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Governance Body Meeting Agenda

July 29, 2026, 10:00 AM (Alaska Time)
Koniag Anchorage Office | JL Tower
3800 Centerpoint Drive, Seventh Floor
Anchorage, AK 99503

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call & Introductions
3. Safety Moment
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of [Minutes for April 8, 2026](#), Governance Body Meeting

Old Business | N/A

New Business

6. Welcome Remarks
7. Regional Liaisons Update | 5 Minutes Each |
Compiled reports for April, May, and June 2026 are linked below:
 - o 1. [Kenai](#); 2. [PWS](#); 3. [Southeast](#); 4. [SW \(Aleutians\)](#); 5. [SW \(Kodiak\)](#)
8. Project Updates | 15 Minutes on Goals & Metrics
 1. Revolving Loan Fund (SEC, Spruce Root)
 - a. RLF Update: Jamey Young, SEC
 - b. [Business Planning Services](#): Taylor Holshouser, Seamark & Andrew Jylkka, Spruce Root
 2. Governance, Coordination and Outreach (EDDs & AMA)
 3. Workforce Development (UAA, UAF, UAS)
 - a. Missy Good, UAF Alaska Sea Grant; Aldo Grifo-Hahn, UAS Sitka; Amanda Glazier, UAA PWSC
 - b. [Hands-on Farm Training](#): Suzie Flores, Kodiak Ocean Growers

Break for Lunch | Approximately 12:30 PM

4. Research and Development (ADFG, AFDF)
 - a. Alex Huller, AFDF
 - b. [Site Suitability Modeling](#): Tobias Dewhurst, Kelson Marine
 - c. [Carbon Sequestration \(Glacial Flour\)](#): Audrey Welsh, ACEP/UAF
5. Market Development (SEC)
 - a. [Marketing Program](#): Karmen Johnson, Tastemaker Comms & Kate Conenstein, Rising Tide Communications
6. Green Energy (AFDF) – Alex Huller, AFDF
7. Equipment and Technology (SEC, DEC)
 - a. [Industry Tracking Memo](#): Sam Friedman, McKinley Research
 - b. [Mariculture Equipment Program Update](#): Dan Lesh, SEC
 - c. [Kodiak KP3 Equipment Project](#): Chris Sannito, Sun'aq Tribe
8. Grant Administration (SEC)
 - a. Succession Planning: Sylvia Craig, McKinley Research Group
 - b. [South Korea Study Tour Report](#): Dan Lesh, SEC

Other Topics

9. Review of RFPs Issued & Upcoming
 - [Farmer Knowledge Exchange Grant Program 2026](#) – Rolling Basis
 - [Project Management & Grant Administration Consulting](#) – Rolling Basis
10. Upcoming Events:
 - [TFI Agronomy Conference](#) | Aug. 24–26 | Indianapolis, IN
 - [PCSGA Annual Shellfish Conference & Tradeshow](#) | Sept. 14-17 | Blaine, WA
 - [SEC Annual Meeting](#) | Sept. 28 - Oct. 1 | Ketchikan, AK
11. Public Comment
12. Next Governance Body meeting is in Anchorage, AK on November 4, 2026
13. Good of the Order
14. Adjourn