

Conference-at-a-Glance		
Tuesday, April 1, 2025		
8:30 am - 4:00 pm	Alaska Ocean Boating for Novices Workshop Two sessions: Session 1 8:30am - 12pm, Session 2 12pm - 3:30/4pm	
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Genetics 101 Workshop - The Hangar Ballroom	
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Opening Student-Professional Mixer - The Hangar Ballroom	
Wednesday, April 2, 2025		
9:00am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	
9:05 am	Keynote Session	Mike Taras (Alaska Department of Fish and Game)
9:50 am		Sarah Markegard (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
10:25 am		Chuck Smythe (Sealaska Heritage Institute)
11:00 am	Break	
11:15 am	Member Listening Session	Open townhall-style forum beginning with updates from National TWS followed by questions from members.
12:15 pm	Lunch	
1:30 pm	Business Meeting	Updates from Executive Board, Active Committees, and Working Groups
3:00 pm	Wrap-up and Announcements	
6:00 pm	"Unofficial" Social Event at Devil's Club Brewing	
Thursday, April 3, 2025		
8:30 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	
8:40 am	Session 1: Wildlife Disease and Health Impacts	K. Beckmen - Neosporosis, an emerging parasitic threat to free-ranging caribou?
9:00 am		G. Roffler - Switching to marine prey leads to unprecedented mercury concentrations in a population of coastal Alaska wolves
9:20 am		K. Denryter - Disentangling the roles of nutrition, brucellosis, and their interactions on reproductive performance and demography of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd
9:40 am		S. Crawford - Seabird mercury concentrations in context of large-scale mortality events during the breeding season within the Bering sea and Aleutian islands (2009-2023)
10:00 am		J. Cornish - Identifying Proximate and Ultimate Causes of Neonatal Mortality in Nelchina Caribou
10:20 am	Break	
10:40 am	Session 2: Human-Wildlife Interactions and Conservation	J. Keating - Elevating Traditional Knowledge in the Regulatory Process: A Case Study from the Copper River Basin
11:00 am		B. Wold - Juneau Cares About Bears: Trash, Conflict, and Community Solutions
11:20 am		J. Reimer - Population structure and geneflow of little brown bats throughout Alaska
11:40 am		K. Blejwas - Fall and Spring Roosting Ecology of Little Brown Bats
12:00 pm		E. Stacy - Trapper Knowledge Informs Wolverine Landscape Genetics

Thursday, April 3, 2025 (cont.)		
12:20 pm	Lunch	
1:30 pm	Quiz Bowl	Hosted by the UAF Student Chapter. Prizes for the winning team!
3:00 pm	Wrap-up and Announcements	
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Banquet and Awards Ceremony	Speaker: Riley Woodford, ADFG
Friday, April 4, 2025		
8:30 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	
8:40 am	Session 3: Population Ecology and Movement	A. Prichard - Using Hidden Markov Models to Identify Caribou Behaviors from GPS Data Within a Northern Alaska Oilfield 2014–2024
9:00 am		B. Sullender - Temperatures drive mid-winter activity patterns and habitat trade-offs across moose latitudinal range
9:20 am		F. Rosenbower - Bull Moose Seasonal Distribution: Are hunters and biologists seeing the same moose?
9:40 am		B. Wendling - A Comparative Study of Dall’s Sheep Ecology in Hunted and Unhunted Populations
10:00 am		T. Lewis - Wolves as Indicator Species in Rapidly Changing Glacier Bay
10:20 am	Break	
10:40 am	Session 4: Novel Monitoring Methods	A. Lewis - Validating wolf detection at hair traps using trail cameras
11:00 am		M. Connor - Exploring novel methodologies to study a highly sensitive species: Small drones and spotted seals
11:20 am		A. Crupi - Hair snares improve brown bear density and abundance estimation in Southeast Alaska
11:40 am		T. Hasbrouck - Integrated spatial capture-recapture approach to estimate abundance of Sitka black-tailed deer
12:00 pm		M. Plichta - Listening to the Arctic: A Four-Year Study of Soundscapes in Northern Alaska
12:20 pm	Lunch	
1:30 pm	Session 5: Habitats	T. Brinkman - Effects of Forest Thinning on Deer Abundance in Southeast Alaska
1:50 pm		T. Levi - Using DNA metabarcoding to explore the effects of precommercial thinning on deer forage in the Tongass National Forest
2:10 pm		K. Titus - Status Update – Tongass National Forest Plan Revision
2:30 pm		A. Reinking - Does Modeled Snow Data for Wildlife Applications Represent Reality?
2:50 pm		W. Hein - Improving predictions of insect harassment for barren-ground caribou in the Arctic
3:10 pm	Poster Session	
4:10 pm	Wrap-up, Presentation and Art Contest Awards, and Final Announcements	