Welcome and Agenda

• Housekeeping and Introductions

• Overview of Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy

• Investment Opportunities

• Outreach and Engagement

• Next Steps

• Questions and Answers on the Process
Housekeeping Tips

• We will be keeping everyone on mute to decrease background noise.

• Use the chat box to ask questions or wait until the Q&A session at the end of the presentation.

• Use the “raise hand” function to ask questions and consider turning on your video while speaking.
USDA Intra-Agency Team

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Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy

Supports and enhances a diverse economy, community and cultural resilience, and conserves natural resources

- Meaningful consultation with Tribal Nations and Alaska Native corporations and engagement with partners and municipal governments.

- Ending large-scale, old-growth timber harvest and focus resources to support forest restoration, recreation, climate resilience, and sustainable young-growth management.

- Proposing restoration of the 2001 Roadless Rule protections.

- Identifying short- and long-term investment opportunities and barriers to those investments.
Investment Opportunities

• Leverage federally funded opportunities.

• Allows evaluation of a full suite of investment opportunities.

• Recognizes the interdependent relationships in the region.

• Prioritizes USDA resources and capacity.
Strategy Outcomes

• Stronger relationships with Tribal Nations, Alaska Native corporations, partners, and municipal governments.

• Diverse engagements to hear the knowledgeable local voices.

• Federal dollars tied to sustainable investments directed by local voices.

• Builds on a variety of private-sector economic drivers to include tourism, fishing, and recreation.
Short and Long-Term Investments

• Commitment of up to $25 million based on local priorities.

• Complementary to partnerships, and inclusive of the values and people in the region.

• Short-term - identifying projects to quickly deploy funds or capacity.

• Long-term - forward-looking approach for future investments that are responsive to local priorities.
Investments - Infrastructure

- Access (docks, trails, roads, bridges)
- Public Health (water, wastewater, medical facilities)
- Technology (broadband, cellular)
- Renewable Energy (hydro, biomass)
- Recreation Sites (cabins, visitor centers and services)
Investments – Natural Resources

• Subsistence
• Mariculture
• Fisheries
• Watershed, Fish, and Wildlife Restoration
• Young-growth Forest Management
• Agriculture
Investments - Capacity

• Workforce Development
• Youth Engagement
• Business Development
• Tourism Development
• Artisan Products
Tribal and Indigenous Interests

- Wild/Cultural Traditional Foods
- Food Security
- Traditional Technical Knowledge
- Cultural Use of Trees
- Workforce Development
- Arts and Culture
How can we be better partners?

Financial Instruments
• Authorities
• Matching $ for Grant Programs

Commercial Access
• Capacity
• Modernization

One USDA
• Intra-agency Coordination
• Internal Capacity
Submit Investment Ideas
Sept. 15 – Oct. 18

- Use the ONLINE INPUT TOOL found on our website.
- Request a meeting to discuss your ideas.
- Email your ideas, proposals, existing plans to [SM.FS.SASS_Info@usda.gov](mailto:SM.FS.SASS_Info@usda.gov).
Welcome to the SE AK Sustainability Strategy (SASS) Input Tool.

Your input is critical to identifying local priorities for short and long term investments. To seek assistance on this input tool, please contact us at 907-723-5855.

Please use the tool below to submit one investment idea or identified barrier at a time (return to the main page to submit additional items). Identify the primary category that your investment/barrier is aligned to and chose additional sub-topics as relevant. Please be as specific as possible and feel free to add attachments to the bottom of the page.

Name

Organization

Email Address
Next Steps

- Working together to identify investments where funds can be deployed quickly
- Compile and analyze the input received
- USDA Intra-Agency Team will develop a recommendation to the Secretary of Agriculture based on your input
- Feedback will be forthcoming after a USDA review
- Projects may begin in 2022
- Long-term investment collaboration to follow
Q & A

• As they apply to the presentation.

• Regarding the Strategy and the Investment Component.

• Providing input, feedback and ideas.

• How to submit investment proposals.
We look forward to working with you, hearing your ideas, and reviewing your investment opportunities.

Find more information on our website at