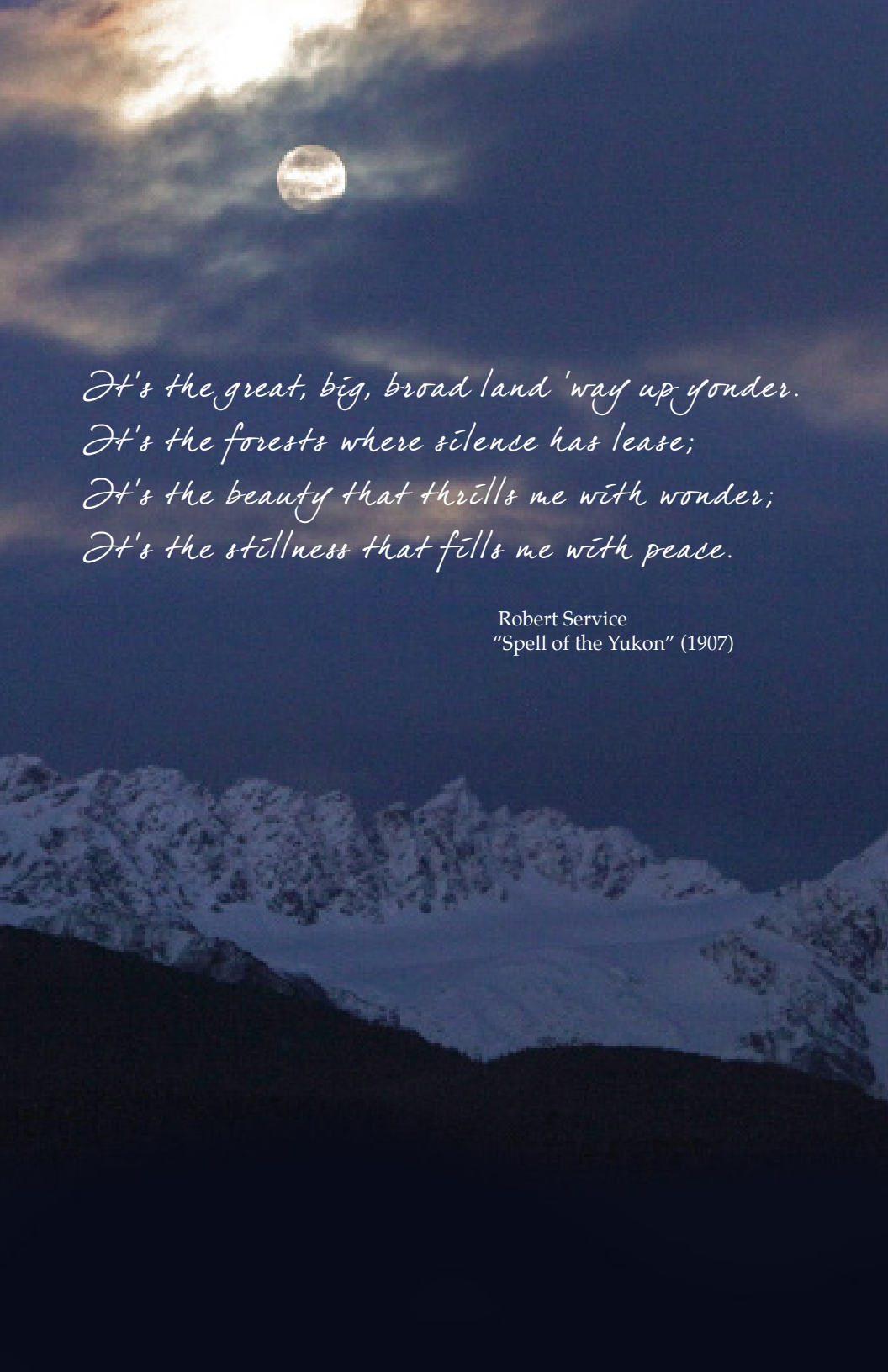




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ANNUAL REPORT › FISCAL YEAR 2012

A full moon is visible in a dark, cloudy night sky. Below the sky, a range of rugged mountains is covered in snow, with dark, silhouetted peaks in the foreground.

*It's the great, big, broad land 'way up yonder.
It's the forests where silence has lease;
It's the beauty that thrills me with wonder;
It's the stillness that fills me with peace.*

Robert Service
"Spell of the Yukon" (1907)

From the Executive Director



More than a hundred years ago, Robert Service captured in his poetry what defines Alaska and Alaskans. Our ways of life, the spiritual inspiration that nourishes us and our cultures, and the things we treasure about Alaska are tied to the land. The Alaska Conservation Foundation exists to protect Alaska's natural environment and the diverse cultures and ways of life it sustains. We do this by promoting conservation philanthropy and by strategically directing resources to conservation leaders, organizations, and initiatives.

The organizations and individuals we support through our grantmaking, our internship program, our community capacity initiative, and our annual conservation achievement awards are working for the Alaska that sustains us all. They are finding balance in strong economies, cultures, communities, and a healthy environment. They care deeply about Alaska and Alaskans, and have demonstrated their commitment to finding solutions to some of our toughest environmental challenges through activism and collaboration.

People are at the heart of conservation efforts in Alaska. This includes our many generous supporters from Alaska and around the country who make it possible to carry out this important work. We all have an obligation to protect this great land that sustains us so that it will also provide for those that follow us. We hope you will take inspiration from the work of those we have supported this year to do just that. Thank you again for your commitment to Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ann Rothe'.

Ann Rothe



Mission Statement

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*Creating healthy environments,
economies, communities,
and people.*

Our Impact

As the only public foundation dedicated to conservation in Alaska, ACF provides strategic and financial support to a community of non-profits whose efforts align with ACF's goals of encouraging broad-based support for, and innovative solutions to, our most pressing conservation and environmental justice issues in pursuit of a healthy environment, healthy communities, and sustainable economies. To follow are program highlights from fiscal year 2012.

Saving Bristol Bay Wild Salmon

In Bristol Bay, a massive proposed open-pit gold and copper mine threatens one of the largest wild salmon runs left on Earth. ACF is fiscal sponsor of the Bristol Bay Fisheries & Watershed Protection Campaign--a diverse coalition working to safeguard this unparalleled watershed, and support the local residents in their efforts to determine their own future, based on a strong and sustainable economy of fishing, tourism, and subsistence. In fiscal year 2012, ACF awarded \$110,500 in grants.

Mitigating Climate Change

Over five trillion tons of coal resources lie under Alaska's wild lands, and a dozen coal-related projects have been proposed to access and export it to foreign markets. The Alaskans for Energy Freedom Campaign - a coalition of more than 30 conservation, tribal, and citizen organizations fiscally sponsored by ACF - is working to prevent the impacts that developing this coal will have on the Earth's climate, as well as on Alaska's lands, waters, and people. In fiscal year 2012, ACF awarded \$1,740,100 in grants.

Protecting the Tongass Rainforest

More than half of the Tongass National Forest - the world's largest remaining old-growth coastal temperate rainforest - has been compromised from decades of clear-cutting. ACF provides leadership and financial support to the Tongass Fish People Place Campaign--a diverse alliance working to protect critical watersheds; promote forest management policies that engage local communities in forest planning; and support sustainable economic activities that depend on living resources. In fiscal year 2012, ACF awarded \$618,000 in grants.





Through the Bristol Bay Campaign, ACF provided support for the Bristol Bay River Guide Academy, which provides jobs for Native youth consistent with their desire to protect salmon, the life blood of the region.

Supporting Alaska Native Communities

Alaska Natives maintain their rich culture and traditions in close connection with the land, and because of this, they are among the first to feel the negative impacts of changes in the environment. Through the Alaska Native Fund, ACF supports Alaska Native individuals and organizations working to address critical conservation issues affecting their cultures, communities, and economic opportunities. In fiscal year 2012, ACF awarded \$99,593 in grants.

Building Community Capacity

ACF's Community Capacity initiative is an effort to strengthen Alaska's conservation organizations and leaders to achieve greater conservation impact. ACF facilitates

and fiscally supports critical capacity building efforts such as the first environmental nonprofit merger in Alaska, the creation of a statewide conservation strategy, and support for enhanced communications and more data-driven organizing strategies. In fiscal year 2012, ACF awarded \$116,600 in grants.

Inspiring the Next Generation

Preserving Alaska's future as a natural treasure rests on developing the next generation of leaders. ACF's highly-competitive Ted Smith Conservation Internship Program offers students, from Alaska and around the country interested in conservation, valuable work experience at partner organizations throughout the state. In fiscal year 2012, ACF awarded \$43,280 in grants.

ACF awarded more than \$3.1 million to support conservation efforts statewide to these trusted partners.



Grants • Fiscal Year 2012

Alaska Bird Observatory
Alaska Center for the Environment
Alaska Community Action on Toxics
Alaska Conservation Alliance
Alaska Interfaith Power and Light
Alaska Marine Conservation Council
Alaska Native Harbour
Seal Commission
Alaska Public Interest Research Group
Alaska Wilderness League
Alaska Youth for Environmental Action
Audubon Alaska
Bering Sea Fishermen's Association
Bird Treatment and Learning Center
Bristol Bay Heritage Land Trust
Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies
Center for Science in Public
Participation
Chickaloon Village Traditional Council
Chuitna Citizens Coalition
Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay
Cook Inletkeeper
Copper River Watershed Project
Defenders of Wildlife
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Environmental Grantmakers Association
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Ground Truth Trekking
Hydaburg Cooperative Association
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Inuit Circumpolar Council of Alaska
Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope
Juneau Community Foundation
National Council of Churches
National Wildlife Federation
Native American Rights Fund
Native Village of Elim
Native Village of Tyonek
Northern Alaska Environmental Center
The Ocean Foundation
Organized Village of Kasaan
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Southeast Alaska Conservation Council
Southeast Alaska Wilderness
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Wrangell Institute for
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Yukon River Drainage Fisheries
Association



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2012 ACF Ratings

Better Business Bureau - ACF met the 20 standards for charity accountability
Charity Navigator - ACF received 4 stars

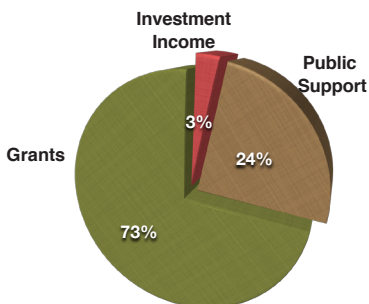


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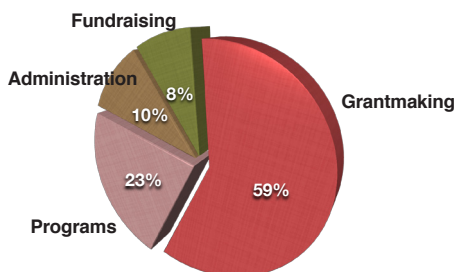


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ACF Revenue Sources



ACF Expenses



Financial Statement

Alaska Conservation Foundation Statement of Financial Position 30 June 2012

Assets	2012
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,388,216
Grants and public support receivables	760,000
Other receivables	12,162
Prepaid expenses and other assets	32,712
Investments at fair value	5,783,735
Investments not at fair value	91,218
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	119,036
Office equipment	50,377
Total Assets	<u><u>\$9,237,456</u></u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$76,528
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	67,698
Grants and awards payable	132,000
Deferred revenue	66,550
Gift annuity liability	74,583
Total liabilities	<u><u>\$417,360</u></u>

Net Assets:

Unrestricted:

Board designated for endowment	\$549,399
Undesignated	962,529
Total unrestricted	<u><u>\$1,511,928</u></u>

Temporarily restricted	\$2,418,467
Permanently restricted	4,889,702
Total net assets	<u><u>\$8,820,097</u></u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$9,237,456</u></u>



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Contributions to ACF fuel efforts to keep Alaska healthy for the long-term. Our work in fiscal year 2012 would not have been possible without support from individuals, businesses, and our foundation partners. Every gift makes a difference. Thank You!

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