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Dear Friend of Alaska,

As we approach a new year, we hope you enjoy this Annual Report for FY 2008 and 2009 Calendar. We think of this report, filled with magnificent donated photography illustrating a month-by-month tour of Alaska's natural heritage, as a small "thank you" to our supporters. We offer it as that, and as a meaningful and cost-effective way to connect you with our important work.

As an investor in Alaska, you can take pride in the year's successes at your foundation. In our central role of providing financial support, we exceeded our grantmaking goals through a combination of cost cutting and successful fundraising. Grants in the critical area of operating support—the essential funds our grantees find most difficult to raise—increased by 24 percent.

Perhaps most important, we began a fundraising effort in 2008 that has recently secured more than \$3 million in targeted project support for two of Alaska's new and highly critical conservation campaigns: protecting Bristol Bay from mining (page 35) and stopping development of Alaska's vast coal reserves (page 34). With these exciting new programs and funding commitments, next year promises to be our strongest grantmaking year ever.

Despite these new campaign-restricted funds, however, the need for your continued support is stronger than ever. Just as this has been a financially challenging year for many Americans, related challenges mount for Alaska. The surge in energy costs increases pressure to develop Alaska's oil and mineral wealth. The jolt to financial markets has placed the organizational stability of our grantees at risk after the most difficult fundraising year in a decade. Consequently, the need is clear: we must maintain a strong and coordinated statewide grassroots conservation community in order to face these challenges effectively.

The combination of such factors means the need for supporting Alaska conservation is urgent. ACF is comprehensively positioned to systematically turn these challenges into opportunities on Alaska's behalf. As the only public conservation foundation in Alaska, we are truly the hub of the state's conservation community, working to make sure each issue is addressed by the best local or regional organizations possible.

Before you read this report, we will mention a few highlights. Our Strategies for Alaska's Future effort (page 39) brought strategic statewide focus to Alaska's conservation groups, enabling them to raise \$350 million from the legislature for sustainable energy. Operating support and Rapid Response grants provided some of the most difficult-to-raise funding for Alaska's grassroots community (pages 29-30). ACF is also working to attract more investment for Alaska's most important conservation issues—supporting Alaska Native groups like Nunamta Aulukestai and promoting solutions-based efforts such as the Tongass Conservation Collaborative. To learn more, please take a look at our program summaries on pages 34-41.

In these uncertain times, America's energy, resource, and financial challenges are felt especially strongly in Alaska, and your ability to truly make a difference here is equally powerful. We thank you for your confidence, your continued investment in our work, and the privilege of counting you as a friend of the Foundation and an advocate for Alaska.

Sincerely,

April E. Crosby
 April Crosby
 Chair, Board of Trustees, 2006-2008

Nick Hardigg
 Nick Hardigg
 Executive Director



Nick Hardigg cooking over a small stove in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

“You bet we will drill, baby, drill. And we will mine, baby, mine.” ~Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, Reno, Nevada, November 3, 2008

TODAY'S CHALLENGE: Global Demand Threatens Alaska's Resources

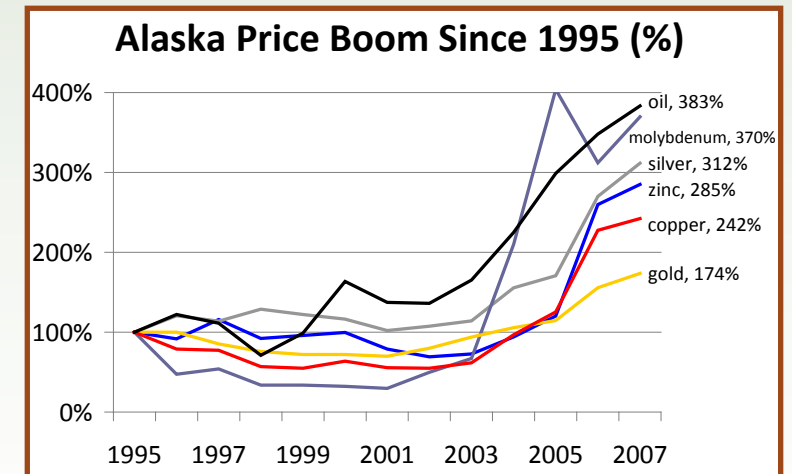
Now, more than ever, your help is needed to protect Alaska.

Nowhere is the growing threat to Alaska's pristine wilderness more apparent than in its soaring natural resource prices. Fueled by increasing demand from Asian economies, oil, gold, copper, and zinc prices have all **more than doubled since 2001**.

The pressure for increased mining activity is equally zealous. At present, **more than 40 mining projects are proposed around the state**—industrial-scale projects that will each cover thousands of acres of what is now intact, healthy wilderness.

This growing, diverse threat shapes the strategy of ACF to strengthen support for Alaska's healthy future.

Skyrocketing Demand for Alaska's Resources (1995-2007)



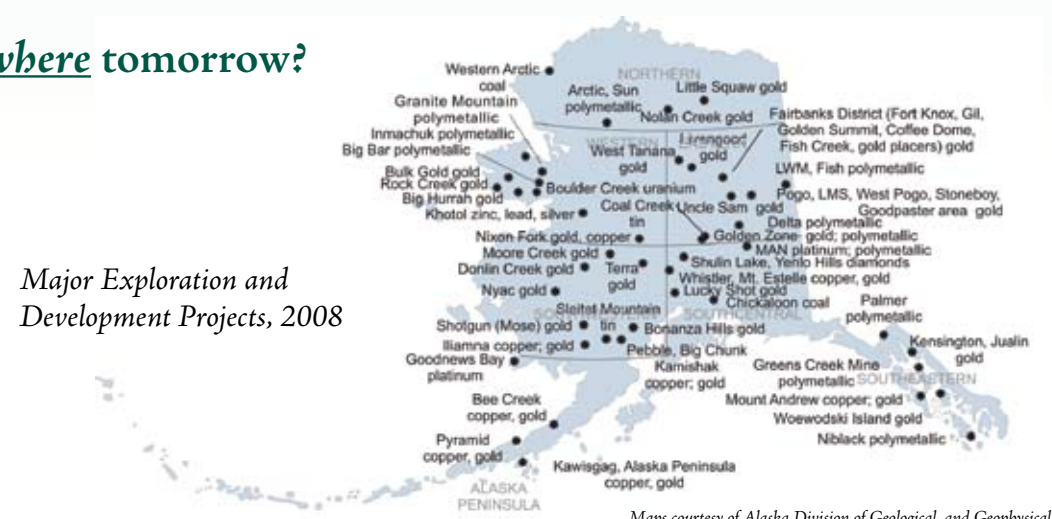
Mineral data courtesy of USGS and Alan Septoff, Earthworks

Here today...



Existing Major Mines, 2007

...everywhere tomorrow?



Major Exploration and
Development Projects, 2008

Maps courtesy of Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Studies

The concern about large-scale statewide mining is not simply its development, but Alaska's extraordinarily lax mining regulations as well. If Alaska is truly the last opportunity for the United States to "get it right" by protecting and preserving ecosystems, we have a very, very long way to go. ACF is at the forefront of this effort.

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Our Role

In our unique role as the only public foundation dedicated to conservation in Alaska, the Alaska Conservation Foundation serves as a funder and fiscal sponsor for nonprofit organizations that work to protect and wisely manage Alaska's natural resources.

We focus on conservation challenges and on developing networks and partnerships to respond to conservation issues that threaten Alaska's wildlife, waters, wilderness, and people. We provide leadership and coordination of sensible efforts to achieve this goal.

We are supported by foundations and individuals from Alaska and across the country who have joined us to protect and preserve Alaska. We then partner with grassroots conservation groups across the state and provide them with funding, as well as strategic and organizational assistance. The local groups do the "hands-on" conservation work required in their communities.

The Alaska Conservation Foundation is a focal point for the state's conservation community, fostering collaboration among local, state, and national organizations on shared goals for environmental protection. We also serve as a source of information about Alaska resource issues for a national constituency—including donors and foundations—concerned about preserving the integrity of Alaska's ecosystems and its natural beauty.

The Alaska Conservation Foundation—working to make sure Alaska's wilderness and wildlife remain healthy and beautiful for generations to come.

Our Mission

The Alaska Conservation Foundation builds strategic leadership and support for Alaskan efforts to take care of wild lands, waters, and wildlife, which sustain diverse cultures, healthy communities, and prosperous economies.



A Conservation Journey Across Alaska in 12 Months

This map illustrates the 12 most threatened regions of Alaska that are described and illustrated on the pages of our calendar—areas that you help protect by supporting ACF.

Each is unique in its ecology, habitat, wildlife, indigenous cultures, and challenges. All are significant in ACF's conservation strategy for the survival of a healthy, robust Alaska for future generations.



Map illustration by Penny Panlener and Simon Goldstein



Western Arctic

Stretching from the Colville River west to the Chukchi Sea and south past the Brooks Range, Alaska's Western Arctic region is a complex network of treeless tundra, coastal lagoons, streams, and rivers hosting one of the continent's largest, most unique arrays of wildlife. Here scientists have unearthed the skeletons of dinosaurs that adapted to survive in cold climates—an astonishing discovery that has changed how they view our planet's ancient past.

Today, this region supports one of the Earth's largest concentrations of raptors, as well as the 450,000 caribou of the Western Arctic Herd. The coastal waters provide refuge to seals, walrus, and polar bears, all essential to the survival of indigenous cultures that are thousands of years old.

Global warming now poses an ominous threat to this region, causing the retreat of sea ice, melting of permafrost, and increasing ferocity of winter storms that damage coastal habitats. The area holds massive reserves of oil, gas, and minerals, as well as half the nation's coal reserves—increasing the threat of offshore oil development, industrial-scale mining, and coal development. The world's largest lead and zinc mine, Red Dog Mine, is found here. According to the EPA, for the last five years this mine has been the single largest source of toxic pollutants in the country. Additional major mining projects are being planned.

Land protections in the region are limited primarily to a few designated "Special Areas" in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska identified for their extraordinary wildlife values. One such area is Teshekpuk Lake, which encompasses one of the most important waterfowl habitats in the Western Hemisphere.

ACF has provided grants to Pacific Environment to aid efforts to limit the impacts of offshore oil development on marine mammals on which local villages rely for sustenance and cultural survival. We have also supported the efforts of Northern Alaska Environmental Center and Alaska Community Action on Toxics to reduce the effects of Red Dog Mine on human health, fish, and wildlife. ACF's Sportsman's Alliance for Alaska program (see page 38) has engaged sportsmen in Alaska and throughout the country in efforts to protect Teshekpuk Lake.

January 2009

Above: Polar bear © Amy Gulick, www.amygulick.com.
Photo generously donated by Amy Gulick.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day	2	3 Alaska Statehood Day (1959) Quadrantids meteor shower
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13 Ashura	14	15	16
17 Birthday of Celia Hunter, co-founder of ACF	18	19	20	21	22	23
		24 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	25 Inaugural Day	26	27	28
29	30 Coldest temperature recorded in Alaska, -80F, Prospect Creek, 1971 First sunrise of the year in Barrow, AK	31				
25	26 Chinese New Year Annular solar eclipse	27	28	29	30	31

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This page, top right: Caribou buck grazing © Dave Menke, US Fish & Wildlife Service
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Cook Inlet

Extending north from the massive Gulf of Alaska, the 250-mile-long Cook Inlet is cradled between spectacular mountain ranges and flanked by a network of coastal estuaries and silt-laden glacial rivers. Massive geological forces continue to transform the inlet, from the ice fields of the Chugach Mountains to the active volcanoes of the Aleutian Range. At over 30 feet, the inlet's tidal fluctuations are the second highest in the world.

The inlet's interplay of currents and glacial waters creates a rich, productive habitat for five species of wild Pacific salmon, halibut, sea lions, porpoises, and—notably—a recently listed endangered population of beluga whale.

Current oil and gas industry projects, proposed coal strip mines, inadequate shipping safety practices, and human waste are just a few of the threats to the inlet ecosystem. Some 16 offshore oil and gas production platforms currently operate there and, contrary to national guidelines requiring zero discharge, these platforms are permitted to discharge toxic waste directly into its waters so long as they document the volume and composition of the wastes dumped. Between 1987 and 1992, offshore platforms discharged nearly **7 trillion gallons** of toxic wastewater into Cook Inlet.

Escalating this threat is the proposed Chuitna Coal Project, which would be the third-largest coal strip mine in the country. Up to a billion tons of coal would be stripped from the delicate Chuitna River watershed, just 45 miles west of Anchorage. Aside from the direct negative effects on the local habitat, the combustion of this coal will generate profuse greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, which has far-reaching effects beyond the immediate ecosystem.

ACF has long taken an active role to protect the waters of the Cook Inlet. Interns from our Conservation Internship Program have supported the water quality monitoring efforts of grantees such as the Anchorage Waterways Council. Our Operating Support Grants to key groups in the region, such as Cook Inletkeeper and Alaska Center for the Environment, have brought a comprehensive watershed approach to protecting this precious waterway. Please visit page 41 to learn more about ACF's Conservation Internship Program.

February 2009

Above: Moving sea ice and water, Turnagain Arm, Cook Inlet © Carl Battreall, www.battreallphoto.com.
Photo generously donated by Carl Battreall.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	Groundhog Day 9	10	11	12	13	14
Tu B'Shvat	Penumbra lunar eclipse					Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Oil discovered at Prudhoe Bay, 1968 Presidents' Day		Ash Wednesday		First winter ascent of Mt. McKinley, 1968	



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This page, bottom second: Fishermen against coal © Dennis Gann, Cook Inletkeeper
This page, bottom third: Beluga whale © Fernando Rodrigues, ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center
This page, bottom fourth: Cook Inlet and Mt. Susitna at sunset © Winnie Chang, 2008 ACF Conservation Intern
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Bering Sea

The Bering Sea—the name conjures up images of a severe and inhospitable environment: massive waves; deep, icy waters; and blustery, bone-chilling winds. For marine life, however, the waters of the Bering Sea are idyllic.

Set between the coasts of Russia and Alaska and spanning more than 875,000 square miles, the Bering Sea teems with phytoplankton that support a diverse and astonishing volume of marine life such as halibut, pollock, king crab, walrus, polar bears, tufted puffins, and the endangered short-tailed albatross and North Pacific Right Whale. The Aleutian Islands, which border the Bering Sea to the south, are home to some of the world's densest populations of cold-water coral.


The Bering Sea's wealth of fish has become the focus of massive fisheries that catch over four billion pounds of fish per year, primarily pollock. The fish are harvested by trawlers that deploy nets capable of snaring hundreds of tons at a time. Unfortunately, as the nets are dragged, they scrape along the ocean floor, capturing millions of additional pounds of non-targeted fish and marine life—such as cold-water corals. These plants and animals are needlessly killed and discarded. This enormous waste is misleadingly termed “bycatch.”

Aside from the senseless destruction of sea life, the impact of scraping coral, plants, and rocks from the bottom of the ocean has been likened to clearcutting a forest. It removes critical habitat, protection, and food from numerous fish and marine mammals that live or forage on the ocean's floor. Allowing such destruction is contrary to Alaska's goal of sustainable, well-managed fisheries. If we are not diligent, this ecosystem will be forever damaged.

A group of Alaska Native elders from 22 villages on the Bering coast are working to limit the expansion of the trawl fleet and its impacts on subsistence resources. ACF funded the initial meetings of the Bering Sea Elders Advisory Group (see page 30), and is now supporting a research project initiated by the Elders to gather information about regional subsistence activities. ACF also supports the Alaska Marine Conservation Council's efforts to secure protection for essential fish habitats, including cold-water coral gardens along the Aleutian trench. Learn more about ACF's Alaska's Oceans program on page 36.

March 2009

Above: Pacific walrus, Cape Pierce © US Fish & Wildlife Service.
Photo provided courtesy of US Fish & Wildlife Service.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 First Iditarod Sled Dog Race, 1973	4	5	6	7 Ceremonial start of 2009 Iditarod Sled Dog Race, Anchorage
8 Official start of 2009 Iditarod Sled Dog Race, Wasilla Daylight Saving Time begins	9	10 Purim	11 ☺	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Vernal Equinox	21
22	23	24 Exxon Valdez oil tanker hits reef in Prince William Sound, 12:04 am, 1989, spilling 10.8 million gal. of crude oil	25	26 ●	27 Good Friday earthquake, largest ever in N. America (RS 9.2), hits Anchorage, 1964	28
29	30 Seward's Day — Secretary of State Seward signs Alaska Purchase, 1867	31				

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This page, bottom right: King Island Dancer © Michael Dineen, National Science Foundation

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Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

In 1964, the Wilderness Act defined “Wilderness” as an area where the Earth and its community of life are unchanged by man, where man himself is merely a visitor. To this day, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge remains one of the most pristine wilderness areas in the world. An almost mystical place in its remoteness, the refuge’s vast expanse supports an amazing diversity of animal species including gray wolves, polar bears, caribou, musk oxen, arctic grayling, Dolly Varden, and 195 species of birds.

In 1980, under the Alaska National Interests Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Congress doubled the size of the Arctic Refuge while simultaneously sealing its fate as an area requiring constant vigilance toward its protection. While 80 percent of the refuge’s 19.2 million acres is presently designated as Wilderness, Congress left open the decision about whether to allow oil and gas development in 1.5 million acres of the refuge’s coastal plain along the Arctic Ocean. The ultimate fate of this area lies at the heart of the drilling controversy.





As fuel prices continue to rise across the globe, pressure to drill in the coastal plain grows proportionately. Politicians and others who support opening the Arctic Refuge to drilling speak of the need to reduce our nation’s dependence on foreign oil, instilling the fear that the cost of fuel will continue to rise—while downplaying the importance of this critical ecosystem by describing it as “barren” or “a wasteland.” They do not mention who really stands to gain most from the drilling.

The Gwich’in Nation has a much greater stake in—and respect for—the refuge and in particular the coastal plain, which is far from barren. They refer to the plain as “Izhik Gwats’an Gwandaii Goodlit” (“The Sacred Place Where Life Begins”), as it is the birthing and nursery grounds of the massive Porcupine Caribou Herd, on which they have relied for millennia.

In fiscal year 2008, ACF continued to support the important work of the Gwich’in Steering Committee to address the heightened threat of oil and gas development on this culturally significant and life-sustaining land. For more information about ACF’s work in the Circumpolar Arctic region, see page 40.

April 2009

Above: Jago River Valley, Romanzof Mountains, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge © Kim Heacox Photography, www.kimheacox.com. Photo generously donated by Kim Heacox.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	 9	10	11
Palm Sunday			Passover begins at sunset		Good Friday	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Easter			Passover ends			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 
		Lyrids meteor shower	Earth Day		Arbor Day	
26	27	28	29	30		

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This page, bottom right: Hiking through cottongrass, Arctic Refuge © Matt Rafferty
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Southeast Alaska

Beautiful, lush, and remote, Southeast Alaska scribes a thousand-mile arc along the Pacific coast between Yakutat and Ketchikan. The region is a reservoir of biodiversity and wilderness. It is home to glacier-dredged fjords and small islands covered in temperate rainforest inhabited by some of the world's healthiest remaining populations of salmon, grizzly bears, bald eagles, and giant old-growth trees—some more than a thousand years old.

Southeast Alaska includes part of the historic Inside Passage, as well as Glacier Bay National Park and other national monuments, historic parks, and preserves. Sitka National Historical Park, Alaska's oldest federally designated park, features Northwest Coast totem poles donated by Native leaders from villages in the region, lining its scenic coastal trail.




This area is the traditional homeland of the Tlingit people; it also housed a prehistoric settlement of Haida and is home to a modern settlement of Tsimshian. The region is dotted with diverse coastal communities that depend on the forest's resources for survival. Commercial fishing and tourism are mainstays of the local economy, and the bounty of the land and sea continues to feed rural families who live a traditional subsistence way of life. Travel in the area is enabled only by boat or plane; roads are very few.

The heart of Southeast Alaska is its incomparable rainforest, the Tongass, one of the most compelling conservation opportunities in the world. Temperate rainforests have suffered an even worse fate than the world's decimated tropical variety. Extensive logging has destroyed half the ancient temperate rainforests; the Tongass represents over 40 percent of the world's remaining old-growth coastal example of this ecosystem.

ACF strives to protect the rainforest through leadership in the Tongass Conservation Collaborative (TCC). The TCC is working to move the Southeast conservation agenda toward a community-supported, solutions-based future founded on permanent protection for areas of high biological and community value, restoration of damaged watersheds, and sustainable local economies. To this end, ACF has awarded grants and internships to Discovery Southeast, Lynn Canal Conservation, Sitka Conservation Society, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, and Trout Unlimited. Learn more about ACF's Rainforest Conservation efforts on page 37.

May 2009

Above: Tongass grandeur © Amy Gulick, www.amygulick.com.
Photo generously donated by Amy Gulick.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	May Day 8	9 
10	11	Cinco de Mayo 12	13	14	15	16
Mother's Day 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Victoria Day (Canada) 24	25	26	27	28	29
31	Memorial Day				Shavou'ot/Pentecost	30

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This page, top right: Steller sea lions, South Marble Island © Melinda Webster, National Park Service
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Prince William Sound

Prince William Sound's 10,000 square miles extend north from the Gulf of Alaska in Southcentral Alaska. It is separated from the Cook Inlet by the Chugach Mountains, one of the tallest coastal mountain ranges on the continent. Held in the frozen grip of a vast complex of ice fields and glaciers, these mountains form a nearly impenetrable barrier that has shielded the area from extensive development.

Affectionately referred to as "the Sound," this body of water is a kayaker's paradise. Some of Alaska's most iconic residents live in its waters, including humpback and killer whales, sea otters, and Dall porpoises, while bears and deer thrive on its many islands. Millions of birds rest on its mudflats each spring on their journey to Arctic nesting grounds. Meanwhile, all five species of Pacific salmon, shellfish, and the once-plentiful herring can be found in its waters.

Many remember March 24, 1989 as the dark day when the huge oil tanker *Exxon Valdez* ran aground, disgorging almost 11 million gallons of crude oil into the pristine waters of the Sound, contaminating a thousand miles of shoreline. Millions of oil-soaked birds and marine mammals perished. The Sound's productive herring fishery collapsed. For Alaskans, the spill and its aftermath will never be forgotten. For residents of the Sound and the clean-up workers—the nightmare continues.



It has been nearly 20 years since the Exxon Valdez oil spill (EVOS), and Exxon's promises of "total cleanup" have gone unfulfilled. There is now a well-documented health crisis among hundreds of EVOS workers who suffer from respiratory and central nervous system problems.

The vitality of the Sound has not been restored, and the communities that relied upon it have not recovered. For all its breathtaking beauty, Prince William Sound is likely to be remembered as a symbol of the irreversible damage—to ecosystems, health, and economies—that can result from the irresponsible influence of man.

ACF grantee Alaska Community Action on Toxics is addressing the EVOS worker health crisis through their Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Legacy Project. Please refer to page 36 for more information about ACF's Alaska's Oceans program.

June 2009

Above: King's Bay, Prince William Sound © Damion Brook Kintz.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
☺ 7	8	9	10	11	World Environment Day 12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Flag Day 21	● 22	23	24	25	Juneteenth 26	27
Father's Day Summer Solstice 28	Congress approves Alaska statehood, 1958 29	30				

Hottest temperature
recorded in Alaska,
100°F, Ft. Yukon, 1915

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This page, bottom right: Kayaking the Sound © Matt Rafferty

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Bristol Bay Region

Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed is one of the most biologically productive marine ecosystems in the world. The watershed is a network of pristine rivers, lakes, and streams that sustain the largest runs of wild salmon on Earth. About 40 percent of the total US fish harvest comes from the Bristol Bay, which includes not only salmon, but halibut, king crab, herring, pollock, and cod. The bay provides essential habitat for walrus, whales, and nesting colonies of over a million seabirds.

The Bristol Bay region remains largely undeveloped and intact, due in great part to its remoteness. The primary source of income comes from its world-renowned commercial and sport fisheries. About 85 percent of the region's residents are Alaska Native—primarily Athabascan and Yup'ik—who still depend on the harvest of salmon and other wild foods for physical and cultural sustenance.





In 1989, Congress issued a moratorium banning oil and gas development in the bay, but this ban was lifted in 2007, and the area is now a major target for development. Offshore oil and gas exploration brings the very real potential of pollution and habitat destruction. Onshore, the greatest threat is the proposed Pebble Mine project. If developed, this would be one of the world's largest copper and gold mines. It is slated to sit squarely at the headwaters of the region's most critical rivers, leaving the residents of the Bristol Bay area to ask, "Is it really worth the risk?"

ACF funds the Alaska Marine Conservation Council's work to stop an offshore oil and gas lease sale proposed by the US Minerals Management Service and to ban oil development in the bay. We also manage a grant program for a campaign to block development of the Pebble Mine. The organizations engaged include Nunamta Aulukestai, Trustees for Alaska, Earthworks, the Renewable Resources Coalition, Trout Unlimited, The Wilderness Society, the National Parks and Conservation Association, the Center for Science in Public Participation, and Resource Media.

ACF also serves as fiscal sponsor for Nunamta Aulukestai, an association of Alaska Native village corporations united to manage their lands for sustainable uses. Learn more about ACF's Hard Rock Mining program on page 35.

July 2009

Above: Bristol Bay sockeye salmon © Ben Knight, Felt Soul Media, www.feltsoulmedia.com.
Photo generously donated by Ben Knight.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Canada Day	2	3 First Alaska airplane flight, 1913	4 Independence Day
5	6	 7 Penumbral lunar eclipse	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Bastille Day	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Total solar eclipse Record 42.6 million red salmon harvested in Bristol Bay, 1995	23 Chugach National Forest established, 1907	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 	

This page, top left: Boats in Nelson Lagoon, Bristol Bay © Kelly Harrell, Friends of Bristol Bay, Alaska Marine Conservation Council
This page, top center: Exploration drill rig, Pebble Mine East © Erin McKittrick, Ground Truth Trekking
This page, bottom right: Monkshood, Upper Talarik Creek © Erin McKittrick, Ground Truth Trekking

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Southcentral Alaska

Southcentral Alaska is a dynamic world in motion. Dramatic mountain ranges touch the ocean and glaciers tumble into placid fjords. Massive brown bears converge on salmon-filled rivers. Braided rivers cut channels through productive wetlands and active volcanoes dot the horizon, a reminder that this land is still very much in flux.

Chugach State Park (our nation's third largest park) is found in this region and the boundaries of the park lie right above Anchorage—Alaska's largest city. Wildlife abounds here, and black bears and moose can often be found wandering the mountains and foothills—not to mention the streets of Anchorage. Southcentral is probably one of the few places in the state where high-rise office workers can catch a king salmon during their lunch break.

This is Alaska's most populous and fastest growing region, home to more than 60 percent of the state's nearly 700,000 residents. Pressures on Southcentral Alaska are prolific, stemming primarily from rampant development that threatens the area's rich biodiversity, bountiful wildlife habitat, and access to public lands.






Nowhere are these pressures greater than with energy development. As Cook Inlet natural gas supplies dwindle, some local governments and utilities continue to consider archaic fuels such as coal and oil rather than embrace a future of renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Meanwhile, Southcentral Alaska is poised to become a leader in renewable energy development. The region's power needs are matched by its geothermal potential, powerful winds, extreme tidal fluctuations, and other renewable energy sources. This region could serve as a national model and laboratory for emerging energy technologies, helping drive a sustainable economy and transitioning Alaska away from the extractive fossil fuel industries that have devastated wilderness and led to recent political corruption.

ACF is helping organize and support the coordinated effort of the Alaska Clean Energy Campaign, which advocates for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy planning as a means to transition Alaska toward a sustainable economic and environmental future. To learn more about ACF's Energy and Climate program, see page 34.

August 2009

Above: Sandhill crane © Julie K. Jessen.
Photo generously donated by Julie K. Jessen.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5		6	7
8						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Alaska becomes a US territory, 1912 Perseids meteor shower			
16	17	18	19		20	21
		Mt. Spurr erupts, 1992				Ramadan
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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This page, bottom right: Dall ram, Chugach Mountains © AlaskaStock.com
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The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta

Located in southwest Alaska within the boundaries of the 19-million-acre Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta is one of the largest river deltas in the world. Formed where the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers meet the Bering Sea, the delta consists primarily of tundra less than 100 feet above sea level.

With lakes, ponds, and streams scattered as far as the eye can see, the delta is considered the most critical shorebird nesting area in the nation, based on density and diversity of species. One of the largest concentrations of waterfowl in the world (a combined 1.5 million ducks and geese) breeds here annually, including the endangered Steller's eider. It is also the breeding ground for the continent's most concentrated population of golden eagles.





Because the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta includes both coastal areas and 4,000-foot mountain peaks, it is also home to polar and grizzly bears, caribou, bearded seals, and bowhead whales. There are nearly 60 small villages in this region where cultural traditions are strong and traditional languages still spoken. Residents of this area are primarily Yup'ik who rely on fish, wildlife, and wild plants for their physical and cultural survival.

Unfortunately, major forces are threatening the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta watershed and its wildlife and people. Hard-rock mining, oil and gas development, and a nuclear reactor are among the projects proposed. Fortunately, many residents of the delta are looking beyond the short-term positive economic impact, and toward the long-lasting threats to the environment, which is inextricably tied to their culture. These threats include the transportation of toxic chemicals and fuel through the sensitive watershed, the location of storage ponds for toxic mining waste, and the enormous energy demands to complete and maintain these projects.

ACF operating support grantee Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council is working diligently to protect and preserve this important watershed from further contamination and degradation. The protection of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta is critical—its rich wilderness has sustained Alaska Native cultures for thousands of years. See page 29 to learn more about ACF's Operating Support Grants.

September 2009

Above: Woman drying salmon in Ruby © Jon Waterhouse, Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council, www.yritwc.com. Photo generously donated by Jon Waterhouse.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	 4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day			Tongass National Forest established, 1907		
13	14	15	16	17	 18	19
Grandparents' Day					Rosh HaShanah begins at sunset	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Rosh HaShanah ends Eid al-Fitr	International Day of Peace	Autumnal Equinox			Native American Day	
27	28	29	30			
Yom Kippur begins at sunset	Yom Kippur ends at sunset					

This page, top left: Reyna, Madrona, and Mary in Kwetluk © Toby Smith
This page, bottom right: Subsistence fishwheel, Yukon River © Polly Wheeler, US Fish & Wildlife Service
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The Seward Peninsula—Ancient Beringia

The Seward Peninsula's western tip, Cape Prince of Wales on the Bering Strait, is the westernmost point of the North American mainland. Its northernmost tip lies within the Arctic Circle. The narrow Bering Strait now separates the peninsula from Siberia, but in prehistoric times both were part of Beringia, a vast subcontinent that linked Asia and North America when glaciers covered much of the Earth.

Across this 1,000-mile sweep of land traveled hunters, the first people to enter the Americas. They followed the migrations of fantastic creatures—wooly mammoths and mastodons, giant beavers and great bears, steppe bison and saber-toothed tigers. Many of these creatures are the ancient ancestors of some of Alaska's most recognized wildlife species—brown bears, musk ox, caribou, and moose.

Today, the Seward Peninsula hosts a rich diversity of indigenous cultures and wildlife still integrally linked to the land. Recent human migrants, however, came to the land to exploit its mineral wealth, from the Nome Gold Rush of the early 1900s to the present-day beginnings of the massive Rock Creek Mine—an open-pit cyanide heap-leach mine north of Nome.




Highly toxic even in extremely small doses, cyanide can be deadly—yet it is the substance that allows the extraction of minerals such as gold from low-grade ore. Once the mine is fully operational, the potential for groundwater contamination and toxic spills poses serious threats to plant, animal, and human health.

Equally significant is the toxic legacy left by military facilities built during World War II and the Cold War that now threatens the region's environmental and human health.

Alaska Community Action on Toxics, an ACF operating support grantee, is working with 16 Alaska Native villages in the region to identify former defense sites and have them cleaned up. ACF also supports the efforts of Trustees for Alaska, who provide legal counsel to the residents of Nome as they fight to limit the negative impacts of Rock Creek Mine. For more on ACF's Hard Rock Mining work, see page 35.

October 2009

Above: Bunkhouse, Serpentine Hot Springs, Bering Land Bridge National Park © Ralph Jones, National Park Service.
Photo provided courtesy of National Park Service.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
 4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Sukkot
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Columbus Day Thanksgiving (Canada)					
 18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Alaska Day (Alaska transferred from Russia to US, 1867)	Alaska Day (observed)		Orionids meteor shower			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

This page, top: Musk oxen, Seward Peninsula © Nichole Andler, National Park Service
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Interior Alaska

The Interior region of Alaska sets the imagination into motion. Views extend seemingly to the infinite, with the highest peaks on the continent soaring above twisted, braided, glacial rivers. With summer temperatures topping out near 100 degrees and winter lows plummeting to more than 60 below, the Interior has some of the most extreme temperature fluctuations on the planet.

The Interior is also home to Alaska's only current operational coal mine and coal-fired power plants, and is the center of numerous ill-conceived coal development projects. It is also feeling the disproportionate effects of climate change, with melting permafrost destroying forests and homes while parasites in warming rivers are depleting once-vibrant salmon runs.




Coal is the most polluting of all fossil fuels, contributing greatly to elevated levels of CO₂ in the atmosphere, asthma in our children, and mercury contamination in our fish. It is a 19th Century solution to 21st Century problems, and Alaska has the renewable energy sources—and the definite need—to move well beyond such archaic technology.

Fortunately, there are some exceptional examples of renewable energy research and technology in the Interior. The Cold Climate Housing Research Center in Fairbanks focuses on research to improve the durability, health, efficiency, and affordability of shelter for people in Alaska and other circumpolar regions around the globe. The nearby Chena Hot Springs Renewable Energy Center is developing renewable energy and sustainable development projects, and forming partnerships within the community and across the country to promote and implement renewable technologies.

Alaska has roughly half of the nation's coal reserves, which translates to as much as one-eighth of global reserves. With an eye toward mitigating the devastating impacts of global climate change, in fiscal year 2008, ACF brought 25 conservation and tribal organizations together to address the rising threat of coal. This body, with ACF's support, has formed the Alaska Coal Working Group, a coalition whose goal is to fight climate change by keeping Alaska's vast coal reserves in the ground. The Working Group makes up the "no" prong of the Alaska Clean Energy Campaign. See page 34 for more information on ACF's work on Energy and Climate issues.

November 2009

Above: Grizzly © Julie K. Jessen.
Photo generously donated by Julie K. Jessen.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <small>All Saints' Day Daylight Saving Time ends</small>	2 	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 <small>All Souls' Day</small>	10	11 <small>Veterans' Day</small>	12 <small>Guy Fawkes Day</small>	13	14
15	16 	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 <small>Leonids meteor shower</small>	25	26	27	28
29	30					

This page, bottom right: Autumn tundra © Toby Smith
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The Copper River Basin

Just east of the Chugach National Forest lies the Copper River Basin, one of the most diverse and significant wetlands ecosystems in the Western Hemisphere. Each year more than 15 million shorebirds and waterfowl stop in the 700,000-acre basin as they migrate to nesting areas throughout the Arctic.

During peak migration, up to 250,000 shorebirds per square mile feed in the basin's tidal flats, and millions of ducks, geese, and swans rest there each spring. It is a summer nesting habitat for many other birds, including bald eagles, Arctic terns, northern phalaropes, cranes, and passerines.

The lush wetlands are also home to an incredible variety of animals, including bears, moose, weasels, mink, wolverine, muskrat, porcupine, and the world's densest concentration of beavers. Harbor seals haul out and give birth on barrier island bars, swimming upstream to feed in the river. Other mammals dine offshore, including gray, minke, humpback, and killer whales; Dall and harbor porpoises; and sea lions.






The most critical facet of the Copper River ecosystem, however, is its five species of wild Pacific salmon. Salmon enrich the river's health, economy, culture, and subsistence wealth. For thousands of years, salmon have been a cornerstone of life for the region's Eyak and Ahtna people. Many of the basin's wolf packs also rely on salmon for survival—more so than any other wolves in the world.

Much of the land in the basin is federally owned and protected, but a high percentage is privately held and a portion of state and federal land is open to mining. The Trans-Alaska Pipeline runs through the region, and while oil spill prevention and response has been vastly improved for oil tankers, spill response along the aging pipeline is sorely inadequate.

ACF provides support to the Copper River Watershed Project, which works to keep the region's development sustainable and its wild character protected. ACF has awarded Opportunity Grant funding (see page 31) to Cascadia Wildlands Project to support effective oil spill response planning for the pipeline and pumping stations in the region. ACF also supports Alaskans for Responsible Mining, which helps the Copper Country Alliance address the development of an industrial-scale nickel mine near Tangle Lakes.

December 2009

Above: Icebergs on Miles Lake, near the Copper River © Bretwood Higman, Ground Truth Trekking, www.groundtruthtrekking.org. Photo generously donated by Bretwood Higman.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	 2 President Carter signs Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act into law, 1980	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 First day of Hanukkah
13 Geminids meteor shower	14	15	 16	17	18	19 Last day of Hanukkah
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Winter Solstice			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Kwanzaa begins
27 Ashura	28	29	30	 31 Partial lunar eclipse New Year's Eve		

This page, top left: Arctic terns © Donna Dewhurst, US Fish & Wildlife Service
This page, bottom right: Coal Cove, Port Graham Bay, site of Alaska's first coal mine © Bretwood Higman, Ground Truth Trekking

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Strategic Grantmaking—Up 24% since 2007!

Of ACF's many roles in our work to ensure Alaska's healthy future, none is more central to our purpose than grantmaking. Funds generously entrusted to us by individuals, foundations, and conservation-minded businesses are strategically granted to dozens of local and regional, Alaska-based nonprofit conservation groups and projects for the greatest impact possible. We invest in conservation solutions, broadening the base of support for conservation both in and outside of Alaska, and staunchly defending Alaska's most precious and important wild lands.

Since its beginning in 1980, ACF has never had a stronger team of program officers to guide its grantmaking investments. Our three program officers possess a combined background of 50 years of Alaska conservation experience; two are former executive directors, and all have served on Alaska NGO boards (see "Our Program Team," at right).

Our team of conservation leaders objectively tracks the issues, threats, and opportunities that will determine Alaska's future. The program team works closely with our board and grantees to develop and implement effective strategies that further ACF's conservation goals, ensuring that your philanthropic investments facilitate the greatest possible outcome. By supporting the Alaska Conservation Foundation, you become a vital partner in our efforts to address and resolve the most pressing and significant conservation needs across the state.

On the following pages are reports regarding the progress of our largest grantmaking programs. (For a chart of ACF's grantmaking history, including projections for 2009, please see page 54.)



Matt Rafferty, Brian McNitt, and Ann Rothe © ACF Staff

Our Program Team—Fifty Years of Alaska Conservation Experience

Brian McNitt—Program Officer for Rainforests

Brian arrived in Sitka, Alaska in 1984, and spent his first five years there as a field biologist as well as commercial salmon trolling during the summers. Then, after two years in the Environmental Studies Master's Degree Program at the University of Montana, Brian returned to Sitka in 1991 to own and operate two small restaurants. He was a board member of the Sitka Conservation Society and eventually became its executive director. In 1999, Brian came to work for ACF as manager of the Alaska Rainforest Campaign.

Matt Rafferty—Program Officer for Energy and Climate

Matt is a graduate of the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He has been a program officer at ACF since 2005, with a current portfolio that includes climate and energy issues, legislative matters, and the Conservation Internship Program. He is a graduate of the Alaska Humanities Forum Leadership Anchorage program and served on the Board of Directors for the Alaska Center for the Environment.

Ann Rothe—Program Officer for Mining and Oceans

Ann, a journalist, wildlife biologist, and thirty-year Alaska resident, graduated from Iowa State University with degrees in wildlife management and science journalism. She has extensive experience in Alaska environmental policy through her work with the US Department of the Interior, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, National Audubon Society, National Wildlife Federation, and the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council, which she helped create shortly after the Exxon Valdez oil spill. For 10 years before arriving at ACF, Ann was executive director of Trustees for Alaska, a nonprofit public interest environmental law firm.



Bull moose: Deradi © Julie K. Jensen

Operating Support Grants—\$200,000 awarded (20 grants)

In the world of nonprofits, the most difficult type of fundraising is that for unrestricted operating support. The impact of operating support on Alaska conservation as a whole, however, cannot be overstated—which is why the Alaska Conservation Foundation believes so strongly in providing this vital support. ACF is often the largest single provider of unrestricted operating support to our grantees.

Unrestricted operating support allows Alaska's nonprofit conservation organizations to remain true to their missions. It affords them the freedom to address Alaska's most pressing conservation and environmental justice issues proactively and strategically, while allowing them the flexibility to attend to the practical needs any business requires to be successful—like keeping the lights on and the doors open, making sure the staff is trained and competitively compensated, or purchasing the equipment they need to do their jobs efficiently and effectively. Ultimately, operating support allows Alaska's competent and committed nonprofit conservation organizations to attain the long-term goals and objectives of their strategic plans while ensuring accountability to the many stakeholders invested in their success, including their members, foundations, and the conservation and broader communities.

Operating support is truly the life blood of any organization. Without it, the many distinctive and capable groups in Alaska—including this Foundation—would not survive, let alone thrive. The operating support grants we made in 2008 helped sustain 20 of the state's most critical conservation organizations for another year so they could continue their important work on behalf of Alaska conservation, which in the end allows ACF to remain true to its own mission.



Western columbine, Chugach State Park © Carl Battreall



Sunset and pool, Root Glacier, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park © Carl Battreall

Alaska Center for the Environment
Anchorage, AK ♦ \$11,000

*Alaska Community Action on
Toxics*
Anchorage, AK ♦ \$12,000

Alaska Conservation Alliance
Anchorage, AK ♦ \$10,000

Alaska Conservation Voters
Anchorage, AK ♦ \$15,000

*Alaska Marine Conservation
Council*
Anchorage, AK ♦ \$15,000

Alaskans for Responsible Mining
Anchorage, AK ♦ \$10,000

Anchorage Citizens' Coalition
Anchorage, AK ♦ \$5,000

Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies
Homer, AK ♦ \$5,000

Cook Inletkeeper
Homer, AK ♦ \$15,000

Copper River Watershed Project
Cordova, AK ♦ \$7,500

Denali Citizens' Council
Denali Park, AK ♦ \$9,000

Friends of Mat-Su
Palmer, AK ♦ \$14,000

*Green Star (Renewable Energy
Alaska Project)*
Anchorage, AK ♦ \$6,000

Gwich'in Steering Committee
Fairbanks, AK ♦ \$11,000

Lynn Canal Conservation, Inc.
Haines, AK ♦ \$7,000

*Northern Alaska Environmental
Center*
Fairbanks, AK ♦ \$10,500

Sitka Conservation Society
Sitka, AK ♦ \$7,000

*Southeast Alaska Conservation
Council*
Juneau, AK ♦ \$10,000

Trustees for Alaska
Anchorage, AK ♦ \$15,000

*Yukon River Inter-Tribal
Watershed Council*
Fairbanks, AK ♦ \$5,000

Rapid Response Fund Grants—\$43,053 awarded (4 grants)

ACF developed the Rapid Response Fund (RRF), the only fund of its kind in Alaska, as a means to respond to urgent environmental threats and opportunities. Through an expedited process utilizing a committee of staff and board members, RRF grants are awarded within two to four days of applying.

Because Alaska is rich in public lands, it is especially vulnerable to adverse actions—sometimes sudden and unexpected. Wild areas, biological diversity, and intact ecosystems can be eliminated or severely compromised by “stealth” legislation in the form of riders, and it is critical that such legislation be brought to the attention of those who want to preserve our remaining wild places. In other cases, crucial issues might not be adequately publicized or quickly addressed without the availability of Rapid Response funds.

It is essential that the public is aware of proposed legislation and administrative actions so that conservationists can communicate our views to our elected representatives. Our system relies on an informed response from the people who care about the future of our natural treasures. The Rapid Response Fund helps ensure that the conservation community is able to act immediately when time is of the essence.

Since 1995, ACF has awarded over \$1 million from the RRF. Among the grants awarded this past year, funds were granted to successfully expose the Minerals Management Service’s attempt to fraudulently distort scientific evidence to keep the polar bear off the Endangered Species list. RRF funds were also used to coalesce a movement to address the rising threat of coal development across Alaska, as the state feels the disproportionate effects of climate change and the world’s rush for cheap energy sources.

Alaska Conservation Alliance

Anchorage, AK ♦ \$15,000
Alaska Clean Energy Campaign
Public Opinion Research

Alaska Marine Conservation Council

Anchorage, AK ♦ \$5,053
Bering Sea Elders Subsistence Working Group

Alaska Public Interest Research Group

Anchorage, AK ♦ \$8,000
Alaska Clean Elections Campaign

Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility

Washington, DC ♦ \$15,000
Whistleblowers for Polar Bears/
Chukchi Lease Sales

Watchable Wildlife Conservation Trust Grants—\$12,300 awarded (3 grants)

The Watchable Wildlife Conservation Trust was established in 1991 as a donor-advised fund in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The trust provides crucial support for wildlife education, interpretive materials, wildlife viewing, and other conservation activities. One of the highlights this year was a grant to Trout Unlimited that funded broad outreach efforts—through public service announcements and educational materials—aimed at reducing human-bear encounters during fishing season. Such encounters, if not handled properly, often lead to unnecessary killing of bears or wounding of people.

Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, Inc.

Homer, AK ♦ \$1,300
Guide to Marine Mammal Viewing from Land

Trout Unlimited, Alaska Program

Juneau, AK ♦ \$7,000
Angling in Bear Country Outreach

Willard L. Bowman Elementary School

Anchorage, AK ♦ \$4,000
Tanglewood Park Boardwalk

Polar bear, Beaufort coast © Susanne Miller, US Fish & Wildlife Service



Bering Sea Elders Subsistence Working Group © Jeremy Potter, NOAA



Grizzly bear west of Toklat © Kent Miller, National Park Service



Opportunity Grants—\$51,750 awarded (33 grants)

ACF maintains an Opportunity Grants Fund focused on helping organizations take advantage of emerging opportunities. Grants from this fund are made monthly, and are often geared toward increasing an organization's effectiveness—allowing groups to provide special training for staff, attend or participate in important conferences, coordinate key efforts, conduct workshops, increase membership, and produce needed printed materials.

Alaska Bird Observatory
Fairbanks, AK • \$2,500
Environmental Education for K-8 Teachers

Alaska Center for the Environment
Anchorage, AK • \$2,500
Mat-Su Timber Defense

Alaska Center for the Environment
Anchorage, AK • \$500
Alaska Citizens for the Chugach Meeting

Alaska Center for the Environment
Anchorage, AK • \$1,000
Trailside Discovery Invest in Youth Scholarship Program

Alaska Center for the Environment
Anchorage, AK • \$1,900
Leadership Transition Assistance

Alaska Community Action on Toxics
Anchorage, AK • \$500
Women's Health and the Environment Conference

Alaska Community Action on Toxics
Anchorage, AK • \$1,300
Bethel Mining Workshop

Alaska Conservation Alliance
Anchorage, AK • \$500
Participation in Resource Development Council Meeting

Alaska Conservation Voters
Anchorage, AK • \$2,500
Energy Relief Special Session Contract

Alaska Interfaith Power and Light
Wasilla, AK • \$1,500
Steering Committee Meeting

Alaska Marine Conservation Council
Anchorage, AK • \$2,500
Bering Sea Elders Subsistence Working Group Meeting

Alaska Public Interest Research Group
Anchorage, AK • \$2,500
Alaskans for Clean Elections

Alaska Public Interest Research Group
Anchorage, AK • \$1,700
Public Transportation Research and Outreach

Alaska Youth for Environmental Action
Anchorage, AK • \$1,500
Power Shift Gathering

Alaska Youth for Environmental Action
Anchorage, AK • \$2,500
Youth Legislative Organizer

Alaska Youth for Environmental Action
Anchorage, AK • \$1,000
Alaska Urban League Civic Engagement Collaboration

Alaskans for Responsible Mining
Anchorage, AK • \$2,500
Alaska Native Village Mining Forum

Campaign to Safeguard America's Waters
Haines, AK • \$2,500
Protecting the Alaska Cruise Ship Ballot Initiative

Cascadia Wildlands Project
Eugene, OR • \$500
Copper River Trans-Alaska Pipeline System Contingency Plan Hearings

Council on Foundations
Arlington, VA • \$150
Membership Support

Excellence in Political Science Fund, University of Alaska Anchorage
Anchorage, AK • \$2,500
Climate Change Action Plan for Municipality of Anchorage

Friends of Mat-Su
Palmer, AK • \$1,000
Board Retreat to Address Expanding Organizational Capacity

Green Star—Renewable Energy Alaska Project
Anchorage, AK • \$2,500
Implementation of House Bill 152

Gwich'in Steering Committee
Fairbanks, AK • \$700
Participation at Alaska Inter-Tribal Council Annual Conference

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability
Oakland, CA • \$1,500
Alaska Participation in Nationwide Summit

Matanuska Electrical Association Ratepayer's Alliance
Palmer, AK • \$2,500
Utility Co-op Organizing

Northern Alaska Environmental Center
Fairbanks, AK • \$300
Travel—Alaskans for Responsible Mining Annual Meeting

Sitka Conservation Society
Sitka, AK • \$2,700
Rockfish Project

Sitka Whalefest
Sitka, AK • \$1,100
Sponsorship of Annual Whalefest

Southeast Alaska Conservation Council
Juneau, AK • \$1,500
Board Retreat

Valley Community for Recycling Solutions
Wasilla, AK • \$1,000
Recycling Feasibility Study

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
Chugiak, AK • \$1,000
The Consequences of Mining Forum

Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment
Copper Center, AK • \$1,400
Earth Discovery Days Program



Eskimo Potato, Chugach Mountains © Carl Battrall

Donor-Advised Funds Grants— \$92,285 awarded (25 grants)

Each year, ACF makes restricted grants using funds from donors who have specific intentions for their gifts. These donor-advised funds allow concerned individuals to be directly involved in the grantmaking process. ACF has two types of donor-advised funds: the field-of-interest fund that supports a particular area of concern or objective, and the directed fund, which channels donations to a particular organization on an annual basis. Donor-advised funds may or may not be permanently endowed. For information on setting up a donor-advised fund, please call ACF at 907-276-1917.

Alaska Bird Observatory

Fairbanks, AK • \$1,500

Environmental Education Initiatives

Alaska Center for the Environment

Anchorage, AK • \$3,000

Utility Board Organizing

Alaska Conservation Alliance

Anchorage, AK • \$25,000

Operating Support

Alaska Conservation Solutions

Anchorage, AK • \$5,000

Climate Work in Alaska

Alaska Conservation Solutions

Anchorage, AK • \$50

Live Earth Concert

Alaska Conservation Voters

Anchorage, AK • \$1,035

Proceeds of the Erman Endowment

Alaska Conservation Voters

Anchorage, AK • \$500

Energy Relief Special Session

Alaska Interfaith Power and Light

Anchorage, AK • \$1,000

Global Warming Work

Alaska Municipal League

Juneau, AK • \$1,000

Local Government Climate Change Conference

Alaska Youth for Environmental Action

Anchorage, AK • \$500

Operating Support

Alaska Youth for Environmental Action

Anchorage, AK • \$1,000

In Support of AYEAs' 10th

Anniversary Celebration

Alaska Youth for Environmental Action

Anchorage, AK • \$500

Environmental Education Initiatives

Alaska Youth for Environmental Action

Anchorage, AK • \$12,500

Resist Plastics Campaign

Alaska Youth for Environmental Action

Anchorage, AK • \$100

10th Anniversary Event

Audubon Alaska

Anchorage, AK • \$1,000

Environmental Education Initiatives

Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, Inc.

Homer, AK • \$1,800

Environmental Education Initiatives

Discovery Southeast

Juneau, AK • \$600

Environmental Education Initiatives

Discovery Southeast

Juneau, AK • \$2,600

Support from Leghorn Endowment

Environmental Grantmakers' Association

New York, NY • \$5,000

2008 EGA Fall Retreat

Excellence in Political Science Fund

Anchorage, AK • \$500

Climate Change Action Plan

Kachemak Resource Institute

Homer, AK • \$5,000

Jay Hammond Refuge

National Wildlife Federation

Anchorage, AK • \$1,000

Global Warming Project

Northern Alaska Environmental Center

Fairbanks, AK • \$600

Environmental Education Initiatives

Southeast Alaska Conservation Council

Juneau, AK • \$20,000

Alaska Transportation Priorities Project

Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment

Copper Center, AK • \$1,500

Environmental Education Initiatives



Bald eagle in tree, Kodiak © Steve Hillebrand, US Fish & Wildlife Service



Red wolf © Steve Maslowksi, US Fish & Wildlife Service

Conservation Achievement Awards

For more than 20 years, ACF has recognized exceptional conservation efforts through its annual Conservation Achievement Awards program, which honors remarkable work and extraordinary contributions to conservation in Alaska. For descriptions of the individual grants, please visit our website at www.akcf.org.

2008 Conservation Achievement Award Recipients

Tom Meacham—Lifetime Achievement Award

Tom Meacham has practiced environmental and natural resources law in Alaska since 1971. He was the assistant Alaska attorney general for land and conservation issues during the ANILCA enactment process in 1976-82. He has been a legal volunteer on issues involving federal and state parks, wildlife, public land management and access, and more. He has been involved in public-interest litigation on snowmachine use, mining claims, and Board of Game issues. Tom was appointed in 1975 as the first non-hunter on the Alaska Board of Game. He also served on the Alaska Water Resources Board, the Chugach State Park Citizens Advisory Board, and as vice-chair of the Far North Bicentennial Park Task Force. Tom is a co-founder of the Hans Van Der Laan Brooks Range Trust, the Alaska Quiet Rights Coalition, the Friends of Bicentennial Park, and the Chugach Park Access Coalition.

Judy Alderson—Lowell Thomas, Jr. Award for Outstanding Civil Service

Born and raised in Madison, Wisconsin, Judy attended the University of Wisconsin and graduated with a degree in wildlife ecology in 1974. As a Girl Scout from grade school through college, she acquired her passion for wilderness during trips to the Isle Royale and Sylvania Wilderness areas. She began a career with the US government in 1975 as a wildlife biologist in Ohio. She worked at the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge in Minnesota, and then transferred to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in 1980. In 1983 she became the first chief of resources at Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, then moved to Anchorage to work on natural resources policy and management, and wilderness issues. She currently serves as regional wilderness coordinator for the National Park Service in Alaska.

Amy Gulick—Daniel Housberg Wilderness Image Award for Excellence in Still Photography

Amy is a photographer and writer specializing in conservation and natural history. For the past decade she has been committed to educating the public and decision makers on Alaska conservation issues, advocating for Alaska by publishing her images and stories, speaking nationally, and collaborating with conservation organizations. Her work has appeared in publications such as *Audubon*, *National Wildlife*, *Nature's Best Photography*, *Sierra*, and *National Parks*. She is a founding fellow of the International League of Conservation Photographers and a member of the Society of Environmental Journalists. She is a Mission Award recipient of the North American Nature Photography Association, which also awarded her its Philip Hyde Grant for her project showcasing the Tongass National Forest.

Jim Stratton—Olaus Murie Award for Outstanding Professional Contributions

Jim has been the Alaska regional director for the National Parks Conservation Association for nearly 6 years. Previously, he spent 8 years as director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and 11 years as the program and finance director for Alaska Conservation Foundation. He started his Alaska conservation career in 1981 as the executive director of the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council. Jim is a founding board member of Training Resources for the Environmental Community and was the founding board chair of Alaska Community Share, Alaska's first statewide alternative workplace giving organization. He is currently board chair of the Great Land Trust and sits on the advisory board for the Brainerd Foundation.

Bryce Timm—Denny Wilcher Award for Young Environmental Activists

Bryce became involved with Alaska Youth for Environmental Action (AYEA) at the age of fourteen, while in the eighth grade. He attended AYEAs Civics and Conservation Summit in Juneau in 2003 and then served as a peer leader for the annual training for three years. Bryce has been part of the Statewide Advisory Group for three years. This past summer, he served as an assistant crew leader with the Youth Employment in Parks Program, a partnership between AYEAs and Anchorage Parks and Recreation. Bryce is an avid athlete, having been a member of both the high school wrestling and football teams. He recently began his freshman year at the University of Indiana in Evansville, Indiana (his home state) and hopes to return to work in Alaska after college. He says the cross-cultural experiences have been the most influential aspects of his involvement in AYEAs.

Andrew Keller—Celia Hunter Award for Outstanding Volunteer Contributions

For thirty years, Andy has primarily been a volunteer in grassroots efforts to protect public lands in Alaska. He worked in a campaign leading to ANILCA and continued the ongoing efforts to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from oil development. Andy's Refuge connection stems from his work as a biological technician for the US Fish and Wildlife Service. He has spoken to members of Congress numerous times concerning the Refuge, and has traveled across the country to speak and present against legislation that would open the Refuge to oil development. He is currently the chair of the Denali Group of the Sierra Club.



Alaska wild berries © Stacy Stubbaker

Marilyn Sigman, Ph.D.—Jerry S. Dixon Award for Excellence in Environmental Education

Marilyn is the executive director of the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies in Homer. During her tenure, she has increased the center's capacity, developed high-quality environmental education programs, and extended outreach through web-based instruction. She helped sponsor the annual Shorebird Festival and the Kachemak Bay Coastweeks celebration, and led in organizing two Kachemak Bay Science conferences and an Alaska Coastal Stewardship Conference. She previously worked with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game as Southeast Alaska regional nongame coordinator and statewide coordinator of the Alaska Wildlife Week program. She has been a founder of organizations such as the Alaska Natural Resources and Outdoor Education Association, Southeast Alaska Coalition for Outdoor Education, and Kachemak Bay Environmental Alliance. She was a board member and president of the Alaska Natural History Association.

Our Program Work

Energy and Climate—\$68,500 awarded (8 Clean Energy Campaign grants)

Alaska is feeling the disproportionate impacts of climate change. From warming salmon streams and massive bark beetle infestations, to melting glaciers and shrinking sea ice, Alaska is the poster state for rapid global warming. At the same time, political and industrial leaders are touting Alaska's vast coal reserves as a viable path toward "energy independence," with the prospect of jobs and revenues from domestic and export markets alike.

Coal is the dirtiest of fossil fuels and a major contributor to the greenhouse gas pollution responsible for climate change. Alaska's coal deposits are massive, representing roughly half the total reserves in the United States and one-eighth of total global reserves. At present, Alaska has just one family-owned coal mine that has been in operation since the 1940s, and less than 10 percent of the state's power is generated from coal (compared to 50-60 percent in the Lower 48). While the coal industry has yet to gain a significant foothold in Alaska, rapidly expanding Asian markets coupled with skyrocketing energy prices are making coal mining and use increasingly attractive.

At the same time, Alaska holds an unparalleled wealth of renewable energy. Alaska has incredible reserves of wind, geothermal energy, tidal power, wave power, and other potential sources of clean energy. Combined with a small population and a strong perception and history of being an energy state, Alaska can serve as the center for research and development of these important energy sources, meeting power needs while reducing pressures on Alaska's wild lands and setting an example of renewable energy utilization for the rest of the country.

During the last state legislative session and ensuing special session on energy, ACF grantees were instrumental in the passage of \$685 million worth of bills for new renewable energy development, and energy efficiency and home weatherization programs. ACF believes that Alaska can serve as a model for the nation to follow for clean, affordable, locally produced energy solutions.

Bringing both fronts of this effort together, ACF helped create, convene, and financially support the emerging Alaska Clean Energy Campaign. This critical effort is working to address the threat of climate change and seize the opportunity to transition Alaska away from fossil fuel production. In the coming year, the Alaska Clean Energy Campaign will continue to seek the solutions of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy planning as a means to keep Alaska's immense coal reserves in the ground.



Mt. Augustine © Tim Plucinski, Alaska Volcano Observatory, USGS

Alaska Center for the Environment

Anchorage, AK • \$5,000
Organizing in Mat-Su Valley

Alaska Conservation Alliance

Anchorage, AK • \$10,000
Public Opinion Research

Alaska Conservation Alliance

Anchorage, AK • \$3,500
Utility Board Outreach

Center for Science in Public Participation

Bozeman, MT • \$10,000
Technical Support for Alaska Coal Working Group

Cook Inletkeeper

Homer, AK • \$7,500
Organizing—Chuitna Mine

Cook Inletkeeper

Homer, AK • \$10,500
Alaska Coal Working Group Summit

Cook Inletkeeper

Homer, AK • \$5,000
Coal Workshops

Trustees for Alaska

Anchorage, AK • \$17,000
Legal Support for Chuitna Mine

ACF also awarded an Operating Support Grant to Green Star/Renewable Energy Alaska Project, which is listed on page 29, and a Rapid Response Grant to Alaska Conservation Alliance, which is listed on page 30.

Exposed coal seam, National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska © US Geological Survey



Wind turbines © Damian Brook Kintz



Hard Rock Mining

Alaska is experiencing a tremendous surge in demand for its mineral resources as a result of the exponential rise in mineral prices on the world market. Currently, nearly 40 new mines are under exploration or development in Alaska. These are industrial-scale mining projects, each of which will cover several thousand acres. The technology used in these proposed mines can achieve such economies of scale that it will be profitable to extract more than 100,000 tons of ore each day to recover fractions of ounces of precious metals per ton over the typical 40- to 50-year life of a mine. These mines will require more power to operate than is presently used by any of Alaska's cities.

Such mining activities could have significant, long-term impacts on water quality, air quality, and productivity of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems that extend far beyond the mined area—impacts that will continue long after mining activities have ended. These can include altered landscapes, extremely low soil and water pH, changes in slope of land and rates of erosion, abandoned mine tailings, alterations in groundwater regimes, contaminated soils and water, and significant changes in plant communities. These impacts, in turn, cause damage to fish and wildlife populations and changes in river regimes, render land no longer useable due to contamination or loss of soil, and threaten to cause air pollution from dust or toxic gases, surface subsidence, and landslides. The industrial-scale mines proposed for Alaska will bring dramatic change to the character of Alaska's lands and to Alaskans' ways of life.

Among the 40 mines proposed are 22 major projects. The largest of these is the massive gold and copper Pebble Mine in the Bristol Bay watershed, the world's largest wild sockeye salmon fishery. The region is also an economic cornerstone of Alaska's economy, a vital source of subsistence for rural communities and Native cultures, and a world-renowned sportfishing destination.

ACF has provided support to Alaskans for Responsible Mining (ARM), a coalition of 17 conservation organizations working together to address mining issues. ARM facilitates the exchange of information between member groups and helps coordinate release of information about mines and mining impacts to other organizations and communities facing mine developments in their areas. ARM also coordinates the assistance that member groups provide to communities on mining projects, including the Rock Creek Mine near Nome, the Boulder Creek Uranium Mine near Elim, and the Donlin Creek Mine in the Kuskokwim River watershed.

ACF also provided support to the campaign to work toward passage of Initiative 4 on the Alaska primary ballot. The initiative, which was unfortunately defeated, sought to prohibit the discharge of toxics from mining operations into Alaska waters in amounts that affect human health or the life cycle of salmon. It would also have prohibited storage of mining wastes in such a way that could result in the release of toxics in Alaska waters and detrimentally affect human health or salmon. The initiative would have prevented the use of pollution "mixing zones" for mining wastes discharged into Alaska waters. (A mixing zone is an area around a source of discharge where the levels of toxics in the water are allowed to exceed levels that are normally considered safe for fish and human health.)

Mixing zones were prohibited in anadromous fish streams until 2006, when Alaska Governor Murkowski issued a directive that eliminated this safeguard. ACF's support of this initiative was directed toward outreach to conservation groups and commercial fishermen outside of Bristol Bay, and to Native villages in northwest Alaska.

ACF's support for grantees working on mining issues will expand significantly in FY 2009 in response to the issues mentioned above.

ACF awarded an Operating Support Grant to Alaskans for Responsible Mining, which is listed on page 29.



Native elder protests uranium mine near Elim © Emily Murray



Bristol Bay supporters gather at Nushagak River © Kelly Harrell, Friends of Bristol Bay, Alaska Marine Conservation Council



Red Dog Mine area © Clinton White

Alaska's Oceans—\$40,000 awarded (3 grants)

Now more than ever, Alaska's oceans are coming under threat. The impacts of global warming, including rising ocean temperatures, ocean acidification, and disruption of ocean production cycles, are already altering the distribution of marine fish, and have threatened the survival of seabirds and marine mammals. Scientific evidence gathered to date indicates that there will be a significant decline in ecosystem productivity in Alaska's oceans over the next 30 years, and the impacts of industrial development will hasten this decline. This evidence lends tremendous urgency to our work and the work of our marine grantees, which is focused on marine fisheries, offshore oil and gas development, marine shipping, and ocean contaminants. In addition, we have a "place-based" focus on Bristol Bay.

Our marine fisheries support has helped address the impacts of the massive Bering Sea bottom trawl fleet. The fleet has been pushing to expand the areas open to bottom trawling to include the Bering Straits and the Chukchi Sea. ACF grantees, together with Bering Sea villages, led a successful effort to convince the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council to set a northern boundary in the Bering Sea beyond which the trawl fleet cannot go. The boundary set by the council is temporary—it will be reconsidered in four years. The villages formed the Bering Sea Elders Advisory Group to gather information about subsistence resources in the Bering Sea in order to inform the council's reconsideration. ACF has provided funding for the effort.

With support from ACF and other foundations, the Bering Sea Elders have begun a four-year study of subsistence uses of marine resources. The study involves interviews with elders about traditional areas for hunting and fishing, as well as interviews of others actively engaged in fishing and hunting activities. The study also involves compiling data regarding the abundance and distribution of subsistence species, and the size and composition of the trawl fleet's bycatch.

ACF has addressed marine shipping through our Shipping Safety Partnership, an organization ACF helped to establish in December 2004 in the wake of the wreck of the bulk carrier *Selendang Ayu*, which resulted in the spill of thousands of gallons of heavy bunker crude oil in the Aleutian Islands. Because of the spill, the National Research Council is assessing the risks of shipping through the Aleutian Islands, from both an environmental and a marine safety perspective. At the same time, the Arctic Council, an organization formed by the eight polar nations, is examining the risks of shipping in the Arctic Ocean. As the polar ice cap recedes due to global warming, marine shipping along routes through the Arctic Ocean is being considered despite the lack of vessel traffic systems or oil spill prevention and response capability in the ocean.

The risk assessments for the Aleutian Islands and Arctic Ocean are proceeding. ACF has provided funding to Pacific Environment to organize a meeting of the Shipping Safety Partnership to review the status of shipping safety in the Aleutians, and to discuss expanding the partnership to include villages along the Arctic coast and address the Arctic Ocean Risk Assessment.



Wave spray © Stacy Studebaker

**Alaska Community Action on
Toxics**
Anchorage, AK ♦ \$10,000
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Legacy
Project

Native Village of Kwigillingok
Kwigillingok, AK ♦ \$10,000
Bering Sea Elders Advisory Group

ACF also awarded Operating Support Grants to Alaska Marine Conservation Council and Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, which are listed on page 29.

Pacific Environment
San Francisco, CA ♦ \$20,000
Shipping Safety Reform



Spotted seal, Bering Sea © Capt. Bud Christman, NOAA



Red-legged Kittiwake, Pribilof Islands © Art Souls, US Fish & Wildlife Service



Glacier Bay king crab © National Park Service

Rainforest Conservation—\$120,000 awarded (3 grants)

ACF is continuing to provide leadership on Alaska rainforest issues through its partnership with seven conservation organizations working together as the Tongass Conservation Collaborative (TCC). The primary focus of the TCC is to move the conservation agenda in Southeast Alaska toward a community-supported, solutions-based future. The TCC includes ACF, Alaska Wilderness League, Audubon Alaska, the Nature Conservancy, the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, Sitka Conservation Society, Trout Unlimited, and The Wilderness Society.

The core of this future vision for conservationists is permanent protection, through legislation, for areas containing the highest biological and community values in the Tongass. ACF is providing leadership and coordination for the organizations in the campaign and facilitating communication and collaboration among the groups for strategy development and implementation of the campaign work plan.

The goals of the Tongass Conservation Collaborative are:

- Gain permanent protection for the lands most important for salmon, wildlife, and sustainable use by local communities;
- Transition the timber industry from old-growth to young-growth as soon as possible;
- Support a forest restoration that improves salmon and wildlife habitat and provides jobs; and
- Promote a positive conservation ethic that is supported by a majority of people in the region.

ACF and our TCC partners are focused on collaborative efforts working with community leaders, timber operators, commercial fishermen, the US Forest Service, the State of Alaska (Forestry Division), and others to shift the debate around timber in the region. ACF has coordinated and participated in a series of stakeholder meetings to identify the general concepts that need to be included in a legislative solution. We have also continued our work in the Tongass Futures Roundtable and in communities, developing new relationships among diverse stakeholders and building support for additional land protections in the Tongass.



Looking out a snow cave in the Tongass © Erin McKittrick, Ground Truth Trekking

Natural Resources Defense Council
San Francisco, CA ♦ \$10,000
Southeast Alaska Markets Working Group

Resource Media
San Francisco, CA ♦ \$80,000
Tongass Media Work

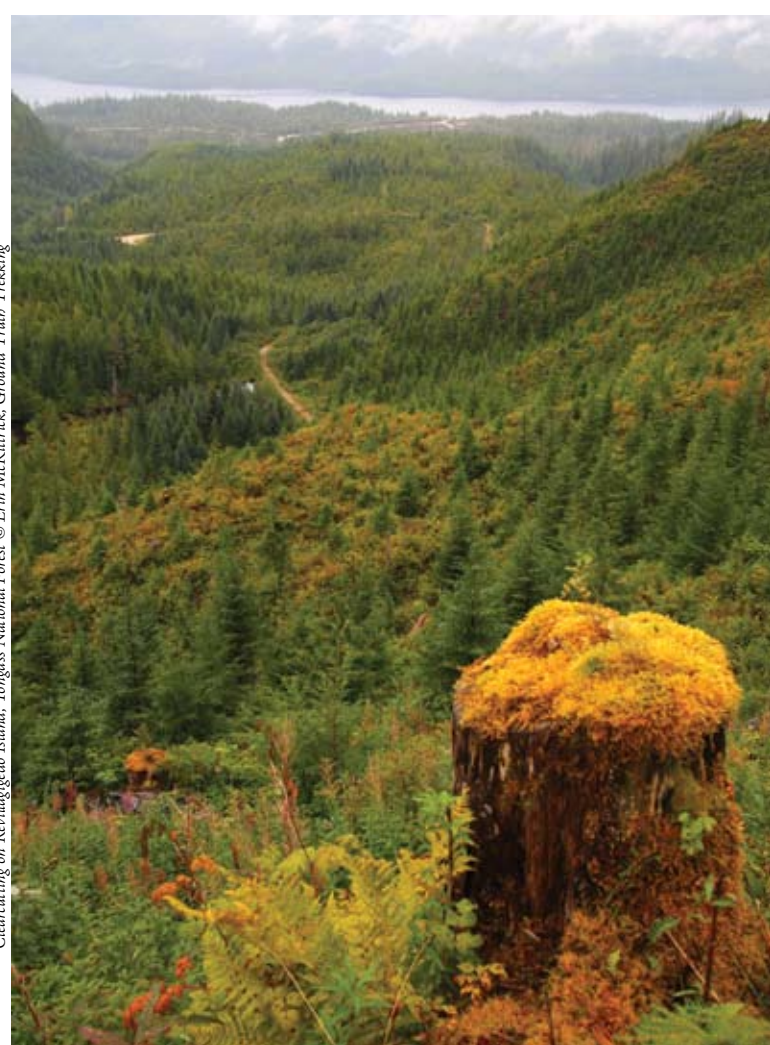
Southeast Alaska Conservation Council
Juneau, AK ♦ \$30,000
Tongass Visitor Outreach Coordinator

ACF also awarded Operating Support Grants to Sitka Conservation Society, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, and Lynn Canal Conservation, Inc., which are listed on page 29.

ACF Program Officer Matt Ruffery kayaking in Kag's Bay © Damian Brook Kintz



Clearcutting on Revillagigedo Island, Tongass National Forest © Erin McKittrick, Ground Truth Trekking



Sportsman's Alliance for Alaska

The Sportsman's Alliance for Alaska (SAA) is unique in that it is the only conservation entity whose sole focus is to engage hunters, anglers, hunting and fishing conservation groups, professional guides and outfitters, lodge owners, and companies in the sporting products industry from around the country in Alaska conservation campaigns. Vigorous engagement of the sporting community is the goal of SAA. Hunters and anglers and the groups to which they belong have considerable political influence, and SAA is working to channel that influence into positive conservation outcomes in Alaska.

In the past year, the SAA worked on three primary issues: the Tongass National Forest, Teshekpuk Lake, and Bristol Bay. As a follow-up to last year's trip to the Tongass, during which representatives from hunting and conservation organizations visited Southeast Alaska to learn about issues facing our nation's largest national forest, five of the groups submitted comments to the US Forest Service and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. This collection of findings and recommendations acknowledged the forest's premier fish and game habitats and resources, which support world-class hunting and angling. The document urged the agencies to manage the Tongass in a fashion that protects its most valuable habitats yet allows for the timber industry to transition from old-growth harvest to a model that focuses on second-growth timber harvest and restoration.

The SAA also worked on the campaign to preserve the protected status of lands around Teshekpuk Lake in the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska. Teshekpuk is a critically important wetlands complex that plays host to a number of waterfowl species. These waterfowl migrate through every North American flyway, supporting hunting opportunities across the nation. A number of the most well-known waterfowl hunting organizations such as Ducks Unlimited and Delta Waterfowl wrote to the Secretary of the Interior asking that the protections at Teshekpuk Lake remain in place. In spring 2008, the US Bureau of Land Management announced a 10-year moratorium on oil and gas development in the Teshekpuk Lake area.

The Bristol Bay campaign occupied the lion's share of SAA activity last year. SAA recruited delegates from national sporting groups to visit the Bristol Bay area in late summer 2007. These groups wrote letters to Alaska's governor, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, and Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, opposing plans to develop a massive mining district in the region. SAA also attended more than a dozen industry and consumer trade shows across the country to raise awareness about the Bristol Bay threat among hunters and anglers. SAA was even invited to attend and present at the largest fishing tackle industry trade show in Europe, demonstrating that Alaska is indeed a global sporting destination.

Thousands of sportsmen and women learned about the threats to Bristol Bay at these shows, and more have been informed through the magazine articles and internet features that SAA helped arrange and produce—resulting in increased involvement from the fishing and hunting product industries. In spring 2008, SAA hosted its inaugural online fundraising auction, which raised more than \$50,000 in gross proceeds for Bristol Bay protection. More than 120 companies in the sportfishing industry have expressed opposition to the Bristol Bay mining plans and efforts are underway to engage the hunting products industry in a similar fashion.

Salmon in net © Barry and Cathy Beck

On the water © Brian O'Keefe



Strategies for Alaska's Future—\$77,500 awarded (4 grants)

The primary focus of ACF's Strategies for Alaska's Future effort is to help direct the conservation-related work of the Alaska Legislature toward positive outcomes. Its goal is to bring the conservation community together to identify shared priorities, thwart bills that may be destructive to those priorities, and pass progressive legislation that moves Alaska toward a stronger, more sustainable future. The Strategies effort spurs the grassroots into action and ensures critical coordination within the conservation community. ACF believes that speaking with a unified voice strengthens the movement and helps broaden the base of support for conservation in Alaska.

The 2008 fiscal year brought incredible success. ACF's \$77,500 investment in the Strategies program helped leverage more than \$685 million of state funds for our top priority: renewable energy and energy efficiency across Alaska.

The Strategies effort was instrumental in the passage of a \$250 million renewable energy fund that will provide \$50 million per year for the next five years toward renewable energy production in Alaska. An additional \$50 million of current-year support was added during the special session.

Another successful bill will make available \$300 million for energy efficiency and weatherization, and the legislature added \$60 million of current-year support to this program during the special session. That total figure—\$360 million—represents more than double what the state has spent on efficiency and weatherization programs over the past 30 years.

Finally, the capital budget included a \$25 million appropriation for infrastructure needed to move the Fire Island wind project forward. This project, situated on an island just three miles off the coast of Anchorage, will initially provide 50 MW of power to the railbelt grid (the rail route that stretches from Fairbanks through Anchorage to Seward, following major highways), with potential expansion to 120 MW over time. These achievements are not only beneficial to Alaska's environment, they will also provide green-collar jobs for Alaskans.

The governor and state legislature indicated that the full session beginning in January 2009 will focus on long-term energy relief. For the first time, the top priority of the Alaska Legislature will likely mirror the top priority of the conservation community. This provides an incredible platform on which the conservation community can move a proactive vision—one that benefits Alaska and Alaskans—forward.



Forget-me-not © Julie K. Jensen

Alaska Center for the Environment
Anchorage, AK ♦ \$22,500
Strategies for Alaska's Future
Organizer

Alaska Conservation Alliance
Anchorage, AK ♦ \$25,000
Strategies for Alaska's Future
Coordinator

Northern Alaska Environmental Center
Fairbanks, AK ♦ \$22,500
Strategies for Alaska's Future
Organizer

Southeast Alaska Conservation Council
Juneau, AK ♦ \$7,500
Strategies for Alaska's Future
Organizer

ACF also awarded Operating Support Grants to Alaska Conservation Alliance and Alaska Conservation Voters, which are listed on page 29.



Horned puffins © Julie K. Jensen



Early ice on stream vegetation, Seward Peninsula © Michael J. Thompson, National Park Service

Circumpolar Arctic—\$15,000 awarded (1 grant)

For the Foundation and its grantees, climate change is very real and very threatening. Alaska's Arctic environment is at the epicenter of climate change in the nation. We confront the impacts of global warming on a daily basis. In the last half century, average annual temperatures in Alaska's Arctic have increased 4 degrees (as compared to a global average of 1 degree.) The polar ice cap has receded by more than 20 percent in the last three years. The area covered by permafrost has receded by nearly 10 percent in the last century. Changes in annual precipitation and seasonal temperatures, receding permafrost, rising sea levels, greater frequency and intensity of storms along the Arctic coastline, and changes in distribution and abundance of fish and wildlife have had profound impacts on Alaska Arctic's ecosystems, and on the livelihoods and ways of life of Arctic indigenous peoples. The world's polar region is in a state of crisis, a situation that lends tremendous importance and urgency to the work of our grantees engaged in Arctic issues and the need for our support of their efforts.

ACF belongs to an alliance of foundations that support the work of non-governmental organizations in the eight nations of the circumpolar Arctic. These Arctic funders work with their grantees on a broad-based campaign to protect the resilience of the Arctic environment to adapt to climate change by limiting environmental stresses caused by human activities. ACF's support of grantee efforts in the Arctic has focused on oil and gas development in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), particularly the OCS lease sale in the Chukchi Sea conducted by the Minerals Management Service (MMS) in February 2008. MMS announced its intention to hold the lease sale on January 2, shortly before the Department of the Interior (DOI) announced it would miss a court-ordered deadline of January 9 to issue its decision on an Endangered Species listing for the polar bear. DOI indicated it would delay its decision for 30 days—until after the lease sale was scheduled to be held. DOI denied there was any link between the decision delay and the scheduling of the lease sale.

The Center for Biological Diversity filed a lawsuit over DOI's failure to make a timely listing decision. A coalition of conservation groups, Native organizations, and the North Slope Borough filed a second lawsuit against DOI for its failure to adequately consider the impacts of the lease sale on Arctic marine species and the villages that depend on these species for subsistence. ACF grantees on the lawsuit include the Northern Alaska Environmental Center, Alaska Wilderness League, and Pacific Environment. DOI finally announced its decision to list the polar bear as "Threatened" on May 14, 2008.

During the course of these events, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) worked with DOI scientists to release internal documents that indicated the department intentionally delayed the listing decision until after the lease sale was completed. ACF provided a grant to PEER to fund their efforts, which included providing legal counsel to DOI whistleblowers.

The lawsuits over the Chukchi OCS lease sale are still pending. Meanwhile, the State of Alaska has filed a legal challenge of the polar bear listing decision, claiming that polar bear populations in the US Arctic are not threatened, that DOI's science was faulty, and that oil and gas development on the North Slope and in waters offshore will be negatively impacted by the decision.

ACF provided funding to Pacific Environment for outreach to Native villages in the North Slope Borough to explain the issues raised in the lawsuit challenging MMS's failure to adequately consider the impacts of offshore oil development to subsistence species. The outreach effort also includes sharing information about the impacts of offshore oil development and how to engage in opportunities for public comment on the permitting process for Shell Oil's exploration work, including seismic surveys.



Sunset, Arctic coast © Jeff Jensen

Pacific Environment
San Francisco, CA ♦ \$15,000
*Offshore Oil and Gas in the Arctic:
Amplifying Public Voices*

*ACF also awarded a Rapid
Response Grant to Public Employees
for Environmental Responsibility,
which is listed on page 30.*

Polar bear on pack ice © AlaskaStock.com



Conservation Internship Program—More than \$84,000 awarded (19 grants)

ACF's Conservation Internship Program continues to work toward developing the next generation of conservation leaders in Alaska, attracting highly qualified undergraduate and graduate students from Alaska and around the country. The need for this program has never been greater.

During fiscal year 2008, nine director-level positions in Alaska's conservation community were vacated. In summer 2008 alone, the executive directors of all three Alaska regional conservation groups (Alaska Center for the Environment, Northern Alaska Environmental Center, and Southeast Alaska Conservation Council) left their positions. The ongoing development of leaders to sustain the conservation movement is increasingly crucial.

During 2008, ACF provided funding for 19 interns to work at conservation organizations throughout Alaska. Their projects spanned a broad array of pressing issues, including forest and wildlands protection, renewable energy advocacy, transportation priorities, and environmental education.

Each Conservation Internship Program assignment is created to help preserve and protect Alaska's pristine environment, allowing students to gain practical job skills in the conservation field, add capacity that will enable host organizations to meet their conservation goals, learn firsthand about Alaska's magnificent natural environment and diverse cultures, and acquire the leadership and professional skills needed to sustain the conservation movement.

The ACF Conservation Intern Program is a necessity for the future of Alaska's wilderness and people. Our intent is to develop a pool of educated and energetic young leaders to manage conservation programs and inspire the nation to protect a biologically diverse and wild Alaska forever. A number of this year's interns have indicated their desire to return to Alaska after completion of their degrees. ACF will work to foster their continued interest and professional development.

Alaska Community Action on Toxics

Anchorage, AK
Jessica Nu

Alaska Conservation Alliance

Anchorage, AK
Allison Harvey

Alaska Marine Conservation Council

Anchorage, AK
Sara Friberg

Alaska Youth for Environmental Action

Anchorage, AK
Anna Barnwell

Anchorage Waterways Council

Anchorage, AK
Brita Mjos

Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, Inc.

Homer, AK
Molly Woodring

Cook Inletkeeper (Alaska Coal Working Group)

Homer, AK
Erik Strong

Cook Inletkeeper

Homer, AK
Natalia Woodward

Discovery Southeast

Juneau, AK
Kelly Nichols

Friends of Mat-Su

Palmer, AK
Margarit Adsit

Glacier Bay National Park

Gustavus, AK
Sarah Kindschuh

Green Star (Renewable Energy Alaska Project)

Anchorage, AK
David Eisenhauer

Juneau Watershed Project

Juneau, AK
Ashley McCormick

Kachemak Heritage Land Trust

Homer, AK
Patrick Dyer

Northern Alaska Environmental Center

Fairbanks, AK
Megan Rawson

Sitka Conservation Society

Sitka, AK
Rebecca Hartwell

Southeast Alaska Conservation Council (Alaska Transportation Priorities Project)

Juneau, AK
Winnie Chang

Southeast Alaska Conservation Council

Juneau, AK
Jessica Schott

Takshanuk Watershed Council

Haines, AK
Nicole McClure



Conservation Interns for 2008 © Matt Rafferty



Invasive Plant Management Team removing oxeye daisies, Dry Bay © Sarah Kindschuh, 2008 Conservation Intern



Molly Woodring shows sea star to students at Peterson Bay Field Station, Center for Alaska Coastal Studies © Molly Woodring, 2008 Conservation Intern

How You Can Help

Since 1980, Alaska Conservation Foundation has been at the center of conservation activity in Alaska. Through thoughtful grantmaking, ACF has taken major steps in preserving the last truly intact, healthy wild lands, waters, and wildlife in our nation. Through the Foundation's strategic funding to local conservation groups across the state, we create powerful partnerships that are dedicated to caring for Alaska's priceless natural resources.

This critical work is made possible through the investment of caring, dedicated people—our donors. Thousands of people from around the nation and beyond have provided the financial support to help keep Alaska wild, strong, and healthy for generations to come.

Our donors have a broad range of gifting opportunities through which to invest in protecting Alaska. These are designed to meet the individual needs of donors, and they include cash gifts, online donations through our secure website, the Great Land Giving Club, workplace giving, and a variety of planned and legacy gifts that can be customized for each donor.



South slope of the Brooks Range in summer © US Fish & Wildlife Service



Morel mushroom, Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge © S. Kropidlowski, US Fish & Wildlife Service



Eagle release on Bird Migratory Day © Alaska Bird Observatory

Planned Giving

While the work of the Alaska Conservation Foundation and its partners often deals with immediate issues, our primary goal of protection for Alaska reaches far into the future. We take a long-range perspective and strive to fulfill present, anticipated, and even unexpected needs. A planned gift to the Foundation's endowment allows us not only to meet today's critical conservation goals, but also to sustain Alaska's natural heritage well into the future. Thoughtful planned giving can also offer tax savings, and may provide needed income to donors and their families.

There are many ways a donor can help provide for Alaska and for their family's future today. With the assistance of a personal attorney or financial advisor, the Foundation works to plan gifts that suit the unique personal needs of each donor. Following are some of the options for planned giving. If you have questions or would like more information about planned giving options, please call ACF at 907-276-1917, or speak with your attorney or financial advisor.



Denali © Keri Saegge



Beach grass near Arluklin River © Erin McKirrick, Ground Truth Trekking

Bequest

Name the Foundation as a beneficiary in a will or trust.

Gift of Securities or Stock

Contribute appreciated stock or other securities directly to the Foundation. This may eliminate capital gains tax and reduce current year income taxes.

Gift of Life Insurance

Name the Foundation as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, or purchase a policy naming the Foundation as owner.

Gift of Retirement Assets

Name the Foundation as the residual beneficiary of retirement plan assets, including IRA, SEP-IRA, 401(k), or other qualified retirement plan. Retirement assets can also be left to the Foundation via a will or trust.

Gift of Retained Life Estate

Deed ownership of a home or other valuable property to the Foundation while retaining occupancy. This may produce tax advantages while still enjoying your home or property during your lifetime.

Charitable Remainder Trusts and Lead Trusts

Create a trust that pays a fixed or variable income to the Foundation for a set term, and then passes on to heirs or the Foundation. Trusts are managed by financial professionals to guarantee proper rates of return.

Charitable Gift Annuities

The Alaska Conservation Foundation manages the annuity during the donor's lifetime and pays the donor an annual sum. Upon the donor's death, the Foundation keeps the remainder of the asset.

Denali Legacy Society

The Denali Legacy Society is a group of extraordinarily committed supporters who have included the Foundation in their wills, trusts, or other planned giving arrangements. Society members help increase the Foundation's endowment fund and sustain our capacity to continue and expand critical conservation work. Their deep commitment to Alaska ensures a lasting legacy of care and protection that will endure forever.

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Alder and snowdrift © Stacy Studebaker

Beneath Byron Glacier © Carl Battreall



The Great Land Giving Club

The Foundation's Great Land Giving Club is an easy, convenient way to help preserve Alaska's wildlife and wild lands. It allows individuals to maximize their giving power over time. Club members indicate an amount they would like the Alaska Conservation Foundation to charge their credit card each month, and the number of months they would like to donate. Each member receives a statement for tax purposes at the end of the year.

Established in 2003, the club has grown each year because it enables members to more easily provide a substantial gift in support of the Foundation's important conservation work for Alaska.



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Westchester Lagoon, Anchorage © Toby Smith



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Members of the Regional Councils for Alaska are conservation-minded individuals from the Lower 48 who provide a significant annual investment in Alaska conservation. Foundation staff travel numerous times each year to join Council members and friends for social, educational, and informational events that keep them informed about conservation issues in Alaska. In fiscal year 2008, Councils were active in New York, San Francisco, and Seattle.

Council members receive:

- Invitations to events in their area featuring prominent Alaska conservationists, authors, scientists, politicians, or others;
- Email reports from the executive director with current information about Alaska conservation issues and Foundation news; and
- Invitations to exclusive Alaska travel opportunities arranged by ACF.

Council members are asked to:

- Act as regional ambassadors for the Foundation and Alaska,
- Serve on host committees or as hosts for regional events highlighting conservation issues in Alaska and celebrating the friendships they have developed within the Council, and
- Make an annual financial commitment to ACF of at least \$2,500 (per individual or couple).

The Alaska Conservation Foundation extends sincere thanks to the members of the Councils for Alaska for their perseverance, extraordinary support, and generosity. They are truly dedicated, caring friends of Alaska.

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To ensure we have the opportunity to keep Alaska healthy and vibrant far into the future, the Alaska Conservation Foundation has two types of endowments. All endowment funds are professionally managed and invested, using vigorous social and environmental screens. At the end of fiscal year 2008, ACF's endowment funds had an aggregate balance of \$5,299,754.

The **Endowment for Alaska** was established to provide ongoing funding for stewardship of Alaska's lands, waters, and wildlife forever. This endowment is the Foundation's permanent source of support for organizations, projects, and programs seeking to preserve the richness of Alaska's incomparable natural environment. Each year, funds from the Endowment for Alaska are allocated to the most deserving and critical conservation organizations and projects.

The Foundation's **named endowment funds** provide a lasting legacy to perpetuate Alaska's incredible natural heritage. Named endowments, which can be established by any donor, fund specific, significant conservation efforts around the state. Donors who establish these funds designate the conservation uses for the funds they establish. Named endowment funds help provide a strong, stable future for a particular conservation interest or passion.

Named Endowment Funds

The Alaska Fund for the Future Marine Coastal Conservation Internship Endowment endows annual internships to young adults interested in maintaining the ecological integrity of Alaska's coastal and marine systems.

The Susan Cohn Fund for Outstanding Alaska Native Writing or Storytelling endows an annual writing award honoring Alaska Native writers and storytellers whose work reflects the importance of the natural environment in their lives and cultures.

The Jerry S. Dixon Endowment Fund endows an annual award for excellence in environmental education.

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The Celia Hunter Award Endowment endows an annual award for outstanding contributions to conservation by volunteers.

The Celia M. Hunter Alaska Conservation Leadership Fund sponsors high-quality positions for selected Alaska conservation leadership interns.

The Leghorn Family Fund protects Alaska's intact, healthy ecosystems, magnificent wildlife, and sustainable communities.



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The Studebaker Family Environmental Education Fund provides sustainable support for environmental education in Alaska to cultivate future generations of conservation-minded people.

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Statement of Financial Position

Audited Statement of Financial Position

Fiscal Year 2008: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	1,233,217
Grants and other public support receivable	100,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets	4,558
Long-term investments	5,510,740
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	96,719
Furniture and equipment, less depreciation	10,792
Total assets	\$6,956,026

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	5,778
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	70,073
Grants and awards payable	0
Capital lease obligation	12,133
Gift annuity liability	61,730
Total Liabilities	\$149,944

Net Assets:

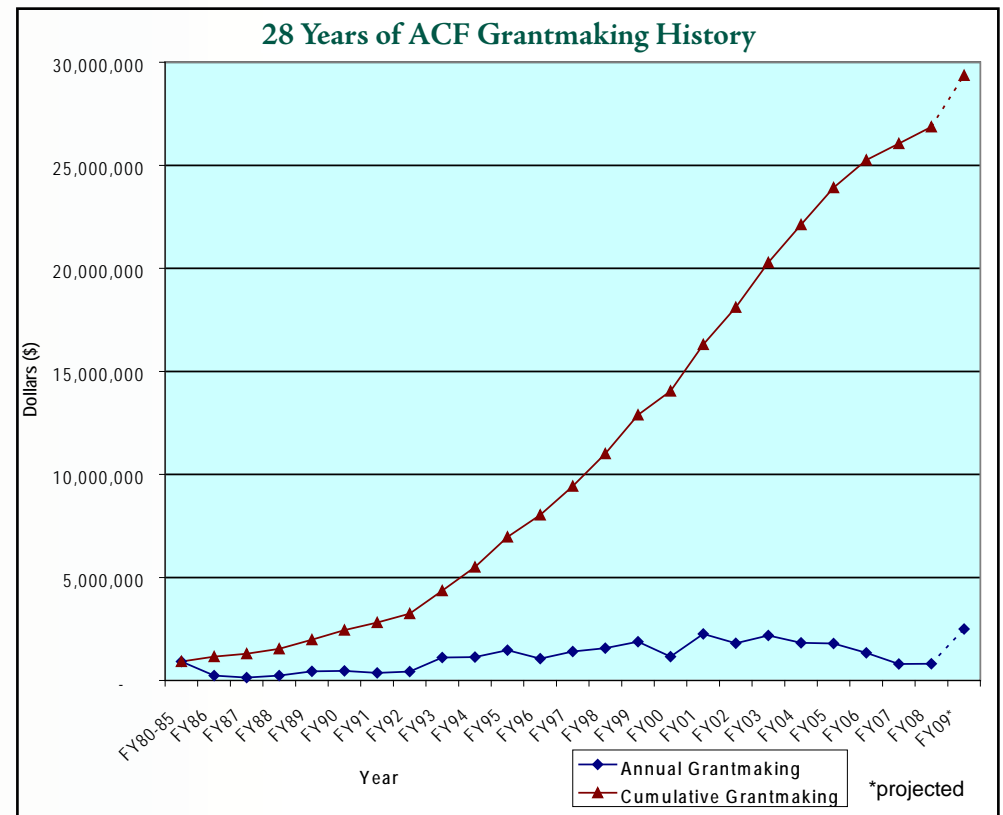
Unrestricted:

Designated for endowment	498,545
Designated for programs	120,528
Undesignated	868,195
Temporarily restricted	670,647
Permanently restricted	4,648,167
Total Net Assets	\$6,806,082

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$6,956,026**



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Audited Statement of Activities

Fiscal Year 2008: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Totals
Public Support and Revenue				
Public support	808,985	134,527	155,588	1,099,100
Grants	282,000	1,077,700	-	1,359,700
Investment income	2,779	-	-	2,799
Events	20,415	-	-	20,415
Net assets released from restriction	876,477	(876,477)	-	-
Total Public Support and Revenue	1,990,656	335,750	155,588	2,481,994
Expenses				
Grants and Programs				
Grants and awards	808,374	-	-	808,374
Programs	718,699	-	-	718,699
Total Grants and Programs	1,527,073	-	-	1,527,073
Supporting services				
Management and general	218,793	-	-	218,793
Fundraising	364,625	-	-	364,625
Total supporting services	583,418	-	-	583,418
Total Expenses	\$2,110,491	-	-	\$2,110,491
 Change in Net Assets	 (119,835)	 335,750	 155,588	 371,503
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$1,607,103	\$334,897	\$4,492,579	\$6,434,579
Net Assets at End of Year	\$1,487,268	\$670,647	\$4,648,167	\$6,806,082

Percentage of Expenses Spent on Programs

Fiscal Year 2008: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Programs and Grants	\$1,527,073	Programs and Grants	73%
Management and General	\$218,793	Management and General	10%
Fundraising	\$364,625	Fundraising*	17%
Total	\$2,110,491	<i>(Percentages rounded)</i>	

*In fiscal year 2008, we launched an ambitious development effort, including creation of a long-range development plan. This resulted in a single-year increase in our fundraising expense percentage, which will drop to historical levels of ~10% again next year.

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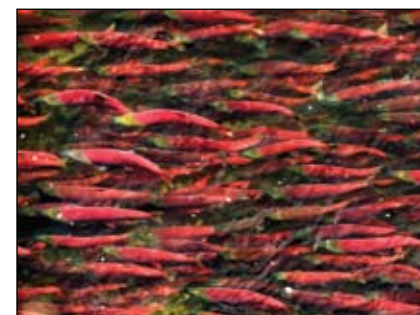
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