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**What’s Up**

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[**CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS**](file:///C%3A/Users/TEMP/Documents/What%27s%20Up/Next.docx)

**May 28 – 31**

**YAKUTAT – 5th ANNUAL YAKUTAT TERN FESTIVAL** is a celebration of the natural and cultural resources of Yakutat. The festival is family friendly and offers activities for birders as well as non-birders, including field trips, seminars, kid’s activities, evening banquets and other programs, bird banding demonstration, and an art exhibit. This year's keynote speaker is **JOHN MARZLUFF**, Professor of Wildlife Science at the University of Washington, and author of five books including; *In the Company of Crows and Ravens, Dog Days, Raven Nights,* and most recently *Welcome to Subirdia*. Our featured artist, **ALISON BREMNER**, uses a variety of mediums and traditional techniques with contemporary Alaskan Native Tlingit design. She will be leading both youth and adult workshops and exhibiting her art during the festival. Following our keynote presentation, the **MT. ST. ELIAS DANCERS** will perform traditional native dance at the Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall. Alaska-based performing artist **ELIZABETH WARE** will conduct youth and adult workshops and perform in a production of *Macbeth* on Saturday. Other area activities include sight-seeing, hiking, fishing, surfing, canoeing and kayaking, wildlife viewing, and beach-combing. Please see [www.yakutatternfestival.org](http://www.yakutatternfestival.org), visit us on Facebook, or call (907) 784-3359 for more information.

**May 30**

**KOTZEBUE -INFORMING PUBLIC POLICY AND CULTIVATING AN ENGAGED CITIZENRY: ALASKA DIALOGUE: COMMUNITY** will be held from 9am to 8pm. The session is designed to have both a learning element and an opportunity for dialogue, with expected participation from aspiring and established civic and political leaders. Topics that will be covered include: Intergenerational transfer of knowledge and leadership; Developing cultural competency and application of traditional values; Community governance and public engagement; and Tribal government as part of a system of rural governance. Registration of $75 includes Dialogue materials and meals. Register online at [www.institutenorth.org](https://www.z2systems.com/nps/servlet/DisplayLink?orgId=institutenorth&emailId=4fc4032d63af61265ee4233323fa10914m906844fc&&linkId=561&targetUrl=http://www.institutenorth.org/calendar/events/alaska-dialogue-on-community/). Participants from outside Kotzebue are encouraged to make arrangement early. There is no scholarship or travel funding currently available. Plans are in place to have satellite sites in Anchorage and possibly Juneau for those who want to participate but cannot travel. For more information, go to <http://www.institutenorth.org/calendar/events/alaska-dialogue-on-community/>.

**June 1 – 6**

**DENALI BACKCOUNTRY ADVENTURES (DBA)** is a week-long backpacking trip for high school students interested in exploring Denali’s vast wilderness. DBA is open to students entering high school (9th-12th grades) in the fall. No prior experience is necessary – if you are adventurous, have a positive attitude, and are interested in improving your wilderness and leadership skills, this camp will be the highlight of your summer! **Registration closes on May 14**, so [register now](http://www.denali.org/denali-backcountry-adventures/)! This program is operated by [Denali Education Center](http://www.denali.org) in partnership with the National Park Service through the Murie Science and Learning Center. For more information, please call Julie at 907-683-2597.

\*\***June 2 – 5**

**FAIRBANKS**: **AG in the CLASSROOM EDUCATOR WORKSHOP: ENHANCING AGRICULTURE LITERACY for REGULAR EDUCATION, GIFTED and SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS** will be held at UAF. The cost for the workshop is $190 and includes up to 2 credits. The course will visit locations around Fairbanks including local farms and agriculture businesses including a trip to the Delta area. Register at [www.uaf.edu/summer/registration/](http://www.uaf.edu/summer/registration/) or contact Melissa Sikes at 907-479-1213 or fairbanksswcd@gmail.com for more information.

**June 2 – July 30**

**ANCHORAGE - ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN'S JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER DAY CAMP** is a weekly program that connects youth with the outdoors and gardening. This program runs for 8 weeks and teaches campers about gardening, soil, seeds, insects and more. Camp attendees come to ABG one day per week (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) in the morning (9am to Noon) or afternoon (1 to 4 pm) each week June 2 to July 31. There will be no camp the week of June 23 - 25. Please register for only ONE session! Open to Rising 2nd graders - Rising 6th graders. Cost: $140 per child. Learn about plants, birds, bugs and slugs; Grow an edible garden; Have fun outside; and Food grown is donated for Plant a Row for the Hungry. For more information & to register, contact (907) 770-3692 or go to [www.alaskabg.org/events](http://www.alaskabg.org/events).

**June 3**

**ANCHORAGE** – **ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION** will hold its **35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** from 6:30 to 9:30pm at the Alaska Native Heritage Center. Schedule: 6:30-7:30 pm. **Reception** featuring heavy appetizers by Fork Catering, refreshments and live music. 7:30-8:30pm; **Presentation** featuring special guests and hosted by former ACF staffer and good friend of the conservation community, Jim Stratton: at 8:30-9:30pm: **Dessert & Coffee. To RSVP for this free event or to make a donation in honor of ACF’s 35th Year, go to**

<https://acfevents.secure.force.com/ACFEvents/CnP_PaaS_EVT__ExternalRegistrationPage?event_id=a15U0000001o8gFIAQ>. **100%** of donations received as a result of this event will go directly to support ACF’s grantmaking programs. For more information, contact Lucas Veldhuis at (907) 433-8214 or development@alaskaconservation.org.

**June 4 – 7**

**DENALI NATIONAL PARK - FIELD COURSE – BIRDS OF WONDER LAKE** will be offered by Alaska Geographic through the Murie Science and Learning Center. Spring is a great pivot point of the year for birds as they endure another epic journey of migration. Join us for three nights and four days at the beautiful **SKYLINE LODGE in the KANTISHNA REGION** of Denali. Come be an early bird watcher at Wonder Lake and enjoy the arrival of Denali's first migrant species of the summer like the whimbrel migrating from S. America or the red-necked phalarope, the most pelagic bird that visits Denali. Check out the kettle ponds to search for waterfowl in vibrant full-breeding plumage with long-time Denali resident and naturalist Nan Eagleson, co-author of Birds of Denali. Participants will stay at Skyline Lodge in Kantishna, located near the end of Denali National Park’s 91 mile road. All meals, accommodations, transportation, and instruction are included in the $950 course fee ($855 for Alaska Geographic members). Professional development credit is available through UAA. For more information or to register, go to [www.alaskageographicorg](http://www.alaskageographicorg), email courses@murieslc.org or call 907-683-6432.

**June 5 – 7**

**SUMMIT LAKE on SEWARD HIGHWAY** - **ALASKA’S EDIBLE and MEDICINAL PLANTS** will be held Friday evening through Sunday with instructor **RACHEL BOBKA**. Rachel brings a passion and knowledge of the chemical, biological, and spiritual interactions between plants and people. Participants will accompany her in learning how to identify wild plants along with their edible, medicinal, and practical uses. The group will gather plant samples to use in both food recipes and in medicine making. Each participant will make a salve, tincture, and hydrosol to take home. A special rate will include instruction, materials, and two nights’ accommodations at **MANITOBA CABIN**, located 15 minutes' walk from the Seward Highway near Summit Lake. For more information, go to [www.alaskahuts.org/calendar.html](http://www.alaskahuts.org/calendar.html) . Space is limited so reserve soon by contacting Scott at scott@alaskahuts.org. Alaska Huts is a non-profit organization that operates Manitoba Cabin. This walk-in/ ski-in hut may be reserved by the general public and education groups.

**June 5 – 20**

**PALMER** – A 2 week intensive **ALASKA COLD-CLIMATE HOMESTEADING PDC** with **DAN HALSEY** and **CINDEE KARNS** will be held at **SPRING CREEK FARM**. This is specifically designed for suburban and rural cold climate homesteaders. Empower yourself to learn about whole systems design! In this dynamic and interactive course, you will learn basic permaculture principles and techniques to design your entire permaculture system. Our goal is to encourage and inspire you through lecture, class discussions, storytelling, hands-on activities on the farm and art/music during the first part of the course. The second part will be devoted to intense design practice. As a final course project the class will design a system for Spring Creek Farm. For more information, visit [alaskapermaculture.com](https://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Falaskapermaculture.com&usd=2&usg=AFQjCNGOjmajN9islsVJ5K9HCOj0dGhycA). Cost: $1550 includes: 3 meals a day of home-cooked, organic meals, a camping spot, expert instruction, and great conversation/learning. For more information, contact: alaskanbioshelter@gmail.com or go to <http://alaskapermaculture.com/>. .

**June 11 - 14**

**DENALI NATIONAL PARK - FIELD COURSE – LANDSCAPE PAINTING** will be offered by Alaska Geographic through the Murie Science and Learning Center. In early summer, Denali offers dramatic opportunities to learn landscape painting. With renowned Alaskan artist **DAVID MOLLETT**, we'll spend our time in the field looking closely at Denali's landscape as we broaden our understanding and accomplishment in painting. Covering the concepts of space, light, color, composition, and scale, we'll work from drawings and small painted studies to finished oil and acrylic paintings. All levels are welcome! Participants will stay at a field camp located 29 miles inside Denali National Park along the Teklanika River. The Field Camp includes rustic tent cabins and a common dining tent. All meals, accommodations, transportation, and instruction are included in the $490 course fee ($441 for Alaska Geographic members). Academic credit is available through UAF. For more information or to register, go to [www.alaskageographicorg](http://www.alaskageographicorg), email courses@murieslc.org or call 907-683-6432.

\*\***June 12 -14**

**SOLDOTNA**: - **KENAI RIVER FESTIVAL** will provide family fun for everyone. The Kenai River Festival draws thousands of people annually for a family friendly party in the park. This pet free event is put on by the Kenai Watershed Forum to celebrate the river through events like the KWF Kid’s Zone (25+ FREE kid's activities), Run for River 5K/10 Mile Run/Walk, Alaskan artisans market, Rock Out for the River (FREE live Music), beer garden and more! For more information visit [www.KenaiWatershed.org](http://www.kenaiwatershed.org/).

**June 27 & 28**

**“BIRDS OF THE KENAI” WEEKEND** will be held at the Alaska Huts’ Manitoba Cabin, 15 minutes' walk from the Seward Highway near Summit Lake. Join **AARON BOWMAN**, Anchorage Audubon Society (anchorageaudubon.org) Field Trip Coordinator, for a special opportunity to see and learn about birds of the area. Aaron will share his extensive knowledge of birds and natural history and impart expert advice on how to up your birding game and become a citizen scientist. Participants will have the option of joining Aaron for field excursions at Manitoba Cabin and the surrounding area. This two day, one night event includes accommodations at Manitoba Cabin. For more information go to [alaskahuts.org/calendar.html](file:///C%3A%5CFiles%5CWhat%27s%20Up%5Calaskahuts.org%5Ccalendar.html). Space is limited to 15 so reserve soon by contacting Scott at scott@alaskahuts.org. Alaska Huts is a non-profit organization that operates Manitoba Cabin. This walk-in/ ski-in hut may be reserved by the general public and education groups.

\*\***July 28 - 31**

**PALMER**: **AG in the CLASSROOM EDUCATOR WORKSHOP: ENHANCING AGRICULTURE LITERACY for REGULAR EDUCATION, GIFTED and SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS** will be held at the Matanuska Experimental Farm and Spring Creek Farm. The cost for the workshop is $190 and includes up to 2 credits. The course will visit locations at in the Palmer/Wasilla area including local farms and agriculture businesses. Register at [www.uaf.edu/summer/registration/](http://www.uaf.edu/summer/registration/) or contact Melissa Sikes at 907-479-1213 or fairbanksswcd@gmail.com for more information.

**\*\*July 31 – August 2**

**NINILCHIK** – **SALMONFEST** will be held at the Peninsula Fairgrounds. Nearly a dozen national acts are already confirmed, and this year promises to be the most stellar lineup that has ever graced the Kenai Peninsula Fairgrounds stages. Thirteen-time Grammy award winner [Emmylou Harris](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001MZYT4TfZePpCkkjEkh1AI42HSlQonNFz5gWAbJSPAJgLxron88wVD_k6N3z3zuJxz8goiyT4NqzZyXwQaHJnnmXernj3CO1dnBUHTM7E8EKA3gPLvp4l-qs0oUWP4HHjq9UhzPe5oQizwBBVS5z27sahZcg2eQhr3jozToQZLpLVAid1ul31ab0zVFSEBwBvZ0cl-kCS59WzISLCFLushOKAigBkRKGhmnluU_-C-H4=&c=v-CeoBirS2O8wYGtXneCh2dHqhBEArBWLecRdJA4Kfppd0_grYaWgg==&ch=Ms-0UFhGl4sWPzDCiWbBp2qFjPhaI6zyioMsqcQfl9PIML04x6yY_A==) and fellow Grammy winner [Rodney Crowell](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001MZYT4TfZePpCkkjEkh1AI42HSlQonNFz5gWAbJSPAJgLxron88wVD_k6N3z3zuJxz8goiyT4NqzZyXwQaHJnnmXernj3CO1dnBUHTM7E8EKA3gPLvp4l-qs0oUWP4HHjq9UhzPe5oQizwBBVS5z27sahZcg2eQhr3jozToQZLpLVAid1ul31ab0zVFSEBwBvZ0cl-kCS59WzISLCFLushOKAigBkRKGhmnluU_-C-H4=&c=v-CeoBirS2O8wYGtXneCh2dHqhBEArBWLecRdJA4Kfppd0_grYaWgg==&ch=Ms-0UFhGl4sWPzDCiWbBp2qFjPhaI6zyioMsqcQfl9PIML04x6yY_A==) will be headlining along with their talented band. Colorado funk and afrobeat band [The Motet](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001MZYT4TfZePpCkkjEkh1AI42HSlQonNFz5gWAbJSPAJgLxron88wVD_k6N3z3zuJxf6_pucD50oKGIgE-26QedAJtJv8RbbM29IhVuzoBos1sd4qUvVcC6pI-XO-HkL7e8RI1r8J_LdmVm_MkkHILTUW8OShqNLZwMXVmkz9dQU41ocppxxmaeXYS2UKlV2ins6NfhZkiVM0=&c=v-CeoBirS2O8wYGtXneCh2dHqhBEArBWLecRdJA4Kfppd0_grYaWgg==&ch=Ms-0UFhGl4sWPzDCiWbBp2qFjPhaI6zyioMsqcQfl9PIML04x6yY_A==), [Karl Denson's Tiny Universe](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001MZYT4TfZePpCkkjEkh1AI42HSlQonNFz5gWAbJSPAJgLxron88wVD_k6N3z3zuJx5EtzN9J1U9dNzNQnvW0qO-HWWvQW4DwR_qb5FjL-8nEoC3g_Oo8QIQR1HfxU1p8vkCN6CNmHcxDJaQ61lSpvYMgJoiMFIxcAJv9IKepS-ofUtvgdbjofWawWCZ36bjqboYQtcdu7Kb1yetzHw9oEWDPxuDQNJ0ff465FXcnHWAw=&c=v-CeoBirS2O8wYGtXneCh2dHqhBEArBWLecRdJA4Kfppd0_grYaWgg==&ch=Ms-0UFhGl4sWPzDCiWbBp2qFjPhaI6zyioMsqcQfl9PIML04x6yY_A==), NOLA supergroup [The New Orleans Suspects](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001MZYT4TfZePpCkkjEkh1AI42HSlQonNFz5gWAbJSPAJgLxron88wVD_k6N3z3zuJxfi_J9jkA9sBUWycdSQKfLgR3rLA700JK0kia1mWG4Z2sw8RqItb1WecIGWJTop7a79BpA7ticJNxGJAZv8mFbOG8-yKSmZ6NsYDbvAF_8SQQyDsUw_LqBFCe2bz7ysnrQdmkFf3LrCjbCc9b4PhPJGLrnaFinxke&c=v-CeoBirS2O8wYGtXneCh2dHqhBEArBWLecRdJA4Kfppd0_grYaWgg==&ch=Ms-0UFhGl4sWPzDCiWbBp2qFjPhaI6zyioMsqcQfl9PIML04x6yY_A==), Anchorage Folk Festival favorite [The California Honeydrops](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001MZYT4TfZePpCkkjEkh1AI42HSlQonNFz5gWAbJSPAJgLxron88wVD_k6N3z3zuJxvP7V8sLodZA42nQHt6KXEC_iEi1JH9P1-yYp_wJaWSeN4C9h-LML8aAdnedP6mJ3aX2PMmm3ZKMfZVrjhtmCb4mvRki-w76QhUeqn5pFzUJwBh7xUIxrbz5qMH2VXwjXzJE_ZDDOIHgJ5c6BKv-Fzbsluw11pVgb&c=v-CeoBirS2O8wYGtXneCh2dHqhBEArBWLecRdJA4Kfppd0_grYaWgg==&ch=Ms-0UFhGl4sWPzDCiWbBp2qFjPhaI6zyioMsqcQfl9PIML04x6yY_A==), Omaha's high energy string band [Dirty River Ramblers](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001MZYT4TfZePpCkkjEkh1AI42HSlQonNFz5gWAbJSPAJgLxron88wVD_k6N3z3zuJxWAlV0IIQg9K2U7tDeweSvYBvEixl-8Rm1zP7K_qLtMlCQAT_3BmWfw6EAfYTIEgdtbPn_p5c60Ao9XypatF3jHuU3pssrkyYO1Bl_XhPrkryw4TKtHNWmSp-F6sPQa5Wby4O9rprkEBDC9eDK4S7HapaLNfF-ODe&c=v-CeoBirS2O8wYGtXneCh2dHqhBEArBWLecRdJA4Kfppd0_grYaWgg==&ch=Ms-0UFhGl4sWPzDCiWbBp2qFjPhaI6zyioMsqcQfl9PIML04x6yY_A==), and San Francisco's psychedelic roots-rock band [Moonalice](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001MZYT4TfZePpCkkjEkh1AI42HSlQonNFz5gWAbJSPAJgLxron88wVD_k6N3z3zuJxNu8nbAo33oYT4h_YSw1mOGx4CdKBvaNVKn92aeWD1dhBSOul-X4BmSMxvcPutLVh8yHC9waC_jojpe1A0ku6uywGJfXO0OX-1SRjegUiQiHrsczl-anxnlUMzRh8gbyi81UT2xnUQ7s=&c=v-CeoBirS2O8wYGtXneCh2dHqhBEArBWLecRdJA4Kfppd0_grYaWgg==&ch=Ms-0UFhGl4sWPzDCiWbBp2qFjPhaI6zyioMsqcQfl9PIML04x6yY_A==) are just a handful of the acts ready to deliver an energetic and high-powered performance. Now under the stewardship of **KACHEMAK BAY CONSERVATION SOCIETY**, Salmonfest remains committed to wild salmon and its role as one of the most unifying common denominators that connect all Alaskans to the fish and the waters that provide this magnificent resource. The Salmonfest mission statement underlines a foundational component of the event, and KBCS with the Salmonfest team will advocate for protection and preservation of salmon and its habitat in the streams, rivers, watersheds, lakes, bays and oceans of Alaska. The festival, as usual will be enhanced by Alaska's top crafters and artisans. Delicious cuisine and Alaska's best brews will be available at many locations throughout the festival grounds. Children's activities and an educational symposium for those so inclined will be ongoing during the festival. Camping is available all around Ninilchik, with a free Salmonfest shuttle connecting most camping areas to the festival. Salmonfest provides an easy, family-friendly touch by offering a discounted Teen Festival Pass, and by admitting kids 12 & under free.

**August 23 – 29**

**DENALI NATIONAL** PARK - Denali Week is a rare opportunity to discover Denali – as a park, a community, and a way of life. Hosted by [Denali Education Center](http://www.denali.org), a partner of Denali National Park and Preserve, you will have the opportunity to attend presentations by naturalists, park rangers, and Denali residents. Through these presentations and field trips in and around Denali National Park you will learn about Denali’s wildlife, natural history, and culture. The program cost is **$1500 per person/double occupancy** for ages 12 and up, **$750 for children ages 5-11**, and **free for children 4 and under**. This extraordinary value includes six-nights double occupancy lodging on our riverside [campus](http://www.denali.org/campus/), homemade meals starting with dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on Day 7 (17 meals), expert instruction, program coordinators, and the full cost of scheduled activities! [Click here to view the Denali Week itinerary](http://www.denali.org/wp-content/uploads/2015-Denali-Week-7-day.pdf). To register, call us at 907-683-2597 or [print our online form and send it in](http://www.denali.org/wp-content/uploads/2015-Denali-Week-Registration.pdf).

**WEBINARS, WEBCASTS & TELECONFERENCES**

**\*\*May 26 (TELECONFERENCE)**

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES** will hold a teleconference from 10am to Noon. The purpose of the meeting is for the board to **CONSIDER MOVING the REVIEW and DELIBERATION of the PACIFIC COD RELATED PROPOSALS** from the Board’s February 23-March 3, 2016 Alaska Peninsula/Bering Sea-Aleutian Island/Chignik finfish meeting to the November 30 - December 7 Bristol Bay finfish meeting or another time. This is a non-regulatory meeting. The board will not take oral public testimony during the teleconference. A live audio stream of the meeting is intended to be available on the Board’s website, which can be accessed at [www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov/). Listen-only teleconference sites will be provided to the public in Juneau at the following location: Juneau ADF&G Headquarters Building, 1255 W 8th Street, Caribou Conference Room. Meeting materials will be posted at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo>. For information about the meeting or meeting materials, contact the Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110.

**\*\*June 9 (WEBINAR)**

**CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING RESOURCES AND FUNDING will be held from 10 to 11:30 with a p**resentation by **HAL SHEPHERD**, Principle, Water Policy Consulting, who will focus on a selection of climate change adaptation funding sources and other resources specific to Alaska. The Webinar will focus on programs and publications that directly address flooding, shoreline erosion, drinking water protection, infrastructure, relocation and water shed management and protection. Also **APPLICATION OF TRADITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL KNOWLEDGE TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE will be addressed by EMILY MURRAY**, Traditional Elder, Native Village of Golovin, who will discuss application of TEK to address watershed resources management and climate change planning. **Topic Includes:** 1)Sources that provide data, planning guides, and other useful information; 2) Sources that provide face-to-face assistance with planning, design, engineering, or actual construction of facilities and infrastructure; 3) Funding sources whose main function is to issue and manage grants or other forms of financial assistance; 4) Dual-purpose programs or agencies that provide both technical and financial assistance. And 5) Combining TEK and contemporary knowledge to develop and prioritize strategies for mitigating the impacts of Climate change and development on watersheds and increasing resiliency of Alaskan Native villages and other communities. To register for the webinar, go to

[https://www.anymeeting.com/AccountManager/RegEv.aspx?PIID=EB58DA89874C30](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001BgZCYRAYAm_z642QmS113R_JVqxeZd5HvxH92HS-giGhpIfB1c71PJ-Z11Sji_kRRu8BLSPPzPYhTaEAef8GtH2f9sfK07ZFKVlGlSc_XryS8VW2zXD1yusnI_ejB2TkdB9FWcCYq2tZ25bJ5kOO-X2lu3g1X4PR2uYBzSlo_oaVIT9ZGI9wC4B7iTHXLJQIn4HvyBTJr8XD2rd2mxdseanveTFs5NyWgRWKTLajZzJKjMa5C-6Otg==&c=z9VKcoukXcuVNaetBdAtI5kqQTvoH1DQoY8M9wwmCT82rUsbc41HRg==&ch=OAp1YKBCyRHVtXRdc9z2AwC-LFVg4tAupQYAMBGFFBzCNLZqIExOvQ==). For more information, contact Hal Shepherd at (907)491-1355 or email hal@waterpolicyconsulting.com or go to <http://www.waterpolicyconsulting.com/services.html>.

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

**\*\*July** 2

Deadline for submission of application for the **NOAA HABITAT CONSERVATION DIVISION’S COASTAL ECOSYSTEM RESILIENCY GRANTS PROGRAM GRANTS.** The principal objective of the program is to implement projects that use a proactive approach to improve or restore coastal habitat to: 1) strengthen the resilience of our marine and coastal ecosystems to decrease the vulnerability of communities to extreme weather and 2) support sustainable fisheries and contribute to the recovery of protected resources... **An external/applicant informational teleconference is being planned for June 2 from 11 to Noon ADT**. If you can’t make it, the meeting will be recorded and posted afterward. For more information, go to <http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/funding/coastalresiliency.html> or contact Erika Ammann at 907-271-5118 or email Erika.ammann@noaa.gov.

\*\***July 24**

Deadline for applications for the **NOAA REGIONAL COASTAL RESILIENCE GRANT PROGRAM** that will support regional approaches to undertake activities that build resilience of coastal regions, communities, and economic sectors to the negative impacts from extreme weather events, climate hazards, and changing ocean conditions. It will support planning or implementing actions that mitigate the impacts of environmental drivers on overall resilience, including economic and environmental resilience. Funded projects will result in improved information for decision makers and actions that reduce risk, accelerate recovery, and promote adaptation to changing social, economic, and environmental conditions. Awards will be made to organizations that advance resilience strategies in plans for land and ocean use, disaster preparedness, environmental restoration, hazard mitigation, or other regional, state, or community plans. Successful proposals will demonstrate regional coordination among project stakeholders, leverage resources (such as funds, programs, partnerships, and others), and result in economic and environmental benefits for coastal communities. Project results will be evaluated using clear measures of success. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, regional organizations, private (for profit) entities, and local, state, and tribal governments. **An external/applicant informational teleconference is being planned for June 2 from 11 to Noon ADT**. If you can’t make it, the meeting will be recorded and posted afterward. For more information, go to <http://coast.noaa.gov/resilience-grant/> or contact Erika Ammann at 907-271-5118 or email Erika.ammann@noaa.gov.

**GRASSROOTS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION INITIATIVES** are funded by the **NORCROSS WILDLIFE FOUNDATION**. The Norcross Wildlife Foundation provides support to local grassroots organizations throughout the United States that work to protect wild land. Priority is given to organizations that have difficulty raising the modest funds they need to do their critical work in the trenches of environmental conservation. Grants averaging $1,000 to $5,000 are primarily provided for program-related office and field equipment, and public education and outreach materials. The Foundation also provides no-interest loans to local organizations to help them acquire land they have prioritized for conservation. Applications for both grants and loans may be submitted at any time. Visit the Foundation’s website to review the application guidelines. For more information, go to <http://www.norcrossws.org/Foundmain.html>.

**ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION (ACF)** is accepting applications for the **RAPID RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM**. Rapid Response grants provide support for direct conservation action to address unforeseen opportunities or threats of statewide significance, leading to more robust environmental policy and enduring conservation impact. Rapid Response grants range from $2,500 to $10,000 for a project period of no more than six months. The Rapid Response Program accepts Letters of Inquiry on an ongoing basis through ACF’s online application system. For more information about the selection and eligibility criteria and how to submit an application, please go to <http://alaskaconservation.org/grant-opportunities/rapid-response-2/>.

**September 15**

Deadline for submissions for the **AOOS 2nd ANNUAL OCEAN FILM CONTEST** that feature short films highlighting Alaska’s coast or oceans. Films of any genre relating to the ocean (i.e. people using the ocean and coast, marine research, marine wildlife, ocean-related policy issues, etc) are welcome. You don’t need to be a professional to submit a film! [**Click here for Rules and Submission Form**](http://aoos.us5.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=94e2f9739e5720e2341b0e373&id=6ec90a4cff&e=a45e774a46). **Requirements:** Films must be 10 minutes in length. The film must be your own original creation and must not infringe on any third party rights. **Award Categories:** Judges Choice ($1,000 cash prize); Best treatment of a complicated issue; Best videography; Youth winner; Additional prizes awarded also. Individuals can submit as many films as they wish. Films will be shown during ocean-related events across Alaska, posted on the AOOS website, and shared for other educational purposes. For more information, contact Darcy Dugan at Dugan@aoos.org. To read about the 2014 film contact and see the films, go to <http://www.aoos.org/2014-aoos-film-contest/?utm_source=AOOS+Announcements&utm_campaign=f0644000a9-AOOS_2015_Film_Contest4_21_2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b7e524dddd-f0644000a9-108795309&ct=t%28AOOS_2015_Film_Contest4_21_2015%29>.

**September 30**

Deadline for applications for the **DENALI NATIONAL PARK 2016 ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM** which provides the opportunity for professional visual artists, writers and composers to use an historic roadside cabin as a base to explore the park and seek inspiration from it. Works created by previous artists-in-residence are displayed in the park’s visitor centers, the Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station, and the Public Lands Information Centers in Anchorage and Fairbanks. Applicants can specify whether they want to be considered for the winter or summer program. Summer participants reside in an historic patrol cabin for a ten day period between June and mid-September. The winter residency is also for ten days, split between housing at park headquarters, and conditions permitting, one of the historic ranger patrol cabins along the first 23 miles of the park road. In return for their residency, each artist donates a piece of artwork or written piece inspired by their time in the park to the park’s collection. Artists also offer a public outreach activity for visitors at the end of their residency. For a two-year trial period beginning with the residencies in 2016, the program will explore a preference for digital and performance-based donations rather than physical pieces for the program collection. A link to the online application and more information about the program is available at <http://www.nps.gov/dena/historyculture/arts-program.htm> or [http://go.nps.gov/DenaliArt](http://go.nps.gov/DenaliArt%20).

**DEADLINES**

**May 22**

**ANCHORAGE** - Deadline for comments on an application for an **AQUATIC PESTICIDE USE PERMIT** to apply herbicide to **CONTROL INVASIVE ELODEA IN DELONG, LITTLE CAMPBELL, and SAND LAKES.** The proposed products include Sonar GENESIS, with EPA registration number 67690-54, and SonarONE, with EPA registration number 67690-45. Both products have the active ingredient Fluridone. Treatment is proposed to occur between May and October throughout the duration of the permit. Elodea is an invasive aquatic plant that has the potential to grow abundantly and compromise water quality, hinder boat and float plane traffic, reduce dissolved oxygen, and impact fisheries. Early control of this invasive plant will help prevent spread to other locations. Physical or mechanical controls are inappropriate, as these methods break the plant into fragments which can then reproduce. Copies of the application are available at <http://dec.alaska.gov/eh/pest/publicnotice.htm>. **For specific information regarding the application contact,** Karin Hendrickson at (907) 376-1856 or email Karin.Hendrickson@alaska.gov. Submit comments to Rebecca Colvin at 907-269-7802 or email Rebecca.colvin@alaska.gov.

**May 25**

**KODIAK** - Comments are due on the proposal to **UPGRADE ROADSIDE BARRIERS on MULTIPLE CREEK and RIVER CROSSINGS on KODIAK ISLAND**. Proposed work would include: Upgrade bridge rail, transition sections, and associated hardware; Clear the immediate area of vegetation; Remove fugitive material from around bridge abutments, rail, and guardrail; Repair erosion features at bridge abutments, wingwalls, and post connections; and Repair or replace signs, as needed. Construction for the proposed project is anticipated to begin in summer 2016. For more information, contact Christina Huber, Project Manager, at 269-0572 or email Christina.huber@alaska.gov or Kim Campo-Allen, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 269-0533.or email kim.campo-allen@alaska.gov. Submit comments to Brian Elliot. Regional Environmental Manager, at brian.elliott@alaska.gov.

**May 28**

**JUNEAU** – Deadline for comments on the proposal to **DEVELOP a NETWORK of EIGHT RECREATIONAL TRAILS** consisting of: one single lane (12’ wide) summer maintenance road, one (4’ wide) mountain bike trail, one (5’ wide) ATV accessible maintenance trail, and five (18” to 24” wide) hiking trails. City and Borough of Juneau is proposing to place fill material into wetlands and streams to facilitate the construction of two maintenance trails, one mountain bike trail, and five hiking trails. The work would include the placement of 3,388 cubic yards of rock into 1.49 acres of wetlands and streams to construct 21,857 linear feet of trails. For more information, contact Matthew Brodyat (907) 790-4493 or by email at Matthew.T.Brody@usace.army.mil. To see the complete Corps Permit and drawings, go to [POA-2015-229, Fish Creek\_PN](http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Portals/34/docs/regulatory/publicnotices/2015/POA-2015-229%2C%20Fish%20Creek_PN.pdf) and [POA-2015-229, Fish Creek\_PN Drawings](http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Portals/34/docs/regulatory/publicnotices/2015/POA-2015-229%2C%20Fish%20Creek_PN%20Drawings.pdf).

**May 26**

**GRAVINA ISLAND** – Appeal is due on the **FINAL BEST INTEREST FINDING and DECISION** for the **VALLENAR BAY TIMBER SALE.** This decision sets out the facts and applicable policies upon which the Director based his determination that the proposed timber sales will serve the interest of the State. The project area is on the north end of Gravina Island. Vallenar Bay is approximately five miles west of the Ketchikan International Airport. ). The volume to be offered totals approximately 12 million board feet (MMBF). The project proposes to establish access to the Vallenar Bay area from the existing road system on Gravina Island by constructing a forest road from the Lewis Reef area to the existing logging road on the southeast side of Vallenar Bay. Depending on market conditions, the DOF would sell the timber as one individual sale, several smaller sales or combined with other timber in the area. The sale(s) will be sold as competitive or negotiated sales. A person affected by this decision who provided timely written comment or public hearing testimony on this decision may appeal to Mark Meyers, Commissioner, Dept. of Natural Resources by Fax at 1-907-269-8918 or emailed to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. For more information, go to <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/ketchikan_timber/2015/BIF_vallenar.pdf>.

**May 28**

Deadline for comments on the application for an **OIL DISCHARGE PREVENTION and CONTINGENCY PLAN** to contain, control, and clean up an oil discharge from the **POINT THOMSON EXPORT PIPELINE (PTEP**), located near the Beaufort Sea, Point Thomson Central Pad is approximately 60 miles east of Prudhoe Bay. The 22-mile long PTEP will transport condensate from Central Pad to the Badami common carrier pipeline. The plan proposes to address a response planning standard (RPS) of 1,612 bbl. For more information or to submit comments, contact Gary Evans by Fax at (907) 269-7687, or email gary.evans@alaska.gov.

**May 28**

Deadline for comments on the **PROPOSED CHANGES to the FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE HUNTING and TRAPPING REGULATIONS** for the **2016-2018 REGULATORY YEARS**. These proposed changes would affect Federal subsistence seasons, harvest limits, and, methods and means for the taking of wildlife, and customary and traditional use determinations for the regulatory years July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018. The proposal book is available at <http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/proposal/current/index.cfm>. Comments should reference the proposal number and should be sent by email to subsistence@fws.gov. Those without e-mail access may fax comments to (907) 786-3898. For more information, contact Theo Matuskowitz, Office of Subsistence Management, at (907) 786-3880 or email subsistence@fws.gov.

**May 29**

**NUIQSUT** - Comments are due on the proposal to renew an **AIR QUALITY CONTROL OPERATING PERMIT** to the **ALPINE CENTRAL PROCESSING FACILITY** and also to issue an **AIR QUALITY CONTROL OPERATING PERMIT** to the **DOYON-19 DRILL RIG NON-TCA ACTIVITIES** portion of the Alpine Central Processing Facility Title V located in the Alpine Oil Field, Colville River Delta 7 miles NE of Nuiqsut from ConocoPhillips Alaska. The potential annual emissions of regulated air pollutants at the source will not exceed: 57 tons of Particulate Matter, 2,315 tons of Nitrogen Oxides, 179 tons of Sulfur Dioxide, 733 tons of Carbon Monoxide, and 106 tons of Volatile Organic Compounds. The total emissions of regulated air pollutants are 3,390 tons per year. The draft Operating Permits and Statements of Basis are available at <http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/AirPermitsApprovalsAndPublicNotices>. For more information or to submit comments, contact Jim Plosay, Compliance Section Office Supervisor, by fax at (907) 465-5129 or email to james.plosay@alaska.gov.

**May 29**
**JUNEAU – Comments due on the proposal to improve the Juneau GLACIER HIGHWAY INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD INTERSECTION and JUNEAU INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD WIDENING & SIDEWALK. The intersection proposal would:** • Create a new alignment approximately 300 feet west of the existing intersection that would connect with Industrial Blvd about 350 feet south of the existing Glacier Highway intersection. (Note: there are several alternatives at this time); • Construct new sidewalk, curbs, gutters & storm water drainage; • Relocate utility poles & increase lighting capacity; and • Acquire additional ROW. The boulevard widening and sidewalk proposal would: • Rebuild the existing roadway from the end of project #68081 to Maier Drive; • Rehabilitate pavement & perform sub grade repairs; • Increase lane & shoulder widths; • Construct curb, gutter & sidewalk on the west side of the street; • Upgrade existing ADA facilities; and • Upgrade drainage, lighting systems. **Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2017.** For more information or to submit comments, contact Chris Schelb, Environmental Analyst, at 907-465-4447 or email chris.schelb@alaska.gov.

**May 30**

**KENAI** – Deadline for comments on the proposal to reissue an **ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) INDIVIDUAL PERMIT** for **CONOCOPHILLIPS ALASKA, Inc. KENAI LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FACILITY**, an existing natural gas processing plant which discharges industrial and domestic wastewater from a single outfall into Cook Inlet. The permit will authorize the combined discharge of non-domestic and non-domestic wastewater up to maximum daily rate of 350,000 gallons per day. The permit will establish limits for both non-domestic and domestic wastewater constituents and include proposed acute and chronic mixing zones for total residual chlorine, total aqueous hydrocarbons, ammonia, arsenic, copper, mercury, nickel, zinc and temperature and authorizes two mixing zones: 1) The acute mixing zone will extend from the sea surface to the sea floor with a length of 123 meters, a width of six meters, and an associated dilution factor of 95 and 2) The chronic mixing zone will extend from the sea surface to the sea floor with a length of 176 meters, a width of 14 meters and an associated dilution factor of 165. Both the acute and chronic mixing zones are rectangular in shape, centered on Outfall 001, and are oriented with the longitudinal axis parallel to the nearest shoreline. A Fact Sheet and associated documents are available at <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wwdp/PublicNotice.htm>, For more information or to submit comments, contact Jim Heumann at (907) 465-5171 or email jim.heumann@alaska.gov.

\*\***May 31 (DEADLINE EXTENDED**)

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) extended the comment period for the **BERING SEA-WESTERN INTERIOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP)** to allow additional time for review and comment on the Preliminary Alternative Concepts and associated resource inventory reports. The current outreach period began Feb. 22 and was extended to May 31in response to requests from interested tribes and organizations.BLM held thirteen community meetings and an Anchorage open house during the outreach period. BLM continues to meet with stakeholder groups and consult with interested tribes and Alaska Native corporations. The purpose of this outreach is to engage the public in helping the BLM complete a range of alternatives for the Draft RMP and provide input on recently completed resource inventory reports and maps. Issues to be addressed in this planning effort include subsistence resources, mineral exploration and development, special management area designations, and more. The Bering Sea-Western Interior Resource Management Plan will guide management of BLM-managed public lands for the next 20 years. For additional information, contact Project Manager Jorjena Daly at (907) 267-1246. BLM is specifically seeking comments on [Preliminary Alternatives Concepts](https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=48431): This report summarizes two differing sets of management alternatives for consideration for 21 different resources managed on BLM Lands. The BLM would like your input in developing a set of alternatives that that represents the best balance of uses and allocations for resources in the planning area. Wilderness, Chapter 3, Next Step: Determine Lands Proposed for Protection of Wilderness Character. After reviewing the inventory, please review Chapter 3 and offer your substantive comments and detailed reasoning in regard to *particular subunit inventory areas* you are familiar with. (The full report is a record of the assessment of lands found to have wilderness characteristics in the planning area.) [Wild and Scenic River Eligibility Report](https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/lup/36665/54701/59391/20150215_BSWI_WSR_ELIGIBILITY_Final_%28web_res%29.pdf), Chapter 5, Next Step: Phase Three, Suitability Assessment. After reviewing the eligibility determination process and summary, please review Chapter 5 and offer your substantive comments and detailed reasoning in regard to the suitability of particular river segments that you have familiarity with. (The full report is a record of the assessment of the eligible waterway study process in the planning area.) [Visual Resource Inventory Report](https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/lup/36665/54828/59520/2015_02_20_BSWI_VRI_Report_FINAL_%28web_res%29.pdf): Chapter 8, Next Steps: Visual Resource Management Classes. After reviewing the visual resource inventory (Chapters 1-7), please review Chapter 8, along with the maps in the appendix, and offer any substantive comments or detailed reasoning regarding *particular visual resource management classes*in areas you are familiar with. (The full report is an assessment of visual resources in the planning area.) [Areas of Critical Environmental Concern Report on Relevance and Importance](https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/projects/lup/36665/56582/61274/4-13-15_Final_BSWI_ACEC_Report.pdf): Chapter 4, Section 4.3, Next Steps: Determine whether special management would be required to protect the identified relevant and important resource and at what scale (acreage) across a range of alternatives. After reviewing the relevance and importance criteria analysis tables in Chapter 3, please review the summary of findings in Chapter 4 and offer your substantive comments and detailed reasoning in regard to the relevance and importance evaluations in addition to your ideas on whether future special management attention would be required to protect those ACECs that contain a resource(s) found to be relevant and important. (The full report analyzed 25 existing and nominated ACECs and found 16 ACECs to meet the relevance and importance criteria. These 16 ACECs will be carried forward into the alternatives for the DRMP where a determination will be made whether the ACECs will require special management attention and on how many acres the special management attention would be applied.) The Online Open House is also extended and is available at <https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=48431> Planning documents are available at the project website at [www.blm.gov/ak/planning/bswi](http://www.blm.gov/ak/planning/bswi). Submit comments to BSWI\_BLM\_Comment@blm.gov.

**\*\*June 3**

**KENAI** - Comments are due on the proposal to issue an **ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES**) **INDIVIDUAL PERMIT** for **CITY OF KENAI WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY (KWWTF).** The treated wastewater from the facility is proposed to be discharged to Cook Inlet. Design flow for KWWTF is 1.3 million gallons per day (mgd) and serves a resident population of 3600. Because Kenai is a recreational destination, the population of the City is higher during summer months. The wastewater receives preliminary treatment by pulverizing the solids and is then distributed to four aeration basin through a splitter box. Although all four aeration basins can be used only three are typically used at a time. From the aeration basins, the flow goes through another splitter box to two secondary clarifiers. Effluent from the clarifiers then enters chlorination chambers for disinfection followed by dechlorination before discharging into Cook Inlet. DEC is proposing to authorize a mixing zone for ammonia, copper, and zinc. The mixing zone size will continue to be the same as was authorized in the previous permit and is defined as the area within a circle, 150 meters radius, centered on the end of the outfall pipe and extending from the marine bottom to the surface. The mixing zone for this discharge at times when the end of the pipe is not under water due to tidal fluctuations, is defined as the area within a half circle of 150 meters radius, centered on the point where the effluent enters marine water.

A fact sheet and associated documents are available at <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wwdp/PublicNotice.htm> for review. For more information or to submit comments, contact Sally Wanstall at 907-465-5216 or email sally.wanstall@alaska.gov.

\*\***June 5**

**ANCHORAGE** - Comments are due on the proposal to issue an **ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM - STORMWATER DISCHARGES - MUNICIPALITY of ANCHORAGE and AK DOT&PF**. The Municipality of Anchorage MS4 permit addresses stormwater discharges within the Municipality. There are multiple outfalls into many receiving waters. The permit addresses construction activities, post construction activities, monitoring for illicit discharges, snow disposal practices, street sweeping requirements and practicing pollution prevention techniques. A fact sheet and associated documents are available at <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wwdp/PublicNotice.htm>. For more information or to submit comments, contact William Ashton at 907-269-6283 or email William.Ashton@alaska.gov.

**\*\*June 5**

**HAINES** – Deadline for comments to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Glennallen Field Office on **TRAIL ACCESS CONSIDERATIONS AT MILE 7 OF THE HAINES HIGHWAY** also known as **MT. RIPINSKY** or **7 MILE SADDLE TRAILHEAD**. The dump site and shooting area at this location are scheduled to be cleaned up this summer. In conjunction with highway repairs being conducted by the State of Alaska, a pullout is planned to be constructed where the dump site and shooting area adjoin the highway. BLM is interested in hearing local residents and user’s opinions, concerns, and suggestions regarding the existing boardwalk, trail system, and access to the 7 mile Saddle trail on BLM lands. Your comments and concerns will be considered in the development of a project proposal and associated NEPA analysis. Please submit your comments or issues to be considered to the Bureau of Land Management, Glennallen Field Office at blm\_ak\_gfo\_general\_delivery@blm.gov with “7 Mile Trail” in the subject line. For more information, call the BLM at 907-822-3217.

**\*\*June 5**

**KETCHIKAN** – Comments are due on the proposal to issue **OPERATING PERMIT** to the **BAILEY POWER PLANT** to the Ketchikan Public Utilities. The potential emissions of regulated air pollutants will not exceed: 34 tons of PM, 1,072 tons of NOx, 1 ton of SO2, 269 tons of CO, and 31 tons of VOCs. Copies of ADEC’s draft Operating Permit and Statement of Basis and the administrative records are available at <http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/AirPermitsApprovalsAndPublicNotices>. For more information or to submit comments, contact Kwame Agyei by Fax at (907) 465- 5129 or email Kwame.Agyei@alaska.gov

\*\***June 5**

**ANCHORAGE** - Deadline for comments on the proposal to issue an **ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM INDIVIDUAL PERMIT** to Discharge to Waters of the U.S. - **PORT OF ANCHORAGE.** The Port of Anchorage serves as the main port for southcentral Alaska, receiving more than 4.0 million tons of various commodities in 2011. The commodities include: petroleum, oil and lubricants; general cargo; automobiles; pipe; drilling muds; cement; and other freight. The Port MS4 is a small simple system consisting of 21 catch basins and three outfalls to the tide lands of Cook Inlet and Knik Arm. Location 61.2415, -149.8854. The expected discharge consists of typical urban runoff (sediment, minor amounts of petroleum, some floatable debris).There is no estimate on the volume discharged. No mixing zone is proposed**.** A Fact Sheet and associated documents are available at <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wwdp/PublicNotice.htm>. For more information or to submit comments, contact Jim Rypkema at 907-334-2288 or email James.Rypkema@alaska.gov.

\*\***June 6**

**FAIRBANKS AREA** - Comments are due on the **DRAFT FOREST LAND USE PLAN (FLUP)** for the **LONG-TERM VALUE-ADDED NEGOTIATED TIMBER SALE NC-1591-F**. This plan is intended to provide the best available information regarding the proposed harvest of timber, and management of other non-timber uses and must be adopted by the DNR before the proposed activity can occur. The decision on whether or not to offer timber for sale has been made through the best interest finding process, and is not subject to review under the FLUP. Comment is however being requested for specific items in this draft FLUP including requirements for harvest, access, and reforestation operations. The document is available at <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/fbkstimber/2014/Long_Term_Value_Added_Negotiated_Timber_Sale_NC_1591_F.pdf>. For more information or to submit comments, contact Douglas Hanson at douglas.hanson@alaska.gov or acting Fairbanks Area Forester Paul Maki at paul.maki@alaska.gov.

**\*\* June 6**

**KENAI PENINSULA** - Deadline for comments on the application by the **HOMER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT** for an **AMENDMENT TO PESTICIDE USE PERMIT 14-AQU-01**, which allows for application of herbicide to control invasive elodea in **STORMY, BECK**, and **DANIELS LAKES** in the Kenai Peninsula area. The requested amendment would allow an increased application of 156 pounds of Sonar One annually to Daniels Lake, to ensure that the required concentration can be maintained. Copies of the application and amendment request are available at <http://dec.alaska.gov/eh/pest/index.htm>. For more information or to submit comments, contact Rebecca Colvin at 907-269-7802 or email Rebecca.colvin@alaska.gov.

**\*\*June 8**

Deadline for the **PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL’S** call for its **FALL 2015 REQUESTS for PROPOSALS (RFP)** for **EDUCATORS** interested in partnering on a new or ongoing youth involvement program within the Exxon Valdez oil spill region. Funding can assist with educational projects about the council and topics related to its mission. Proposed topics can include, but are not limited to: citizens’ oversight of industry, environmental impacts of the operation of the Alyeska Marine Terminal in Valdez and its associated oil tankers, oil spill prevention and response planning, or environmental monitoring. Projects can also address other topics related to the council’s mission. Go to [http://www.pwsrcac.org/announcements/funds-available-for-educational-projects-related-to-our-mission/](http://www.pwsrcac.org/announcements/funds-available-for-educational-projects-related-to-our-mission/%20%20) for application information. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Lisa Matlock at lisa.matlock@pwsrcac.org or 907-273-6235.

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

**May 23**

**PLANT SALE & ALASKA PUBLIC GARDENS DAY** will be held at the **ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN** from 10am to 4pm. This is the opening of their nursery for the summer season and relocation of the gift shop to its summer home. Join as a member and shop from 9 t – 10 to 10am during the exclusive, member’s only preview. This is a **FREE DAY at ABG.**

**May 27**

**BEAR AWARE FOR FAMILIES** will be held at 7pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Hosted by the Bureau of Land Management, ADF&G and the Anchorage Bear Committee Education Group. Geared for families with children. Learn to use bear spray. Free; open to the public.

**May 27**

**HIS MAJESTY KING HARALD V OF NORWAY** will present opening remarks **ARCTIC CONFERENCE.** A panel will address **LOOKING FORWARD TOGETHER: THE U.S. AND NORWAY in the QUEST for ARCTIC KNOWLEDGE** in the Tikatnu Ballroom, Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center from Noon to 2:30pm. The conference will feature distinguished presentations by **HARALD STEEN**, Director of the Center for Ice, Climate, and Ecosystems at the Norwegian Polar Institute; **BØRGE OUSLAND**, Polar Explorer; and **CRAIG FLEENER**, Special Assistant to the Governor of Alaska on Arctic Policy. The conference will be moderated by **FRAN ULMER**, Chair of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission. **Participants must arrive by 12pm and present a government-issued ID to be admitted. Pre-registration for this conference is required and no walk-ins will be admitted.**Additional information about the speakers and registration can be found online at [www.alaskaworldaffairs.org](http://www.alaskaworldaffairs.org), by calling (907)276-8038 or email rsvp@alaskaworldaffairs.org.

**\*\*May 28**

**CELEBRATE RACHEL CARSON’S BIRTHDAY** with **ALASKA COMMUNITY ACTION ON TOXICS (ACAT)** from 6 to 9pm at the Kincaid Chalet. Rachel Carson was a renowned author, scientist, and conservationist and her book “Silent Spring,” published in 1962, started national conversations and increased public awareness about the effects of synthetic pesticides on the environment. This led to the ban of DDT, new environmental laws, and the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Each year ACAT gathers on (or around) Rachel Carson’s birthday to celebrate her life and achievements. Join us for free live music, readings, and fun. The event is free, however some portions require advance registration and payment: Wild Edibles Walk, learn about the wild buffet emerging in our forest ($25); Nettles Pasta Bar, wild-collected nettles and pasta ($10); Mocktails, better than a cocktail—we promise ($5); and Birthday Cake! What is a birthday without cake. (Free). Live music will be provided by **2 CENT ACRE**. To register, go to <https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51290/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=3179> or call 907-222-7714 or for more information.

\*\***May 28**

The **AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE** will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 in 8th Floor Conference Room, City Hall. **Business Items: O**perating Agreement: Memo & Addendum, and PZC Resolution 2015-18 TIP Administrative Modification #4 & Memo. **Informational Items:** 2nd Quarter Obligation Report; CMP: Tech Memo #6, Congestion Management Strategies; Interim 2035 MTP Update; Non-Motorized Transportation Update; Public Transportation Update; and AMATS Website Update. To see the agenda and supporting documents, go to <http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/2015%20Policy/052815/PC_Agenda_052815.pdf>.

**May 28**

**EARLY MORNING BIRD WALK** will be held from 6:30 to 8:30am at the Campbell Tract. Develop and fine-tune your birding skills and witness the progression of songbird migration spring. Join BLM staff and Anchorage Audubon Society members for a series of early morning outdoor bird walks. Please meet in the Campbell Creek Science Center parking lot. Dress appropriately for the weather and for walking on uneven terrain. Hot cocoa and coffee will be available at the Science Center afterwards, courtesy of Friends of the Campbell Creek Science Center. Please call 267-1241 for more information or visit[www.blm.gov/ak/sciencecenter](http://www.blm.gov/ak/sciencecenter).

**May 29**

Come to the Anchorage Museum at 7pm to hear **GEORGE DIVOKY**, ornithologist, climate observer, and (unofficial) comedian, who has been doing serious work for four decades running on Cooper Island, a tiny island north of Barrow. George will present **AN ARCTIC SEABIRD RESPONDS TO 40 YEARS OF CHANGE**. His research is on the trials and tribulations of the pigeon guillemot, a charming black-and-white seabird with bright red legs and an indicator of ecosystem change in the Arctic. The program is part of the Anchorage Museum's "To the Arctic" exhibit of stunning photography of Arctic marine mammals and birds by Florian Schultze. Museum admission will be reduced as a “Half-open, Half-off Friday” event.

**May 30**

The **POTTER MARSH-A-THON BIRDING SMACKDOWN** will be held from 8am to Noon at Potter Marsh. How many bird species can your team find within Potter Marsh between 8:00 am and Noon? How much food can you bring to the Potluck Picnic immediately following the contest period at Noon? Whose team has the best name? Fabulous Prizes will be awarded for most species seen. Teams may consist of 2-6 people. The team must remain within voice or sight contact and must fit into one vehicle. Species may only be counted if they are seen/heard by the entire team (Exceptions: 6-person teams may count birds seen by 5 members, and 5-person teams may count birds seen by 4 members.) **Check-In is at 7:30am in the parking lot at the north end of the marsh.** Teams will be given a check list and a Potter Marsh map on which to log the location of each species seen. At the end of the contest, species locations will be plotted on a gigantic master map to allow all participants to re-locate desired species. Entry fee is $20.00 per team. Exact Change is required. The Official Smackdown ends precisely at Noon. Teams will be penalized one species per minute late. Birds may be counted ONLY if seen from designated roads and trails in the Potter Marsh area. No stopping or walking will be allowed on the West side of the New Seward Highway. Birds seen in non-designated areas may be counted if the observers are standing within a designated area. SPECIAL SAFETY RULES: No stopping is allowed on the New Seward Highway except in designated turn-outs on the East side of the highway and pulling into the designated turn-outs is only allowed for vehicles traveling NORTH. Parking in a manner that blocks other teams from using a pull-out will result in a penalty of 15 species. Everybody is welcome.

**\*\*June 3**

**ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** will be held 6:30 to 9:30pm at the Alaska Native Heritage Center. Join Alaska Conservation Foundation and our Trustees,-past and present, for a celebration to honor our friends and colleagues who helped shape ACF and all who share our commitment to protecting Alaska’s natural environment and the ways of life it sustains. For more information, go to <http://alaskaconservation.org/2015/04/join-35th-anniversary-celebration-june-3-2015/>.

**\*\*June 6**

**POTTER MARSH DISCOVERY DAY** will be held from 11am to 4pm at the Potter Marsh boardwalk, Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge, at Mile 117 along the Seward Highway approximately ½ mile south of the Rabbit Creek Road exit and across from the Rabbit Creek Rifle Range. Discover Potter Marsh and some of Alaska’s wildlife at Anchorage’s most popular wildlife viewing area. This family-friendly event includes nature-related games, invertebrate sampling, birding stations along the boardwalk, captive birds from Bird TLC, educational animals from the Alaska Zoo, kid-friendly archery range, fly fishing practice area, release of a rehabilitated wild bald eagle, and more. Event sponsored by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and other partners. Free. For more information, contact (907) 267-2168 or email elizabeth.manning@alaska.gov or go to <http://tinyurl.com/pottermarsh>.

**\*\*June 6**

**ANCHORAGE COASTAL CLEANUP** will be held from 10am to Noon at Lyn Ary Park and Point Woronzof. Help clean up the debris along the coast.

.Wear clothes that can get a little dirty, boots, and work gloves. We will have extra work gloves along with trash bags and snacks for you! Get outside, clean the beach, have fun and learn about marine debris. Stations will be at Lyn Ary Park and Point Woronzof, show up to either location at 10am. Children and bicyclists welcome! Visit [anchoragecoastalcleanup.org](http://aoos.us5.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=94e2f9739e5720e2341b0e373&id=5672b4a354&e=a45e774a46) or email anchoragecoastalcleanup@gmail.com if you have any questions. Organized by the [Alaska Marine Conservation Council](http://aoos.us5.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=94e2f9739e5720e2341b0e373&id=0c377ee129&e=a45e774a46) and the [Alaska Ocean Observing System](http://aoos.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=94e2f9739e5720e2341b0e373&id=8735255b6a&e=a45e774a46).

**MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE**

**\*\*May 28**

**SOLDOTNA** - Public Open House will be held from 4 to 7pm in the Soldotna Public Library to discuss the proposed **KENAI SPUR REHABILITATION PROJECT – SPORTS LAKE ROAD TO SWIRES ROAD**. This project, currently in the design phase, will improve safety and reduce congestion by upgrading the roadway to a five-lane highway, with other potential improvements such as moose mitigation and lighting improvements. Listening Post will be held from 11am to 1pm on May 28 at the Kenai Carrs Safeway to take input and answer questions or go online at [www.kenaispurrehab.com](http://www.kenaispurrehab.com) from May 29 to June 29. For more information, contact Katherine Wood at 907-644-2153 or email Katherine.wood@alaska.gov.

**May 28**

**MINTO** - Community meeting will be held at the Minto Tribal Hall from 6 to 8pm by the **ALASKA LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) PROJECT TEAM** for a brief **PROJECT UPDATE** including information about the 2015 FIELD SEASON. All meetings will be held from 6 to 8pm and Alaska LNG team members will be onsite until 8pm to discuss the Project and listen to your comments. Refreshments will be provided.

**May 28**

**SOLDOTNA** - An Open House meeting will be held from 4 to 7pm, at the Soldotna Public Library, 235 N Binkley St., to discuss the proposed **REDESIGN of the KENAI SPUR HIGHWAY BETWEEN SPORTS LAKE ROAD and SWIRES ROAD** to improve safety and congestion along this 5.7-mile section of the highway. The public is invited to come hear about the various design considerations currently being developed and provide comments. The project team will also hold a **listening post at the Kenai Carrs Safeway from 11am to 1pm on May 28**, and an Online Public Open House from May 29 – June 29, 2015 on the project website [www.kenaispurrehab.com](http://www.kenaispurrehab.com). For more information, please visit our website and join the project mailing list. You may also contact Sean Holland, Project Manager, at (907) 269-0670 or email sean.holland@alaska.gov or Katherine Wood, Public Involvement Lead, at (907) 644-2153 or email katherine.wood@hdrinc.com.

**May 28**

**KENAI** - **25TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION/GRAND OPENING of the COOK INLET COASTAL IMPRESSIONS EXHIBIT** will be held from 6 to 8pm at the Kenai Cultural Convention and Visitors Center. Join the **COOK INLET REGIONAL CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL (CIRCAC**) as it celebrates its **25 YEARS of WORK PROTECTING THE INLET.** Music, refreshments and stunning images of Cook Inlet will be provided. CIRCAC was created under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to represent Cook Inlet’s citizens in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in the Inlet. For more information, contact Lynda Giguere at (907) 398-6205.

**May 29**

**FAIRBANKS** – **NORTHERN ALASKA ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING PICNIC** will be held at 5:30pm at the Center to celebrate the work we did in 2014 and discuss plans for 2015 and beyond. Good food, greet old friends and meet new ones. Enjoy the start of warm weather.

**\*\*May 30**

**COOPER LANDING- STREAM WATCH VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION - w**ant to keep the great outdoors great this summer? Become a Stream Watch Volunteer! Volunteers receive the training and supplies to complete hands-on river protection projects and educate river users to protect Kenai Peninsula Rivers June through September. Campsites provided. For more information, go to <http://www.kenaiwatershed.org/streamwatch/index.html>.

**May 30**

**SOLDOTNA** - **RIBBON CUTTING and** **GRAND OPENING** will be held at the new **KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE VISITOR CENTER** on Ski Hill Road from 1 to 5pm with the ribbon cutting at 1pm. Enjoy behind the scenes presentations, entertainment, children’s activities, refreshments, and door prizes. For more information, go to <http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/Region_7/NWRS/Zone_2/Kenai/PDF/website_vc_sneak_peek%281%29.pdf>.

\*\***June 1 - 9**

**SITKA - NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL** will meet at Centennial Hall. A reception will be held on June 4 at the Sitka Sound Science Center. To see the schedule, go to <http://www.npfmc.org/wp-content/PDFdocuments/meetings/Schedule615.pdf>.

**\*\*June 1, 2, 3 & 4**

Community Meetings will be held from 6 to 8pm in the follow locations by the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Project for a brief update and information about the 2015 field season.

 \*\***June 1 – TALKEETNA** at the Upper Susitna Senior Center

 \*\***June 2 – TRAPPER CREEK** at the Trapper Creek Community Center

 \*\***June 3 – WASILLA-PALMER** at the Mat-Su Community College

 \*\***June 4** – **HOUSTON-BIG LAKE** at Houston Middle School

Alaska LNG team members will be onsite until 8pm to discuss the project and listen to your comments. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call 855-550-5445 or go to [www.ak-lng.com](http://www.ak-lng.com).

\*\***June 5 & 6**

**HAINES - ELECTRONIC RECYCLING** will be held from 10am to 2p, at Haines Friends of Recycling, 2.5 mile Small Tracts Road. For more information, contact Melissa Aronson at aronson@aptalaska.net or call 766-3000.

**ITEMS of INTEREST**

\*\*The **ALASKA MARINE CONSERVATION COUNCIL** and **NUNAMTA AULUKESTAI** invite you to watch the new film [A Legacy Story: Protecting the Bering Sea and Bristol Bay from Offshore Oil and Gas Development](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=00112gA1BoJi7ylkVJiuR20qIIZXKiiWetyPt1rb80nqEVBpRJDYBxEIGCzf5ejjyZRAJ2xDGK3OcmV1hXdg6BIxtXG3un943eVWRm1y0vAOx57iI2FeLeu9zpqgdlKzqsunJZPHQvIE7xYR2DSYvEqGkTVu7xXCL-jGAmwfhB6HWqrF47iSRKcdh-85DfAngqC9dUEkD8YXFc=&c=HnSMYGbkFrgn1h7JI9zsRvQI_bbSC8nlBNo89vnEyVKKktWSogbLDg==&ch=6RxGtydnDyLiw8t0iWHlvfKSEosf2r_UzqqIWBxYTXGHOwRbgr2auw==), which is now available online. The 35 minute film chronicles the long struggle over decisions about opening Bristol Bay and the southeast Bering Sea to offshore oil and gas drilling, which President Obama permanently withdrew on December 16, 2014. The story is told from the perspective of those on the front lines - leaders in the region and the seafood industry, past governors and former Interior Department secretaries. By documenting this story, future generations will remember the history and value the enduring effort made to permanently set Bristol Bay and the southeast Bering Sea aside from oil and gas leasing.

The **ANCHORAGE PLANNING DIVISION** is pleased to introduce new and improved **ON-LINE ACCESS TO ZONING AND PLATTING CASE INFORMATION**, as well as an updated e-alert system. For instructions on using the new CityView Portal and signing up for e-alerts, please navigate to <http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Pages/PortalandE-AlertInformation.aspx>.

 The Office of Boards and Commissions is accepting applications for the **PUBLIC SEAT 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.

 The Office of Boards and Commissions is accepting **APPLICATIONS for the HAINES CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION SEAT on the CHILKAT BALD EAGLE PRESERVE ADVISORY COUNCIL**. 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.

 The Office of Boards and Commissions is accepting applications for the **PUBLIC SEAT on the CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMISSION on FEDERAL AREAS in ALASKA**. 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.

The Office of Boards and Commissions is accepting applications for **THE DENALI SEAT on the NATIONAL PARK and PARK MONUMENT SUBSISTENCE RESOURCE COMMISSIONS**. 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.

 The Office of Boards and Commissions is accepting applications for the Southeast **SEAT on the NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION and DEVELOPMENT BOARD**. 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.

**NORTHERN SUSITNA INSTITUTE** in downtown Talkeetna is **OFFERING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS, OUTDOOR EDUCATORS, and INTERESTED PERSONS**. These classes include an "**Art of the Essay**" class taught in June by **FRANK SOOS,** the 2015 Alaska State Laureate Writer; a "**Joy of Mobile Photography**" class taught in June by **MERI WALKER**, a professional photographer from Oregon; and a "**Questing: Building Community Connections**" class in August taught by **DELIA CLARK**, a national place-based trainer and author of Questing.. For more information, go to <http://northernsusitnainstitute.org/> or call 907 733 7111. Talkeetna offers many lodging options, and there is also the possibility of camping on the Northern Susitna Institute campus.

**McCARTHY** - **REGISTRATION is OPEN for 2015 WORKSHOPS at the WRANGELL MOUNTAINS CENTER**. Learn more about programs in Natural History Field Sketching, Bookmaking, the Wrangell Mountains Writing Workshop, the McCarthy Family Music Camp, and more. Go to [wrangells.org](http://wrangells.org) to learn more or call Kristin at 907-554-4464...

If you live in Anchorage, please **TAKE THE LIVE. WORK, PLAY. SURVEY TODAY**! The survey is composed of two main questions: **Why do you live in Anchorage?** and **Why would you leave Anchorage? To respond to the survey, go to** <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07eae56x4ri4pxqknc/a01c3i7zijzmp/greeting>**.**

 **FUR, FINS, FEATHERS, FLOWERS AND FUN, AN ENVIRONMENT SUMMER CAMP** for kids ages 6-12 (must have completed kindergarten,) is being offered by the Kenai Watershed Forum in **SOLDOTNA starting June 22**. Camps are Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm and each week has a designated age group and theme. Please see the KWF website for more information at <http://www.kenaiwatershed.org/education/camp.html>.

**MAT-SU SUMMER SCIENCE CAMPS** will be sponsored and held at Mat-Su College.

 **June 22 -26** from 8:30am to Noon – Mini-Med School - Campers will explore body systems, manipulate human muscle models, assemble a skeleton, and perform hands-on dissection of animal organs. Entering grades 6-8.

 **July 13 -17** from 8:30am to Noon – Grossology - Campers will explore the gross side of our bodies making "snot" and "poop" in order to understand how these processes function to keep us healthy. Entering grades 6-8

 **July 20 – 24** from 8:30am to Noon **-** Crime Scene Investigation - Campers will become forensic investigators, learning about forensic science and the tools and techniques that scientists use to solve a crime. Entering grades 6-8

Cost to attend: $139 (early registration by June 1); **$159 (after June 2)**. To register, go to <http://matsu.alaska.edu/summer-science-camps/>. For more information, call 907-745-9775 or

email summer@matsu.alaska.edu.

**VOLUNTEER and BOARD OPPORTUNITIES**

**ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDENS** have many different volunteer opportunities, everything from teaching school groups to office help! If you would like to volunteer please contact Stacey Shriner at stacey.shriner@alaskabg.org

**STREAM WATCH VOLUNTEERS** are ordinary people making extraordinary efforts to **PROTECT ALASKA'S KENAI PENINSULA RIVERS**. With one-day and on-going volunteer opportunities June through September, volunteers are trained to complete projects ranging from hands-on, river protection projects to sharing education messages. Two orientations will be held: **May 30**: <https://wwfow.surveymonkey.com/s/79LV6J2>

and **June 27**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7LZQ95J>. **Not from the area?** Volunteer campsites are available on a first come, first served basis. To start your adventure as a Stream Watch Volunteer in Alaska, contact us today at StreamWatch@kenaiwatershed.org or visit us at [www.kenaiwatershed.org](http://www.kenaiwatershed.org/). **Not able to make a 24-hour commitment this summer?**There are one-day Stewardship events throughout the summer. The next one is on **June 6** completing a **hands-on erosion control project**. For more information, contact Lisa Beranek a**t** 907.260.5449, ext 1205 or 907.398.4304

**ALASKA GEOGRAPHIC is SEEKING VOLUNTEERS** who are passionate about our two most valuable resources - Alaska's beautiful wildlands and our amazing Alaskan youth. Help is needed with mailings, events, nature walks, etc. Please email swarnock@alaskageographic.org or call 907/771-8490.​

**VOLUNTEERS** are welcome at the **ALASKA WILDBIRD REHABILITATION CENTER** in Houston. Volunteers will assist with care of our resident wild birds, cleaning, and feeding and routine facility maintenance. No experience needed, age 18 years or older preferred. A normal work shift is about 4 hours one day a week; volunteers are needed 7 days a week. Visit [www.akwildbird.org](http://www.akwildbird.org/) for more information and to access the volunteer information or contact form, or e-mail us at email@akwildbird.org.

**INTERNSHIPS**

 The **USDA FOREST SERVICE HAS ANNOUNCED TWO EXCITING INTERNSHIP** opportunities in natural resource management. The internships are being offered through the Student Conservation Association (SCA) in partnership with the Alaska Region of the Forest Service Regional Partnership Office and the Juneau Forestry Sciences Lab. Both positions are for 12 weeks, beginning June 1, 2015 and are eligible for: $100/week stipend and $25/week commuting allowance. Government housing and/or housing allowance may be available.

 **U.S. FOREST SERVICE PARTNERSHIP & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INTERNSHIP** will have the opportunity to work with dozens of organizations across Alaska, helping expand the Forest Service’s capacity to work with partners. This position will be eligible for an AmeriCorps education award of $1,493 upon certification of successful completion. The partnership position may include coordinating training events; conducting surveys of current and potential Forest Service partners in Alaska; collaborating with Forest Service Public Affairs staff on a range of digital media products, including video shorts profiling successful partnerships in the Alaska Region, blogs, and social media campaigns. Specific responsibilities will reflect the incumbent's specific experience, training, and interests. For more information on this position, contact George Schaaf at 907-957-0904. To apply, send a resume and cover letter to gschaaf@fs.fed.us with “SCA Application” in the email subject.

 The **JUNEAU FORESTRY SCIENCES LAB RESEARCH INTERNSHIP** is a rare opportunity to work with social and biophysical scientists on studies that combine natural, social and cultural sciences to explore the human effects of climate change. The research position may include coordinating and assisting with summarizing research reports, conducting internet searches, reading journal articles and research reports and organizing and reporting findings. There may also be an opportunity to assist a graduate student in collecting data by interviewing visitors to various sites around Juneau. For more information on this position, contact Linda Kruger at (907) 586-7814. To apply, send a resume and cover letter to lkruger@fs.fed.uswith “SCA Application” in the email subject.

**WRANGELL MOUNTAIN CENTER** is hiring for the following internship or work-trade opportunities:

 **GENERAL INTERNSHIP** - Help out with all aspects of operations. Intern will be responsible for cooking for large groups of people; helping to maintain organic garden; assisting with manual labor including cleaning, composting, and water pumping; ensuring a warm and well-organized environment for staff and program participants; providing administrative support including program marketing; orienting participants, guests, and students to the systems and customs of the WMC.

 **GARDEN INTERNSHIP** - The Garden Intern is responsible for managing the food production and harvest from the WMC gardens and greenhouse. He/she will be coordinate planting, growing, harvesting, and preparing food (when applicable). He/she will work under the guidance of local expert gardeners. In exchange the Garden Intern will travel approximately bi-monthly to the mentor's property to assist them. The season runs from approximately May 10 - September 10. Interns are expected to work approximately 30 hours a week in exchange for room and board. The Wrangell Mountains Center is an equal opportunity employer. For full job descriptions, go to <http://www.wrangells.com/employment>.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

**\*\*DIRECTOR OF HABITAT** for the **ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME** is open with the retirement of Tony Degange. If you or anyone you know is interested in being considered for the position, please a resume and cover letter plus three professional references to Kevin Brooks at Kevin.brooks@alaska.gov **by June 5.**

**\*\*ALASKA REGIONAL DIRECTOR** for the **NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION** located in **Anchorage.** The position has four key areas of concentration: park funding, appropriate access, perpetuating natural and healthy wildlife populations, and protecting the larger landscapes in which parks reside. Led by the Regional Director, a key strategy of the Campaign is nurturing and expanding the Alaska constituency for park protection at a grassroots and grasstops level with the expressed purpose of educating decision-makers to sustain healthy and fully funded parks. **Minimum Qualifications**: Bachelor’s degree in relevant field, with graduate degree preferred. Five years leadership experience in conservation advocacy, resource management, or historic/cultural preservation. In-depth knowledge of Alaska national park system management strongly preferred. Proven excellent oral and written communications skills. Experience in fundraising strongly preferred. Demonstrated leadership in strategic ability to develop and implement effective programs and campaigns. Demonstrated ability to work in teams to organize tasks, to set and observe priorities, and to maintain schedules. Substantial knowledge of the legislative and administrative policy-making processes and proven ability to influence those processes. Proven ability to build relationships across political and interest boundaries. Supervisory experience. Significant regional travel required for meetings and events. National travel required at 2-3 times per year. For full job description and to apply, go to <http://chk.tbe.taleo.net/chk03/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=NPCA&cws=1&rid=368>.

**FULL-TIME OPERATIONS COORDINATOR** for **THE NATURE CONSERVANCY** based in **Juneau**, who is a highly motivated and competent administrator and problem solver. Solid IT support and troubleshooting skills are a must for this position, as well as experience managing multiple projects, having a positive and helpful attitude and excellent attention to detail. Major responsibilities include running all administrative aspects of the field office in downtown Juneau, providing IT support to the ~8 staff who work out of the Juneau office and managing the Alaska Chapter’s records and internal websites. To view the full job description and to apply, visit [www.nature.org/careers](http://www.nature.org/careers) and search for job #43167 – Southeast Alaska Operations Coordinator. **Position closes on May 28.** Applicants must apply online. Applications missing cover letters will not be considered. For more information, contact Bridget Paule at bpaule@tnc.org or call 907-865-5705.

 **PROGRAM ASSISTANT** (Part time (20 hrs./week), salary exempt) for the **ALASKA TRIBAL CONSERVATION ALLIANCE** located in **Anchorage** to assist with day to day administrative tasks (outlined below), as well as help develop, track and carry out projects in Alaska Conservation districts. The Program Assistant will also assist with outreach activities, including educational activities with youth as well as written materials. The Alaska Tribal Conservation Alliance is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the conservation and sustainable development of natural resources in Alaska, promote traditional subsistence activities, and improve the quality of life within Tribal Conservation Districts, serving Tribal Governments, Native Corporations and other stakeholders within the district. **Requirements**: Must be a high school graduate; Have a valid driver’s license; have excellent oral and written communication skills; Basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel, Word, Outlook, Publisher, and PowerPoint; Experience working in Alaska Native villages and with Alaska Native Corporations preferred; Experience working with children and groups of people preferred; Willingness to work in remote areas, including flying by small aircraft to sites within the District; and Willingness to work outdoors, including physical work in varying weather conditions**. How to apply**: Send a resume and a cover letter describing your interest in this position and your qualifications to: Angela Peter, Executive Director, Alaska Tribal Conservation Alliance, 1577 C Street, Suite 304, Anchorage, AK 99501 or email to aktribalconservationalliance@gmail.com

To see **SUMMER POSITIONS AVAILABLE** at the **ALASKA DIVISION of PARKS & RECREATION**, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/vip/vvilstsm.htm>

**ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** is seeking an entry level to mid-career professional to join its **VISITOR SERVICES TEAM.** Interested applicants will enjoy community-based conservation; and will represent the US Fish and Wildlife Service’s National Wildlife Refuge System and Arctic Refuge to federal, state, and local officials and the general public. Applicants must demonstrate high capacity in**:** • conducting outreach via cross-cultural communication; • delivering informal and formal environmental education to varied audiences and age-groups; • youth mentorship; • Alaska Native studies and/or living/working in rural indigenous communities; and • Finding common priorities across groups for collaborative problem-solving.

The primary purpose of the position is to **work with a wide array of people to help insure safe, sustainable polar bear viewing practices in and near the community of Kaktovik** during the annual fall open-water period when polar bears congregate in large numbers near the village.

This term position (terms approximately July-December, 2015; May-December 2016) will be announced at [www.USAJobs.gov](http://www.USAJobs.gov). Please direct interested applicants to the USA Jobs website (<https://www.usajobs.gov/>) to search using the following keywords or job announcement numbers: **Title: Park Ranger (Visitor Services Specialist) Series: GS-0025-07/09 Agency: Interior, US Fish and Wildlife Service.** The term appointee will live and work seasonally during the months of May-December, primarily in Fairbanks through winter 2016. Neither housing nor relocation reimbursements to Fairbanks will be provided. The assignment will require regular visits of varied duration to the community of Kaktovik, where the appointee will be housed at the Arctic Refuge Bunkhouse. Annually, the assignment will require an extended stay at this bunkhouse between August and October. The position has potential for extension to a maximum total of four years based on performance and funding availability, and is subject to an expected five month annual furlough between the months of December and May. Application deadline: **May 18.** If you have questions about the duties of this position contact the supervisor Jennifer Reed at (907) 455-1835 or Jennifer\_reed@fws.gov.

**INTERNSHIP and PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR** for the **STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION** for a full-time position in Anchorage to serve as a central point of contact for SCA partners and interns in assigned region by providing knowledge, solutions and guidance. Ensures quality responsiveness and a seamless partner and member experience through interdepartmental communication and collaboration. Create and retain opportunities for Conservation Interns, Corps and High School Crew programs in government, state, non-profit and other organizations, within the Alaska region. Manage partnership activities, as assigned. **Qualifications:** 3-5 years Customer Service experience; Bachelor’s degree in relevant field of study highly desired; Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to develop and maintain relationships; Collaborative skills a must; Experience with sales and outreach with evident outcomes; Experience with process oversight; keeping momentum moving and following through on multiple points for multiple people; Strong MSWord skills and strong working knowledge of databases; Ability to learn and comprehend the complex fiscal and political factors influencing public land management; Knowledge of natural and cultural resource management issues and knowledge of client agency cultures a plus. Familiar with federal and state land management agencies and their structure in Alaska; Familiarity of local Anchorage communities and surrounding areas desired. Valid driver’s license with MVR that meets SCA standards.

Willingness to travel 25% of time to conduct sales visits, and attend partner functions. To apply, go to <http://thesca.atsondemand.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=512417.applylogin&CID=512417&jid=494944>. For complete job description, go to <http://thesca.atsondemand.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=512417.viewjobdetail&CID=512417&JID=494944>.

**FINANCE/GRANTS ANALYST I/II/III** for the **ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER** to provide

administrative and analytical support for grant and other external funds awarded to the Alaska SeaLife Center and in a fiscal agent capacity for other entities. For complete job description, go to <https://www.gatherdocs.com/listing/1353>. This is a regular, full-time position. ASLC offers a competitive wage (DOE) and benefits package. **Open until filled.** Start Date: ASAP. Send resume & application (downloadable at [www.alaskasealife.org](http://www.alaskasealife.org/))

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** for the **ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION (ACF**), headquartered in Anchorage seeks a visionary and creative Executive Director with a passion for its mission. The position provides an outstanding opportunity to effect substantial change and achieve long-term conservation results in Alaska. ACF’s mission is to protect Alaska’s natural environment and the diverse cultures and ways of life it sustains. We do this by promoting conservation philanthropy and by strategically directing resources to conservation leaders, organizations, and initiatives. **Responsibilities:** Serve as ACF’s chief executive officer, overseeing all aspects of ACF’s operations assisted by a management team and staff and to work closely with the Board of Trustees. There is a significant fund raising responsibility supported by a development team. This requires both in-state and out-of-state travel, working with existing and new foundation partners, and stewarding key individual donors. The Executive Director oversees an annual operating and grantmaking budget of nearly $5 million, with net assets over $10 million, and a staff of 12. **Qualifications and Ideal Experience:** The Executive Director should be a creative and entrepreneurial leader with most of the following experience and qualifications:

• Experience that demonstrates a passion for environmental conservation, with leadership experience in this field; • Awareness of current and ongoing changes to the key political and community issues that currently exist in Alaska; • Proven management experience in increasingly responsible positions in the not-for-profit, public or private sectors; • A record of substantial fundraising success. Familiarity with unique aspects of foundation management, including building endowments and cultivating relationships with both individual donors and foundations; • A record of successful team management and team-building, including working with a board of directors; • The ability to effectively manage a highly motivated and skilled staff to achieve common goals and outcomes; • Outstanding oral and written communication skills, including the ability to address complex issues in effective nonpartisan and non-polarizing ways; • The ability to represent ACF to a broad public both within and outside of Alaska; • A successful record of developing and implementing a strategic plan and programmatic initiatives. To see the full job description, go to <http://alaskaconservation.org/foundation/jobs/>. **Application Procedure:** Please email a cover letter and resume to this confidential email address: ACFSearch@comcast.net and insert “ACF Executive Director” in the subject line. This search is being conducted by a small committee of the Board of Trustees and no information that is submitted will be placed on the ACF website or shared with ACF employees. Receipt of applications will be acknowledged promptly and confidential follow-up activity will be communicated directly to candidates. The **initial review of candidates will begin on May 18** and the position will remain open until filled

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** for the **ALASKA FARMLAND TRUST** - The Alaska Farmland Trust Corporation (AFTC) is a land trust that was created in 2005 to address the state’s rapidly disappearing farmland. Since its founding, the Alaska Farmland Trust has protected nearly 160 acres through Agricultural Conservation Easements. In addition to its conservation program, AFTC also hosts workshops, conducts outreach and education, advocates for favorable food and farm policy and started Alaska FarmLink, which links farmers looking for land with landowners with land to lease or sell. This is a full time position. For more information and to read the complete job description go to <http://www.akfarmland.com/component/content/article/14-frontpageimagearticles/94-executive-director-job-posting> or contact Louisa Yanes at 745-3336 or lyanes@akfarmland.com.

**PART-TIME, TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE for a GIS PROJECT** to map a city’s water, sewer, and stormwater systems in ArcGIS at Solstice Alaska Consulting, Inc. (Solstice. The employee would work for no more than 4 hours per day for a period of approximately 2-3 months, depending on the final scope of the project. This position would begin immediately or as determined upon the applicant’s availability to begin. Work would be conducted onsite in Anchorage, and all equipment would be provided. Some training would be provided. This is a paid position. Compensation will be discussed upon application. **Requirements**: Demonstrated ArcGIS experience and/or coursework. Third year/junior level coursework completed, including ArcGIS 268 or equivalent (preferred*).* Ability to travel to an Anchorage-based office location. The applicant is expected to provide his/her own transportation to the office location. Availability to work no more than 4 hours per day for 2-3 months. **To Apply**: Applicants will be evaluated on a rolling basis. Interested applicants should apply by email to Robin Reich at robin@solsticeak.com with the following information. An email that details your interest in and availability for this work and a résumé that includes ArcGIS qualifications. **Note to Interested Students**:Applicants are not required to be current students in order to apply for this position; however, students are encouraged to apply. If the applicant is a student, the employer is open to this position being leveraged as an internship or career-building experience if the student works independently with its associated college or university to seek credit as required by the individual school’s policies or career service center. See [www.solsticeak.com](http://www.solsticeak.com/) for additional information.

[YOUTH TRAINING COORDINATOR](http://akcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/ACE-Youth-Training-Coordinator-job-description.pdf) for the **ALASKA CENTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT** to lead the award-winning Alaska Youth for Environmental Action (AYEA) program, supporting passionate, creative youth from across the state. This position will coordinate exciting and transformative training events to build advocacy skills, organizing skills, and strong relationships among rural and urban youth leaders to support the teens’ leadership development and community organizing and policy advocacy efforts. To see the full job description, go to <http://akcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/ACE-Youth-Training-Coordinator-job-description.pdf>. To apply send your resume and cover letter to jobs@akcenter.org. Questions may be directed to the same address. No phone calls please. Position is open until filled.

**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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