

<b>Conference-at-a-Glance</b>		
Tuesday, April 7, 2026		
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Bayesian Modeling Workshop - USGS Alaska Science Center	
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Field Necropsy Workshop - UAA ConocoPhillips Integrated Science Building	
9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Field Trip - Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center	
Wednesday, April 8, 2026		
8:45am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	
9:00 am	Plenary Session	Erin Ranney - <i>Diving into Storytelling</i>
10:00 am	HQ Updates	Ed Arnett, TWS CEO
11:00 am	Break	
11:30 am	Session 1: Disease & Range Expansion	<i>N. Hamilton - Historic and contemporary museum specimens implicate Northern Red-backed Vole (Clethrionomys rutilus) as borealpox host as early as 1990s</i>
11:55 am		<i>K. Zhang* - Annual Patterns, Seasonal Shifts, and Modeled Trends in Polar Bear Encounters Near Prudhoe Bay, Alaska</i>
12:20 pm	Announcements	
12:30 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Session 2: Human Dimensions, Harvest & Food Systems	<i>S. Iverson* - Salmon and Food Security in the Upper Copper River: Assessing Long-Term Changes in Availability</i>
2:25 pm		<i>T. Paragi - Domestic and wild red meat supply in Alaska, 2000-2016</i>
2:50 pm		<i>E. Candler - Offal Opportunity</i>
3:15 pm	Wrap-up and Announcements	
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Student-Professional Mixer - King Street Brewing Company <b>Sponsored by Alaska Ducks Unlimited</b>	
Thursday, April 9, 2026		
9:00 am	Opening Remarks	
9:15 am	Special Session: Tools in Technology	<i>M. Cobb - Using Large Language Models to Transform Unstructured Information into Actionable Data in Wildlife Management</i>
9:40 am		<i>M. Ahern - Assessing Efficacy of Remote Cameras and Aerial Surveys in Understanding Mountain Goat Space Use</i>
10:05 am		<i>A. Reinking* - A Compendium of North American Operational Snow Datasets for Wildlife Ecologists - with an Emphasis on Alaska</i>
10:30 am		Break

Thursday, April 9, 2026 (cont.)		
10:45 am	Special Session: Tools in Technology	E. Stacy – <i>Developing a GTseq panel for individual identification and evaluating application for native and transplanted Sitka black-tailed deer populations</i>
11:10 am		E. Racenet* – <i>Validating Antler- and Movement-Based Estimates of Reproduction in Barren-Ground Caribou using Video Camera Collars</i>
11:35 am		L. Vann* – <i>Curious Caribou: Infrastructure Influences Caribou Interactions with Camera Traps in Alaska's Arctic</i>
12:00 pm	Lunch	
1:30 pm	Business Meeting	Chapter and Working Group Updates
3:00 pm	Wrap-up and Announcements	
3:15 pm	Break	
4:30 pm	Poster Session and Happy Hour	
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Banquet and Awards Ceremony <i>Speaker: Grant Hilderbrand</i>	
Friday, April 10, 2026		
9:00 am	Opening Remarks	
9:15 am	Session 3: Wildlife Genetics & Population Assessment	E. Petrou – <i>Development of a genotyping-in-thousands by sequencing (GT-seq) panel for identifying individuals and estimating relatedness among Alaska black bears (Ursus americanus)</i>
9:40 am		W. Smith – <i>Empirical portrait of an imperiled island endemic subspecies: Glaucomys sabrinus griseifrons</i>
10:05 am		M. Milligan – <i>Broad-scale predictors of population trends in Alaskan breeding birds</i>
10:30 am	Break	
10:45 am	Quiz Bowl <i>Hosted by UAF Student Chapter</i>	
12:00 pm	Lunch	
1:35 pm	Session 4: Ungulate Ecology & Movement	A. Prichard – <i>Caribou Distribution and Movements Near a New North Slope Oilfield Road 2021–2025</i>
2:00 pm		T. Fullman – <i>Roads influence caribou movement behavior and survival in northwestern Alaska</i>
2:25 pm		H. Johnson – <i>Behavioral flexibility drives fitness tradeoffs for migratory caribou experiencing environmental change</i>
2:50 pm		H. Thamm* – <i>Vulnerability of Dall sheep to Avalanches in Southcentral, Alaska</i>
3:15 pm	Break	
3:30 pm	Student Presentation and Art Contest Awards	
4:10 pm	Wrap-up and Final Announcements	

\* denotes student

+ denotes virtual presentation