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**What’s Up**

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[**CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS**](file:///C:/Users/TEMP/Documents/What's%20Up/Next.docx)

**November 9 & 10**

**ANCHORAGE -** [**ANILCA TRAINING**](https://www.z2systems.com/nps/servlet/DisplayLink?orgId=institutenorth&emailId=71c58d03372b94283f53e2dc9e0e2fec7m0912671c&&linkId=675&targetUrl=http://www.institutenorth.org/calendar/events/anilca-training1/)**presented by the Institute of the North will be held from 8am to 4:30pm at the** UAF Cooperative Extension Service, 1675 C Street. **Course content includes**: Summary of Alaska’s land history from Territorial days through ANILCA to present; Context of ANILCA’s passage – including major constituents, issues of the day, and the “Great Compromise”; Overview of ANILCA statutory provisions by Title or Section; Key access provisions of ANILCA, including access for traditional activities, subsistence, inholdings, and transportation & utility systems; Subsistence on federal lands; Wilderness reviews and management; ANILCA implementation, including federal land planning; and Case studies. **Presenters**: Federal agency representatives and others with extensive ANILCA experience. R**ecommended for**: Federal agencies with ANILCA implementation responsibilities, state and local land and resource managers, Native corporations, rural residents and inholders, as well as community leaders, policy makers, consultants, the academic community and the interested public. [Registration](https://www.z2systems.com/nps/servlet/DisplayLink?orgId=institutenorth&emailId=71c58d03372b94283f53e2dc9e0e2fec7m0912671c&&linkId=676&targetUrl=http://www.institutenorth.org/calendar/events/anilca-training1/) closes one week in advance, unless already full 35 participants minimum; 55 participants maximum. For more information on the course, contact [Roger Pearson](mailto:rpearson@institutenorth.org). For registration and logistical questions, contact [Kristina Baiborodova](mailto:kbaiborodova@institutenorth.org) at 907-786-6360.

**November 13 & 14**

**HOMER - FIRE in a CHANGING CLIMATE FOR EDUCATORS will be held in Homer.** All educators are invited to attend the hands-on, interdisciplinary workshop, which introduces educators to wildland fire and climate change science; including fire ecology, fire behavior, FIREWISE, carbon cycling, climate modeling and scientific methods for investigating changes in climate. The intensive workshop includes content, lesson modeling, interactive activities, laboratory simulations and connections to on-going research. Participants gain their own copies of the FIRE in Alaska curriculum guide. Activities and content are correlated to Alaska State Content Standards, and the Next Generation Science Standards. The workshop can be taken for one graded UAA ED 580 credit. Credit cost is $74. The materials fee is $20, (which includes a grant of $30 from Alaska Division of Forestry to reduce the regular fee of $50). To sign up or for more info contact [Alaskainsights@mtaonline.net](mailto:Alaskainsights@mtaonline.net).The workshop is sponsored by the Alaska Division of Forestry and the Alaska Natural Resources and Outdoor Education Association (ANROE); funding is made possible by a partnership with the USDA Forest Service.

**\*\*November 14**

**ANCHORAGE** – **ALASKA’S CHANGING CLIMATE: IMPACT, POLICY and ACTION FORUM** will be held from 9am to 4pm in the UAA Student Union Cafeteria. The forum aims to move the conversation forward by: • Examining present and expected impacts on Alaska’s physical and social environments as well as military investments; • Learning about climate change strategies and lessons from other states; • Learning from state policy makers, community leaders, and Alaska’s youth on current and future climate action plans; and • Exploring how each one of us can participate in the conversation and take action. Lunch will be available for $8 or you can bring your own. Free forum and parking. For more information, go to [www.akcommonground.org](http://www.akcommonground.org).

**\*\*November 18 – 20**

**FAIRBANKS** - **CO-MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM** will be held on the UAF Campus. The purpose of the forum is to build understanding, relationships, and knowledge for advancing the co-management of Alaskan fish and wildlife resources. Co-Management is the term that defines systems and opportunities that provide an adequate and meaningful role for Alaska Natives in management of traditional resources. Alaska Natives and their Tribal governments, Tribal consortiums, nonprofits, and corporations have served as stewards of their traditional lands and resources for thousands of years maintaining healthy and productive ecosystems, they have proven knowledge, skills, and abilities to adequately manage Alaska’s fish and wildlife resources. Co-Management refers to a system where those relying upon the resources have a substantial role in making decisions about the management for healthy, productive ecosystems and populations.More information, including agenda and registration can be found here: <http://tribalmgmt.uaf.edu/co-mgmt> or contact Angela Rutman at (907) 474-5826 or email [arrutman@alaska.edu.](http://arrutman@alaska.edu.)

**November 20 & 21**

**ANCHORAGE - FIRE in a CHANGING CLIMATE FOR EDUCATORS will be held at the** UAA Campus. All educators are invited to attend the hands-on, interdisciplinary workshop, which introduces educators to wildland fire and climate change science; including fire ecology, fire behavior, FIREWISE, carbon cycling, climate modeling and scientific methods for investigating changes in climate. The intensive workshop includes content, lesson modeling, interactive activities, laboratory simulations and connections to on-going research. Participants gain their own copies of the FIRE in Alaska curriculum guide. Activities and content are correlated to Alaska State Content Standards, and the Next Generation Science Standards. The workshop can be taken for one graded UAA ED 580 credit. Credit cost is $74. The materials fee is $20, (which includes a grant of $30 from Alaska Division of Forestry to reduce the regular fee of $50). . To sign up or for more info contact [Alaskainsights@mtaonline.net](mailto:Alaskainsights@mtaonline.net). The workshop is sponsored by the Alaska Division of Forestry and the Alaska Natural Resources and Outdoor Education Association (ANROE); funding is made possible by a partnership with the USDA Forest Service.

**\*\*November 21**

**PALMER -** , **GROWING UP WILD! ACCREDITED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR WORKSHOP** will be held from 10am to 1pm at the UAF Matanuska Experimental Farm. 1509 S. Georgeson Drive. Great for early childhood instructors, homeschool parents, preservice teachers, childcare providers, counselors, environmental educators learn to engage our 'littles' in the outdoors. Reserve your space with **pre-registration and $20 payment** **by November 18.** Call 907-267-2216 or e-mail [Brenda.Duty@alaska.gov](mailto:Brenda.Duty@alaska.gov) for more information.

**WEBINARS, WEBCASTS & TELECONFERENCES**

**November 5 (TELECONFERENCE)**

**Teleconference will be held from** 2pm to 4pm - Dial 1-800-315-6338, Access code: 95076# **on the proposed DEC regulation changes updating CLEANUP LEVELS FOR SOIL AND GROUNDWATER**, as well as amending accompanying language for how such levels are calculated on a site-specific basis and in cases where a compound is not listed in the tables. The proposed changes include the following: 1) update the department’s Procedures for Calculating Cumulative Risk and adopt it by reference; clarify how reasonable maximum exposure is estimated for developing cleanup levels; provide instruction concerning site-specific cleanup levels; allow the department to set site-specific alternative cleanup levels for compounds listed in Tables B1 or B2; update exposure pathway terminology to conform with the updated soil cleanup level table and how these cleanup levels are calculated and presented; update the department’s **PROCEDURES for CALCULATING CLEANUP LEVELS** and adopt it by reference; require agreement of landowners affected by contamination to create and maintain institutional controls where a cleanup level is less stringent than a level appropriate for unrestricted land use; allow the department to develop site-specific cleanup levels for hazardous substances not listed in the tables; remove the requirement for site-specific analysis where fugitive dust is present and add a requirement for site-specific analysis where sensitive subpopulations are present; and housekeeping changes to address new terminology and update or correct cross-referencing and regulatory references. 2) Specify that methadone applies to petroleum hydrocarbons and update cleanup levels and notes for method two in Table B1. 3) to update cleanup levels and notes for groundwater in Table C; allow proposal of a site-specific cleanup level by a responsible party or development of a site-specific cleanup level by the department for a compound not listed in regulation, using the procedures in the department’s **RISK ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES MANUAL**; allow the department to set a more stringent cleanup level if necessary by considering factors such as the presence of sensitive subpopulations and primary maximum contaminant levels; specify that where the department determines that toxicity data is insufficient to establish a cleanup level for a hazardous substance or a pollutant , the department may require a responsible person to provide an alternative source of drinking water for the affected parties or implement other institutional controls under 18 AAC 75.375 until a cleanup level is established; require the responsible party to gain concurrence from an affected property owner for the creation and maintenance of institutional controls if proposing not to meet the cleanup levels established at the property boundary; and allow groundwater monitoring wells to be installed, developed, and decommissioned in accordance with an approved method rather than the department’s Recommended Practices for Monitoring Well Design, Installation, and Decommissioning, April 1992. For more information, contact Sally Schlichting by email at [sally.schlichting@alaska.gov](mailto:sally.schlichting@alaska.gov). A copy of the proposed regulation changes and material proposed for adoption by reference is available at <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/> or at <http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/reg_rev.htm.\>

**November 9 & 10 (TELECONFERENCE)**

**PALMER** - **NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD** will meet by teleconference at 9:30am. The meeting will continue the next day as necessary in the conference room at the Division of Agriculture, 1800 Glenn Highway Suite 12. The purpose of the meeting is to review draft minutes and other agenda items. To attend this meeting telephonically, dial 1-800-315-6338 and at the prompt enter the code 12211#. For more information, contact 907-761-3851.

**\*\*November 10 (TELECONFERENCE**)

**COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH in the ARCTIC: SOURCES of ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS on ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND** will be held from 9 to 10am as part of the Alaska Collaborative on Health and the Environment teleconference seminar series. Concerns over increases in the level of cancers, reproductive problems, and thyroid disease on St. Lawrence Island prompted the Yupik communities of Gambell and Savoonga to engage in research to better understand sources of environmental contaminants that may be linked to health disparities on the island. Since 2000, a number of community-based participatory research (CBPR) exposure-assessment projects have been conducted at the request of communities. A legacy of two Cold War military sites abandoned in the 1970s, plus the accumulation of environmental contaminants from around the globe that drift to the Arctic have contributed to high levels of exposure to PCBs, PBDEs, PFCs and organochlorine pesticides on the island. The research collaboration includes community researchers trained in scientific sample collection, scientists from UAA and the University at Albany and Alaska Community Action on Toxics. Recent studies have looked at water quality and contaminant levels in household dust and human blood serum. The research team is using freshwater fish as biosamplers of the environment because fish and humans have broadly similar genetic and hormone systems. The research is made possible through grants from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). PRESENTERS: **MERLE APASSINGOK**, Gambell, **FRANK VON HIPPEL**, UAA; **SAM BYRNE**, University at Albany, State University of New York. To join this free call, please [sign up online](https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51290/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=4721) or call Alaska Community Action on Toxics at [(907) 222-7714](tel:%28907%29%20222-7714).

**\*\*November 16 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)**

The **MARINE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD** will meet in the Atwood Building, 1st floor conference room, Suite 104 at 10:30am. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person or via teleconference. To access the meeting via teleconference please call: 1-800-315-6338 and use conference code 39051#.

**\*\*November 17**

**WORKING with LOCAL COMMUNITIES to DESIGN HOUSING THAT is AFFORDABLE, CLIMATE APPROPRIATE, and RESILIENT: NEWTOK**, **ALASKA** will be held at 10am AKST. The people of Newtok may be North America’s first climate change refugees, as the village rapidly loses ground to the unstoppable Ninglick River. The Bering Sea village is one of many threatened by coastal erosion as sea ice retreats, permafrost melts, and the earth beneath them washes away. Next summer the Cold Climate Housing Research Center will work with Newtok to build a demonstration home that reflects the climate and culture of the Yup'ik Eskimo community. The home uses electrical and water/sewer systems that can operate with or without public utilities and will be built on skis so it can be relocated to the future site. **AARON COOKE** and **COREY DiRUTIGLIANO** will talk about working with local communities to design housing that is affordable, climate appropriate, and resilient. To register and for more information, go to <https://accap.uaf.edu/Newtok_Housing_CCHRC>.

**November 18 (WEBINAR) (CORRECTED DATE)**

[**WORKING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES to DESIGN HOUSING THAT IS AFFORDABLE, CLIMATE APPROPRIATE, & RESILIENT: NEWTOK** will be presented by **JACK HEBERT**, Cold Climate Housing Research Center (CCHRC) from 10 to 11am AKST.](http://uaf.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b4e157af8905918af730d5d1c&id=ac2545c45c&e=4b4f2c4979) The people of Newtok, Alaska may be North America’s first climate change refugees, as the village rapidly loses ground to the unstoppable Ninglick River. The Bering Sea village is one of many threatened by coastal erosion as sea ice retreats, permafrost melts, and the earth beneath them washes away. This summer the Cold Climate Housing Research Center is working with Newtok to build a demonstration home that reflects the climate and culture of the Yup'ik Eskimo community. The home uses electrical and water/sewer systems that can operate with or without public utilities and will be built on skis so it can be relocated to the future site. Jack Hébert will talk about working with local communities to design housing that is affordable, climate appropriate, and resilient. [Register here](http://uaf.us4.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=b4e157af8905918af730d5d1c&id=a9dd4e448c&e=4b4f2c4979).

**GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWHIPS/ CONTESTS**

**November 15**

Deadline for applications to become a **2016 HOST ORGANIZATION for the ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION TED SMITH CONSERVATION** INTERNSHIP **PROGRAM**, which matches highly qualified interns with conservation-focused host organizations. Interns learn practical job skills and receive an introduction to conservation in Alaska while also helping the organization meet its goals. Selected non-profit organizations receive a grant to cover the cost of the intern stipend for 12 weeks ($5,040) during the summer of 2016. Successful applicants will have a mission related to Alaska conservation, and preference will be given to applicants that focus on salmon preservation, citizen participation, and climate change and/or energy solutions. For more information and to apply, visit <http://alaskaconservation.org/internships/>.

**November 16**

Deadline for applications for grants from the **HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND (HPF**). Certified Local Governments (CLGs) in Alaska are eligible to apply for these 60-40 matching grants. An application package is available online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/index.htm>. To be eligible, an applicant must have approved CLG status prior to the next Alaska Historical Commission (AHC) meeting. AHC recommends awards to the State Historic Preservation Officer, who approves allocation of grants. Evaluation criteria used by staff and AHC is available at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/misc/evalcrit2015.pdf>.

**November 20**

Deadline for applications for the **EPA URBAN WATERS SMALL GRANTS** (Anchorage and Fairbanks areas only). This EPA grant opportunity is designed to "help local residents and their organizations, particularly those in underserved communities, restore their urban waters in ways that also benefit community and economic revitalization. Projects must be located within the eligible areas, which have been designated as the general Anchorage and Fairbanks area, per the [eligibility map](http://geoplatform3.epa.gov/UW_SmallGrantsMap/index.html). This grant has previously funded work in Anchorage, which you can [view here](http://www2.epa.gov/urbanwaters/20112012-grant-recipients#alaska). While not focused on marine debris specifically, there may be opportunities for alignment with debris activities within the urban watersheds identified. You can find more information on this opportunity on the [EPA website here](http://www2.epa.gov/urbanwaters/urban-waters-small-grants).

**\*\*November 30**

Deadline for applications for young adults, ages 18 to 29, who are involved in climate change efforts and/or advocacy, to be a part of the EPA 15 member "first-of-its-kind**" YOUTH-LED ADVISORY WORK GROUP** to **ASSIST THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL (NEJAC**) in developing advice and recommendations to help EPA in developing best practices to address climate change concerns. For more information, go to [Your Voice Matters](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=lk0av4rmN4I)!

**December 1**

Deadline for submissions for the **FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL ART CONTEST** for all students in **ALASKA GRADES K-12**. This year, the **THEME IS ALASKAN SUBSISTENCE WILDLIFE**. The winner’s artwork will be published on the cover of Federal Subsistence Management Regulations for the Harvest of Wildlife on Federal Public Lands in Alaska book. Each entry must be 8.5 by 11 inches and have an Alaskan wildlife subsistence theme. All artwork must be original. Submit entries to: Office of Subsistence Management, Attn: Deborah Coble, 1011 E. Tudor Rd., Mail Stop 121, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-6199. The official rules and entry forms are available at [www.doi.gov/subsistence/news/general/events/2016-subsistence-art-contest](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/news/general/events/2016-subsistence-art-contest). Scanned student artwork may be retained for use in brochures, regulation books and other publications produced by the Office of Subsistence Management.

**December 7**

Deadline for nomination for the **2016 ALASKA OCEAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS**. The Alaska SeaLife Center established the Alaska Ocean Leadership Awards to give recognition to those who have made significant contributions to ocean sciences, education and resource management in Alaska. To make a nomination, go to [www.alaskasealife.org](http://www.alaskasealife.org) or email [oceanawards@alaskasealife.org](mailto:oceanawards@alaskasealife.org). For additional information, contact Alaska SeaLife Center President & CEO, Dr. Tara Riemerat (907) 224-6349or Cell: (907) 491-0051.

**December 11**

Deadline for applications for the **SFY2017 ALASKA COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION GRANTS** for Human Service Transportation Grants. Funding will be available July 1, 2016 under the following programs: Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities;

Rural Public Transit, and Alaska Mental Health Trust. Amount Available $273,250. Required Match 80/20. All applications must be submitted electronically through the ACT grant management system, BlackCat, at <http://akdot.blackcatgrants.com>. NOTE: Agencies seeking AMHT funding that are not currently funded need to contact [Julie Staveland](mailto:julie.staveland@alaska.gov) prior to October 30, 2015 in order to determine eligibility and receive access to BlackCat. For more information, contact [Jamie Acton](mailto:actonjm@muni.org), Transportation Planner, at [actonjm@muni.org](mailto:actonjm@muni.org). Questions regarding the application process can be directed to Stephanie Bushong at [stephanie.bushong@alaska.gov](mailto:stephanie.bushong@alaska.gov) or go to [www.dot.alaska.gov/transit](http://www.dot.alaska.gov/transit).

**December 15**

Deadline for Letters of Inquiry (LOI) for the **ALASKA NATIVE FUND PROGRAM (ANF) DOCKET** for 2016 applicants. The ANF awards Alaska Native organizations and individuals for grants ranging from $10,000 to $20,000. To be eligible, applicants must be an organization overseen by a majority of Alaska Natives on the board or council or be an Alaska Native individual. Projects must address at least one of the priority issues: Climate Change; Food Security; Energy; Sustainable Economies; Holistic Wellness; and projects must apply at least one of the following Core Strategies: Policy Development; Communication & Technology; Arts & Expression; Leadership; Gathering or Collaboration. All projects must have Indigenous Knowledge be central to the project. Please click on the link below to apply through our online portal at <http://alaskaconservation.org/grant-opportunities/alaska-native-fund/>. Any questions, please contact Loren Peterson at (907) 433-8222 or email at [lpeterson@alaskaconservation.org](mailto:lpeterson@alaskaconservation.org).

**December 15**

Deadline for applications for the [**NATIONAL FISH and WILDLIFE FOUNDATION: DEVELOPING the NEXT GENERATION of CONSERVATIONISTS**](http://www.nfwf.org/youth/Pages/home.aspx)to connect youth to the outdoors by providing support for conservation employment programs. This initiative brings together public and private partners to support those organizations that are developing innovative conservation job opportunities for youth (aged 16-25 years old) on public lands. These job opportunities, in turn, expose young people, particularly urban, tribal, and minority youth, to the natural world and career opportunities available in conservation. Project work funded through this program is restricted to habitat and species restoration projects that directly benefit the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, or U.S. Forest Service facilities, lands, programs, or missions. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, educational institutions, and Indian tribes. Visit the NFWF website to review the funding guidelines. For more information, go to <http://www.nfwf.org/youth/Pages/2016rfp.aspx>.

**January 14**

Deadline for applications for **MATCHING GRANTS to ENHANCE the NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM** from the [**NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION**](https://www.nationalforests.org/grant-programs/map)<https://www.nationalforests.org/grant-programs/map>. The Foundation’s Matching Awards Program (MAP) provides grants to nonprofit organizations, universities, and Native American tribes throughout the U.S. to engage in on-the-ground conservation and restoration projects that have an immediate, quantifiable impact on the National Forest System. Funded projects must address one of the following focus areas: The Outdoor Experiences category supports results-oriented, on-the-ground projects that improve the quality, condition, and care of outdoor experiences in National Forests. The Forest Health category supports results-oriented, on-the-ground, citizen-involved projects that maintain or restore forest resiliency. All grants require at least a one-to-one cash match through non-federal donations. MAP also requires projects to show a strong commitment to civic engagement and community involvement through the direct involvement of the public.

**DEADLINES**

**November 9**

Deadline for comments on the proposal to issue an **ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES**) for **GENERAL PERMIT for DISCHARGES from LARGE and SMALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES (CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PERMIT).** The permit provides statewide coverage and authorizes and sets conditions on the discharge of pollutants from construction projects to waters of the U.S. with certain limitations. Mixing Zone: None are proposed. The APDES draft permit, fact sheet, and associated documents are available at <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wwdp/index.htm>. For more information or to submit comments, contact Jim Rypkema at 907-334-2288 or email [Jim.Rypkema@alaska.gov](mailto:Jim.Rypkema@alaska.gov).

**November 10**

**COLVILLE RIVER DELTA** - Comments are due on the proposed **REPSOL 2015-2016 WINTER EXPLORATION PROGRAM** to conduct exploration drilling at two locations within the Pikka Unit in the Colville River Delta area. Repsol requests authorization to conduct exploration drilling at two locations in the Colville River Delta area. One exploration drill site will be located on an island within the Colville River Delta and the other will be located on uplands approximately 0.6 miles east of the delta. Temporary ice roads will be used to access the drill sites and drilling will occur on temporary ice pads, each with a surface area of approximately 5.7 acres. The application package is available at: [http://www.dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Permitting/Permitting.htm#permittingnotices](http://www.dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Permitting/Permitting.htm).

**November 12**

Comments are due on the proposal for the **NORTHERN REGION DEEP CULVERTS STAGE II** that would replace three culverts: the **Elliott Highway Cushman Creek Culvert (MP 20**), the **Farmers Loop Isabella Creek culvert (MP 1.3**) and the **Farmers Loop unnamed creek culvert (MP 0.2**). Inspections have found these culverts to be damaged from embankment subsidence and streambed erosion. Failure of these culverts could interrupt travel and pose safety issues. DOT/PF requests information and comments on resources in the project area that may be affected including historic properties, archaeological sites, wetlands, and floodplains. The project is anticipated to impact 3 acre of wetlands (1.1 acres permanent, 1.9 acres temporary). Work on the Isabella Creek culvert would be within a designated 100-year floodplain. For more information or to submit comments, contact Sarah Schacher, Engineering Manager, at (907) 451-5361 or email [sarah.schacher@alaska.gov](mailto:sarah.schacher@alaska.gov).

**\*\*November 15**

Deadline for comments on the proposal to **CHANGE REGULATIONS DEALING WITH OIL and OTHER HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES POLLUTION CONTROL**. The focus is to update the regulations with clear and specific cost recovery requirements for all spill response actions, including support documentation that form the basis for cost recovery. The changes proposed will add a new section to include the following: require documentation to support the department’s response actions and basis for cost recovery; specification of liable persons as those liable for response costs and lists costs that are to be included in response costsclarification of the department’s hourly rate for Direct Staff Costs and Support costs formula for computing hourly personnel rates by job class; defines Direct Staff Costs and Agency Indirect Costs lists Direct Staff Costs exclusions specification of code assignments unique to each incident or site for tracking purposesto generate itemized statement documenting costs incurredto facilitate the department’s billing requirements; detail regarding interest on past due costs and methodology for interest calculationguidance regarding disputed billing or invoices information regarding ability to pay and undue financial hardship section definitions of costs, incident, and site. You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to DEC by electronic mail at dec.[cr.regulations@alaska.gov](mailto:cr.regulations@alaska.gov)... The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The DECwill aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and response available at http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Default.aspx or at dec.alaska.gov/spar/rfa/cost\_recovery.htm. A copy of material proposed for adoption by reference is available at <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Default.aspx>. Comment can be submitted to dec.[cr.regulations@alaska.gov](mailto:cr.regulations@alaska.gov).

**\*\*November 15**

Comments are due onthe **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) on the PLAN to REINTRODUCE THREATENED STELLER’S EIDER on the YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA** to assist with recovery of the species. In the draft EA, the Service describes two alternatives: No Action and a Preferred Alternative for reintroduction. The draft EA describes and addresses the concerns identified by stakeholders and the public. In 1997, the Alaska-breeding population of Steller’s eiders was listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Currently, the Alaska-breeding population of Steller’s eiders nests nearly exclusively on the North Slope. Outside the nesting season, the birds occur in nearshore coastal waters of the eastern Aleutian Islands, Bristol Bay, Kodiak Island, and the western Kenai Peninsula where they mix with the more numerous Steller’s eiders that breed in Russia. Steller’s eiders were once considered a common nesting bird on the Y-K Delta; however, this subpopulation declined in the mid-20th century. Only eleven nests have been found on the Y-K Delta since 1997. Their near disappearance from the Y-K Delta was a primary factor in the listing of the Alaska-breeding population under the Endangered Species Act. The release of this draft EA for public review and comment is an important step in the Service’s efforts to plan for potential reintroduction of Steller’s eider to the Y-K Delta and ensure a thoughtful and thorough plan that minimizes any adverse impacts on people and other biological resources. More information on this topic, including meeting schedules, may be found on the Service’s Web site <http://1.usa.gov/1bmQkZ2> or on Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1bmPEmy>. For more information or to submit comments, email: [Neesha\_Stellrecht@fws.gov](mailto:Neesha_Stellrecht@fws.gov).

**\*\*November 16**

**COOK INLET** - Comments are due on an application for a **NEW OIL DISCHARGE PREVENTION and CONTINGENCY PLAN** for **OCEANMARINE SERVICES**, **Inc**. operating in Cook Inlet that has a maximum cargo capacity of 2,094 barrels. For more information or to submit comments, contact Mike Evans at [.evans@alaska.gov](mailto:.evans@alaska.gov).Copies of the application and plan are available for review at the department’s Anchorage office at 555 Cordova Street and the Soldotna office at 43335 Kalifornsky Beach Road, Suite 11.

**\*\*November 16**

**ANCHOR POINT** – Deadline for comments on the application for **AN OIL DISCHARGE PREVENTION and CONTINGENCY PLAN** for **BLUECRESTALASKA OPERATING LLC** for crude oil production facilities at its Cosmopolitan site. The plan proposes to address oil spill prevention and response measures to support a maximum response planning standard (RPS) of 1,500 barrels of oil per day (bopd) at the wellhead for a total discharge volume of 22,500 barrels over the course of 15 days and a 300 barrel RPS for oil storage tanks. The facility consists of an onshore drill site and production facility located on private leased property, approximately 5.5 miles north of Anchor Point and ½ mile west of the Sterling Highway. The western drill site boundary is approximately 500 feet from mean high tide of the open waters of Cook Inlet.For more information or to submit comments, contact Mike Evans at [mike.evans@alaska.gov](mailto:mike.evans@alaska.gov).

**\*\*November 16**

**COLVILLE RIVER** - Comments are due on the proposal for the **CONOCOPHILLIPS ALASKA, INC. GMT-1 WATERLINE EASEMENT** to construct a new 14-inch water injection pipeline over the Nigliq Channel of the Colville River and between the CD4 North Pad (CD4N) and Alpine Central Facility (ACF). The proposed Nigliq Channel crossing is approximately 1475 feet and will utilize existing piperacks. The CD4N to ACF segment is approximately 2.5 miles and requires the installation of approximately 400 new vertical support members. The application package is available for review at [http://www.dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Permitting/Permitting.htm#permittingnotices](http://www.dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Permitting/Permitting.htm).

**EVENTS & MEETINGS in ANCHORAGE, EAGLE RIVER & GIRDWOOD**

**November 6**

**AUDUBON ALASKA** is holding an **OPEN HOUSE** from 6 to 8pm at 431 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 101. All birding guides, maps, and hats are on sale during the event. For more information, contact Heidi at 276-7034 or email [hdecoeur@audubon.org](mailto:hdecoeur@audubon.org).

**November 6**

Join **ALASKA GEOGRAPHIC** November First Friday will be held from 5 to 7pm at their Ship Creek Store, 241 North C Street. **SCIENCE AND ART from the WATERSHED** will feature images by professional photographer **TONY FLORES**, which he took of Alaska Geographic’s 2015 Spring Watershed Exploration with Anchorage School District classes. Enjoy refreshments and hands-on science activities, learn how to care for your local creeks and rivers, observe macroinvertebrates, gaze into microscopes, and much more! Please call 907-771-8463 or email [egustafson@alaskageographic.org](mailto:egustafson@alaskageographic.org) for more information.

**\*\*November 11**

**COPING WITH the COLD: WINTERING ROCK SANDPIPERS of COOK INLET** will be held from 7 to 8pm at the Alaska Zoo Gateway Hall. Alaska in the summer is home to millions of breeding shorebirds, but nearly all of these birds migrate long distances to warmer climates to spend the winter. A unique exception is the Rock Sandpiper. **DAN RUTHRAUFF**, a research biologist with the USGS Alaska Science Center, will describe the many amazing environmental, behavioral, and physiological characteristics that enable Rock Sandpipers to make their winter home along the frozen shores of Cook Inlet.

**November 12 (TELECONFERNCE AVAILABLE)**

**BOARD of FORESTRY** will meet from 8am. to 5: in the Dept. of Environmental Conservation 1st floor conference room, 555 Cordova St. and by teleconference to discuss statewide forestry issues. The public is invited to attend the meeting. Topics include: \*Fiscal Year 2016 forestry, forest practices, and monitoring budgets and options for implementation of the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act with budget reductions, \*Status of 2015-16 legislative and regulatory proposals related to negotiated timber sales (11 AAC 71.045(e)), \*Coastal forest management including reports on national forest planning, \*Roadless Rule implementation, the Mental Health Trust land exchange, \*The Working Forest Group, and the Conversion to Young Growth project; \*Wetlands permitting and mitigation, \*Southeast State Forest Management Plan,

\*Wood energy in Alaska and state timber sales for wood energy projects, \*Reforestation standards recommendations for Interior and Southcentral Alaska, \*Forest sustainability certification, and \*Division of Forestry program updates. Public comment is scheduled for at 1:15pm. Teleconference sites will be available in Fairbanks and Juneau in the DNR conference rooms. Anyone outside of Anchorage, Fairbanks, or Juneau who would like to participate in the teleconference should contact Marty Freeman at [marty.freeman@alaska.gov](mailto:marty.freeman@alaska.gov) or call 907-269-8467 no later than 4:30pm on November 10.

**\*\*November 12 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)**

The **EXXON VALDEZOIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL** will meet at 9:30am on the USGS APU Campus, in Dr. Glenn A. Olds Hall Conference Room, 4210 University Drive. Topics for discussion and approval include the 2016 Draft Work Plan, Annual Program Development and Implementation Budget (APDI), and 2017-2021 Draft Invitation. To participate call: 800.315.6338, code 72241. For more information call:907.278.8012 or 800.478.7745 or go to [www.evostc.state.ak.us](http://www.evostc.state.ak.us/).

**\*\*November 12**

**KNIK ARM BRIDGE AND TOLL AUTHORITY** (**KABATA) ANNUAL AUDIT COMMITTEE and BOARD OF DIRECTORS** will meet starting at 12:30pm and will be followed by the Board meeting at 1pm. Both meetings will be held at the Knik Arm Crossing Project Office, 820 E 15th. These are open meetings and the public is invited to attend. For more information, contact (907) 269-6698.

**\*\*November 18**

**COLORING the UNIVERSE** is the topic at 7pm at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive. Everyone loves pictures of space, but have you ever wondered if that’s what they really look like? For over twenty years UAA astronomer **Dr. TRAVIS A. RECTOR** has been making color astronomical images with some of the world’s largest telescopes. In this talk Dr. Rector will give a behind-the-scenes look at what professional astronomers do, and what they don’t do, when making these beautiful images. He’ll also share images and stories from his new book, called “Coloring the Universe." The program is free and open to the public. Please call 267-1241 for more information.

**\*\*November 19**

**ALASKA QUIET RIGHTS COALITION ANNUAL MEETING** will be held from l7 to 9pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. The program will feature **SKIING ACROSS the WRANGELLS: McCARTHY to the OLD TOK CUTOFF** presented by**KATIE STRONG**. To see a preview and read about some of Katie’s other adventures, go to [www.katesapricity.com](http://www.katesapricity.com). *E*ach year, she took a different route, with its own unique challenges. But one thing remained constant, for the past three years, AQRC Board Member Katie Strong has traversed the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park as part of the Alaska Mountain Wilderness Ski Classic. *Bring your family & friends.* Come see how skiers are exploring some of the most remote areas of Alaska without snowmachines or other motorized assistance. Free. Open to the Public. Refreshments. For more information, call 277-9968.

**\*\*November 19**

**ALASKA TRAILS FALL FUNDRAISER: MAKING OUR OWN TRAILS** will be held at the Pioneer School House (3rd and Eagle) from 6 to 9pm. Live Music, Silent Auction, great food and drinks. The evening will feature **TWO GREAT PRESENTATIONS**: Author/Mountaineer **JOE STOCK** (<http://www.stockalpine.com/>) and Author/Trekker **ERIN MCKITTRICK** (<http://www.groundtruthtrekking.org/>). Come learn what Alaska Trails has been up to in 2015 and what’s on tap for the coming years! Tickets: $35, available at <http://alaska-trails.org/get_involved/donate.shtml> or at the door. Learn more at [www.alaska-trails.org](http://www.alaska-trails.org).

**\*\*November 19**

**BILL SHERWONIT** presents **ANIMAL STORIES:ENCOUNTERS WITH ALASKA'S BIRDS and OTHER WILDLIFE THAT ENRICH OUR LIVES** at 7pm at the BP Energy Center. Anchorage nature writer and author Bill Sherwonit will give a talk and reading based on his newest book, “Animal Stories.”Bill’s book ranges from “wood frogs to redpolls and shrews to lynx and wolverines.” Nick Jans wrote, “Bill Sherwonit’s three-plus decades of experience with Alaska wildlife, and his love for them all, from grizzlies to robins, shines forth.”We are proud to be sharing an evening with the author of essays that were chosen for inclusion in “the Best American Science and Nature Writing Anthology. That’s a reason to serve cookies!

WILD EDGE

**MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE**

**November 6 (TELECONFERENCE)**

The **LOWER BRISTOL BAY FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will meet by teleconference at 110am. In order to call in, dial 1-800-504-8071 then enter the access code 8425142. Items on the agenda include Comment on Proposals for the Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/ Chignik Finfish Meeting. For more information, contact Taryn O’Connor-Brito at 907-842-5142 or email [taryn.oconnor-brito@alaska.gov](mailto:taryn.oconnor-brito@alaska.gov).

**November 6**

**KETCHIKAN** - The **SOUTHEAST ALASKA DISCOVERY CENTER** will kick off their **FRIDAY NIGHT INSIGHT SERIES** with a presentation on **INVASIVE SPECIES MONITORING** by **GARY FREITAG** and **CHRISTOPHER DONAR** from the University of Alaska at 7pm. Other highlighted programs include **A FOSSIL UPDATE FROM TROPICAL SOUTHEAST ALASKA** with geologist, **JIM BAICHTAL** and **TLINGIT MASKS** with artist **TOMMY JOSEPH**. We invite the community to come and enjoy these-fun, informative evenings. Friday Night Insight programs will include presentations by local artists, scientists, and historians. Back by popular demand, the **TONGASS COMMUNITY FOOD ALLIANCE** has several programs scheduled to cultivate your garden and your senses. For more information, contact Center Director Leslie Swada at [lswada@fs.fed.us](mailto:lswada@fs.fed.us).

**November 6**

**PALMER** - **TELLURIDE MOUNTAIN FILMS on TOUR** will be shown at 6:30pm at the new Glenn Massey Theater on the Mat-Su College Campus. This film selection is unique and will both touch and inspire those who love Alaska for its wild places, cozy homes and epic outdoor recreation. The show is emceed by a Mountainfilm presenter who guides the audience through the program, often sharing personal stories from his or her interactions with the filmmaker or the film's subjects. Grab a sneak-peak of some of the [featured films](http://www.mountainfilm.org/tour/films) that Mountainfilm has to offer, get inspired. Purchase your tickets in advance [HERE](https://apps.vendini.com/ticket-software.html?e=59619f6b514cfc76539de3c7a0e17c1c&t=tix&vqitq=dd30a59e-d60d-4fb9-9c91-962f78f88030&vqitp=3d895179-9d9f-4e3e-8919-a49e5f9066bf&vqitts=1444793189&vqitc=vendini&vqite=itlwww&vqitrt=Safetynet&vqith=7d8d45fdb94fe9c7e9d45d45ab835692). For more information, contact Amy at (907) 793-8640 or [amy@akcenter.org](mailto:amy@akcenter.org).

**November 7**

**JUNEAU** - **THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING**, based on **NAOMI KLEIN**'s book of the same name, will be shown at 7pmat the Gold Town Theater. The film is "a documentary for people who hate climate change documentaries." Not only does it go around world putting a human face on the issue, it zeroes in on the economic system that gave rise to such unbridled impacts and poses the question: what if climate change is not just a threat but an opportunity to make a healthier, more just world? Cost: $10.00.

\*\***November 10**

**FAIRBANKS**  - Arctic Audubon & the FNSB Noel Wien Library present **BUTTERFLIES OF ALASKA: THE KENELM PHILIP LEGACY** by **KATH DALY** at 7pm at the Noel Wien Library Auditorium. Kath Daly is an entomology technician at the University of Alaska Museum. She is a Coloradan who first came to Alaska in 2011 to study caterpillars at Toolik Field Station on the North Slope. She fell in love with Arctic Lepidoptera and decided to move permanently to Alaska in 2013. Alaska’s butterfly expert, Dr. Kenelm Philip, died suddenly in March.With his death, the second largest collection of Arctic butterflies and moths in the world was moved to the University of Alaska Museum! Kath Daly will talk about Dr. Ken Philip’s incredible Alaska Lepidoptera Survey, and share her progress in working on his collection. For more information, go to [www.arcticaudubon.org](http://www.arcticaudubon.org) or email [arcticaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:arcticaudubon@gmail.com).

**\*\*November 11**

**FAIRBANKS – T**he **FAIRBANKS FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will hold a public meeting in the Yukon Question Room of the Alpine Lodge at 6:30pm. Agenda will include; TBA. For further information contact Nissa Pilcher at 907-459-7263 or email [nissa.pilcher@alaska.gov](mailto:nissa.pilcher@alaska.gov).

**\*\*November 11 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)**

**BETHEL** - The **LOWER KUSKOKWIM FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will hold a public meeting in the Long House at a time to be announced. Agenda includes: Undesignated Seats; Elect Representative to Attend AYK meeting in January; Elect Representative to attend Statewide Board of Game Meeting in March; Comments on Board of Fisheries Proposals and on Board of Game Proposals.To participate in the teleconference, call 1-800-504-8071 then enter code 442-1717.

\*\***November 12**

**JUNEAU** – Juneau Audubon General Meeting Program will present **A JOURNEY TO THE WHITE CONTINENT** from 7 to 8pm at the University of Alaska SE Recreation Center, Room 116. **MARK HICKEY** will show images of penguins, other wildlife and ice from his trip with his wife Susan to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the Antarctic Peninsula in December 2004.

**\*\*November 14**

**FAIRBANKS - 2015 NIGHT for the NORTH** will be held at Raven Landing Center at 5:30pm. The theme for this year's Night for the North is **PROTECTING THE PLACES WE PLAY**.

**\*\*November 16**

**DENALI NATIONAL PARK**, Open House will be held from 6 to 8pm at the McKinley Village Community Center regarding **TRAILS PLANNING EFFORTS, a PROPOSED WAYSIDE AREA and RELATED TOPICS**. Denali National Park and Preserve does not currently have a trails plan but is interested in developing a formal plan that will consolidate and update existing management guidance. Park staff is currently asking for public input and ideas for consideration in a formal trails management plan. **Trail Management** - As part of this process, park staff are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate a Nenana River Trail, a Mt. Healy Overlook Loop Trail and trail connections near the Riley Creek Campground. For more information, go to <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=58148>. This site includes links to background materials & existing plans related to trails planning. **Wayside Area Construction** -The State of Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT) plans to replace the highway bridge at mile 231 on the George Parks Highway, near Crabbie’s Crossing at McKinley Village, as a safety enhancement project. The park proposes to create a wayside area, in conjunction with DOT activities, to provide a safe parking area. Amenities for the area may include picnic facilities, vault toilets and signage. For more information about the proposed DOT project at mile 231 visit <http://dot.alaska.gov/nreg/parks231/>.**Denali Long Range Transportation Plan** - This plan is being developed as part of a nationwide NPS initiative to strategically plan for multi-modal transportation on federal lands over the next 20 years. For more information or directions contact Molly McKinley, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at 907-683-6241 or [mary\_mckinley@nps.gov](mailto:mary_mckinley@nps.gov).

**\*\*November 17**

**HOMER** - The **HOMER FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will meet at 6 at the Islands & Oceans Visitor Center. Agenda will include discussion of BOG Statewide proposals, items of interest to the general public, and other business that may properly come before the committee: For more information contact Dave Lyon at 399-2340.

**\*\*November 18 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)**

**KODIAK** - The **KODIAK FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will meet at 2pm in the Kodiak Fish and Game Building, Chiniak Conference Room, 351 Research Court, Near Island. Items on the agenda include: Comment on proposals for the Board of Fish Alaska Peninsula/ Chignik/ Aleutian Island-Bearing Sea Pacific Cod Meeting; Selection of Committee Member if needed to represent KAC at BOF P-Cod Meeting; and Set date and time for January 2016 KAC Meeting/Elections. For teleconference: 1-800-504-8071 access code 842-5142. For more information, contact Taryn O’Connor-Brito at 907-842-5142 or email [taryn.oconnor-brito@alaska.gov](mailto:taryn.oconnor-brito@alaska.gov).

**\*\*November 19**

**WRANGELL** – An Open House will be held from 5 to8pm at the Nolan Center on the final design of the **WRG EVERGREEN RD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**. For more information, contact: Chris Schelb, Environmental Analyst, at 907-465-4447or email [chris.schelb@alaska.gov](mailto:chris.schelb@alaska.gov).

**\*\*November 21**

**SOLDOTNA** - **ReGROUP'S ANNUAL ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT** will be held from 10am to 3pm at the Central Peninsula Transfer Station. Households can recycle electronics for FREE. Businesses and non-profits can recycle most electronics for free (TVs and monitors have fee). We are also seeking VOLUNTEERS to make this event happen. Thank you to event sponsors ReGroup, Peterkin Distributors, Triangle Recycling, Kenai Peninsula Borough and more! For more information, visit ReGroup on Facebook, email [regroupkenaipeninsula@gmail.com](mailto:regroupkenaipeninsula@gmail.com) or call 252-2773.

**\*\*November 21**

**JUNEAU** - **JUNEAU WILD and SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL: A WILD LIFE,** at the Juneau Arts and Culture Center. Come enjoy films where "activism gets inspired." The evening begins with a Kid's Festival (6:00 to 7:00PM) with kid-friendly films, some of which were produced by kids themselves, and an All Ages Festival (8:00 - 9:30PM) where we will be serving up films alongside beer from the Alaskan Brewing Company. This year's line-up includes several Alaska-inspired films. Tickets available at the event, or in advance at the Juneau Arts and Culture Center Box office or online via <http://www.alaskawatershedcoalition.org/2015/10/juneau-wild-and-scenic-film-festival-november-21/>.

**ITEMS of INTEREST**

**\*\*ALASKA FORUM ON THE ENVIRONMENT** (**AFE**) is looking young people to participate in a **PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP on FEBRUARY 6 & 7 for YOUTH AGES 14 to 18 from ACROSS the STATE**! Share your stories, projects and ideas regarding the care, protection and appreciation of our beautiful state. We’ll be working with organizations like Story Works Alaska, Alaska Youth for Environmental Action and The Alaska Teen Media Institute throughout the weekend. We will listen and learn from one another and craft compelling stories about the projects that matter the most to us. Youth participating in community environmental programs also have the opportunity to share their project with the AFE audience on February 8 & 9. We are seeking examples of exemplary community or school environmental projects that incorporate meaningful partnerships between youth ages 12 to19 and adults that engage young adults in leadership roles. Attending AFE is an ideal way for youth to develop their knowledge and leadership skills. Funds are available to help off-set travel and lodging costs. To receive an application, contact Laurel Devaney at 907-456-0558 or email [laurel\_devaney@fws.gov](mailto:laurel_devaney@fws.gov).

**\*\*ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION** is asking for comments on the **BRAND FOR ANCHORAGE TRAILS** and a series of **NEIGHBORHOOD ICONS** for neighborhoods that connect to trail systems. These icons are meant to reflect the character of your specific neighborhood and reinforce each neighborhood's unique sense of place. They are now working toward a **SIGNAGE and WAYFINDING PLAN** to guide the implementation of these icons and logos on our trails that are utilized by all in our city. Visit the project at [http://anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/trails-initiative/signage-wayfinding-plan/](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001AJweTG5OnWsiVcxgrrAn8gpC-QCWDXkj4-qW88aqS3QYWUUaqvUrhw1VLsklgfzkCzX4k9ibKqCUuEBGqGXDS4B2cX0vIkH2mUtN7or7zbQjJNs87duO2GK6Nnwf48z0VLy3YtOW-3qAD-hItVAGQrl0P-y1kiwSlauhu03SqI-4afNKBiltXSmLGQ2eMT_S3qHeOvMorecDcPpzdgQXT1_2Lb7MvsLk5GnGYJmI2c0EdchL_9iIuDaaWIPd4WMy1Be-HQWzojg=&c=aKjIyeeP1WsWiEDmXKQjvxWAPl04CT-LHVz1WraDRBm0seSuupgOfg==&ch=lC0D_mY4fJBjeJwOhpxkrput08Kv0zQVO61Fp5__sdsdIvIYNiuGVg==) to view the icons and email your comments directly to the Anchorage Park Foundation at [Trails@AnchorageParkFoundation.org](mailto:Trails@AnchorageParkFoundation.org).

Here's the FIRST Announcement of Anchorage Audubon's first ever **FIELD TRIP TO DUTCH HARBOR** on the Tustumena ferry from Homer to Dutch Harbor in June. It is also hoped to charter a boat in Dutch to better the chances of seeing the Whiskered Auklet. The ferry schedule doesn’t come out until November but the cabins fill up very quickly so we are doing some preplanning now. We think it will cost about $550 for the ferry trip with a berth. Please note: this price is based on last year’s rate. The flight from Dutch to Anchorage is roughly $500, and we expect the cost of staying overnight in Dutch to be about $100/night (possibly 2 nights depending on the ferry schedule). We are just now contacting boat captains and don’t have a price for the boat yet. We will be asking for $150 -300 to cover the guide‘s travel (Aaron Bowman) depending on the number of people on the trip. If you are interested in this possible adventure, please contact Lynn Barber at [dalybar@aol.com](mailto:dalybar@aol.com) now so we can contact you as soon we know the schedule and the rates.

The Office of Boards and Commissions is accepting applications for the **PUBLIC SEATS on the BOARD of GAME**. Please submit your application online at <http://gov.alaska.gov/Walker/services/boards-commissions/apply-info.html> or email your resume to: [boards@alaska.gov](mailto:boards@alaska.gov).

The Office of Boards and Commissions is accepting applications for the **PUBLIC SEATS on the BOARD OF FISHERIES**. Please submit your application online at: <http://gov.alaska.gov/Walker/services/boards-commissions/apply-info.html> or email your resume to [boards@alaska.gov](mailto:boards@alaska.gov)

The **TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST 2014 MONITORING AND EVALUATION REPORT** is available at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/R10/Tongass/MonitoringFY14> under the Monitoring and Evaluation Program heading. This annual report summarizes forest-wide monitoring projects as required by the 2008 Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). The monitoring was completed during fiscal year 2014 (October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014). The report includes a separate summary of the monitoring with longer monitoring reports that respond to the Forest Plan monitoring questions. Forest Plan monitoring results are based on expected project impacts shown in the Record of Decision (ROD) for the 2008 Forest Plan. The listed impacts are for the highest timber harvest level allowed in the ROD. Timber harvest has been below this level, thus, monitoring shows lower impacts. To meet the requirements in the 2012 Planning Rule, the Tongass is continuing to develop a new plan monitoring program. The plan monitoring program sets out the monitoring questions and associated indicators. For more information, contact Cathy Tighe at the Ketchikan Forest Supervisor’s Office, 907-228-6274.

To see the **NOAA FISHERIES ALASKA REGIONAL OFFICE STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 – 2020** go to <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/omi/NmfsAKRStrategicPlan2015.pdf>.

**KETCHIKAN** - **SADDLE LAKES TIMBER SALE PROJECT FEIS/ROD** is available at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=38990>. The Saddle Lakes Timber Sale project will harvest 47 million board feet of old-growth timber on 2,327 acres, and construct 17.2 miles of new and 9.8 miles of temporary National Forest System (NFS) roads. About 10.5 miles of existing stored NFS road will be reconditioned. No harvest or road construction will occur in Inventoried Roadless Areas (IRAs) or Old Growth Reserves (OGRs). This proposed project and Forest Plan amendment to remove five Visual Priority Route designations for the Saddle Lakes Project (Appendix B draft ROD) are subject to a pre-decisional administrative review (objection). Objections must be submitted within 45 days following the publication of the legal notice published October 7. This project also proposes a Forest Plan amendment to relocate a small Old Growth Reserve (OGR) located within the project area. This Forest Plan amendment applies to the Saddle Lakes project and all future projects and is subject to review and objection pursuant to 36 CFR 219 regulations. Objections on this OGR Forest Plan Amendment will be accepted for an additional 15 days and therefore must be submitted within 60 days following the publication of the legal notice. Objections will be accepted only from those who have submitted substantive formal comments regarding the proposed plan amendment during the opportunity for public comment. The project area is located on Revillagigedo Island about 14 miles northeast of Ketchikan between George and Carroll Inlets and covers 38,459 acres of NFS lands and 3,557 acres of non-NFS lands. The Saddle Lakes project may support between 186 and 224 annual jobs contributing to a reliable economic supply of sawtimber and wood products to support the wood products industry. The project also increases natural resource employment opportunities that contribute to the local and regional economies of Southeast Alaska and helps to keep timber operators and mills operating. For more information, contact Planning Staff Officer Daryl A. Bingham at [darylabingham@fs.fed.us](mailto:darylabingham@fs.fed.us?subject=Saddle%20Lakes%20Timber%20Sale%20EIS%20and%20draft%20ROD%20request) or 907-228-4114.

Each October, approximately one third (about 150) of the seats on **ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL BOARDS and COMMISSIONS** are appointed. Nearly all appointments are made for between one and three year-terms, and time commitments vary depending on each particular Board or Commission. Click [here](http://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/Boards/Pages/BoardsCommissionsList.aspx) for a list of the available seat openings. To learn more about the process of applying [Click Here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NALavXHLi82H_QCKiOYNDHtLsJA3iFNIXZFpcTQVHLYe0zzjKChkuSrP8P2kkOffd6a5EQY0ZYvCFR64A2bKpSjkCwDQ-enfO6Uc18acR2pCeH6RZJM3hJ8FThlf85GfkS7JStMexNCcoio64BcvcX38eBgGi9upYRlwEdX58tgx_D-L9WAa6QW0IPLPw3JgRf66XRCyPos=&c=AtMeCkueuJKXVrQ6aUnqn1oxcca-UqyYmQWJ9SVI3gS4Csf9AqjemA==&ch=HOa3r1TkPlQrk94wuZDB53pfA0-gJMIsYFooltvra_z6d2HZhLVllw==). To download an application [Click Here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NALavXHLi82H_QCKiOYNDHtLsJA3iFNIXZFpcTQVHLYe0zzjKChkuSrP8P2kkOff9V3kDjkUys_HRekzFQChzYH5yAjrxP_svDg-GpnuT4NblxmHkX55iheJzJ2VVH2DkAknCQaxrS8h-rIQugDMsPKlktwNiAjF6WVYAzI5RjjrfIzMFkNozBfOe9fJrgw4ipJZGm2JMIs=&c=AtMeCkueuJKXVrQ6aUnqn1oxcca-UqyYmQWJ9SVI3gS4Csf9AqjemA==&ch=HOa3r1TkPlQrk94wuZDB53pfA0-gJMIsYFooltvra_z6d2HZhLVllw==). For more information, contact Ona Brause at 343-7100 or email [BrauseO@muni.org](mailto:BrauseO@muni.org).

(**ABSTRACT INFORMATION**) A new study predicts that **ALASKA’S GLACIERS WILL LOSE 30 to 60 PERCENT of THEIR VOLUME** and **CONTRIBUTE HALF an INCH to 1 INCH to GLOBAL SEA LEVEL RISE by 2100**. Researchers **MATTHIAS HUSS** from Switzerland and **REGINE HOCK** from the University of Alaska Fairbanks Geophysical Institute projected the contribution of all the world’s glaciers to sea-level rise by the year 2100, given three scenarios of future greenhouse gas emissions. Their paper was just published in Frontiers in Earth Sciences. Alaska is one of the largest regional contributors to future sea-level rise from glaciers. Worldwide, there are about 200,000 glaciers. Alaska has 25,000 glaciers covering an area roughly the size of Maine: 35,385 square miles. Huss and Hock computed the mass changes of every glacier in the world and used temperature and precipitation predictions from 14 different global climate models, running three different future carbon dioxide emission scenarios. Their results predict that, worldwide, glaciers will be reduced between 25 and 48 percent by the year 2100, depending on carbon dioxide emissions. This would cause a sea-level rise of between 3 and 6 inches. Alaska’s contribution to this total would be half an inch to 1 inch, even though Alaska has only about 12 percent of the world’s glaciers. For abstract, go to <http://journal.frontiersin.org/article/10.3389/feart.2015.00054/abstract>.

**VOLUNTEER and BOARD OPPORTUNITIES**

The **FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION/NOMINATION PERIOD is OPEN**. There are 40 vacant seats available for three-year terms throughout the state. The application packet is available at <http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/councils/members/upload/15-Nomination-Packet.pdf>. For more information, go to <http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/councils/members/index.cfm>. **Deadline for applications is January 29**.

**ALASKA MOUNTAIN AND WILDERNESS HUTS ASSOCIATION** (Alaska Huts) is actively **RECRUITING NEW BOARD MEMBERS**. Alaska Huts is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that currently operates and maintains a single backcountry hut and has a planning permit to establish a separate, interconnected, three hut system. The organization works to bring people together for wilderness education, enjoyment and stewardship of wild public lands. The existing site is Manitoba Cabin, a hut facility (main cabin, yurts, sauna) located on State land within Chugach National Forest. The Alaska Huts board meets monthly; board members do not need to be a resident of Anchorage and remote call in to board meetings is possible. For more information on board member duties please visit [www.alaskahuts.org/board](http://www.alaskahuts.org/board). Applicant should submit a resume and/or brief letter of interest to Alaska Huts Executive Director Tom Callahan via email [Tom@alaskahuts.org](mailto:Tom@alaskahuts.org). For more information contact Tom Callahan at [907-306-3908](tel:907-306-3908).

**BIKE ANCHORAGE** is actively recruiting new **BOARD MEMBERS**. Bike Anchorage's mission is to make Anchorage bicycle-friendly by creating a vibrant, livable and healthy city where it is safe and practical to go by bike. Bike Anchorage’s board meets monthly to bimonthly. You can view other responsibilities of Board Members [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JscEQsWJhLsmk1H5GEQu410G3sPaAveOj-Vp13jOJK0/edit). If you are interested in becoming a Bike Anchorage Board Member, please submit an [application](http://www.bikeanchorage.org/board_application). Please email [chelsww@gmail.com](mailto:chelsww@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

The **MAT-SU TRAILS AND PARKS FOUNDATION** is currently accepting **APPLICATIONS for its BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** Our mission is to fund quality trails & parks in the Mat Su Valley, which promotes healthy lifestyles, enriches our residents' quality of life, and provides economic value by enhancing recreation, tourism, and business opportunities for all. Prospective candidates with fundraising and development experience are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact Executive Director Kim Ryals at 746-8757 or [kimryals@matsutrails.org](mailto:kimryals@matsutrails.org).

**INTERNSHIPS**

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

**INTERIM OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR** for **THE NATURE CONSERVANCY** to run the Anchorage Field Office between now and February 2016; approx. 20 hours/week. Seeking a motivated and competent administrator and problem solver with a positive, helpful attitude and excellent attention to detail. Major responsibilities include running all administrative aspects of the office, managing the TNC-owned building, providing executive assistance to the State Director and A/V support. To view the full job description and to apply, visit nature.org/careers and search for job #43660 – Office Administrator. **Position closes 8pm AKST (midnight EST) on November 12.** Applicants must apply online and include a cover letter with resume. For more information, contact Bridget Paule at [bpaule@tnc.org](mailto:bpaule@tnc.org) or call 907-865-5705. The Nature Conservancy is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women, minorities, people with disabilities and veterans are encouraged to apply.

**COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR** for the **ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER** in **Seward**. This position is responsible for planning, developing and implementing external communications at the Alaska SeaLife Center to assist in strengthening the Centers identity and reputation. Must believe in the core values of the ASLC and be driven by the mission. **Education/Training Requirements**: Bachelor’s degree in journalism, media or similar field and four years’ experience or the equivalent. **Essential Duties**: Creates written materials for a variety of communication vehicles, including press releases, feature stories, annual report, visitor and membership newsletters/emails, electronic and print publications, social media and all media-related requests. This is a full-time position. ASLC offers a competitive wage (DOE) and benefits package. For the full job description and application information, go to <https://www.gatherdocs.com/listing/1731>. **Deadline for applications: November 6**. Start Date: As soon as possible.

**NEW SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CATALYST** for the **SITKA CONSERVATION SOCIETY** to work with the Sustainable Southeast Partnership and the Sitka Conservation Society to encourage community sustainability in Sitka and across the region. The Sustainable Communities Catalyst will develop, promote, and implement community sustainability goals in Sitka and other towns in the Tongass National Forest. Responsibilities will include practicing strategic leadership, coordinating and directing staff, establishing overall project priorities, disseminating best practices, developing partnerships, and building regional capacity. For a full job description and application steps, please go to: <http://www.sitkawild.org/contact> **Application deadline is November 13**. For the full job description and application information, go to <https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/sitkawildorg/pages/1712/attachments/original/1444692379/Sustainable_Communities_Catalyst_.pdf?1444692379>.

**SENIOR SPECIALIST, WESTERN ARCTIC** for the World Wildlife Fund Canada’s Arctic Program to safeguard iconic Arctic species and their habitats while enabling sustainable community and economic development. We believe that conservation success is achieved with the strength of our network while working closely with communities and respecting land claims settlements. For more information about this exciting opportunity, please visit: <http://www.wwf.ca/about_us/careers/> for a detailed job description and directions on how to apply. Deadline to apply: This posting will close when a suitable candidate has been identified. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to avoid missing out on this great opportunity!

**CLEAN WATER & MINING COORDINATOR** for the **NORTHERN ALASKA ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER** to oversee all current and proposed mining operations in Interior and northern Alaska that present substantial environmental problems or threaten to open large tracts of wild lands to mineral development. For more information please click go <http://bit.ly/1P9MELJ> or <http://northern.org/job-announcement-clean-water-mining-coordinator>.

**ALASKA REPRESENTATIVE** for the **CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY** to work on developing and implementing campaigns to promote the conservation of Alaska’s wildlife and wild places. Alaska is at the center of some of the most important environmental battles of our time, such as the fight over whether a rapidly melting Arctic will be sacrificed to offshore oil development or protected for the sake of polar bears and other warming-threatened species. The position will advocate for the protection of Alaska’s sensitive wildlife from habitat loss, climate change, poor management and other threats; fight old-growth logging in the Tongass National Forest; and work in coalition to save the Arctic from fossil fuel development. Visit [www.biologicaldiversity.org](http://www.biologicaldiversity.org) for more information or contact [alaskarepresentative@biologicaldiversity.org](mailto:alaskarepresentative@biologicaldiversity.org).

**MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER/DIRECTOR** for the **ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER** (<http://www.alaskasealife.org>) to be responsible for marketing, sales, communications, advertising and events at the Alaska SeaLife Center. Serves as co-chair of the cross-functional Visitor Team. Must believe in the core values of the ASLC and be driven by the mission. This position is based in Seward. **Education and Experience Requirements:** Bachelor’s degree in a related field and seven years’ experience in similar position (ten years preferred) with a minimum of three years supervisory experience (five years preferred) or the equivalent. **Responsibilities (include but are not limited to):** Serves as the Center’s lead on marketing and sales activities with various professional tourism companies and marketing associations. Develops annual sales initiatives, visitor projections and makes presentations to potential customers, both at the ASLC and in external venues. Monitors and provides analysis of marketing and sales effectiveness. Implements corrective measures, when necessary. Oversees the creation, placement and tracking of advertising as well as develops strategic plans, policies and advertising strategies. Manages the “public face” of the Center and key interactions with media, members and friends - leads development of written materials for public relations events, press releases, feature articles, annual reports and all media-related requests. Communicates to the media and general public in a timely and positive manner. Oversees the Center photo and presentation database. Oversees the ASLC Facebook account and other social media programs (e.g. Twitter); establishes protocols for their use and limitations. Enhances branding and manages the use of the Center’s logo. Works with ASLC staff, within their areas of expertise, to help provide supporting materials for web updates, proposals, exhibits and communications. Ensures accuracy in all written and media representations of the Center’s work and operations. Coordinates with all departments to facilitate events, including fundraising events, member events, staff events, and facility rentals. Works closely with the Development Department to create a seamless plan for all fundraising events, maintaining primary responsibility for decorations, logistics, food & beverage, venue, and staffing. This is a full-time position. ASLC offers a competitive wage (DOE) and benefits package. **Apply by:** Open until filled. **Start Date:** Negotiable. Attach a cover letter, resume and a related writing sample to your application located at <https://www.gatherdocs.com/apply?listing_id=1296>.

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