

# Alaska Sea Party Announces New Co-Chair, Campaign Team

## *Homegrown talent bolsters effort to restore Alaskans' voice in coastal management*

JUNEAU – Today, the Alaska Sea Party announced lifelong Alaskans Terzah Tippin Poe, Alida Bus and Alexei Painter have joined the group's leadership in its effort to restore Alaskans' voice in coastal management. Poe joins the strategy team as co-chair of the organization, and Bus and Painter are the director and deputy director of the campaign to restore the Alaska Coastal Zone Management Program by voters' initiative at the August 28 primary election.

"We are tremendously excited these very capable Alaskans have stepped up to help Alaska regain its seat at the table when decisions are made that affect the future of our coastal communities," said Juneau Mayor Bruce Botelho, lead sponsor of the initiative and Chair of the Alaska Sea Party. "With Terzah's energy, experience and passion for the issue, she's ready to hit the ground running. And Alida and Alexei bring campaign experience, intimate knowledge of the issue and a tremendous work ethic. With these new additions to the team, we're ready to get the coastal zone initiative passed at the August primary."

Terzah's family is from Barrow, she was born in Fairbanks, graduated from University of Alaska Anchorage, and has worked in communications and sustainable development with Indigenous Peoples on resource issues across Alaska and internationally for over eighteen years. Her broad range of experience includes leading community development efforts within multi-national resource development corporations, Indigenous organizations, Alaska Native corporations, and non-profits, in addition to steering local and statewide campaigns to success in Alaska.

"I'm honored to be leading this effort to restore Alaskans' ability to steer the boat on our coastal future and I look forward to helping pass this initiative in August." said Poe, "Our coast is important for local use, regional businesses and responsible resource development projects benefiting all Alaskans. And in order to see all those interests balanced, we need a seat at the table if we're to get the most from our coastal resources—not just today but for generations to come."

Bus grew up in Juneau and has worked professionally in Southeast Alaska since 2008, most recently as campaign manager then chief of staff for a state senator. Her valuable combination of organizational and communications skills will be significant assets for the campaign as she will assemble and direct the resources necessary to pass the coastal zone initiative in August.

Painter grew up in Juneau, went Outside for university and returned to work as a legislative aide and campaign manager for three years. As an aide for a rural coastal legislator, Painter worked intensively on coastal zone legislation. Painter has also seen firsthand the benefits of the unified permitting Alaska's coastal zone program provided as his father counted on the system when starting and operating his coastal seafood business over the last two decades.

All three began work with the Alaska Sea Party this week. When the Legislature and governor were unable to come to agreement to extend Alaska's previous coastal management program last year, a bi-partisan group of coastal Alaskans came together to craft a citizens' initiative to restore Alaskans' voice in coastal management decisions regarding Alaska's coastal resources. Currently, Alaska is the only coastal state without a coastal zone management plan.

For more information about the Alaska Sea Party or the coastal zone management initiative, visit [www.alaskacoastalmanagement.org/](http://www.alaskacoastalmanagement.org/).

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