

Climate Change in Our Backyard Workshop Schedule

March 28th, 2015 – Kenai Peninsula College Commons

9:00 Coffee & Storytelling

Featured storytellers with song, poems, and tales of life and change on the Kenai Peninsula – George Holly, Marge Mullen, Steve Schoonmaker, Hannah Heimbuch, Haley Trefon

Welcome - Sammy Crawford, [Central Peninsula League of Women Voters](#)

9:45 Introduction – Mayor Mike Navarre, [Kenai Peninsula Borough](#)

10:00-11:40 Presentations (Branden Bornemann, moderator)

10:00 – 10:25 Dr. Jeremy Littell, USGS [Alaska Climate Science Center](#) – *Kenai's climate in the context of global climate change*

10:25 – 10:50 Dr. John Morton, USFWS [Kenai National Wildlife Refuge](#) – *Kenai's changing landscape and its effects on plants and wildlife*

10:50 – 11:15 Mitch Michaud, USDA [Natural Resource Conservation Service](#) – *Kenai's changing fire regime*

11:15 – 11:40 Steve Baird, [Kachemak Bay Research Reserve](#) - *Sea level rise and coastal erosion along the Cook Inlet*

11:40 – 12:00 Break to network, visit information tables, and view videos

12:00 – 12:30 Lunch served

Children's presentation in commons area during lunch break

12:30 – 1:00 Keynote Address by [Nancy Lord](#), Author of [Early Warming: Crisis and Response in the Climate-Changed North](#) – *Climate Change in Our Backyard: A Northern Perspective*

1:00 – 1:50 Presentations continue

1:00 – 1:25 Sue Mauger, [Cook Inletkeeper](#) – *Rising temperatures in Kenai's salmon streams*

1:25 – 2:00 Robert Ruffner, [Kenai Watershed Forum](#) – *Solutions and ideas for mitigation and adaptation*

2:00 – 2:30 Break to network, visit information tables, and view videos

2:30-3:50 Mayors' Panel Discussion (Sammy Crawford, moderator)

[Mike Navarre](#) – Mayor, Kenai Peninsula Borough

[Nels Anderson](#) – Mayor, City of Soldotna

[Rissie Casagrande](#) – City Council Member, City of Seward

[Brian Gabriel](#) - Vice Mayor, City of Kenai

[Beth Wythe](#) – Mayor, City of Homer

Join mayors and city council staff from Kenai, Soldotna, Seward, Homer, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough in a community discussion about climate adaptation and mitigation ideas.

3:50 – 4:00 Wrap-up and Final Discussion