

## ALASKA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

April 1<sup>st</sup> - April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall, Juneau, AK



**ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

Please join us for our 54<sup>th</sup> Alaska Chapter of the Wildlife Society Annual Meeting.

The theme for 2025 is:

**“Voices of the Wild: Amplifying Science Through Communication”**

The Meeting Planning Committee has been hard at work organizing this year's meeting – here are some important updates:

- **Registration and abstract submission are now open!** Please register [here](#). Presenters will receive an invitation to submit their **abstracts – due by Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Student registrants will also receive an invitation to apply for **student travel awards – due by Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Workshops** will occur on April 1 (see next page for details).
- **Meeting sessions** will occur April 2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> at the [Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall](#) and the banquet will be held on Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the [Hangar Ballroom](#).
- Virtual attendance will be hosted on Zoom for plenary speakers and presentations; workshops are not available virtually.
- We are working on securing room blocks at the Baranof Hotel and the Juneau Hotel. Stay tuned for details on how to book.
- **Chapter Award nominations** will be accepted through **Friday, February 28**.
- Please send items for our **business meeting** to [twsalaska@gmail.com](mailto:twsalaska@gmail.com).
- **TWS Swag Swap Table Continues!** Bring your old TWS conference coffee mugs, shirts, binders, etc. and send them home with your colleagues instead of to the landfill. We will also have a limited supply of Chapter merch for sale.
- **Art & photo contest** - This year there will be an online photography component in addition to the in-person component. Stay tuned for details!
- A **Student-professional mixer** will be held at the Hangar Ballroom on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> following workshops. Professionals and retirees are strongly encouraged to attend – support our students!

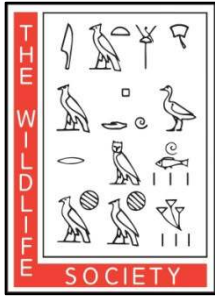
Our meeting will kick-off on Wednesday with a Plenary Work Session led by [Dr. Wendy Todd](#), Professor of Indigenous Science at the University of Alaska Southeast. Dr. Todd's session will focus on communicating with Indigenous groups, scientists, and learning about Indigenous science and how it parallels with Western science.

Details of other invited speakers & special sessions are forthcoming!

Contact us at [twsalaska@gmail.com](mailto:twsalaska@gmail.com) if you have any questions or need special accommodations.

Stay tuned for more!

Your TWS AK Chapter Conference Organizing Team



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### WORKSHOPS

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#### **Bayesian Modeling: Fundamentals to Hierarchical Models**

Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:30am – 5pm, Hangar Ballroom      Instructor – Joe Eisaguirre (USGS)

This full-day workshop will introduce participants to Bayesian philosophy and modeling approaches, covering introductory topics in the morning session followed by more advanced applications in the afternoon. Participants have the option to attend the morning only; however, afternoon attendees must attend the morning session. Selected topics include:

- Bayes theorem and comparison to frequentist statistics
- Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)
- Priors and how to choose them
- Bayesian regression analyses
- Hierarchical models and data integration

#### **Alaska Ocean Boating for Novices – Big Tides, Cold Water and Be Aware**

Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Time and Venue TBD      Instructor – Kim Titus (ADFG, Ret.)

This full-day, hands-on workshop will cover the fundamentals of boating in Alaska from cold-water safety to boat trailering/launching to operation and navigation. Participants will spend the morning learning the basics of safe boating and assisting with boat launching and preparation at Auke Bay, followed by 3-4 hours on the water. More details to come soon. This workshop is weather dependent and limited to 5 participants due to space limitations\*.

\*If there is enough interest, we will explore an overflow Boating Safety Course through AMSEA. Please indicate your interest on the registration form!