

# HIDDEN FOREST VALUES II

ADDRESSING TRADITIONAL VALUES, INCOME  
OPPORTUNITIES, AND SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES IN ALASKA

October 1st—2nd, 2004

A Conference on Non-Timber Forest Products

Sheet'ka Kwaan Naa Kahidi—Community House  
Sitka, Alaska



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8:00—8:30	REGISTRATION AND MORNING COFFEE
8:30—9:15	CONFERENCE OPENING AND WELCOME
9:15—10:15	Kayaani Commission— <i>Respect and Traditional Uses of Plants</i> Irene Jimmy, Kiks.ádi Elder Jessie Johnnie, Chookaneidee Elder George Bennett, Sr., T'a̅kdeintaan Elder Ethel Makinen, L'ukna̅x.ádi Elder Libby Watanabe, L'ukna̅x.ádi Scott Brylinsky, Local Naturalist
10:15—10:30	BREAK
10:30—12:30	<i>Working with Traditional Plant Knowledge Respectfully</i> Ida Calmegane, Carcross, Yukon Marie Olson, Juneau Elaine Abraham, Yakutat Violet James, Juneau
12:30—1:30	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
1:30—2:15	<i>Intentions and Impacts: Forest Management Policy and Non-timber Forest Product Sustainability</i> Susan J. Alexander, Regional Economist, Alaska Region, USDA Forest Service
2:15—3:00	<i>Using and not Losing: Traditional Resource Management Practices and Non-timber Forest Products</i> Nancy Turner, Ethnobotanist, University of Victoria
3:00—3:30	BREAK
3:30—4:00	<i>Grow the Habitat and they will come... Sustainable Mushroom Harvesting in Alaska</i> David Pilz, Forest Mycologist, Oregon State University
4:00—4:30	<i>Non-timber Forest Product Inventorying and Monitoring: Rationale and Recommendations for a Participatory Approach</i> Kathryn A. Lynch, President and Research Partner, Institute of Culture and Ecology
4:30—5:00	Speaker Panel Discussion
5:00—9:00	TRADE FAIR & POSTER SESSION OPEN TO PUBLIC
6:00—8:00	BANQUET HOSTED BY SITKA TRIBE OF ALASKA

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8:00—8:30	REGISTRATION AND MORNING COFFEE
8:30—9:30	<i>Non-timber Forest Product Marketing and Product Development</i> Tom Hammett, Virginia Polytech
9:30—10:00	<i>Non-timber Forest Product Florals</i> Jim Freed, Washington State University
10:00—10:30	BREAK
10:30—11:00	<i>Developing a Non-timber Forest Product Database for Alaska</i> Jerry Smith, Consultant, USDA Forest Service
11:00—12:00	<i>Secrets of Success—NTFP Producer Success Stories</i> Alaska NTFP Owners and Operators
12:00—1:00	BUFFET LUNCH
1:00—4:00	Depart for Tours* <i>Transportation provided</i> <i>Option 1: In and Around Sitka</i> Sheldon Jackson Museum, Sitka NTFP businesses, and the National Park Service Sitka Historical Park  <i>Option 2: Outdoors and Out of Sitka</i> Guided trip to Starrigavan Recreation Area Trails System

**CONFERENCE MISSION**

The purpose of this conference is to exchange information, cooperate, and raise awareness of issues on sustainable and equitable, environmentally and economically viable opportunities for non-timber forest products (NTFPs) in Alaska. This discourse seeks a balance of development and sustainability, with respect for traditional uses.

This conference will accomplish this by bringing together a diverse assemblage of local, state and federal agencies, tribal governments, traditional users, landholders, cottage enterprises and other NTFP related businesses, scientists, and NTFP experts

\* SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER EARLY TO ENSURE 1ST CHOICE OF TOUR.

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AIR TRANSPORTATION

Registrants traveling to Sitka on Alaska Airlines between September 28th and October 5th are eligible for a 10% discount.

Alaska Airlines Group Reservations Desk      1-800-445-4435  
 NTFP Conference Meeting Code                      CMR7012

HOTEL LODGING

Discounted rooms are available at the Westmark Shee Atika for the nights of September 30th, October 1st, and October 2nd. Rooms are limited. Reservations must be made by August 30th to guarantee conference rates.

Westmark Reservation Desk                              1-800-544-9740  
 Single or Double    \$99.00 + 11% tax

Limited student housing is also available at Sheldon Jackson College. For more information about availability, facilities, and rates contact: Colleen Lawyer, Sitka CES      907-747-6065

**ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES IN SITKA**

Participants arriving early or staying late can visit the *Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center, INC. (SEAICC)* at Sitka National Park Visitor Center, Alaska's oldest federally designated park, established in 1890. In 1910, the park became a national monument to commemorate the 1804 Battle of Sitka. This year is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event.

SEAICC was founded to demonstrate and teach Tlingit, Haida and Tsimpsian art forms. The artists daily utilize Non-timber Forest Products in their artwork and welcome your questions and interest.

Other events occurring in Sitka on or around October 1-2, 2004:

- 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Event of the 1804 Battle of Sitka, Kiksadi Clan, TBA (possibly first week Oct, 2004)
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Event of the 1904 Potlatch, Kaagwaantaan Clan, October 2-3, 2004.
- Alaska Native Brotherhood Grand Camp Annual Convention, October 4-9, 2004

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Non-timber forest products (NTFPs) are defined as biological material harvested from the forest that has not been produced from commercially sawn wood such as lumber, pulp, and paper. NTFPs include an array of plants and plant parts that have been used for centuries by Alaska Natives and for several centuries by homesteaders and non-Native Alaskans.

**ALASKAN NTFPS**

A variety of non-timber forest products are made and used in Alaska, including:

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| * Balms & Salves  | * Baskets         |
| * Floral Supplies | * Herbal Remedies |
| * Jams & Jellies  | * Mushrooms       |
| * Potpourri       | * Soaps           |
| * Syrups          | * Teas            |
| * Weavings        | * Woodcrafts      |

NTFPs are important for a variety of reasons. Plants like Devil's Club have great medicinal, cultural, and spiritual value. Other plants like blueberry and highbush cranberry are important food sources. Spruce roots are used to make baskets and spruce needle tips are used to make jelly. Driftwood is prized for home decorative pieces. Ferns, moss, and flowering plants are used for floral arrangements. Evergreen boughs and cones are used for winter decorative wreaths. Mushrooms are collected in the wild and sold to international markets.

The NTFP Trade Fair on the evening Friday, October 1st will include exhibits featuring Alaskan NTFPs, as well as educational booths about the latest research on NTFPs. The Trade Fair is free and open to the public.

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# REGISTRATION FORM

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**Make Checks Payable to:**  
**Alaska Association of Conservation Districts**  
**510 L Street, Suite 280**  
**Anchorage, AK 99503**

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION—INCLUDES COFFEE BREAKS, FRIDAY BANQUET, SATURDAY LUNCH,  
'TRADE FAIR SPACE, NTFP TOUR, AND CONFERENCE MATERIALS

Government Agency and Corporate Rate.....\$75.00

Student, Senior, and Entrepreneur Rate.....\$45.00

Additional Attendees for Friday Banquet—6:00-8:00.....\$15.00 each

**Total**

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TRADE FAIR AND POSTER SESSION—FRIDAY 5:00-9:00—PLEASE CHECK (✓) TO RESERVE SPACE.

Display space of 1/2 table† provided free of charge for educational and promotional displays  
relating to non-timber forest products.

Commercial vendors are responsible for complying with local regulations.

† Requests for additional space will be handled on a first come, first serve basis.

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NTFP TOURS#—SATURDAY 1:00-4:00—PLEASE CHECK (✓) PREFERRED OPTION.

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Option 2: Outdoors and Out of Sitka

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# Note: Space is limited to first 50 registrants for transportation, additional space may be made available prior to event.

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