WHAT’S UP
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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

August 6, 8, 9, 14, 15 & 16
CAUSEALASKA presents TWO-PART HARMONY: EXPLORING SHARED LEADERSHIP BETWEEN BOARD and STAFF WORKSHOPS to be held in the following locations:

- **August 6 - ANCHORAGE** from 10 to 11:30am at 12-100 Coffee & Communitas, 12100 Old Seward Hwy. To register, go to https://www.causealaska.com/events/balancing-leadership-between-nonprofit-boards-staff-anchorage
- **August 8 – SOLDOTNA** from 1 to 2:30pm at the Soldotna Public Library. To register, go to https://www.causealaska.com/events/balancing-leadership-between-nonprofit-boards-staff-soldotna (TIME CHANGE)
- **August 9 – HOMER** from 10:30 to Noon at Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, 708 Smoky Bay Way. To register, go to https://www.causealaska.com/events/balancing-leadership-between-nonprofit-boards-staff-homer
- **August 14 – WASILLA** from 10 to 11:30am at the Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc., 1301 S Century Circle. To register, go to https://www.causealaska.com/events/balancing-leadership-between-nonprofit-boards-staff-wasilla
- **August 15 – PALMER** from 10 to 11:30am at Turkey Red, 550 S Alaska Street. To register, go to https://www.causealaska.com/events/balancing-leadership-between-nonprofit-boards-staff-palmer
- **August 16 – VALDEZ** from 10 to 11:30am at Prince William Sound College: Room 156. To register, go to https://www.causealaska.com/events/balancing-leadership-between-nonprofit-boards-staff-valdez

The relationship between board and staff sets the stage for an organization’s success. Good governance requires that this relationship is a healthy one, where clear lines of authority, accountability and processes keep respective roles distinct – but complementary and supportive. In this session, we’ll review different organizational charts, roles and responsibilities of board and staff in each, and elements of a high-functioning board-staff partnership. We’ll also talk about the special link between board chair and executive staff. Participants will leave with practical tools for increasing the strength and effectiveness of this two-part leadership platform. Open to all nonprofit staff and boards; special emphasis on Board Chair and Executive Director teams. Fee includes coffee and networking afterward. Cost: $35

**August 22
INSPIRED BY NATURE: PRINTMAKING with NATURAL OBJECTS** will be held at the Campbell Creek Science Center from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Develop and improve your drawing skills at this evening art class at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Relief printmaking is a technique that uses natural objects such as leaves and ferns. It is a fun way to explore the many textures, patterns, and shapes found in nature. This session focuses on printmaking with small natural
objects to create beautiful greeting cards to take home and share. Beginners welcome! Cost: $30. Space is limited. Advanced registration is required. For more information and to register, please call 267-1241.

**September 15 – November 17**

ANCHORAGE – A 10-week (on Saturdays) PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE begins at The Anchorage Community House. Want to learn how to be more sustainable, but you aren’t sure where to start? This is a good place to start. COST: $150/class (all meals included) OR, $1200/course (all meals included). Instructors: CINDEE KARNS, Alaskan Bioshelter and JENNIFER SHARROCK, Seeds and Soil Organics plus a host of permaculture practitioners in Anchorage. For more information and to register, please call 267-1241.

**CONCERNED ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY COSTS? LEARN ABOUT CLEAN ENERGY!** Check out these ONLINE courses offered this fall through UAF-Bristol Bay Campus:

**Introduction to Sustainable Energy, ENVI F220** (3 credits, 15 weeks), Tuesday and Thursday, from 5:10 to 6:40pm

**Home Energy Basics, ENVI F120** (1 credit, 5 weeks) on Wednesdays from 5:20 to 8pm, during the month of October (3rd – 31st).

For course descriptions and registration information contact Mark Masteller at mamasteller@alaska.edu or call 907-414-0198.

**WEBINARS & TELECONFERENCES**

**August 3, 16, & September 21 (WEBINARS)**

In celebration of centennial of the Katmai National Park & Preserve, they are hosting the following webinars at [www.explore.org/bears](http://www.explore.org/bears) at 5pm AKDT:

**August 3 – BROWN BEAR, SEALS & SEA OTTER – OH MY** – view unexpected interactions on the Katmai Coast with GRANT HILDERBRAND, Chief of the Marine Ecosystems Office, USGS Alaska Science Center

**August 16 – CENTURY of LANDSCAPE CHANGE** with TORRE Jorgenson, Botanist from Alaska Ecoscience

**September 21- CULTURAL CROSSROADS in PREHISTORY** with ARON CROWELL, Alaska Director of the Arctic Studies Center, Smithsonian Institution.

For more information, go to [https://gousa.gov/xUa2s](https://gousa.gov/xUa2s).

**August 8 & 10 (TELECONFERENCE MEETING)**

The board of forestry will meet from 8am to Noon on August 8 and from 8 to 10:30am on August 10 to discuss statewide forestry issues. Topics include: • Fiscal year 2018 - 19 forestry and forest practices budgets, • Coordination of forestry and wildlife habitat management in the Tanana Valley; • Air quality and wood energy in the Fairbanks North Star Borough; • Forest management issues and opportunities on state land in Interior Alaska; • Opportunities for forest management on military land under the Sikes Act; • Fish habitat permitting legislation (HB; 199) and fish habitat ballot initiative (17FSH2); • State regulatory proposals related to forest operations in Alaska, including small negotiated timber sales under 11 AAC 71.045(e), state fees, and public notices; and antidegradation regulations and potential processes for identifying Tier 3 waters; and • Coastal forest management issues including reports on Tongass Roadless Rule litigation, the Mental Health Trust land exchange, timber sales under the state-federal Good
Neighbor Agreement, and proposed University of Alaska timber management in the Haines area. Other forestry matters may be included on the agenda. **Public comment is scheduled for 11am on August 8, and for 9am on August 10.** The August 8 session will be held in Fairbanks in the DNR large conference room. The August 10 session will be held in Tok in the DNR Division of Forestry Tok Area Office. Both sessions will be available by teleconference and webinar at the following sites: • Juneau: DNR 4th floor conference room A; • Anchorage: Suite 1450, 550 W. 7th Avenue; • Fairbanks: DNR large conference room. Anyone outside of Anchorage, Fairbanks, or Juneau who would like to participate in the teleconference should contact Alison Arians at alison.arians@alaska.gov or call 907-269-8467 no later than noon on Monday, August 6. If no one has contacted Alison and no one is present at a teleconference site by 9am, the teleconference may be terminated at that site. For a copy of the agenda, go to [http://forestry.alaska.gov/whatsnew.htm](http://forestry.alaska.gov/whatsnew.htm).

**GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFPs**

No deadline - **applications accepted on a rolling basis** for the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY GRANTS to REDUCE MARINE PLASTIC POLLUTION for grants up to $100,000 per project (though typical awards are less than $30,000). The goal is to measurably reduce plastic pollution before it reaches the ocean. NGS is seeking innovators, including conservationists, educators, and storytellers, who can develop solutions to effect behavior change in key stakeholders. Preference will be given to projects with higher potential for scaling and impact, and to applicants who are residents or citizens of the country where the work will be conducted. For more information, go to [https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants/grant-opportunities/reducing-marine-plastic-pollution/](https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants/grant-opportunities/reducing-marine-plastic-pollution/).

**July 31**

Deadline for applications for the USFWS RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION FUNDS to secure information about endangered, threatened or candidate species, to aid in the recovery of these species, to avert listing of species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, and to help conserve the ecosystems upon which these species depend. This Recovery Implementation funding opportunity is intended for projects that will contribute to the recovery of FWS-managed endangered and threatened species in the United States, and is limited to projects carrying out actions described in a species approved recovery plan, in the implementation schedule of a species approved recovery plan, actions recommended in a completed 5-year status review of the species or in a spotlight species action plan, or projects documenting species response to climate change. For example: securing scientific information about endangered or threatened species, implementing restoration actions that will lead to delisting of a species, help prevent extinction of a species, or aid in the recovery of a species. For more information, go to [https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=299570](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=299570).

**August 7**

Deadline for applications for the NATIONAL COASTAL RESILIENCE FUND 2018 REQUEST for PROPOSALS to provide benefits to communities, as well as for fish and wildlife. In partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), NFWF will make investments to advance identified priorities for restoring and strengthening natural systems so they can protect coastal communities from the impacts of storms and floods and enable them to recover more quickly, while also enhancing habitats for important fish and wildlife populations. NFWF will award up to $30 million in grants to create, expand and restore
natural systems in areas that will both increase protection for communities from coastal storms, sea and lake level changes, flooding, and coastal erosion *and* improve valuable habitats for fish and wildlife species. NFWF will invest in projects in two focus areas: • Project Planning and • Design Project Implementation. Contiguous areas of natural habitat such as coastal marshes and wetlands, dune and beach systems, oyster and coral reefs, and coastal forests and rivers and streams -- maintained at a significant size for the habitat type -- provide communities with enhanced protection and buffering from the growing impacts of sea-level rise, changing flood patterns, increased frequency and intensity of storms, and other environmental stressors. NFWF identifies these types of natural areas as “Resiliency Hubs” -- areas where natural resource restoration efforts will have the greatest impact for human community resilience, as well as for fish and wildlife -- and have prioritized these areas that provide dual benefits under this program. Learn all about how to apply here: [http://www.nfwf.org/coastalresilience](http://www.nfwf.org/coastalresilience).

**August 7**
Deadline for applications for The **SOLUTION SEARCH CONTEST: CLIMATE CHANGE NEEDS BEHAVIOR CHANGE**, a contest that seeks carbon footprint reduction strategies. This contest is designed to reward successful strategies for helping consumers reduce their carbon footprint through behavior change. The contest is open to all organizations worldwide who have a proven solution in working with people to adopt climate-friendly behaviors. The focus is on sustainable solutions that could be replicated by other communities and can continue. Two grand prizes of $25,000 will be awarded, in addition to a prize of $5,000 given to the best entry received by June 1. Finalists will also receive support to attend a capacity building workshop and the awards ceremony in Washington, DC. Visit the Solution Search contest page to submit an entry by August 7 or email info@solutionsearch.org with any questions.

**August 15 (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)**
Deadline for application for the **KENAI MOUNTAINS-TURNAGAIN ARM (KMTA) NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA GRANTS** for review at the September Board meeting. The KMTA area is comprised of the north-south road, rail, and trail corridors from Bird to Seward and includes the communities of Girdwood, Portage, Moose Pass, Cooper Landing, Sunrise, Hope, Portage, Whittier and Indian. KMTA awards grants to community projects that recognize, preserve, and interpret the historic, scenic, and natural recreational resources and cultural landscapes of the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm historic transportation corridor. Projects must be located within the KMTA Heritage Area, be sponsored by a community, non-profit or government organization, and commit a minimum match of funding for at least 50% of project costs. Visit [https://www.kmtacorridor.org/grants/](https://www.kmtacorridor.org/grants/) for more information and to apply for a grant.

**August 24**
Deadline for applications for the **HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND (HPF) GRANT PROGRAM** that provides up to 50 percent matching assistance for the cost of a project. The Office of History & Archaeology anticipates $250,000 will be awarded to eligible projects. These grants are for rehabilitation of Alaska buildings and structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places, individually or as contributing properties to a historic district. The Office of History & Archaeology is accepting grant applications for historic preservation development and pre-development projects in Alaska. Projects would need to be completed by September 30, 2019. Pre-development requests are limited to $3,500 minimum and $10,000 maximum in matching assistance. Development projects have a $10,000 minimum and $25,000 maximum in matching assistance. (Total project cost must be at least $50,000 to justify the
maximum grant request.) The application package is available at http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/index.htm or by contacting grants administrator Jean Ayers at jean.ayers@alaska.gov or call 907-269-8694.

**August 31**
Deadline for grants from PATAGONIA CORPORATE GRANTS PROGRAM for ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST GROUPS that have provocative direct-action agendas working on multi-pronged campaigns to protect the environment in the United States. The focus is on activist groups that are dedicated to protecting local habitats throughout the country. The company is most interested in supporting organizations that work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. Grants typically range from $10,000 to $20,000. For more information, go to http://www.patagonia.com/grant-guidelines.html.

**September 30**
Deadline for applications for an ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE AT DENALI NATIONAL PARK. Artists will be asked to focus on the theme of Staying Safe with Wildlife, and Alaska Native artists are strongly encouraged to apply. The Artist-in-Residence program is dedicated to exploring new ways for visitors to experience Denali. From hundreds of competitive applications each year, about a half-dozen accomplished artists, writers, and composers are invited by the park superintendent to spend 10 days in Denali at their own expense the following summer. Visits include a permit for limited access along the Denali Park Road and time alone at a historic ranger patrol cabin. Each participant will lead a public outreach activity with visitors and may choose to donate a finished work to the program collection. Artists are challenged to create works for visitors that convey a fresh and innovative perspective of Denali drawn from direct experience. With the welcome addition of several year-round gallery spaces beyond park boundaries, more of these donated works enjoy a larger life in the public eye. Our digital gallery is enjoyed by many who visit us by website long before or after their actual trip in the park. For more information about the Artist in Residence program, go to https://www.nps.gov/dena/getinvolved/arts-program.htm. Information on how to apply for the summer 2019 residencies is available at https://www.nps.gov/dena/getinvolved/arts-program-apply.htm.

**DEADLINES**

**July 23 (EXTENDED to SEPTEMBER 6)**
Deadline for comments on the proposal to AMEND NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REGULATIONS for HUNTING and TRAPPING on NATIONAL PRESERVES in ALASKA to establish better consistency with the state. The proposed rule would remove regulatory provisions issued in 2015 that prohibit certain hunting practices that are otherwise permitted by Alaska. Since the 2015 final rule was implemented, the Department of the Interior has issued two Secretarial Orders regarding how the Department should manage recreational hunting and trapping in the lands and waters it administers, and directing greater collaboration with state, tribe, and territorial partners in doing so. The proposed regulations would only apply to hunting on Alaska national preserves. National parks in Alaska would not be affected by the proposed changes. To view the proposed rule and for information on how to submit comments go to www.regulations.gov and search for “RIN 1024-AE38”. To see the “Open document” site, go to https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=NPS-2018-0005-0001. Once the public
comment period ends for the proposed rule the National Park Service will review the comments and that input will inform the final rule which will be published in the Federal Register. The final rule would be effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

July 30
GRAVINA ISLAND - Comments are due on the VALLENAR BAY TIMBER SALE FOREST LAND USE PLAN. This Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) covers proposed forest operations on approximately 2,500 acres of land in the Vallenar Planning Unit of the Southeast State Forest. It is intended to provide the best available information regarding the proposed road construction, timber harvest and management of other non-timber uses and must be adopted by the DNR before the proposed activity can occur. The FLUP does not determine whether to access and sell timber within the timber sale area, nor the method of sale. Those decisions have been made previously in the May 9, 2015 Best Interest Finding subsequently revised on October 25, 2017 and are not appealable under this FLUP. The project area is on the north end of Gravina Island. Vallenar Bay is approximately five miles west of the Ketchikan International Airport. The road corridor crosses State and Ketchikan Gateway Borough land. The potential timber volume on State land to be harvested totals approximately 12 million board feet. Depending on market conditions, the DOF would sell the timber as one or several sales. The FLUP is available at https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=98398. Maps of the area are available at https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=98400 and https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=98399. For more information or to submit comments, contact Greg Staunton at 907-225-3070 or email greg.staunton@alaska.gov.

July 30
BEAUFORT SEA - Deadline for comments on the proposal to issue an ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM, INDIVIDUAL PERMIT to HILCORP ALASKA LLC, ENDICOTT OPERATIONS, DUCK ISLAND, STEFANSSON SOUND. The facility produces waterflood at a seawater treatment (STP) and distributes the waterflood for injection into oil producing formations to maintain formation pressures that enhances oil recovery. The authorized discharges include: Outfall 001 – Combined Outfalls 001A and 001B; Outfall 001A – STP and Potable Water (POW) Treatment Backwash; Outfall 001B – Domestic Wastewater; and Outfall 002 – Continuous Flush System. The combined discharge of the STP/POW (Outfall 001A) and Domestic Wastewater (Outfall 001B) through Outfall 001 includes the authorization of a chronic mixing zone for temperature, total residual chlorine (TRC), and chronic whole effluent toxicity, as well as an acute mixing zone for TRC. Outfall 002 is for a seawater circulation loop that is monitored for flow and temperature and does not include a mixing zone. The combined discharge of the STP/POW (Outfall 001A) and Domestic Wastewater (Outfall 001B) through Outfall 001 includes the authorization of a chronic mixing zone for temperature, total residual chlorine (TRC), and chronic whole effluent toxicity, as well as an acute mixing zone for TRC. Outfall 002 is for a seawater circulation loop that is monitored for flow and temperature and does not include a mixing zone. The APDES Draft Permit, Fact Sheet, permit application, and associated documents are available at http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/public-notices. For more information or to submit comments, contact Marc Bentley at (907) 269-6287 or email marc.bentley@alaska.gov.

July 31
Comments are due on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) pursuant to assess the impacts of issuing **ANNUAL CATCH LIMITS for the SUBSISTENCE HARVEST OF BOWHEAD WHALES** by Alaska Natives from 2019 onward. Since 1977, the number of whales struck by harpoons has ranged between 14 and 72 animals per year, depending in part on changes in IWC management strategy due to higher estimates of both bowhead whale abundance and increased hunter efficiency in recent years. The IWC sets an overall aboriginal subsistence catch limit for this stock, based on the request of IWC member countries on behalf of the aboriginal hunters. The IWC’s catch limit for bowhead whales includes a limit on the number of landed whales and a limit on the number of whales that may be struck. In the case of Alaska and Russian Native subsistence hunts, the United States and the Russian Federation make a joint request to the IWC for subsistence catch limits for bowhead whales. The draft EIS is available at [https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/bowhead-draft-eis-0518.pdf](https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/bowhead-draft-eis-0518.pdf). For more information, go to [https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/06/14/2018-12734/draft-environmental-impact-statement-for-issuing-annual-catch-limits-to-the-alaska-eskimo-whaling](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/06/14/2018-12734/draft-environmental-impact-statement-for-issuing-annual-catch-limits-to-the-alaska-eskimo-whaling).

**August 1**

Deadline for applications to serve on the **OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD (ORTAB)**. The Div. of Parks & Outdoor Recreation is seeking multiple candidates to fill positions representing both motorized and non-motorized trail users. Applicants should have knowledge, experience, and interest in outdoor recreational activities and grant-funded programs. The primary role of the ORTAB is to assist in evaluating grant proposals for the Recreational Trails Program and Land and Water Conservation Fund. Since 2000, these programs have invested over 30 million dollars in trail projects throughout the state, creating critical and sustainable infrastructure while supporting private sector jobs throughout Alaska. Because ORTAB members carry a wide array of trail and public land user experiences, they are occasionally asked for additional advice on other outdoor recreation related subjects. Anyone interested in serving on the ORTAB should submit a letter of interest, brief resume, and completed questionnaire to the State Trails Program Manager, Darcy Harris at [darcy.harris@alaska.gov](mailto:darcy.harris@alaska.gov). Additional information regarding the ORTAB and the Recreational Trails Program can be found at [http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/trails.htm](http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/trails.htm). The link to questionnaire is available at [http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/ortabuestionnaire.pdf](http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/ortabuestionnaire.pdf).

**August 7**

**DONLIN MINE** - Comments are due on the application for an **INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT FOR DONLIN GOLD LLC** that includes a draft Reclamation Plan Approval and closure cost estimate through reference into Waste Management Permit No. 2017DB0001. Donlin Gold, LLC proposes the development of an open pit, hard rock gold mine in southwestern Alaska, about 277 miles west of Anchorage, 145 miles northeast of Bethel, and 10 miles north of the village of Crooked Creek. The proposed project would be located in an area of low-lying, well rounded ridges on the western portion of the Kuskokwim Mountains. The proposed Donlin Gold Project would require approximately three to four years to construct, with the mine life currently projected to be approximately 27 years. The mine is proposed to be a year-round, open pit, conventional “truck and shovel” operation using both bulk and selective mining methods. Copies of the documents are available at [http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/largemine/donlin/](http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/largemine/donlin/). For more information or to submit comments, contact Faith Martineau at 907-269-0949 or email [faith.martineau@alaska.gov](mailto:faith.martineau@alaska.gov).

**August 9**
Deadline for application to serve on the **PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE** for the **EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL**, which advises the Trustee Council on decisions related to the planning, evaluation, funds allocation, and conduct of injury assessment and restoration activities related to the T/V Exxon Valdez oil spill of March 1989. Public Advisory Committee members will be selected and appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to serve a 2-year term. A complete nomination package should be submitted to Elise Hsieh, Executive Director, Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, at elise.hsieh@alaska.gov. For more information or questions, contact Cherri Womac at (907) 278-8012 or (800) 478-7745 or email at cherri.womac@alaska.gov. More information on the PAC can be found here http://www.evostc.state.ak.us/index.cfm?FA=aboutUs.pac.

**August 10**
Deadline to sign up for the **YUKON RIVER INTER-TRIBAL WATERSHED COUNCIL (YRITWC) NEW PILOT PROGRAM: YRITWC BROWNFIELDS LEADERSHIP GROUP**. This group is aimed at highly motivated individuals within the Yukon River Watershed signatory tribes that have a strong passion for environmental protection, community involvement, and stewardship. We are looking for dependable, reliable, altruistic tribal representatives to be a part of this group to build capacity and help with pushing our brownfields projects along. The goals of the working group are to push sites towards their reuse goal while building capacity to assist with Environmental Site Assessments and other projects. This will be done by developing a vision for the communities’ sites, work together to find resources for additional funding, workshops to strength their leadership skills, and act as a model for other tribes with brownfield sites. Our working group participants will be ensuring YRITWC database is constantly up to date regarding the sites in their community. Within this group, participants are required to attend trainings, webinars, teleconferences, and participate in community meetings in their tribes. Two members of the group will even have an opportunity to attend the National Brownfields Leadership Summit in Washington D.C. this September! Experience working within the brownfields program is not required. For more details about this group and how to apply please contact Emily Anderson at (907) 258-3337 or eanderson@yritwc.org. Currently, the group is only open to Yukon River Watershed signatory tribes.

**August 12**
Deadline for comments on the **2018-2021 STIP AMENDMENT 1**. Amendment 1 addresses scope, funding, and scheduling issues on various projects around the state. Links to notice details are available at http://www.dot.alaska.gov/stip. Project in Amendment 1 are • Design and construct Seward Highway improvements. Project includes passing lanes and bike/ped trail. Includes replacement of bridge over Indian Creek. • Final work to rehabilitate the Seward Highway including minor realignment and replacement of the following bridges: Placer River Overflow, Placer River Main Cross, Portage Creek, 20 Mile River. • Replace float – Skagway Terminal Modifications. • Construct an access road to the new Kivalina school site near Kisimigiuuktuk Hill. For more information or to submit comments, contact 907) 465-4070 Toll Free: (888) PLAN-DOT (752-6368) or email dot.stip@alaska.gov.

**August 15**
NIKISKI – Comments are due on the proposal to issue an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Individual Permit to **NIKISKI COMBINED CYCLE PLANT**, is a combined cycle electric generation facility. Intermittent, low-volume wastewater streams generated onsite include reverse osmosis (RO) reject & RO membrane cleaning waste, water
from granulated activated carbon filter backwashes and wastewaters from sinks and floor drains in the water treatment building. The combined wastewater streams will be treated prior to discharge to Cook Inlet. The treated wastewater will travel through a pipeline to an outfall fitted with a diffuser that terminates approximately 1,016 feet from the mean lower low water shoreline. The Department is authorizing a mixing zone for temperature, arsenic, whole effluent toxicity and copper. The mixing zone is rectangular with a length of 6.7 meters and a width of 0.44 meters. All water quality standards will be met at the boundary of the authorized mixing zone. A Fact Sheet and associated documents are available at http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/public-notices. For more information or to submit comments, contact Melinda Smodey at (907) 269-7580 or email Melinda.Smodey@alaska.gov.

August 15

HAINES – Comments are due on the PRELIMINARY DECISION ON WALKER LAKE HYDROPOWER EASEMENT in HAINES STATE FOREST to authorize a 30-year private non-exclusive easement to SOUTHERN ENERGY INC. for approximately 65 acres of state-owned uplands and rights-of-way located near Walker Lake within the Haines State Forest, approximately 30 miles northeast of Haines. The easement is to construct and maintain access roads, a penstock, and a buried transmission line related to the Applicant’s proposed 1-megawatt hydropower project at Walker Lake. Documents are available at ADL 108655 160912 Development Plan Narrative.pdf, ADL 108655 Road Construction & Maintenance Requirements.pdf, ADL 108655 Draft Easement with Att. A Stipulations.pdf, ADL 108655 Easement Preliminary Decision_signed.pdf, and ADL 108655 Entry Authorization.pdf. For more information or to submit comments, contact Adam Moser at adam.moser@alaska.gov.

EVENTS & MEETINGS in ANCHORAGE, EAGLE RIVER & GIRDWOOD

**July 26

AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 in the City Hall 8th Floor Conference Room. Action Items include: • 2015-2018 TIP Administrative Modification 20 and • Complete Streets Policy Approval. Project and Plan Updates: • MTP Update and • 2019-22 Draft TIP Public comment period.

July 28

BIRD CHERRY SMACK-DOWN will be held from 10am to 3:30pm at the Valley of the Moon Park. Let’s transform Valley of the Moon Park and clear it of this invasive species that blocks visibility from the trail. We will be trimming only the overgrown trees along the edge of the wooded section on the park along 16th Avenue and the Chester Creek trail. Everyone that can help is welcome! If you are strong we will need help pulling the smaller trees from their roots. Help create the foundation for restoring native habitat and finding a sustainable use for this urban forest.

July 31

OWLS OF SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA will be presented at 7pm at the Alaska Zoo. Visit with GINAMARIA SMITH and ARCHIMEDES, the GREAT-HORNED OWL as we explore the amazing lives of owls in Southcentral Alaska. Discover which owls could be living in your backyard, how to distinguish between their calls, and how owls are adapted to be ferocious hunters.
July 30
ANCHORAGE BIRD WALK will be held from 7 to 9pm at the Potter Marsh Boardwalk. What's so special about Anchorage's coast for birds? To find out, join Audubon Alaska's Arctic Marine Ecologist, MAX GOLDMAN, for the evening bird walks at Potter Marsh. Walks will be held at a leisurely pace on easily accessible paths. Bird watchers of all skill levels and ages are welcome. For more information, go to http://ak.audubon.org/birds/anchorage-bird-walks.

August 2
The CLIMATE ACTION FOR ALASKA LEADERSHIP TEAM will meet from 8am to 4:30pm in Room 307 in the Consortium Library on the UAA campus. The agenda will include a review of the draft climate action plan. The meeting is open for public observation.

**August 4
8TH ANNUAL ANCHORAGE INVASIVE WEED SMACKDOWN will be held from 10am to 12:30pm (pulling invasives) at the Centennial Park Campground, 8400 Starview Drive and 12:30 to 1:30pm free lunch at Mooses Tooth Pizza. Help remove invasive European bird cherry (mayday) trees from our local forest. Have fun, work outdoors, and help protect our wild habitats, moose, and salmon from invasive species. Free lunch and t-shirts for all participants, plus great raffle prizes. Work gloves and tools provided. Wear work clothes you can get a bit dirty (long pants, long sleeve shirt and sturdy boots/shoes are highly recommended). Bring eye protection (sun glasses / eye glasses). For more information and to RSVP, go to www.akinvasiveplants.org.

**August 6, 13, 17, 20, 28, September 3 & 10
Audubon Alaska's Arctic Marine Ecologist, MAX GOLDMAN will lead BIRD WALKS at 7pm at the POTTER MARSH WILDLIFE VIEWING BOARDWALK. Find out what’s so special about Anchorage’s coast for birds. Walks will be held at a leisurely pace on easily accessible paths. Bird watchers of all skill levels and ages are welcome. Binoculars will be available to borrow. For more information, contact 907-276-7034, email audubonalaska@audubon.org or go to www.AudubonAlaska.org.

August 7
4-H FAMILY & FRIENDS will hold a trail cleanup of Westchester Lagoon and Coastal Trail from 2 to 5pm. Welcome to all for cleanup and recycling, environmental education, activities and games, and picnic. For more information, contact Lee at 745-3360 or email dahecimovich@alaska.edu.

**August 9
STAND for SALMON presents An EVENING of WILD FOODS with HANK SHAW at the Anchorage Museum from 6:30 to 8:30. Join award-winning cookbook author, chef and forager Hank Shaw for a delicious evening celebrating Alaska’s wild food and places. Enjoy a unique menu featuring some of Alaska’s wild bounty prepared by MUSE Restaurant Executing Chef Brad Harris as well as a special presentation by Hank followed by a book signing. Tickets includes a copy of Hank’s newest cookbook, a complimentary Alaska beverage. Appetizers will also be available. Tickets are limited at bit.ly/HankShaw.

**August 10
The **3RD THIRD ANNUAL ALASKA WILD SALMON DAY** will be held at the Cuddy Park at 5:30pm. There will be celebrations across the state and we need your help to make this one bigger, better and more sustainable. The Anchorage event will have live music, a beer garden, vendors, crafts and games for the kids and of course FREE SALMON. But in order to make it a success, we will need your help. Sign up to help grill salmon, serve salmon, greet guests, take photos, set up the festivities, be in the clean-up crew, or join the sustainability team. Be a part of the biggest party of the year and go home with salmon in your belly and a free shirt. Learn more about volunteer opportunities.

**August 14 & 15**

**BLM ALASKA RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL** will meet from 11:30am to Noon on Tuesday and from 3 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Conference Room 104 at the Robert B. Atwood Building, 550 W. 7th Avenue to discuss National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) streamlining and prioritization. The meeting will consist of presentations and discussions with RAC members on subjects related to NEPA actions and prioritization, as well as updates on current development projects and Resource Management Plans. There will also be reports from RAC subcommittees on placer mining, recreation, trapper cabins, and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act issues. A complete agenda will be available August 1 on the [BLM Alaska Resource Advisory Council website](http://www.blm.gov). For more information, contact Lesli Ellis-Wouters at (907) 271-4418 or email lellis@blm.gov.

**August 15**

**MUSHROOM FAIR** will be held at 7pm at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive. Have fun learning about fungi. Local mushroom enthusiasts will share their knowledge about mushrooms through posters, discussion, and specimens from all over southcentral Alaska. Bring specimens from your own backyard to identify. It is free and open to the public. For more information, go to [www.blm.gov/ccsc](http://www.blm.gov/ccsc) or call 267-1241.

**MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE**

**July 26**

**PALMER - HOEDOWN at SPRING CREEK FARM** will be held by the Farmland Trust from 5:30 to 8:30pm. Enjoy a free, family-friendly community celebration of the Spring Creek Farm conservation project at the Alaska Pacific University’s Kellogg Campus. Learn more about the farm and the work that Great Land Trust and the Alaska Farmland Trust are doing in the Mat-Su Valley! There will be live music from HIGH LONESOME SOUND, food for purchase, and fun activities for kids and families! Learn more about the Spring Creek Farm conservation project at [http://greatlandtrust.org/projects/spring-creek-farm/](http://greatlandtrust.org/projects/spring-creek-farm/).

**July 26 & 27**

**WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE** – Community listening sessions to build on the park's previous planning efforts for BACKCOUNTRY AND WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP and expand the conversation to include FRONTCOUNTRY AREAS in the following locations:

- **July 26** – McCarthy & Kennecott from 4 to 8pm in the Tony Zak Building
- **July 27** – McCarthy & Kennecott from 4 to 8pm in the Kennecott Rec Hall

The goal is to broaden understanding of the values, issues, and concerns related to the park. These listening sessions will gather further information from the public to inform appropriate
future planning, if any, for backcountry and wilderness. The listening sessions will also provide an avenue for the public to submit comments to park management. Public engagement will include all 23 resident zone communities, 13 of which have federally recognized tribal governments. Park stakeholders beyond the rural communities will be engaged as well. Additional communities where listening sessions will be held after the summer of 2018 include Anchorage, Cantwell, Chistochina, Cordova, Fairbanks, Gakona, Glennallen, Kenny Lake, Mentasta, Northway, Tazlina, Tok, Valdez, and Yakutat. For more information, contact Morgan Gantz at 907-822-7213.

**July 27, 28 & 29**

**FAIRBANKS - INTERIOR ALASKA'S WILD and EDIBLE MUSHROOMS LECTURE & WORKSHOP** will be lead Mushroom expert GARY LAURSEN. Participants will collect, identify, and learn how to prepare and preserve wild mushrooms. Mushrooms will be collected in several walks around Fairbanks and identified. The University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service will host the course, which will also cover the ecology of mushrooms and current issues. The lecture will be held from 6 to 9pm on **July 27** in the UAF Murie Building auditorium. The **workshop will meet in field locations on July 28 & 29**. Individuals may sign up for the lecture only or for the full course. Fieldwork is scheduled from 9am to 5pm on July 28 and 9am to 4pm on July 29. **Registration is requested by July 22** to ensure minimum enrollment. The fee is $100 for the entire course or $20 for the Friday night lecture only. Register at [https://bit.ly/FairbanksMushroom18](https://bit.ly/FairbanksMushroom18). Participants are advised to dress for the weather. For more information, call the Extension district office at 907-474-1530 or contact Leslie Shallcross at [lashallcross@alaska.edu](mailto:lashallcross@alaska.edu) or 907-474-2426.

**July 28**

**PAXTON** – Celebrate **NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY and the 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT** with the BLM Glennallen Field Office and WISE (Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment) at the Paxson Lake Campground, Mile 175 Richardson Highway. **8:30am - Sign-in; 9am - Service Projects--put a little "sweat equity" in on your public lands with projects suitable for all ages and skill levels; 1pm - Volunteer Lunch cooked up by WISE; 2pm - Canoeing Demonstration and other Activities; 4 - Wild and Scenic River Interpretive Presentation; and 5pm - Send Off. Volunteer and camp free for one night. For more information, contact the BLM Glennallen Field Office at 822-3217.

**July 28**

**SEWARD -20th ANNUAL WILDLIFE RESCUE RUN/WALK** is being hosted by the **ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER.** The fundraiser supports the rescue and rehabilitation mission of the Center’s Wildlife Response Program. This important program is funded through generous donations, and all race participation fees will go directly towards the continuation of wildlife rescue. The 5K race route follows a generally flat course along the scenic Seward waterfront. Race bibs will be available for pick up in the Alaska SeaLife Center lobby between 10 and 11:45 am. All participants will **start the course at Noon.** Awards will be presented at 2 pm. Walkers and runners are invited to register at [https://alaskasealife.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2018RescueRun/Registration/tabid/968450/Default.aspx](https://alaskasealife.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2018RescueRun/Registration/tabid/968450/Default.aspx) Various door prize winners will be randomly selected from all participants at the awards ceremony. Prizes include 2 race spots for the 2018 Lost Lake Run, $75 gift certificates to The Cookery & Oyster Bar (2), $50 gift cards from Skinny Raven (2), a water bottle and hat from Salmon Sisters, and various Alaska SeaLife Center prizes. Winners must be present to win.
**August 1 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)

FAIRBANKS – The FMATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) WORK SESSION will be held from 3 to 5pm in the FMATS Conference Room, 800 Cushman Street, to review and discuss the TIP Scoring Criteria and Nomination Form. To participate in the meeting by telephone, please call (907) 459-6769. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Jackson Fox, Executive Director, at 459-6786, email jackson.fox@fmats.us or go to www.fmats.us

August 1

PALMER - Photographer, BRENT REYNOLDS, will share techniques for capturing beautiful and interesting photographs of wildlife in an ever-changing outdoor environment at the Musk Ox Farm from 7 to 8pm. You are welcome to bring your own camera and take shots of muskox and the inspiring backdrop of the Musk Ox Farm.

**August 10

FAIRBANKS The 3RD ANNUAL ALASKA WILD SALMON DAY will be held at the Chief David Salmon Tribal Hall, 111 Clay Street, from 2 to 8pm. There will be music, dancing, movies about our favorite fish to eat, and of course, lots of food. Bring your favorite dish and side to share and celebrate with us.

**August 11

PALMER – The 3RD ANNUAL ALASKA WILD SALMON DAY will be held at the Matanuska River Park, Pavilion D for a Community Salmon Potluck from 5:30 to 8pm. There will be free salmon sandwiches, smoked salmon, family-friendly activities, art, music, and information about how you can protect salmon for future generations.

ITEMS of INTEREST

** The Department of Natural Resources is WITHDRAWING from further consideration of PROPOSED CHANGES to the REGULATIONS published on May 3 RELATED to MINING including mining locations, affidavits of annual labor, penalties and eligibility to cure an abandonment and other changes. The Alaska State Senate Resources Committee urged DNR to forego this effort to revise mining regulations under the current law in favor of a possible future legislative effort to address issues.

To see the DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION DIRECTOR'S ORDERS REGARDING FEES go to https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=190590.

The JUNEAU AREA TRAILS GUIDE is now available for purchase at two physical locations and online. The guide covers the most extensive trail system in Southeast Alaska, from accessible trails to historic mining routes, helping recreationists of all abilities to explore a wide variety of habitats and scenic attractions. The maps can be purchased at the Juneau Ranger District at 8510 Mendenhall Loop Road, the Discovery Southeast Bookstore in the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center, 6000 Glacier Spur Road, and online at the National Forest Map Store. The purchase price is $14.00. For more information, contact the 907-586-8800.
**NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD (NPRB) seeks Nominations and Self-Nominations for ADVISORY PANEL BERING SEA REGION SEAT.** The Advisory Panel represents stakeholders, user groups, and other interested parties from regions within the Board’s purview. Appointments are for three-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. The vacant seat opening in late Summer 2018 represents the Bering Sea region. Advisory Panel members advise the Board on accomplishing its overall mission of fielding a high caliber, comprehensive research program that will: 1) improve our understanding of the Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, and Arctic Ocean ecosystems and their fisheries, and 2) help to sustain and enhance marine resources. **Deadline: August 3.** For more information, go to [http://www.nprb.org/nprb/about-us/advisory-panel](http://www.nprb.org/nprb/about-us/advisory-panel). To see the full panel description, go to [http://www.nprb.org/assets/uploads/files/General_NPRB/Advisory_PanellSolicitation_Bering_Sea_July_2018.pdf](http://www.nprb.org/assets/uploads/files/General_NPRB/Advisory_PanellSolicitation_Bering_Sea_July_2018.pdf)

**Volunteers are needed for the 3RD THIRD ANNUAL ALASKA WILD SALMON DAY to be held at the Cuddy Park at 5:30pm.** There will be live music, a beer garden, vendors, crafts and games for the kids and of course FREE SALMON. Sign up to help grill salmon, serve salmon, greet guests, take photos, set up the festivities, be in the clean-up crew, or join the sustainability team. Be a part of the biggest party of the year and go home with salmon in your belly and a free shirt. Learn more about volunteer opportunities.

**ADOPT A HIGHWAY, PATHWAY, ROAD OR TRAIL and SEE the DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE!** Calling all businesses, organizations, groups, churches, families or individuals. You can make a big difference in the beauty of our community and our state by signing up with Anchorage’s Adopt-A Programs: Adopt-A-Highway, Adopt-A-Pathway, Adopt-A-Road, Adopt-A-Trail/Park. Volunteer to adopt a 1 to 2 mile stretch of road or trail or a specific park this summer for litter cleanup and be the conduit for a cleaner, more beautiful Alaska. You can have a choice of open routes that are close to your home, church or business whether it be on a state highway, road or pathway or a city street, street trail or park. Find the right fit with one of our programs. Simply call or email one of the programs listed below to find out which route will be best for you. Adopters agree to perform a minimum of three cleanings of the area adjacent to the selected areas during the non-snow months for a minimum of three years. Bags and safety vests are provided. Adopt a Park or Trail is a 1-year commitment. It’s easy to become a recognized volunteer with one of these great programs!

**Adopt-A-Pathway:** for multi-use trails along Glenn Highway, Eagle River Rd., Benson Blvd., 15th Ave., Debarr, Dimond, Huffman, and Tudor Road. Contact: ALPAR – 644-7968 or email: alpar@gci.net.

**Adopt-A-Highway:** State of Alaska Department of Transportation (AKDOT) has routes for 3-year adoptions along major highways and streets maintained by AKDOT including Glenn and Seward Highways, International Airport and many more. Contact 338-1466 or email marlene.hughes@alaska.gov or go to [http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdmno/aah/contacts-creg.shtml](http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdmno/aah/contacts-creg.shtml)

**Adopt-A-Road:** Operated by Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) Project Management & Engineering, contact 343-8135 or email Charles at boylecm@muni.org. Examples of available routes: Northern Lights Blvd., 36th Ave., and Spenard Rd., or call about a neighborhood street in your area.
Adopt-A-Trail or Park: Muni of Anchorage Parks and Recreation: 343-4587 email Michelle: FehrbachMR@muni.org. For information, go to http://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/Volunteering.aspx

The Office of Boards and Commissions is accepting APPLICATIONS for the PUBLIC SEATS on the NEW COOK INLETSALMON FISHERIES ADVISORY TASK FORCE. Please submit your application online at http://gov.alaska.gov/services/boards-and-commissions/apply-for-a-board-appointment/. You may attach your resume to the online application or email your resume to: boards@alaska.gov.

INTERNISHIPS

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**ACCOUNTING AND GRANTS MANAGER** for the KACHEMAK HERITAGE LAND TRUST for a 30 hour/week to handle all aspects of the accounting cycle, including payroll and payroll taxes. Applicant should be proficient at Quickbooks and Excel, understand expense allocation as it applies to non-profits, have an understanding of the 990 and all the various financial statements, understand the complexities of budgeting for the organization’s fiscal year and grant budgeting, including understanding federal grant rules, and be able to manage the organization’s insurance policies. This position requires the ability to present financial information in various formats, providing the clearest information possible to Board of Directors, committees and staff. The ability to manage your time, prioritize projects, complete recordkeeping duties, and communicate clearly is a must. For a full description of duties, required and desired skills, and instructions for application, go to www.kachemaklandtrust.org.

APPLICATION DEADLINE AUGUST 17 at 5 pm.

**ENERGY EDUCATION COORDINATOR** for RENEWABLE ENERGY ALASKA PROJECT (REAP) to work as the REGIONAL ENERGY CATALYST for the SUSTAINABLE SOUTHEAST PARTNERSHIP (SSP) to be in Juneau or Sitka. The Coordinator will oversee REAP’s science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education and outreach efforts in Southeast Alaska while working as part of the greater SSP effort. The Coordinator will also perform other clean energy outreach and education in Southeast and assist with REAP’s broader goals, events and campaigns throughout the year. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor’s degree or five years of experience in a relevant field; Experience working with Indigenous and/or rural communities; Proficiency communicating with the public both in writing and verbally; Strong interpersonal communications and relationship-building skills; Experience with cultivating funding and technical assistance opportunities; Experience managing complex or multiple projects, including managing budgets and coordinating the work of other professionals and partners across multiple disciplines; Holds or has held a state teaching license; A willingness to travel and work in the rural communities of Southeast Alaska (approximately 1-2x/month). Experience teaching in Alaska K-12 classrooms, and/or other relevant teaching, professional or educational background; and Experience teaching science and/or energy concepts or an educational background in science and energy. Application Process: Please email the following five items to L.darby@realaska.org: 1) Cover letter; 2) Résumé; 3) At least one letter of recommendation; 4) 2-4 other references; and 5) Writing sample. To see the full job description, go to http://alaskarenewableenergy.org/wp-
NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST for THE HOMER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT to be responsible for the Invasive Plant Program and to develop and implement other programs that enhance the mission of Homer Soil and Water. For more information, please click HERE. This is a part-time position with an hourly wage likely to start around $20/hour, depending on experience. Applications deadline is August 10.

DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION SCIENCE for AUDUBON ALASKA located in Anchorage to provide leadership on science and conservation issues pertaining to public lands and waters in Alaska. S/He will play a crucial role in developing priorities, executing strategies, maintaining relationships with diverse partners and funders, contributing to funding proposals and general communications, and ensuring alignment with Audubon’s mission and strategic plan. View the complete job announcement and application instructions at Audubon’s Career Center. To be considered for the position, submit a resume and cover letter. Position open until filled.

VICE PRESIDENT and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for AUDUBON ALASKA located in Anchorage to exercise leadership and management responsibility in developing and executing statewide conservation strategies, initiatives, and public programming. These will include working closely with Audubon Alaska’s state advisory board, staff and chapters, and with Audubon’s national conservation team, to develop Alaska programs in tandem with strategic regional and national priorities. View the complete job announcement and application instructions at Audubon’s Career Center. Priority consideration will be given to application packets received by August 20.

EDUCATION ASSOCIATE III POSITION (PCN 11-2267) for the AK DEPT. OF FISH & GAME’S DIVISION OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION based in either Nome or Kotzebue to design and deliver education and outreach programs and materials for the Wildlife Education & Outreach Program in Region V. Key responsibilities of this position include: Working with regional management and research staff to identify and prioritize issues that may be addressed using education or outreach as a tool; identifying target audiences and appropriate outreach methods for each issue; Working in collaboration with the other Regional Education Associates and the Program Coordinator to assess the wildlife-related educational and outreach needs and desires of the public, including community members, teachers, students, and other specialized groups; Developing project budgets; and determining resources needed and evaluation tools to measure whether education and outreach projects are achieving the desired outcomes; Developing and implementing both regional and statewide education programs and projects, including community seminars, workshops, school-based education, lecture series, newspaper articles, publications, radio and video production and use of social media and web-based platforms; Facilitating professional development trainings for educators using the Project WILD and the Alaska Wildlife Curricula, and other community workshops that support the division’s biological and educational goals; Assisting in the planning and implementation of outdoor skills classes as part of Alaskans Afield and support to DWC R3 (Hunter Recruitment, Retention & Reactivation) efforts. For more information about the position and to apply, go to Workplace Alaska at https://www.govemtjobs.com/careers/alaska/jobs/2129523/education-associate-iii-pcn-11-
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for the ALASKA HUTS ASSOCIATION to oversee the organization. Alaska Huts' mission is to include Alaska's backcountry in a worldwide tradition of places in which hikers and skiers can travel hut to hut and provide warm comfortable huts and promote wilderness education and stewardship. Skills & Qualifications: A passion for developing and managing a world-class backcountry hut system. At least two years of experience in successful business or non-profit operation and management, fundraising, marketing, environmental education, parks and recreation, or related field. A bachelor's degree or higher. Demonstrable fundraising skills and experience in development and grant writing. Effective and confident written and oral communication skills. Excellent organizational and planning skills. Successful candidate may be required to pass a comprehensive civil, criminal, educational and/or credit background check.

Position Details: This is a full-time exempt position based in Anchorage, reporting to the Board of Directors. We offer flexible scheduling, remote work opportunities and encourage employees to take time to play outside! Employee will be expected to work in Anchorage as well as make visits to Manitoba Cabin on the Kenai Peninsula. Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter to mailbox@alaskahuts.org. The first round of application review will begin on August 15. Position is open until filled.

OUTREACH COORDINATOR for the PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL (PWSRCAC) located in Anchorage to coordinate and facilitate communication and interactions between PWSRCAC and its volunteers, member groups, and communities in the Exxon Valdez oil spill region and others. Main objectives include increasing visibility and awareness of PWSRCAC and its projects by coordinating presentations, participating in conferences, and through educational activities, and assisting project managers with specific outreach needs. This position works closely with the Information and Education Committee and manages projects related to outreach and education. Minimum qualifications include a bachelor’s degree or equivalent experience in communications and community outreach; two years project management or similar experience; experience working with youth programs and partner organizations; contract management experience; demonstrated presentation skills; cross-cultural experience; and, working with volunteers. Knowledge of the region affected by the Exxon Valdez oil spill desirable. PWSRCAC is an independent non-profit organization founded in 1989 after the Exxon Valdez oil spill and is governed by a 19-member Board of Directors. For more information including the job description and a full list of minimum qualifications or to apply, go to www.pwsrac.org.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for AKPIRG (Alaska Public Interest Research Group) to start in mid-August when our current ED begins a PhD program. The ED is responsible for overseeing the programmatic and administrative work and strategic plan of the organization. Key duties include advocacy, fundraising, communications, and community outreach. This position reports directly to the Board of Directors. Self-starters are encouraged to apply. A full position description is available here. To apply please submit a resume, cover letter, and three professional references to akpirg@gmail.com with the subject line “Executive Director Application.” Position is open until filled.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM MANAGER for the ASSOCIATION of VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS to oversees and coordinates all environmental functions of the Cultural & Environmental Sciences department in consultation with the Division Director. The Manager works in close collaboration with the AVCP Environmental Planner, AVCP Archaeologist, AVCP Natural Resources and AVCP Realty Specialists to meet the goals and objectives of both departments. Additionally, the Manager will cultivate and maintain close working relationships with other environmental professionals throughout Alaska and elsewhere in collaboration for the benefit of Native communities within the AVCP service area.

Qualifications: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. Must have strong written, verbal and analytical skills. Proven record of working knowledge of the EPA GAP program requirements and implementation; as well as, NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act), NHPA (National Historic Preservation Act), ESA (Endangered Species Act), and other pertinent environmental and social justice regulations.

Education and Experience: Bachelor’s degree from an accredited university in Environmental Sciences, Natural Resource Management or closely related technical field. Demonstrated skills in producing EA’s and/or EISs; research, analysis and technical consultation skills. Personal work experience in YK-Delta communities and with Tribal environmental staff is essential. Yup’ik language skills preferred.

Location: Bethel. For more information and application directions, contact Steven R. Street, Director/Archaeologist, Dept. of Cultural and Environmental Sciences, at 907-543-7371, 907-543-5732 fax or email SStreet@avcp.org.

LEAD ORGANIZER for ACLU in Anchorage to identify key civil liberties and civil rights issues, aligned with the ACLU of Alaska’s priorities, through active inquiry of community needs, interests, and visions; work collaboratively with grassroots leaders, allies, and ACLU of Alaska staff to execute large and effective community actions (community forums, rallies, trainings, engagement with elected officials, etc.); and organize ACLU of Alaska outreach and educational activities at public events and forums, including training others in the community to conduct similar types of events, and manage follow-up with attendees to assist and encourage them to act. To see the full job description, go to https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/677331392/?refId=424d9740-a41a-4b46-9baf-6edd6c34ed56&trk=eml-jymbii-organic-job-card&midToken=AQGuGhKAp08WYQ&trkEmail=eml-jobs_jymbii_digest-null-48-null-null-az7sg%7Eji3cbxsy%7Ehp-null-jobs%7Eview&clip=urn%3Ali%3Apage%3Aemail_jobs_jymbii_digest%3BaiBBmYHyQLWFN1%2BD1w8gMA%3D%3D.

RTOC COORDINATOR for the REGION 10 TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE to oversee all aspects of the planning, development, organization, and execution of the RTOC meetings, coordination with EPA staff, outreach to Tribes, and communication regarding the mission and work of the RTOC to Tribes within EPA Region 10. Duties and responsibilities include: Communications; RTOC Member Assistance; Overseeing the Coordination of Travel Logistics; RTOC Meeting Planning/Coordination; Grant Reporting; Strategic Planning and Evaluating Effectiveness of Operations; Contracting; and Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit.

Qualifications: Experience in non-profit organizational operations and management of
contracted staff. Experience in event implementation, meeting planning and communications. Excellent organizational and scheduling skills. Excellent writing and communication skills. Experience working with Tribes. Cultural awareness and respect. Experience with website management. **Salary**: Salary depend upon experience but generally between $40,000-60,000. To Apply: Please email cover letter, resume, and 3 references to policy.analyst@region10rtoc.net. Please “RTOC Coordinator Application” in the subject line of the email. For more information, contact Rick Eichstaedt at policy.analyst@region10rtoc.net.

**ALASKA PROGRAM MANAGER** for the **NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION** in Anchorage to develop and implement strategic campaigns to protect and enhance Alaska’s national parks while building a diverse, effective, and enduring network of national park advocates in Alaska. Alaska regional priorities include the protection of bear and wolf populations within Alaska national parks and preserves, the protection of park resources from mining development impacts in Bristol Bay and northwest Alaska, and the adequate funding of national parks. Partners in these campaigns may include rural residents, remote gateway communities and local governments, tourism businesses and representatives, wildlife advocates, Alaska Native stakeholders, and current and former military personnel. The Program Manager will work closely with the other members of the small Alaska team. To see the full job description, go to https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=53f6f507-a5aa-40d9-9198-8802e8d57d1a&ccId=19000101_000001&type=MP&lang=en_US.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** for the **COOK INLET AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION** based in Kenai. Responsibilities: The Executive Director works to achieve the mission of CIAA, which is to protect and rehabilitate self-perpetuating salmon stocks and habitats and maximize the value of the common property salmon resource by applying sound science and technology. This position serves as the chief administrative officer responsible for conducting the business of CIAA and implementing CIAA’s policies, activities, and decisions. **Qualifications**: Minimum of a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university or at least five years of pertinent experience. Pertinent experience involves administrative, budgetary, and supervisory responsibilities; knowledge of budgets and fiscal requirements; oral communication ability; writing skills; and experience with nonprofit boards. Professional experience related to the aquaculture field is desirable. **Compensation**: Salary range $97,000 to $120,000 per year DOE. The benefit package includes health insurance (employee portion is a 5% co-pay), Health Savings Account with employer contribution, employee 401(k) retirement plan, vacation and medical leave. Applicants may direct questions to Brent Johnson President CIAA at (907) 398-0918 or ragweb@gci.net. Please submit a cover letter, resume, and three professional references by regular mail or email to: Brent Johnson, President, ragweb@gci.net and Lisa Ka’aihue, Special Projects Manager, Lisak@ciaanet.org. Visit www.ciaanet.org/employment.html for more details.

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