

12:06:00 From Robbi Mixon - AFPC : <https://native-land.ca/>

12:08:12 From Robbi Mixon - AFPC : <https://www.akfoodpolicycouncil.org/working-groups>

12:10:45 From Rachael Miller - AFPC : Self-introduction and how you offer, utilize, support, or need cold storage for food in Alaska.

12:18:14 From Rachael Miller - AFPC : 2. Does Alaska need additional cold storage capacity? If yes, for who and why? If no, why do you think that?

12:18:54 From Frances - Launch Alaska : Hi all! This is Frances Ball with Launch Alaska. We are a deployment accelerator here in Anchorage, Alaska and are participating in this webinar to help us understand what the latest challenges/opportunities are in cold storage, so that we can think about what role startups might play in helping solve some of these challenges.

12:19:13 From Rachael Miller - AFPC : Welcome Frances!

12:20:50 From Robbi Mixon - AFPC : Good opportunities for cross sector collaborations in shared infrastructure, like peonies and local farmers..

12:21:47 From Rachael Miller - AFPC : I read that question as “Who’s responsible for cold storage infrastructure”

12:26:38 From Robbi Mixon - AFPC : I think the biggest issue is funding...

12:28:28 From Melissa Heuer; Spork Consulting : Robbi - I agree. Funding and ownership/maintenance/operations. It would be interesting if some of the federal money for infrastructure to be used for these projects.

12:31:17 From Robbi Mixon - AFPC : YES Melissa!

12:32:03 From Fred Villa : Alaska Development Team Lead from Governor's Office working towards solutions for food security and growing ag industry (wet and dry) farmers/harvesters/growers, processors, supply chain systems, and sustainable markets; currently researching, listening, learning, and soon to be convening.

12:33:45 From Rachael Miller - AFPC : Welcome Fred, glad you could make it!

12:41:45 From Cayley Eller : Lot’s of start-ups doing other types of season extension!

12:42:34 From Robbi Mixon - AFPC : I think another issue with pricing AK products is that we just can't compete with national corporations with greater buying power. I would also like to see local food products that all folks can afford

12:43:49 From Micah Hahn, University of Alaska : Agreed Robbi - It's a trade-off for setting prices that both support local business in a place where it's expensive to operate AND are economical/accessibile for everyone.

12:44:37 From Rebecca Colvin : When the AK Grown label was created several years ago, there was a push for grocery stores to prominently display those products. That seems to have diminished

quite a bit. Those products are often intermingled and barely labeled. Not storage related, but increase awareness of local products.

12:46:59 From Robbi Mixon - AFPC : That's a good observation Rebecca. In Homer, our grocery store SaveUMore has an entire section dedicated to local and its ideally the only spot I shop. I wonder of the Division of Ag could take on more awareness promotions?

12:47:22 From Melissa Heuer; Spork Consulting : As far as business opportunity - I think there is a large unfilled market for refrigerated trucks and shipping containers as well. Many grants don't allow the purchase of these items and finding units to rent is a statewide problem.

12:49:10 From Rachael Miller - AFPC : Melissa it seems like a more mobile cold storage "fleet" would be a more flexible solution with less expensive maintenance to help those around the road system. RATHER than build huge facilities.

12:49:22 From Melissa Heuer; Spork Consulting : Exactly

12:50:01 From Melissa Heuer; Spork Consulting : Though additional brick and mortar at hubs is still needed.

12:50:51 From Aryn Young : I agree, I think it's a mixture of both. In order for producers to scale up, they need hubs to store the product until its sold. Once it is, they need reliable consistent transportation for that same product.

12:51:06 From Aryn Young : That's the exact position we are in!

12:51:24 From Robbi Mixon - AFPC : And processing equipment...

12:51:49 From Tessa Holmes - FSWCD (she/her) : I love the idea of a mobile cold storage fleet... decentralizing agriculture in alaska AND agriculture processing & storage — I feel like we need Kyla Byers from Arctic Harvest Deliveries in this convo !

12:52:59 From Robbi Mixon - AFPC : Tessa- we had Arctic Harvest at our first transportation webinar in January -

12:53:06 From Rachael Miller - AFPC : Yes Tessa! Kyla was in our January webinar on transportation! We're trying to be mindful of how often we ask speakers to share.

12:53:12 From Robbi Mixon - AFPC : here's the link if you'd like to check it out:
<https://www.akfoodpolicycouncil.org/webinars>

12:53:37 From Rachael Miller - AFPC : Lol, what Robbi said

12:55:09 From Tessa Holmes - FSWCD (she/her) : Thanks Robbi and Rachael - I love her story and how she is really trying to actionably fill this gap

12:55:29 From Robbi Mixon - AFPC : Tessa, she's a shero of ours too <3

12:58:26 From Jodie Anderson, UAF (she/her) : Tessa, Arctic Harvest has their CoolBot cooler system here at the farm in Palmer.

12:58:27 From Rachael Miller - AFPC : Massive food safety AND sovereignty issue

13:03:56 From Rachael Miller - AFPC : To Melissa's point about long-term investment - We know there's already cold storage demand but with our positive trajectory in farming and more people farming (including mariculture), cold storage seems like a chicken or the egg issue: If the infrastructure is there, will more people engage in ag pro? Or will the state only invest in the infrastructure after they see more production?

13:04:30 From Tessa Holmes - FSWCD (she/her) : Can community cold storage pilot programs be combined with any microgrid/renewable energy pilot programs - something to look into.
<https://www.murkowski.senate.gov/press/release/alaska-communities-selected-for-clean-energy-solutions-pilot-project>

13:04:51 From Jodie Anderson, UAF (she/her) : Rachael, this is the very core of the whole food systems conversation in Alaska.

13:06:08 From Rachael Miller - AFPC : No pressure!

13:07:32 From Melissa Heuer; Spork Consulting : Sorry I don't have a link to the report, please email me and I'll send the reports out to whoever would like them. Please email me at melissa@sporkak.com and I'll get it to you in the next couple of days.

13:10:26 From Pam - Launch Alaska : Along @Tessa's comment about cold storage pilot + micro grid/renewable pilot programs, please do contact me at pam@launchalaska.com. We may be able to partner!

13:10:27 From Rachael Miller - AFPC : For those who have input and thoughts to add, here's our questionnaire about AK food systems, pertaining to today's conversation:
<https://forms.gle/7mkrE7Upv6D4qqy46>

13:12:36 From Robbi Mixon - AFPC : Fred, here are some great resources, specifically the infrastructure reports with Ken Meter: <https://www.akfoodpolicycouncil.org/ak-food-system-research>

13:13:33 From Fred Villa : fred.villa@alaska.gov

13:13:53 From Brian Himelbloom : Thank you Fred!

13:13:54 From Rachael Miller - AFPC : <https://forms.gle/7mkrE7Upv6D4qqy46>

13:13:59 From Amy Seitz : Wasn't right next to my computer while listening! Loving the conversation - especially around how to have multi use of cold storage facilities so they aren't sitting idle for months of the year - produce, meat, fish, peonies, etc. - food banks and pantries also need more storage

13:14:13 From Cayley Eller : Seems like an issue that should be addressed in a future version of a climate action plan. Possibly through state-funded grants for producers to adapt to climate impacts?

13:22:38 From Frances - Launch Alaska : Yes! And CCHRC is now part of NREL (national renewable energy lab) through the department of energy, so they have more resources and expertise available.

13:23:05 From Robbi Mixon - AFPC : Thank you Brian!! You are an excellent moderator :)

13:23:24 From Melissa Heuer; Spork Consulting : I also want to flag the green bank that the governor has introduced

13:23:26 From Brian Himelbloom : woo-hoo, it's been lovely

13:23:28 From AG PROGRAM ipad : Thank you Brian, Rachel, & Robbi!!!

13:23:29 From Pam - Launch Alaska : Thank you so much!!!!

13:23:35 From Nick Bachman : This was an excellent conversation - always impressed by the Alaska Food Community - thanks everyone!

13:23:36 From Rachael Miller - AFPC : Thanks to everyone for joining us today! One more time with feeling, here's the food chain survey, related to today. <https://forms.gle/7mkrE7Upv6D4qqy46>

13:23:40 From Melissa Heuer; Spork Consulting : Could be great funding for this and potentially \$130 million coming

13:23:42 From Heidi Rader : Thanks all!

13:23:49 From Tessa Holmes - FSWCD (she/her) : Thanks everyone at AFPC - these webinars are awesome and insightful

13:23:55 From Annette Marley : Great meeting! Learned a lot.

13:24:00 From Marissa Palmer : Thank you, everyone!

13:24:02 From Rachael Miller - AFPC : <https://www.akfoodpolicycouncil.org/>

13:24:20 From Melissa Heuer; Spork Consulting : Thanks AFPC! Great conversation!