

ALASKA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
2025 ANNUAL MEETING

April 1st - April 4th, 2025
Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall, Juneau, AK



ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Please join us for our **54th** 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:

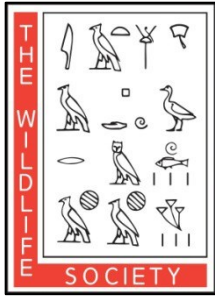
- **Registration and abstract submission are now open!** Please register [here](#). Presenters will receive an invitation to submit their **abstracts – due by Friday, March 7th (EXTENDED – FINAL DEADLINE)**. Student registrants will also receive an invitation to apply for **student travel awards – due by Friday, March 7th**.
- **Workshops** will occur on April 1 (see next page for details).
- **Meeting sessions** will occur April 2nd- 4th at the [Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall](#) and the banquet will be held on Thursday April 3rd 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, March 7th (EXTENDED)**.
- Please send items for our **business meeting** to 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.
- **Introducing the 2025 AK-TWS Art Contest!** The theme this year is *“Habitats, Wildlife, and People of Alaska”*. This contest is open to all art media, including photography, paintings, illustration, sculpture, fiber arts, jewelry, etc. To facilitate participation for in-person and virtual meeting attendees alike, we have **two options for entry: in-person and online**. See our [website](#) for details!
- A **Student-professional mixer** will be held at the Hangar Ballroom on Tuesday, April 1st following workshops. Professionals and retirees are strongly encouraged to attend – support our students!

Unfortunately, our invited plenary speaker can no longer attend. Instead, we will kick off our meeting on Wednesday with a special session on science communication, collaboration and co-stewardship.

Contact us at 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

Genetics 101: Conservation Genetics Methods and Applications

Tuesday, April 1st, 9am – 5pm, Hangar Ballroom Instructor – Elise Stacy (University of Idaho)

This full-day workshop will introduce participants to methods applied in conservation genetics, covering introductory topics in the morning session followed by analysis in R in the afternoon. Participants have the option to attend the morning only; however, afternoon attendees must attend the morning session. Selected topics include*:

- Population genetics theory
- Types of genetic markers and their uses
- DNA Barcoding
- Analyses of population structure
- Metrics of genetic diversity
- Genetic differentiation, genetic distance, and isolation by distance

* The material in this workshop will be geared toward undergraduate and graduate students, as well as professionals, who have limited exposure to population genetics and want to learn about common methods used in conservation genetics. Participants should have prior coursework in statistics and some experience using R.

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

Tuesday, April 1st, 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!