



Alaska Common Ground

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Alaska's Changing Climate – Impacts, Policy and Action
9 am to 4 pm, Saturday, November 14th, UAA Student Union

MORNING PROGRAM

Goal of the morning program: Present and discuss the impacts of climate change in Alaska, both present and anticipated, and how we will adapt to and mitigate those impacts. The morning program will set the stage for Alaska policy and action planning discussion in the afternoon.

9:00 – 9:05 – Welcome – CLIFF GROH, Alaska Common Ground Chair

9:05 – 9:20 – Opening remarks and setting the climate change stage – LIBBY RODERICK, Moderator for the Day

9:20 – 9:45 – **OVERVIEW OF THE SCIENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN ALASKA** – DR. JEREMY LITTELL, Lead Research Scientist, USGS Alaska Climate Science Center – 20 minutes plus 5 Q&A

9:45 – 10:55 – **IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN ALASKA** - 10 minutes/panelist, and 30 minutes Q&A

- *Cultural impacts*– LARRY MERCULIEF, Deputy Director, AK Native Science Commission
- *Social and human rights* – ROBIN BRONEN, Executive Director, AK Immigration Justice Project
- *Infrastructure*, including economic impacts – MIKE BLACK, Director of Rural Utility Management, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
- *Alaska's military, its installations and military action planning* – DR. JON MONTAGUE, Native Affairs and Natural Resources Advisor, Alaskan Command

11:00 – 11:30 - **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** – BILL ROSS, Former AK DEC Commissioner, Principal of Ross Strategic - Lessons learned from climate change action plans and strategies in the Western states: what has worked and has not worked -- (20 minute presentation, 10 minute Q&A)

11:30-12:30 **LUNCH – BREAKOUT ACTION SESSION: Learn actions you can take.** Den. Meet and join residents of Anchorage that are currently taking actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

The afternoon program will focus on presentation and discussion of policies, strategies, and action planning to address present and future climate change in Alaska.

12:30 – 12:40 – 3 UAA Public Administration graduate students present

12:40 – 1:20 – **ALASKA STATE POLICY MAKERS' PANEL** – 10 minutes/panelist and 10 minutes panel Q&A

- LARRY HARTIG, Commissioner of The AK Dept. of Environmental Conservation
- CRAIG FLEENER, Special Assistant on Arctic Policy, Governor's Office
- KATE TROLL, Member of Gov. Palin's Mitigation Advisory Group

1:20 – 2:00 – **ALASKA COMMUNITY LEADERS' PANEL** – 10 minutes/panelist and 10 minutes Q&A

- ETHAN BERKOWITZ, Mayor of Anchorage
- BETH WYTHER, Mayor of Homer
- REGGIE JOULE, Former Mayor of NW Borough

2:00 – 2:10 – 3 UAA Public Administration graduate students present (3 mins each)

2:10 – 2:50 - **ALASKA CITIZENS' PANEL** – 10 minutes/panelist and 10 minutes Q&A

- SHAINA KILCOYNE, Renewable Energy Alaska Project
- GEORGE DONART, Citizens Climate Change Lobby
- FAITH GEMMILL, Resisting Environmental Destruction on Indigenous Lands, REDOIL

2:50 – 3:30 – **YOUNG ALASKANS' PANEL** – 10 minutes/panelist and 10 minutes Q&A

- MAKI MONTURE, Indigenous Fellow at AK Center for the Environment
- XAVIER MASON, President, NAACP Youth Panel
- VIKI MOROZOVA, AK Youth for Environmental Action

3:30 – 3:55 – Q&A and discussion among all panelists and audience, facilitated by moderator LIBBY RODERICK

3:55-4:00 – Wrap Up – CLIFF GROH, Chair, Alaska Common Ground