing)

We started the meeting yesterday by identifying some Aspirations for the Sustainable Southeast Network. Let's revisit this list after the work and conversations we've had here.

Describe the Sustainable Southeast Network in 5 years. What are the key things needed to accomplish this?

Create short Action Plans to accomplish priority capacity needs

3:30-3:45 pm Break

**3:45-4:30 pm Wrap-Up Session With Key Messages/Themes From Retreat
Take-Aways/To-Dos....Closing Remarks**