CONFERENCE GOALS

OBJECTIVES

- To identify and support potential collaborative efforts to prevent industrial-scale mining and associated activities in Alaska.
- To provide opportunities for participants to learn and expand their knowledge and skills in areas such as organizing, communication, legal and other technical expertise that is pertinent to preventing industrial-scale mining.
- To bring funders to Alaska to expand their knowledge around the issue of industrial-scale mining in Alaska and all that it entails and introduce them to those who are or will be impacted and advocates.

PURPOSE

- Elevate the experiences of those directly impacted by mining, especially Indigenous peoples, who are often the most affected and who have stewarded our land for generations.
- Establish funder's interest in mining issues by exposing them to the broad impacts and growing potential threats Alaska's people, lands, and waters face.

THE SHORT VERSION

- Relationship building: Gather in-person and foster connections
- Create space for knowledge sharing, storytelling, and learning
- Inspire potential funding

WHAT THIS CONFERENCE IS NOT

- The purpose of this conference is not to create a state-wide strategy to prevent industrial-scale mining efforts or a state-wide plan to address impacts from mining.
- The purpose of this conference is not to establish an ongoing coordinated effort such as a coalition or campaign.
- The purpose of this conference is not to be a traditional fundraising event. ACF will not make a direct pitch to any of the funders in attendance.
- The purpose of this conference is not to establish a conversation with the mining industry or regulators (state and federal agencies).
- The purpose of this conference is not to serve as a promotional event for Alaska Conservation Foundation.
MEETING AGREEMENTS

Be present, engaged, and inclusive
uplift matriarchal, decentralized, marginalized, and oppressed leadership and voices

Create a safe space
for people to speak for themselves and when speaking, speak to be understood and listen to understand

Value our time together
build just relationships among ourselves with meaningful conversations

Takest thou hats off
work together in unity, solidarity, and accountability to each other

Be responsible for your experience
take care of yourself and each other

Be Soulful
while knowing our value of humor helps us

Use this space
to take steps towards a just and equitable transition away from an extractive, oppressive economy toward a regenerative, holistic, living worldview.

Alaska Conservation Foundation has been inspired by the Jemez Principles, Alaska Just Transition Principles, and First Alaskan Institute’s Meeting agreements to set these agreements.