



City of Nome Investment Summit

Friday, April 18, 2025

AGENDA

The City of Nome Investment Summit aims to bring together the public and private sectors to highlight investment opportunities in Nome. Nome is on the front lines of Arctic science diplomacy and U.S. power projection in the Arctic. The Port of Nome is of national significance as the nation's first deep draft port in the U.S. Arctic and serves as a refueling and resupply support facility. As commercial shipping, fishing and tourism expand, the opportunity for shaping economic development of the region is imperative. An investment at the Port of Nome is an investment in the future of global commerce. This summit will focus on science, tourism, workforce development, public infrastructure, fisheries export, critical minerals, hospitality development and military support.

LEADERSHIP KEYNOTE 9:45 AM

John Handeland, Mayor, City of Nome

Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator, United States Senate

Roy Ashenfelter, Chairman, Bering Straits Native Corporation

Melanie Bahnke, President and CEO, Kawerak Inc.

Marilyn Koezuna-Irelan, Chairwoman, King Island Native Corporation

Leila Kimbrell, Executive Director, Resource Development Council

Steve White, Executive Director, Marine Exchange of Alaska

TOURISM 11:15 AM

Susan Bell, Vice President Strategic Initiatives, Huna Totem Corporation

Shauntel Bruner Alvanna, Nome Visitor Center and Nome Chamber of Commerce

BUILDING COMMUNITY 11:45 AM

Seth Kaplan, PhD, Lecturer, School of Advanced International Studies, John Hopkins

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN – 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM

SCIENCE 1:00 PM

Terri Mitchell, UIC Science General Manager

Lynn Palensky, Executive Director, North Pacific Research Board

Larry Hinzman, President's Arctic Professor, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

Emma Pate, Executive Director, Nome Eskimo Community



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PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE 2:00 PM

Julie Kitka, Federal Co-Chair, Denali Commission

Jolene Lyon, President and CEO, Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority

Joy Baker, Acting Port Director, City of Nome

CRITICAL MINERALS 3:00 PM

Mike Schaffner, Senior Vice President Operations, Graphite One

INVESTMENT/DEVELOPMENT 3:15 PM

Clark Penney, President and CEO, Penney Capital

Hugh Short, CEO, PT Capital

Luke Welles, Chairman, Alaska Bond Bank & General Manager/CEO, Rural Health Solutions

RECEPTION 4:30 PM-5:30 PM Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

City of Nome Arctic Investment Summit Join Zoom Meeting

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