

East Asian - Australasian Flyway Partnership 7th Meeting of Partners

10 June 2013 - 14 June 2013

Anchorage (Captain Cook Hotel), Alaska

Seward (Windsong Lodge), Alaska

Information for Participants

Dates of the Meeting:

9 June (Sun) Optional	Bird watching tour sponsored by Audubon Alaska 9:00am – 3:00pm (The bus will be at the Hotel Captain Cook from 8:45am, and be sure that you're ready to board the bus by 9 o'clock sharp.)
10 June (Mon):	MoP7 [Day 1]
11 June (Tue):	MoP7 [Day 2]
12 June (Wed):	MoP7 [Day 3]
13 June (Thur):	Field trip – Kenai Fjords National Park with Fox Island
14 June (Fri):	MoP7 [Day 4 – half day] Depart Seward in the afternoon

Note: Side meetings will be included in Days 1-3 of MoP7

Entry Visas

For visa, please contact nearest U.S. embassy/consulate in your country. The invitation letter you requested from the Assistant Regional Director, Alaska Region, EAAFP MoP 7 Project Officer, U.S., should be sufficient for obtaining your entry visa to Anchorage, Alaska. Please check about visas as soon as possible.

Transportation:

- Participants can reach Anchorage, Alaska, via international flights.
- The Captain Cook Hotel is about 5 miles from the airport. The Hotel provides pick-up services for a \$12.00 one way fee and \$20.00 round trip fee.
- Taxis (Anchorage Checker Cab (907)276-1234) & Alaska Yellow Cab (907)222-2222 are also available and will charge approximately \$20.00 each way.
- Transportation will be provided to the Windsong Lodge in Seward, Alaska.

Accommodations:

- The Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Phone #: (907)276-6000 & 1-800-843-1950

- The Seward Windsong Lodge
31772 Herman Leirer Road
Seward, Alaska 99664
Phone #: (907)224-7116 & 1-877-777-4079

Participants are expected to be self-funded unless offered sponsorship (in writing) by the Secretariat. Special room rate for MoP7 participants: Captain Cook Hotel - \$225.00 plus tax with a \$12 voucher for breakfast. Windsong Lodge - \$190 plus tax; breakfast included. Facilities have wireless Internet access.

Meeting Venue:

MoP7 will be held at the Mid Deck conference room (Anchorage) and the Glacier conference room (Seward). Two other meeting conference rooms will be available.

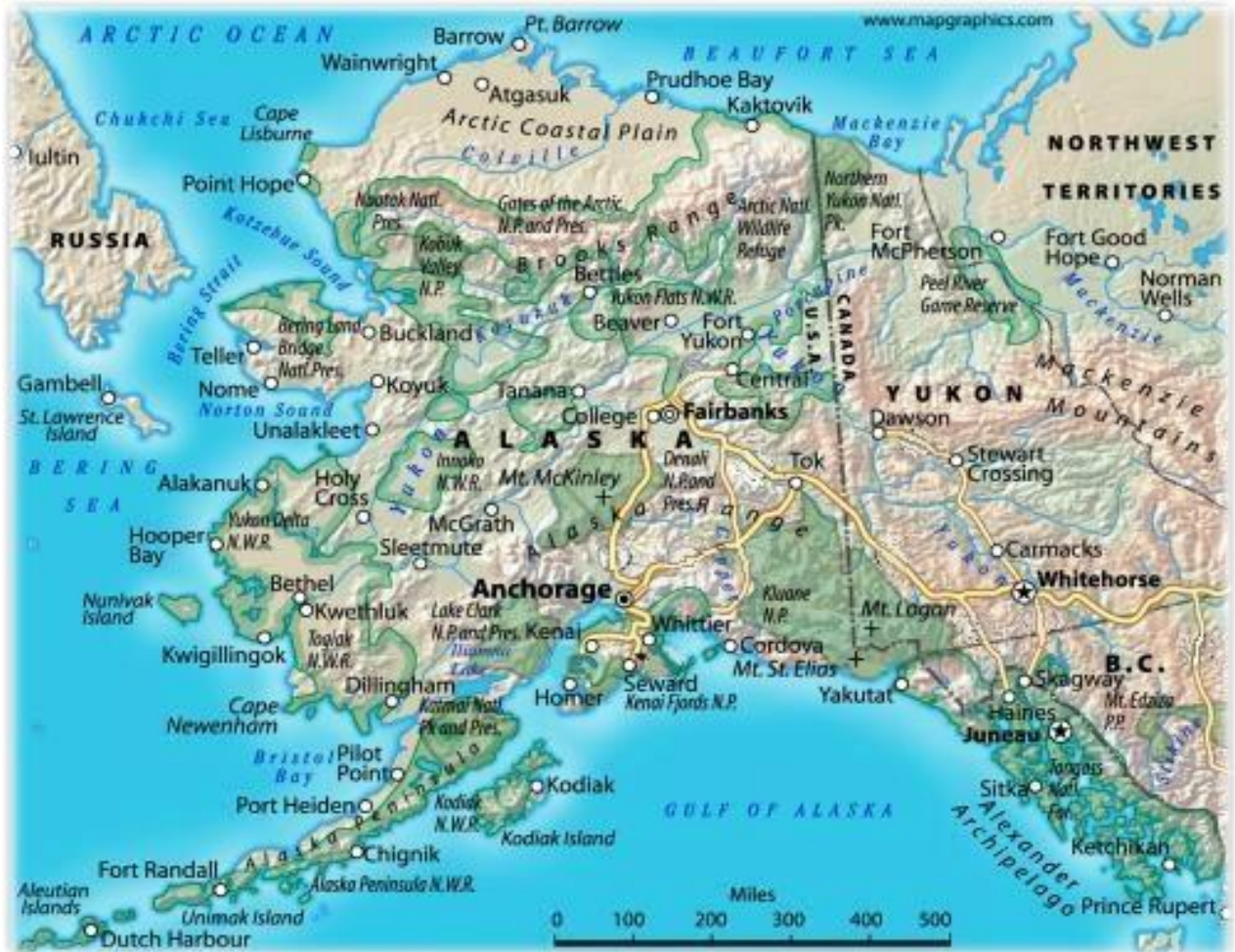
The Field Trip:

The field trip will take a full day (8.5 hours) - start early morning, by bus, and continue on cruise boat to National Park tour.

Although areas of the boat are covered, there are several outdoor viewing decks for watching wildlife and other scenery. Weather in Alaska is often unpredictable and Seward can be cold, damp, and windy even during June so dress appropriately.

Participants will want to take comfortable shoes (preferably waterproof), warm coats, hats, light rain coat, sunglasses, sun block or skin protection, motion sickness medicine and other personal needs for the field trip. Binoculars are also recommended.

General Information:



- **Time Zone** Alaska Time Zone. See below for your area.



- **Weather** Average temperatures in Alaska in June are 54.4 °F/12 °C. Projected weather for Seward, Alaska, is below.

Seward, AK (99664)

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		◀ Previous Month		June			Next Month ▶	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
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						Hi 52°F Lo 45°F Precip (in) -		
Today	3	4	5	6	7	8		
 Hi - Lo 45°F Precip 50 %	 Hi 50°F Lo 43°F Precip 60 %	 Hi 50°F Lo 43°F Precip 60 %	 Hi 53°F Lo 44°F Precip 30 %	 Hi 55°F Lo 44°F Precip 20 %	 Hi 58°F Lo 47°F Precip 0 %	 Hi 58°F Lo 48°F Precip 0 %		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
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- **Currency** US Dollar is used in Alaska. Anchorage has several money exchange companies.
- **Tips:** Many jobs in the service industry pay very little. Without tips, these workers would have a hard time raising a family.
- **Who should you tip?** Just about anyone in the service industry. Including, but not limited to, non-fast food restaurant workers, barbers, maids, taxi drivers, bartenders, and webmasters of conversion sites.

How much should you tip? The generally accepted value is 15% to 20%. If service was horrible, tip nothing and notify management. If the service was slow, tip 10%. If service was OK, tip 15%. If service was great, tip 20%. Keep in mind if the service is slow it is not always the server's fault. If you ever plan to return then the service was good enough that you should tip something. If the service was so poor that you plan not to tip, then it was also poor enough that you should notify management.

- **Electricity** Electric power is standardized in all states across the USA. It is set at 110 Volts and 60 cycles. If your appliance plug has a different shape, you may need an adaptor and power converter.



- Information on Alaska can be found: <http://www.travelalaska.com>

Wildlife Safety

Bears: Close Encounters

Statistics show the best ways to react to bears when you see them:

1. If you see a bear that is far away or doesn't see you turn around and go back, or circle far around. Don't disturb it.
2. If you see a bear that is close or it does see you **STAY CALM**. Attacks are rare. Bears may approach or stand on their hind legs to get a better look at you. These are curious, not aggressive, bears. **BE HUMAN**. Stand tall, wave your arms, and speak in a loud and low voice. **DO NOT RUN!** Stand your ground or back away slowly and diagonally. If the bear follows, **STOP**.
3. If a bear is charging almost all charges are "bluff charges". **DO NOT RUN!** Olympic sprinters cannot outrun a bear and running may trigger an instinctive reaction to

"chase". Do not try to climb a tree unless it is literally right next to you and you can quickly get at least 30 feet up. STAND YOUR GROUND. Wave your arms and speak in a loud low voice. Many times charging bears have come within a few feet of a person and then veered off at the last second.

4. If a bear approaches your campsite aggressively chase it away. Make noise with pots and pans, throw rocks, and if needed, hit the bear. Do not let the bear get any food.
5. If you have surprised a bear and are contacted or attacked and making noise or struggling has not discouraged an attack, play dead. Curl up in a ball with your hands laced behind your neck. The fetal position protects your vital organs. Lie still and be silent. Surprised bears usually stop attacking once you are no longer a threat (i.e. "dead").
6. Most people who hike in Alaska's wilderness don't carry a weapon. They know that the best defense is common sense. Traveling and camping carefully are all that they need. If you feel the need for additional protection, consider carrying "pepper spray", a bear deterrent made from the juice of red-hot peppers. This incapacitating spray teaches bears a lesson without permanently maiming them. It's available at local sporting goods stores and at visitor centers. Be familiar with the characteristics of the brand you choose and its warnings.

Moose

1. Do not approach a moose.
Moose -especially cows with calves- can be aggressive and need plenty of room.
2. Pay attention to moose body language.
A moose that has stopped feeding, walking, or resting, has its ears up and is looking at you, has noticed you and is curious.
3. A stressed moose has its ears back, the hair on its neck is raised, and it may even lick its lips. **This moose may charge you!**
4. Give a curious or stressed moose room by retreating from the area quickly.
5. If a moose charges or chases you...
Hide behind something solid such as a tree. It's okay to run away if you have a head start.
6. If a moose knocks you down...
Curl into a ball, protect your head, and lie still until the moose retreats.
7. Keep dogs under control at all times in moose country.
When a dog charges or aggravates a moose, it creates a dangerous situation for both of you.
8. Do not feed moose--it is both dangerous and illegal. Enjoy watching moose from a safe distance!

For more information about moose, check out the Alaska Department of Fish and Game website at <http://www.wildlife.alaska.gov/>

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