

ALASKA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL TIMELINE



2010

Alaska DHSS Physical Activity & Nutrition Program received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to consider establishing a food policy council in Alaska. Joining the efforts were:

- USDA Alaska Farm Service Agency
- Alaska DEC Food Safety & Sanitation
- Alaska DNR Division of Agriculture
- Alaska Center for the Environment



2010 (cont.)

Held first council meeting in May and formed committees:

- Governance
- Education & Regulation
- Production
- Food Security
- Hunger
- Social Justice & Health
- Supply Chain: Processing, Distribution/Transportation, Infrastructure, Development
- Indigenous & Cultural Foods for Health

Established AFPC website

2011

Developed the 2012-2015 Strategic Plan. The foundation for the AFPC's work was set with the following goals:

- All Alaskans have access to affordable, healthy (preferably local) foods.
- Alaska's food-related industries have a strong workforce and operate in a supportive business environment.
- Food is safe, protected and supplies are secure throughout Alaska.
- Alaska's food system is more sustainable.
- Alaskans are engaged in our food system.

Established the Governing Board of Directors along with communications and advocacy committees

2012

Established Statewide Work Groups to implement activities around priority strategies:

- School Programs
- Locally Grown
- Emergency Preparedness
- Public Engagement
- Research & Information
- Legislative



Published AFPC's strategic plan

2013

Led the charge to establish the State Food Resources Working Group:

- Governor Parnell signed legislation calling for the creation of the Alaska Food Resource Working Group (AFRWG) under Administrative Order 265, with the goal of building Alaska's food economy.
- The administrative order established a state agency workgroup focused on recommending "policies and measures to increase the purchase and consumption of local wild seafood and farm products"



Hosted first of three AmeriCorp VISTA volunteers

2015

- Continued town hall meetings in Homer, Palmer, & Anchorage
- AFPC hosts AmeriCorp VISTA for the University of Alaska Anchorage Farm to School project, as part of a Division of Ag Specialty Crop Grant
- Participated in the development of a statewide emergency feeding plan.
- Hosted the Wallace Center Food Hub Workshop
- Launched statewide advocacy campaign supporting food systems policy recommendations

2017

- Participated in the Alaska Food Coalition's "Food Security Week" in Juneau
- 3rd AK Food Festival & Conference in Fairbanks in partnership with the Interior Alaska Food Network
- Received grant from AgriLogic to assist with promoting USDA Crop Insurance Program

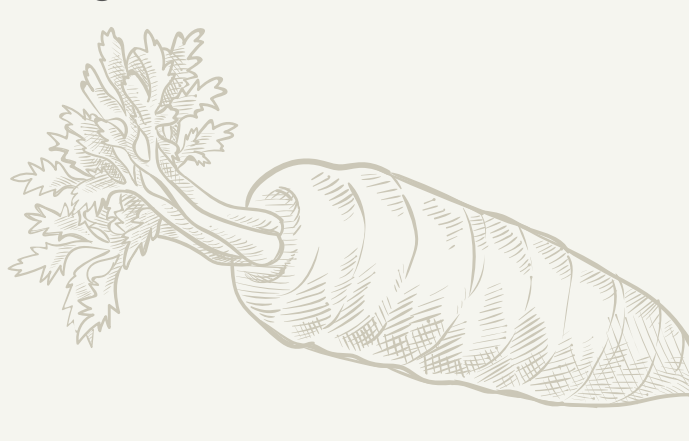
2019

- 4th AK Food Festival & Conference, co-hosted with Alaska Farmers Market Association in Homer
- Collaborated with AgriLogic to hold New Farmer Expos in Anchorage and Fairbanks
- Continued partnership with Municipality of Anchorage, Local Food Mini-Grants



2021

- Participated in Virtual Food Security Fly-in Week
- Hosted "Quarterly Webinar Series" on food system transportation
- Coordinated three-part webinar series on Alaska Cottage Food
- Conducted six food system statewide networking workshops
- Installed fruit orchard and fencing at Stickleback Urban Farm, Anchorage
- Produced first-ever Annual Report
- Provided food systems investments recommendations, created with multiple organizations, to Alaska Legislature and Governors Office



2016

- Hosted 1st Alaska Food Festival & Conference in Anchorage
- Received 501 c 3 status
- Hosted town hall meetings around the state, including Nome, Juneau, Fairbanks, & Bethel
- Developed organizational bylaws
- Collaborated with Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, USDA Director of Tribal Relations to discuss the 2014 Farm Bill, advocating for Alaska traditional foods and Native food sovereignty
- Contracted with Ken Meter to conduct a qualitative economic assessment, "Building Food Security in Alaska"

2018

- 2nd AK Food Festival & Conference in Anchorage
- Hosted "Community Kitchen Table Discussions" listening sessions to help AFPC improve engagement and responsiveness to diverse communities in Anchorage
- Provided recommendations to Anchorage Mayor Berkowitz, urging action on food policy priorities
- Served as fiscal sponsor for Interior Alaska Food Network-Local food policy group in Fairbanks



2018

- Partnered with Municipality of Anchorage on Downtown Urban Farm Project
- Received EPA Local Foods, Local Places Program Planning Grant
- Facilitated Anchorage Local Food Mini-Grants Program
- Contracted with Ken Meter to write "Potential Infrastructure Investments for Alaska-Grown Food"

2020

- Hired first-ever Executive Director
- Awarded a USDA Regional Food System Partnership Grant to create a 10-year Statewide Food Security Action Plan
- 5th Alaska Food Festival & Conference (virtual), co-hosted with Alaska Village Initiatives, Alaska Pacific University, & FRESH
- Participated in Food Security Fly-in Week in Juneau, including presentations to the House Resource Committee on three priority areas: increasing food production, increasing food access, and reducing food waste
- Launched two new AFPC working groups: Indigenous Foods, & Food Waste Committees
- Conducted Candidate Survey to inform voters on candidates' views on food issues

2022

- Hosts 6th AK Food Festival & Conference, partnering with Intertribal Agriculture Council & University of Alaska Anchorage Dietetics and Nutrition Program



To be continued...

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