

# Beringia Days 2023

Hotel Captain Cook

Anchorage, Alaska

## Tentative Agenda

**Goal:** The goal of the Beringia Days 2023 is to share the results of the last 10 years of funded projects, to discuss cooperative agreements with collaborators, and to provide a forum for networking.

### Monday, 23 October 2023

6:00–8:00 p.m. Meet and Greet Reception (Quarter Deck, Hotel Captain Cook)  
Welcome opening and check-in with a dance group, light food.

### Tuesday, 24 October 2023

*Main sessions will be held in the Mid Deck room. Publications and other displays will be available in the Aft Deck Room.*

8:15 a.m. Registration & check-in; coffee and light continental breakfast

### Beringia Days Opening

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9:00–9:10 a.m. Welcome remarks (ARCUS & NPS Beringia Staff)

9:10–9:15 a.m. Land Acknowledgements (TBD)

### Theme 1: Reunification and Cultural Exchanges

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9:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning Session: Individual Presentations, Q&A, Discussion

- Open World Institute: International Collaboration and Exchange [Speaker TBD]
- International Indigenous Fund for Development and Solidarity "BATANI": What We Do (Pavel Sulandziga, BATANI; with Eduard Zdor, U. of Alaska Fairbanks as translator)
- WWF in Russia: 30 Years of Work (Speaker TBD)

BREAK (15 minutes)

- Bering Strait Indigenous Family Reunion and Exchange (Luda Kinok, Sighineghmiit Immigrant to Alaska)
- Family Mosaics: Reconnecting Unangax Families of Alaska and Russia (Museum of Aleutians, Speaker TBD)

- Discussion:
  - What are the opportunities for future collaboration amongst these and similar projects and efforts?
  - How do you see your organization or effort fulfilling in cooperation with the NPS, the mission and vision of the Shared Beringian Heritage Program?

12:00–1:30 p.m.     **LUNCH (On your own)**

**Theme 1: Reunification and Cultural Exchanges (continued)**

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1:30–3:30 p.m.     Afternoon Session: Individual Presentations, Q&A, Discussion

- The Bering Land Bridge and the Ice Age Peopling of the Americas (Ted Goebel, Kansas State University)
- Indigenous Subsistence in Beringia: between two continents (Eduard Zdor, U. of Alaska Fairbanks)
- Revitalizing Skin Boat Tradition of the Bering Strait (Mille Porslid, Go North!)
- Wrap-up & Reflections of the Day; Plans for Wednesday

3:30–5:00 p.m.     **Field Trip to the Alaska Native Heritage Center** (Optional; van shuttles will be available)

**Wednesday, 25 October 2023**

8:30 a.m.             Coffee and light continental breakfast available

9:00–9:10 a.m.     Opening Remarks/Welcome Back

**Theme 2: Our Stories**

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9:10–10:00 a.m.     Morning Session: Individual Presentations, Film Viewing, Q&A, Discussion

- Found Sound: Sound of Beringia: Communicating the Unique Resources and Cultural Traditions (Christopher Marianetti, Found Sound Nation)
- Sharing Knowledge of Food Life-History and Underground Food Storage Practices In Beringian Communities (Yoko Kugo, U. of Alaska Fairbanks)
- **Film Viewing:** “Bering, Family Reunion”, Directed by Lourdes Grobet

BREAK (15 minutes)

### Theme 3: Our Land

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- Past, Present, and Future Linkages between the Floras of Kamchatka, the Aleutian Islands and Alaska (Eric DeChaine, Western Washington University)
- Updating the Panarctic Flora: Solving Taxonomic Riddles of Beringia (Stefanie Ickert-Bond, U. of Alaska Fairbanks)
- Northern Latitudes Partnerships (Aaron Poe, Alaska Conservation Foundation)
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### Theme 4: Our Oceans, Rivers, and Lakes

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1:30–4:45 p.m.      Individual talks, Q&A, Discussion

- Promoting Coastal Resilience through a Shared Understanding of Subsistence Fisheries in the Chukotka and Alaska Arctic (Martin Robards, Wildlife Conservation Society)
- Indigenous Engagement in U.S.-Russia Polar Bear Commission (Nanut Commission, Speaker TBD)
- Investigating Harmful Algal Blooms in Beringia (Donald Anderson, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution)

BREAK (15 minutes)

- Beringia Seabird Youth Network Bi-Lateral Student and Biologist Exchanges (Ann Harding, Seabird Youth Network)
- Tracing the Ice Age Beringian Standstill Hypothesis (Yongsong Huang, Brown University)
- Discussion: Opportunities for collaboration, fulfilling the mission and vision of the Shared Beringian Heritage Program

4:45 p.m.      **Wrap-up, Reflections, and Next Steps**

5:00 p.m.      **Beringia Days 2023 Adjourns**