

## **26<sup>th</sup> Annual International Submerged Lands Management Conference**

### **Residential Encroachment onto submerged land in Alaska: Land Management Policy and Issues**

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**Abstract:** Alaska, the Last Frontier! There is a fierce determination in Alaskan's to hold onto the independence of the last frontier lifestyle. The ability to build when and where they want with little thought given as to what permits or authorizations may be required, or for that matter, who the land may belong to. This fierce determination creates a unique management challenge for Alaska Land managers as development occurs throughout the state. This presentation provides an historical context and a present day characterization of residential encroachments within Alaska. It discusses the issues and challenges associated with residential encroachment and outlines the State of Alaska's policy and permitting process relating to residential use of tide and submerged lands. It also provides detail as to fees, performance guarantees and other permit conditions imposed when authorizing residential development and use of the tide and submerged lands of Alaska.

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