



**Alaska  
Conservation  
Foundation**

## **ACF Ted Smith Conservation Internship Program**

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## **Application of Alaska Community Action on Toxics to Serve as a Host Organization for Alaska Conservation Foundation's 2017 Ted Smith Conservation Internship Program**

**Intern Job Title:** Environmental and Community Health Researcher/Advocate

**Location:** Anchorage with field work in rural Alaska

### **Description and Goals of Assignment:**

ACAT presents an opportunity to work with a small, dedicated, diverse and highly skilled staff, scientists, and health professionals in addressing environmental health and justice issues in Alaska. The Environmental and Community Health Researcher/Advocate will work with rural Alaska Native communities in conducting research, organizing, and advocacy to protect health and the environment. The intern will conduct research, synthesize emerging scientific information, and prepare informational materials to inform and engage people in our state, national, and international policy work, while also offering information about safe alternatives to prevent harmful exposures to toxic chemicals.

### **Goals of Assignment:**

- Gain experience in field research in Arctic Alaska by participating in a community-based research project that investigates the effects of endocrine-disrupting chemicals, *Protecting Future Generations*;
- Conduct grassroots organizing as part of our integrated voter engagement program to achieve positive change in policies and laws;
- Conduct research and writing on environmental health topics (e.g. effects of endocrine-disrupting chemicals on wildlife and people, exposure to environmental chemicals and particular health outcomes, and synergistic effects of climate change).

### **Intern Responsibilities:**

- Assist with grassroots organizing to engage citizens in the environmental health and justice work of Alaska Community Action on Toxics—this will include events organizing, presentations at workshops, and tabling at summer events;
- Conduct field research as part of a community-based participatory research program, *Protecting the Health of Future Generations*, supported by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS);
- Conduct research using peer-reviewed scientific journals and other literature sources on the particular vulnerabilities of Arctic ecosystems and communities to the combined effects of climate change and endocrine-disrupting chemicals;
- Assist staff in preparing fact sheets on chemicals that affect Arctic ecosystems and the health of Indigenous peoples to support ACAT's work on the international Stockholm Convention on Persistent Pollutants;
- Work with the ACAT Organic Gardening Coordinator to organize organic gardening workshops, work with volunteers in the community "Yarducopia" gardening program, build and maintain community gardens.

- Conduct research about safe alternatives and prepare informational materials for the Alaskan public.

**Intern Qualifications:**

- Experience in community organizing and outreach;
- Strong science or public health background and experience with community and/or environmental health and justice issues;
- Graduate student preferred (with focus in environmental or public health) or advanced undergraduate;
- Coursework in environmental health, environmental justice, biological sciences, environmental toxicology, or environmental law desirable;
- Experience in organic and community gardening;
- Excellent research, writing and verbal skills to communicate effectively with the public (e.g. comfortable with public speaking, writing of information materials, e-communications and social media);
- Interest and experience in working with people of diverse cultures, particularly Indigenous communities;
- Interest and experience in conducting field sampling, scientific investigations, and/or environmental health research;
- Excellent computer skills and preferably with experience in data base management and data analysis.



## **Job Description for Conservation Intern**

### **Position Profile:**

Would you like to gain first-hand, real-world experience in the areas of conservation, fisheries policy and non-profit management while working in a dynamic, fun and supportive environment? Are you majoring in a field that shows interest and relevance for a career in the fields of sustainable fisheries management or conservation? If so, you may be a perfect fit for the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association (ALFA) team. This internship opportunity with ALFA offers interns valuable networking possibilities and on-the-job experience.

Under the leadership of the ALFA team, the work of the Alaska Conservation Intern will focus on the advocacy, outreach and communication of ALFA's Fisheries Conservation Network.

ALFA's Fishery Conservation Network (FCN), engages fishermen, scientists, community members and legislators in collaborative research and policy promotion to enhance resource stewardship and community resiliency. The FCN has engaged fishermen, community members, legislators and scientists in a number of collaborative projects to improve resource stewardship, sustainable fisheries and the viability of small-boat fishing.

**Intern Job Title:** Conservation Advocacy and Outreach Specialist

**Location:** The ALFA office is located in Sitka, Alaska and is housed at 834 Lincoln Street in the Sitka Sound Science Center near downtown Sitka. A photograph of the office can be found [here](#). Or simply google Sitka Sound Science Center photos for other pictures.

### **Description & Goals of Assignment:**

**The core goals of the internship position** would include assisting the ALFA leadership team in strategic advocacy at local, state and national levels utilizing outreach, communication and further development of ALFA's networks and programming to leverage partnerships and to advocate for resource stewardship, conservation policy and small-boat, conservation-minded fishermen.

Our primary goal with having an ACF intern would be a win-win situation where the ACF intern benefits from the rich learning environment and ALFA benefits from increased organizational capacity that comes from having another member of the ALFA team engaged in advocacy and outreach.

**Intern Responsibilities:**

**Specific goals and a workplan for the conservation intern** will be identified with the intern over the course of the intern's orientation to ALFA. While the core goals of the internship position (listed above) will guide the work of the ALFA conservation intern, the background, education and interests of the ALFA conservation intern will be taken into account before the workplan is finalized. Finalization of the work plan will take place within the week (and likely within the first day) of the intern's work at ALFA.

**Intern Qualifications**

- Excellent communication skills
- High level of attention to detail
- Responsible and self-motivated
- Ability to work with minimal oversight
- Physical ability to work alone or as part of a team
- Experience using Microsoft office products including Excel, PowerPoint, and Word

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## **I. Internship Position Description**

**Intern Job Title:** Fisheries Conservation Intern

**Location:** Anchorage, AK (with opportunities to travel to coastal Alaska, especially Seward, Homer, and Kenai regions)

**Description and Goals of Assignment:** AMCC's summer intern will be an important team player who brings added capacity, energy, skill, and vision to help advance AMCC's mission. AMCC employs an innovative, triple-bottom line approach to fostering small-scale fisheries, community sustainability and long-term conservation in coastal Alaska. The intern will perform a variety of important duties specifically in support of efforts to reduce bycatch and catalyze community-based fishing opportunities. The intern will conduct outreach on behalf of AMCC in coastal Alaska, especially southcentral communities (Seward, Kenai, etc.) and play a lead role in creating new material that better tells the story of AMCC's work and more effectively engages the public.

### **Intern Responsibilities:**

- Development and creation of compelling educational and outreach materials on bycatch and community-based fishing opportunities to be used online and as print handouts. The intern will help envision and develop (with assistance of graphic designer if needed) new tools, such as infographics that tell the story of vast amounts of bycatch and the flight of fishing opportunities from our coastal communities.
- Play a key role in planning and executing summer outreach activities and representing AMCC at events (such as Salmonfest, Salmon Daze, the Kenai Local Foods Festival, etc.) and on the ground in coastal communities, mostly those in southcentral Alaska.
- Conduct research and draft annotated bibliographies or white papers on issues related to our fisheries conservation or working waterfront programs.
- Assist with AMCC's local seafood sales program as needed including supporting customer inquiries and deliveries.
- Answer telephones and provide general organizational and administration support as needed during the summer.

### **Intern Qualifications:**

- Have recently completed an undergraduate degree, is enrolled in an undergraduate program at the junior or senior level, or is enrolled in or recently completed a graduate degree program. Should be pursuing or have obtained a degree in: communications, journalism, marketing, business, environmental studies, marine biology, fisheries or other field related to the position duties. Relevant course work or equivalent work experience will be considered.
- Well-organized and able to grasp and distill complex material; detail-oriented.
- Strong writing skills for external communications materials.
- Outgoing people-person, able to interact effectively and energetically with the public and to effectively and strategically communicate with a variety of individuals.
- Ability to work independently and as a team, and handle responsibility for events and projects. Should have previous event planning experience.
- Strong creative thinking skills; demonstrated implementation of innovative communications ideas a plus.

- Demonstrated commitment to conservation and progressive causes.
- Willingness to travel within the state and be outdoors for potentially long periods of time during events when conducting outreach.
- Ability to commit to completing the full length of internship.
- Willingness to work weekends at events and ability to move and lift items potentially up to 50lbs.
- Willingness and ability to safely operate AMCC's company van.
- Those from, or with ties to, Alaska's coastal communities are encouraged to apply.

Organization: Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies

Intern Job Title: Naturalist Intern

Location: Homer, Alaska

Description and Goals of Assignment: A CACS Naturalist Intern will primarily be stationed at the Peterson Bay Field Station across Kachemak Bay. Our goals for an intern are: 1) to provide them in-depth knowledge about Alaskan marine and forest ecosystem and local/regional environmental issues, 2) to provide training and experience in using environmental education skills to inspire and motivate people to preserve and protect Alaska's and their own home environments, 3) to have them contribute to CACS research and education programs by participating in a citizen monitoring project, 4) to design and carry out a project that will benefit CACS research and/or education programs in some way, 4) to meet and network with other environmental educators in the Kachemak Bay area, and 5) to gain an understanding about the nature and role of non-profit organizations in Alaskan conservation work.

Intern Responsibilities:

- Receive training and mentorship in local and regional marine and forest ecology and in interpretive, instructional and group management techniques.
- Develop and lead interpretive and natural history hikes and hands-on environmental education activities based out of the Peterson Bay Field Station, accessible only by boat.
- Participate in a citizen monitoring program such as coastal monitoring, GLOBE weather and precipitation, plankton monitoring, seastar wasting, etc.
- Assist with the Teen EcoAdventure Camp focusing on exploring the effects of climate change to Kachemak Bay and Alaska
- Complete a research or education project in consultation with CACS staff. Examples of past intern projects include: an octopus den survey, educational plant guides, and setting up an intertidal biodiversity invertebrate monitoring program and plankton sampling.
- Network with other Kachemak Bay environmental educators/naturalists, including CACS naturalists at the Wynn Nature Center, Pratt Museum, Kachemak Bay Research Reserve, and Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge.

Intern Qualifications:

- Academic background in marine biology, botany and/or forest ecology with field courses preferred
- Experience with teaching or interpretation preferred
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills; must be comfortable speaking in front of groups of all ages
- Good physical condition and willingness to live in a semi-remote location
- Maturity to live in group situations and work as part of a team





# Alaska Conservation Foundation

## Discovery Southeast

### Internship Position Description

Intern Job Title: Outdoor Youth Educator

Location: Juneau, AK

### Organization:

For over 25 years Discovery Southeast's education and exploration programs have deepened Southeast Alaskans' connection with nature. We are a regional non-profit started by outdoor leaders in Southeast Alaska to ensure that local residents, particularly children, experience the outstanding natural areas that travelers from around the world come to visit. Today, with many of those same founders still involved, our programs teach children to experience, be comfortable in, and explore nature with a field-based, hands-on approach. We strive to reach all Juneau youth, particularly those who might not otherwise be introduced to the outdoors at a young age.

### Description and Goals of Assignment:

The Outdoor Youth Educator will spend half of their time in the field, leading environmental education lessons and activities for groups of approximately 12 elementary age children. This is part of Discovery Southeast's hands-on environmental education summer camp, Outdoor Explorers. The adventure-full, week-long day camp introduces children to Juneau's natural areas through outdoor exploration, natural history, science based education, arts, and environmental education games and activities. The intern will spend the other half of their time working with administrative staff on outreach, communication and development projects for the organization. This will help administer the summer program, build connections within the community, as well as provide the intern with a better understanding of grassroots organization management.

### Education:

The intern will work with field groups for several half days each week, leading hands-on nature education lessons and activities with the support of field naturalists. Interns will receive training and experience in inquiry based, hands-on field leadership as well as in Southeast Alaska natural history, which they can use to develop unique lessons that tie in with each week's theme. The intern will have office time and access to a wide variety of physical and digital resources to help plan their lessons, in addition to support and direction from Discovery Southeast resident naturalists.

### Organization:

The intern will help office staff to contact summer camp parents, contact contractors, connect with field staff, and collect and post photos each week of camp. In addition to weekly summer camp organizational tasks, the intern will work with the Executive director on member outreach, as well as possible development projects.

### Intern Responsibilities:

- Prepare and facilitate fun, engaging lessons and activities with a focus on outdoor skills, natural history, and nature education;

- Provide support for, and ensure the physical and emotional safety and well being of a group of up to 13 children;
- Emphasize safety, risk management, good judgment, positive group interaction, and personal leadership;
- Take responsibility for some administrative communications with organization membership as well as families involved in summer camp.
- Undertake a community-building project or two on behalf of the organization.
- Perform weekly duties including: restocking supplies, cleaning the van, and other tasks as necessary.

**Intern Qualifications:**

- Experience with children, particularly experience in elementary education and group management;
- Experience leading groups outdoors, such as guiding, outdoor education, or interpretation;
- Basic competence with office software ranging from word processing to image editing;
- Comfort driving a 15 passenger van desired (not required)
- First Aid and Child/Infant CPR certification (or higher) by start of employment.
- Genuine interest in our goal of providing children formative experiences outdoors and a strong connection with nature.

Organization: Cook Inletkeeper

Intern Job Title: Wild Salmon & Climate Change Intern

Location: Homer, Alaska

Description and Goals of Assignment: This internship will focus on salmon and beluga habitat protection in a changing climate. Among the intern's responsibilities will be a project to investigate pollutant loadings in the whale's critical habitat, and to educate the public about ocean acidification which threatens the beluga and its prey sources. The intern will also assist in Inletkeeper's field work which shows increasing temperatures in local salmon streams, and higher temperatures create stress in fish that make them more vulnerable to pollution, predation and disease. In 2017 Inletkeeper will also be pursuing a local foods, local fisheries project, while the specific actions are still under development, there will be opportunities for the intern to participate in this project as well.

The goals for this internship will be to enhance the intern's knowledge and skillsets, while furthering Inletkeeper's organizational objectives by:

- Understanding and communicating emerging pollutant impacts on salmon in a changing climate;
- Collecting additional data showing climate change effects on wild salmon;
- Educating Alaskans and tourists about the threats posed to salmon from ocean acidification and climate change;
- Engaging and activating a diverse range of partners around the issues of salmon and climate;
- Participating in each of our program areas on a variety of projects.

Intern Responsibilities:

- Working to obtain information on emerging pollutants and pharmaceuticals from the Anchorage Waste Water Utility (AWWU);
- Writing a narrative report discussing emerging pollutants and the implications for wild salmon and beluga in a changing climate;
- Creating outreach materials to elevate the threats posed by emerging pollutants in the Cook Inlet watershed;
- Supporting Inletkeeper's organizing team in conducting public outreach on climate change, ocean acidification and the impacts on wild salmon;
- Supporting Inletkeeper's science team with field work and data entry related to climate change monitoring in salmon streams;
- Writing blog posts and newsletter pieces on issues relevant to salmon and climate;
- Attending meetings, workshops and partner meetings as needed.

Intern Qualifications:

- Strong organizational skills and willingness to be flexible on day-to-day basis
- Ability to work well alone and in a team
- Solid writing, research and interpersonal relations skills
- Valid driver's license
- Familiarity with computers (Excel, Word, GIS)

- Basic competence with office software ranging from word processing to image editing;
- Genuine interest in our goal of providing children formative experiences outdoors and a strong connection with nature.

Organization: Kenai Watershed Forum

Intern Job Title: Stream Watch Intern

Location: The KWF office is in Soldotna. However, the position will encompass a large portion of The Kenai Peninsula including Kenai, Soldotna, Sterling, Kasilof and Cooper Landing.

Description and Goals of Assignment: The internship provides an opportunity to learn about ecological restoration efforts while facilitating environmental education on the Kenai Peninsula through the Stream Watch program. Stream Watch was founded in 1994 and continues to be an important river protection presence on local waters. Through peer-to-peer education Stream Watch volunteers are trained to share information on Leave No Trace, fishing regulations, bear safety and river protection at popular Kenai Peninsula fishing sites.

The Stream Watch Intern will have the opportunity to develop and implement river protection projects via volunteers as well as train, engage and support volunteers while educating the public and enjoying the scenic beauty of the Kenai Peninsula. This position will spend approximately 65% of the time in the field with most of that time working directly with the public. The main goal of this position is to increase public knowledge on river protection issues on the Kenai Peninsula.

The Stream Watch Intern will focus on education, outreach and on-the-ground salmon habitat protection projects on the Kenai, Kasilof and Russian Rivers from May/June through August/September.

Intern Responsibilities:

- Provide effective on-river education to the public to increase awareness of salmon habitat, site-specific rules and regulations and Leave No Trace principles (45%)
- Assist with the recruitment, training and support of education volunteers to increase program breadth and effectiveness across designated Kenai Peninsula sites (35%)
- Assist with the development and implementation of volunteer based river protection projects in conjunction with land managers and supervisory staff (20%)
- Other duties as assigned

Intern Qualifications:

- Background and/or strong interest in environmental education (formal or informal), restoration ecology or natural resource interpretation in an outdoor setting.
- Comfortable being outside in bear country for multiple hours in varied weather and terrain
- Strong interest and ability to effectively work directly with the general public
- Excellent professional communication and interpersonal skills
- Willingness to learn about the program and study/work
- Willingness and flexibility to work weekends and evenings
- Compliance with KWF, program and partner policies and procedures
- A valid drivers license with a clean driving record
- Must be able to work outdoors and walk/hike up to 2 miles and have the physical skills necessary to perform restoration activities involving some lifting (50lbs), bending, digging, working with tools, etc.
- Experience in environmental education, volunteer management, customer service and/or natural resource/ cultural interpretation a plus

**Intern Job Title:** Story-telling and Communications for Social Change internship

**Location:** Sitka, Alaska/ Sitka Conservation Society

**Description and Goals of Assignment:** The native people who have occupied Southeast Alaska for thousands of years learned to live with the land and the resources the landscape provided. For them, living locally wasn't a trendy thing to do, but was a reality dictated by geography, climate, and available resources. The landscape of Southeast Alaska helped to define the culture of the people that lived there. One of the cultural developments that the landscape helped create was the use of story-telling as a method of passing along customs, practices, skills, and ideals from one generation to the next, among clans and extended cultural networks and groups. As anthropologist Thomas Thornton notes in his seminal work *Being and Place Amongst the Tlingit*, "Events, beings, objects, [ideals] and places typically become at.óow(sacred) when they are crystallized as encapsulating images and consecrated through use."

At the Sitka Conservation Society, we have learned from and adopted these story-telling customs as a way to share our conservation ideals and ethic. The practice of story-telling continues to be an important part of our Southeast Alaskan landscape. As noted by the Island Institute's Gary Holthus in 2010, "One secret of creating an enduring culture is to choose those healthy stories..." For the Sitka Conservation Society, for the Native People of Sitka, and for the diversity of groups that constitute Sitka and Southeast Alaska, those 'healthy stories' that create an enduring conservation culture are the stories that teach us how we can use and depend on our natural environment while also protecting the long-term health of that environment. Some of the stories that we tell that exemplify this include:

- How are the small native communities throughout Southeast Alaska pursuing new avenues for community development and community health that balances our "modern" concept of sustainability with traditional practices and ideals? Stories and media on that have included profiles of ecotourism operation on Prince of Wales Island, a new generation of carvers, projects that create local food production businesses, and ways that commercial fishermen are being ambassadors for conservation.
- How municipalities, community members, local businesses, and tribes are taking action on climate change and turning away from fossil fuels
- The right way to hunt, fish, trap, and gather resources from the environment to both be successful and to ensure that the resources aren't depleted so that we can provide for the continuity of that resource for future generations
- The story of the lives lived that exemplify community and conservation ideals and service to the community to build and sustain
- The stories of the animals, plants, fungi, and processes of the ecosystem and their interrelatedness and how they work together to create the whole
- The story of the Tongass and Alaska and the threats we face and the positive action we are taking in the global realm of conservation while creating a stronger environmental movement

In the past, stories were told around campfires and at potlatch celebrations. While we still do that today we also have a whole new toolkit of global resources at our fingertips. With access to the internet and global media, storytellers have an infinite number of mediums to share inspiration, instill values and strive to create an enduring culture of sustainability while reaching much larger audiences.

As part of our work as part of the Sustainable Southeast Partnership and our Tongass Advocacy around the Tongass Transition, we are working across Southeast Alaska on a wide variety of initiatives. This intern position will be integrated into that work and will create media and stories that recreate the native cultural traditions of *shagoon*, our sense of place and being, across our community and region, using storytelling. We will use stories to both help bolster our programs and advocacy issues work to expand the range of people and constituencies involved and engagement of those constituencies. We will tell these stories using 21<sup>st</sup> century media (internet, Alaska public radio and their websites, social media, print, etc.) and we will reach new and varied audiences in innovative and effective ways.

**Intern Responsibilities:** The intern will work with Sitka Conservation Society and partners in SCS projects and programs to create communication and story-telling pieces that tell the story of conservation and sustainability values. The intern's work could include conducting interviews, taking photographs, shooting video, writing articles or stories, etc. with the material that they collect. The intern will be responsible for learning about programs/projects/policy issues related to Tongass Temperate Rainforests and issues of community sustainability in Southeast Alaska and Alaska as a whole. The intern will be responsible for collecting materials to create communications/story-telling pieces as per the direction of supervising staff. The intern will be responsible for producing final products using their materials, other collected materials, or a combination to produce final products.

#### **Intern Qualifications:**

- **Bachelor's degree, Master degree, or pursuing a degree in pertinent field (environmental sciences, conservation, community sustainability/development, communications, design, etc.)**
- **Demonstrated abilities and experience in communications and story-telling and ability to document stories and represent ideals through writing, photography, and/or video**
  - **Communications skill set could be in either radio/audio, photography, video, or writing for publication. Preferably a combination**
  - **Candidate should demonstrate their abilities and experience with an accessible portfolio**
- Ability to effectively work with people of diverse backgrounds
- High level of problem solving ability; high level of ability to work independently; high level of ability to adapt and innovate
- Demonstrated ability to document stories and represent ideals through writing, photography, and/or video
- Preferably has some knowledge of Alaska or Southeast Alaska issues and dynamics
- Ability to work in Alaska environment which may include Wilderness and remote settings, on fishing boats or on the fishing grounds, in remote rural communities, etc.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in conservation issues and philosophy

Organization: Southeast Alaska Conservation Council

Position: Public Engagement and Media Intern

Location: Juneau, AK

The Public Engagement and Media Intern will work closely with SEACC staff to coordinate SEACC's attendance and participation at public events throughout Southeast by organizing our booths, presentations, and materials, and working with SEACC staff to represent the organization at a subset of the events we're attending. The intern's role will include working with SEACC's Communications and Online Coordinator to use social media tools to organize SEACC's supporters and keep them in touch with the organization, as well as working on critical long-term SEACC public engagement projects like completing a refresh SEACC's collection of photographs and graphics, and creating new video shorts or b-roll for our film pieces. Strong background in visual media (video, animation, photography, and social media) are desirable traits for candidates applying to this role.

SEACC has a long and storied history as the regional conservation organization working to preserve the best of the Tongass National Forest and the abundant Inside Passage waters. The Public Engagement and Media coordinator will get an up close and personal view of the inner workings of an advocacy-oriented nonprofit, while playing a key role in our essential public outreach and event work. The coordinator's work will be critical to SEACC's goal of engaging new people, both in-person and online, through use of creative engagement strategies, and creation, organization and dissemination of stunning photographs and videos.

Responsibilities:

- **Public Engagement:** Help plan, prepare and coordinate for public engagement events like the Ketchikan Blueberry Arts Festival, the Southeast Alaska State Fair, 4th of July in Juneau, and other summer events. The intern will have the opportunity to attend a subset of these events, and see the work of a grassroots nonprofit in action.
- **Social and Online Media:** The intern will work with the Communications and Operations staff to help brainstorm and plan creative engagement events for reaching out to Millennials and the post-Millennial generation to engage them in activism.
- **Photography:** Capture inspiring, high-quality, high-res photos for use in SEACC publications and online, guest-host SEACC's Instagram account over the summer, create memes and other graphics for use on social media.
- **Videography:** Create several one-minute films to further SEACC's education, advocacy, and fundraising goals. Take B-Roll film on site in communities where we host or attend events to be used (with attribution) in future film products.
- **Archiving:** Systematically review and clean out or catalog SEACC's extensive cache of digital photographs, making the most important images easily accessible and preserving the historically important photos. As time allows, apply these organizational skills to SEACC's other digital filing systems.

Qualifications:

- Gregarious – someone who enjoys working with the public and engaging new people and supporters, with a strong interest and skill set in visual media.
- Demonstrated photography, videography, and social media skills.
- Highly organized with keen attention to detail.
- Self-directed, with good communications skills, ability to work with a team, and proven followthrough.
- Passion for preserving the rugged, wet rainforests of Southeast Alaska.

Desirable:

- Background in ecology, biology, conservation policy, or a similar field of study.
- Experience working on issue or political campaigns.



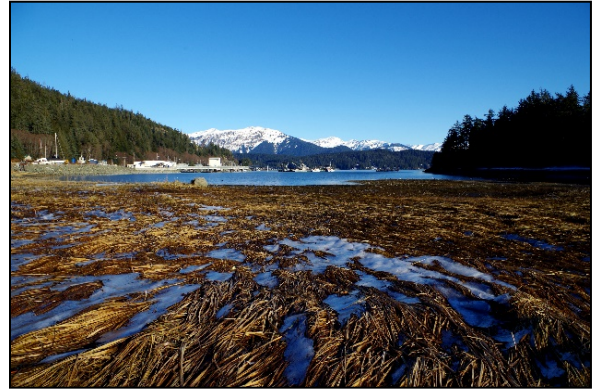


## 2017 Summer Internship

### **ABOUT SOUTHEAST ALASKA LAND TRUST:**

The Southeast Alaska Land Trust (SEAL Trust) is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the natural heritage of Southeast Alaska. SEAL Trust works to permanently protect and steward important lands with natural, recreational, and cultural values.

Since 1995, the SEAL Trust Board of Directors and staff have partnered with communities and willing landowners to ensure that vital natural areas throughout Southeast Alaska remain in place for the benefit of each generation. Today, SEAL Trust protects and stewards nearly 3,500 acres throughout Southeast Alaska.



**INTERN JOB TITLE:** Conservation Intern

**LOCATION:** Juneau, Alaska (with opportunities to travel throughout Southeast Alaska)

### **DESCRIPTION & GOALS:**

SEAL Trust is seeking a Conservation Intern for the summer of 2017. This internship will provide practical, hands-on experience with a non-profit conservation organization engaged in local and regional land conservation and stewardship activities. The intern will help SEAL Trust to build both its short term and long-term capacity to: assess and coordinate opportunities for collaborative land conservation efforts; meet core land stewardship responsibilities; and, expand community engagement efforts throughout Southeast Alaska.

### **INTERN RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### Land Protection

- Assist staff with identifying and initiating new land conservation projects based on community priorities
- Assist staff with initial property research and documentation, including: on-site and in office conservation value analysis, GIS mapping, and report writing

#### Stewardship

- Assist staff with annual monitoring of conservation land
- Assist staff with creating/updating property management plans and baseline documentation reports
- Engage volunteers in property maintenance activities

#### Community Engagement

- Assist staff with developing and implementing a community outreach strategy to engage a diverse community, including:
  - o Organizing at least one educational workshop to increase knowledge of land conservation
  - o Connecting people to the land and conservation through informative and fun outdoor programs
- Assist staff with the website, Facebook page, and the creation of community education and outreach materials

### **INTERN QUALIFICATIONS**

Undergraduate or graduate student in a natural resource or related field, with: ability to work independently as well as part of a team; knowledge and direct experience with ArcGIS mapping software; ability to navigate in the field using map/compass and GPS technology; strong written and verbal communication skills; and, familiarity with computer programs such as Microsoft Office. Experience with identifying plant and wildlife species, managing volunteers, and website design is desirable but not necessary.

Organization: The Alaska Center

Position: Grassroots Organizer

Location: Anchorage, AK

The Alaska Center is seeking an enthusiastic and talented individual to serve as our Grassroots Organizer Intern based in Anchorage. This position will work with Alaska Center Organizers and staff to build support and to inspire community members to take action and get involved on our efforts to protect salmon habitat and advance clean energy solutions at the state level.

The Alaska Center envisions a thriving and sustainable Alaska for generations to come. We engage, empower, and elect Alaskans to stand up for clean air and water, healthy communities, and a strong democracy. We believe that when Alaskans are involved in the decisions about how our resources are managed, we create a more just, equitable and sustainable future.

The summer of 2017 the Alaska Center seeks an intern that will engage Alaskans on our campaigns and develop volunteer leaders to increase our capacity and ability to make an impact. The intern will inspire community members to take action and work with volunteers who hold meaningful roles and responsibilities on our campaigns to move our efforts forward. Through these efforts, intern will help the Alaska Center significantly expand our base of supporters and volunteers that will help us achieve our goals.

Intern Responsibilities:

The intern is responsible for implementing supporter and volunteer identification strategies including hosting weekly volunteer meetings, tabling at community events, conducting 1 to 1 volunteer meetings and hosting community events that support our efforts. The intern will also host organizing trainings to volunteers that will increase the capacity and skill sets of our volunteer base.

This internship directly support the Alaska Center Organizer's work and will be supported and mentored by the Alaska Center's Advocacy Team.

Intern Qualifications:

The Alaska Center Grassroots Organizing Intern will possess most of the following attributes & skills:

A desire to create change through grassroots organizing;

Some experience advocating for social change through grassroots campaigns;

Ability to manage multiple projects and deadlines simultaneously;

Ability to work effectively both as a member of a team as well as independently;

Ability to maintain a positive attitude and solution based approach in difficult situations; Willingness to engage in direct outreach tactics including through phone and door canvasses;

Willingness to conduct volunteer recruitment, host volunteer meetings, plan campaign events, etc.

Strong verbal, presentation and written communication skills.

Organization: Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council

Job Title: Science Intern

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Description of Goals of Assignment:

The intern position will work in support of the YRITWC's programs and goal. This will include work in support of the Science Department, and planning/logistics for the 20th bi-annual YRITWC's Summit in Carcross, Yukon Territories, Canada, which will bring together Tribal and First Nations leaders from across the Yukon River Watershed to determine the strategic direction of the organization.

Intern Responsibilities:

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Accompany and assist Anchorage Science Department at on-site trainings and collection of water samples in rural Alaska
- Assist with coordination of incoming samples from villages and outgoing samples to USGS in Boulder, CO.
- Data entry
- Create outreach product(s).
- Assist with development of environmental education programs
- Accompany the Science Director to community trainings and stakeholder meetings.
- Participation in the 2017 bi-annual YRITWC Summit in Carcross

Intern Qualifications:

- Excellent communication skills to a variety of audiences.
- Strong computer skills & efficiency with Microsoft programs (Excel, Word, Powerpoint, etc.).
- Outdoor experience
- Driver's license with excellent driving record
- Current passport for international travel
- Willingness to travel to remote parts of Alaska by bush plane, commercial planes, ATC and boat.
- GIS experience preferred, but not necessary.
- An interest in science to support decision making
- An interest in water quality for human health, and the effects of climate change to water quality
- An interest in issues concerning Indigenous peoples