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

September 10 – 13
ANCHORAGE - ARCTIC ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLER WORKSHOP is a 4-day hands-on workshop to learn surface water, groundwater, and soil sampling of contaminated sites, packing, shipping and legal forms such as Chain of Custody Form. Lectures will provide a background about soil and permafrost properties and ground and surface water quality. Oil and other contaminants cleanup and regulations and different sampling techniques. The workshop is recognized by ADEC as part of the Environmental Sampler Qualification. The workshop is held in Anchorage at the APU campus. Instructor: BIRGIT HAGEDORN, PhD. Sustainable Earth Research LLC. Veterans and full-time students will receive a 30% rebate. To sign up and for more information, go to http://www.environmentalsampler.com/. This will be the last Workshop in Anchorage for this year.

**September 11
HOMER: INTRODUCING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COASTAL RESILIENCE is a free event hosted by the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and Alaska Sea Grant this one-day training on green infrastructure at Kachemak Bay Campus. The event will be facilitated by NOAA with local guest speakers to describe green infrastructure projects in Alaska. “Green Infrastructure” incorporates the natural environment and constructed systems that mimic natural processes in an integrated network that benefits nature and people. A green infrastructure approach to community planning helps diverse community members come together to balance environmental and economic goals. Session Objectives: Recognize green infrastructure terms and concepts that contribute to community resilience. Understand the ecological, economic, and societal benefits of green infrastructure. Understand the wide variety of contexts and scales of green infrastructure approaches. Identify existing planning processes suitable for integrating green infrastructure, stakeholder engagement techniques, and potential funding opportunities. Identify local green infrastructure activities and experts with additional information. For interested participants, a field trip is planned for September 12 at the Kenai River Center in Soldotna from 11am to 2pm. Contact organizer for details. Register for the training. For more information, go to https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/.

**September 13
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**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 go to [http://alaskapermaculture.com](http://alaskapermaculture.com).

**September 16**
**EAGLE RIVER - FALL DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP** will be held from 9am to 4pm at the Eagle River Science Center. Learn how to capture fall colors and gain a better understanding of digital photography in this all-day intensive workshop. After a brief classroom introduction, you will head out on the trails to sharpen your skills with professional photographer Colin Tyler Bogucki. Attendees must provide their own camera gear and be prepared to hike up to 5-miles throughout the day. Register at [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org). $75; Registration required.

**September 21**
**EAGLE RIVER - FUNGUS WORKSHOP Part 1** will be held from 5:30 to 9:30pm at the Eagle River Nature Center. Mycologist CHRISTIN SWEARINGEN will talk about fungal biology and ecology, followed by Q&A, a short foray, and setting up spore prints. This class is the first part of a 2-day Alaska Master Naturalist Fungus workshop -- each class is $50, and participants can sign up for either class or both classes. Register at [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org). Workshop ($50; Registration required).

**September 22, 10am-2pm**
**EAGLE RIVER - FUNGUS WORKSHOP Part 2** will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Eagle River Nature Center. See above. Registration required. Cost: $50. Register at [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org).

**October 5 – 7**
**HOMER: KBC RENEWABLE ENERGY CLASS: RE A150 BASICS of GROUND-SOURCE HEAT PUMP SYSTEMS** will presents the basics of ground-source heat pump geothermal energy, system components, common installation configurations, cost/benefit considerations and safety.
Information on the growing use of air-source heat pumps in Alaska is also included. Registration is now open at UaOnline or at KBC (call 235-7743).

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 21 (WEBINAR)**

CARBON PROJECTS IN ALASKA: HOW THEY WORK and the RISKS and REWARDS will be presented at 10am by NATHAN LOJEWSKI, Forestry Manager, Chugachmiut and CLARE DOIG, Forest Land Management, Inc. As forests grow, the trees absorb CO2 from the atmosphere through photosynthesis and store it within their growing biomass (trunk, branches, leaves and root systems). A “forest carbon offset,” is a metric ton of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2e)—the emission of which is avoided or newly stored—that is purchased by greenhouse gas emitters to compensate for emissions occurring elsewhere. Offsets may be developed under voluntary market standards or compliance market standards, each of which has specific carbon accounting and eligibility rules. This presentation will focus on how offset projects work and the different types of forest management activities involved, all with a focus on Alaska. It will also cover specific carbon projects in Alaska and working with land owners (including village corporations) assessing the risks and rewards of such projects and whether they want to be involved in a project. More information and registration HERE.

**August 23 (LIVESTREAM)**

FORUM hosted by SIERRA MAGAZINE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF JASON MARK in conversation with Sierra Club and Tribal partners about the wave of INDIGENOUS-LED ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM, key partnerships and milestones, and future plans on dirty fuels fights will be held at 9am AKDT. Participant include: Tara Houska, National Campaigns Director, Honor the Earth; Lena Moffitt, Senior Director, Our Wild America, Sierra Club; and Cesia Kearns, Beyond Coal, Campaign Representative, Sierra Club. To RSVP for livestream, go to https://zoom.us/webinar/register/2015330784506/WN_7MUc0dPzRCWGskQERSFfsRA.

**August 27 (TELECONFERENCE MEETING)**

BRISTOL BAY ADVISORY GROUP will hold a teleconference meeting from 2 to 4pm. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the advisory group’s purpose, administrative procedures, and initial scope of work. This meeting is open to the public and meeting materials will be posted prior to the meeting at http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/BBAG/. The teleconference number for this meeting is (877) 226-9607, passcode 962 611 6637. Alternative communication accommodations may be made with the ADA Coordinator (TDD No. 907-269-8411). If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact the Department of Natural Resources Commissioner’s Office at 907-269-8431 or dnr.commissioner@alaska.gov.
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/.

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.

**September 30**
Deadline for applications for the PARTNERS for FISH and WILDLIFE PROGRAM from the Fish & Wildlife Service for Habitat Conservation. The is an incentive-based program that provides direct technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore and conserve fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of federal trust resources. For more information, go to Fish and Wildlife Service.

**November 9**
Deadline for applications for the LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANTS from the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for development or enhancement of facilities related to public outdoor recreation. Eligible applicants include state, regional, or local governments (cities, boroughs or tribal entities) that have the legal authority to provide park and recreation services on public lands. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program provides up to 50 percent matching assistance for the cost of a project. The Division anticipates $1.5 million may be awarded to eligible Alaska projects. Grant requests are limited to $25,000 minimum and $250,000 maximum in LWCF federal share. The total project cost must be at least $50,000 to justify a $25,000 grant request. The application package is available online at http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/lwcf.htm or by contacting grants administrator Jean Ayers at jean.ayers@alaska.gov or 907-269-8694.

**DEADLINES**

August 20
Deadline for comments on the ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS (AMATS) for the DRAFT 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP). The TIP is the region’s project plan for transportation improvements. It is the investment program consisting of capital improvements to the metropolitan transportation system. The TIP is the means of implementing the goals and objectives of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The Draft 2019-2022 TIP can be found at http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/AMATS%20TIP%20Docs/2019-2022/Draft%202019-2022%20TIP%20Public%20Review.pdf. For more information contact Craig Lyon AMATS Coordinator, at 343-7996 or email lyoncl@muni.org. For other TIP information, go to Current TIP 2015-18.

September 6
CROOKED CREEK/DONLIN MINE – Deadline for comments on an application for a State of Alaska INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT for DONLIN GOLD LLC that will integrate the draft Reclamation Plan Approval and closure cost estimate through
reference into Waste Management Permit. 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, hard rock, conventional “truck and shovel” operation using both bulk and selective mining methods. Donlin Gold, LLC proposes the development of a 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 in an area of low-lying, well rounded ridges on the western portion of the Kuskokwim Mountains. Copies of the proposed permit and application documents are available at 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.

**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?ID=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.

**September 7**
Comments are due on the **PROPOSED ACTION for the SOUTH REVILLAGIGEDO INTEGRATED RESOURCE PROJECT (SOUTH REVILLA IRP)** to implementing a land management plan and is subject to the project level pre-decisional administrative review process. The Proposed Action is discussed at https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/108739_FSPLT3_4292620.pdf. Additional project information, is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53477. Specific written comments must be within the scope of the Proposed Action and include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider. Written comments for the Responsible Official may be submitted electronically at https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=53477. Scoping document is available at South+Revilla+Scoping+Information.pdf.

**September 24**
Scoping comments are due on the **PROPOSED ACTION for the CENTRAL TONGASS PROJECT** in preparation to produce an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze a variety of resource management actions to implement over the course of 15 years. The purpose of the project is to meet multiple resource goals and objectives (i.e., needs) identified in the 2016 Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) using an integrated approach. Some
of the project area needs include improving forest ecosystem health, supporting community resilience through economic development opportunities within Southeast Alaska communities, providing sustainable recreation opportunities to local visitors and the tourism industry, and offering a variety of wood products to regional mills and local communities. A variety of management activities (the Proposed Action) address these needs. Implementation of the management activities will often include one or more Supporting Actions, such as quarry development or sign installation. While the Forest Service would approve the proposed project, they may approve a project-specific Forest Plan amendment to ensure the project is consistent with the plan. This notices also identifies the substantive provisions of the 2012 Planning Rule that are likely to be directly related to a proposed forest plan amendment. For more information or to submit comments, contact Carey Case, Central Tongass Project Leader, at (907) 772-3871 or go to https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=53098. Public meetings will be held in the communities of Kake, Petersburg and Wrangell, Alaska during the scoping period.

EVENTS & MEETINGS in ANCHORAGE, EAGLE RIVER & GIRDWOOD

**August 23**  
AMATS POLICAY COUNCIL will meet from 1:30 to 3:30pm in the Main Conference Room, 4700 Elmore Road. Action Items: Administrative Modification #21; Project and Plan Updates: 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update; and General Information: 3rd Quarter Obligation Status Report for FY18.

August 25  
GIRDWOOD - CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST VOLUNTEER STEWARDSHIP EVENTS invite help to maintain the popular CROW PASS TRAIL near Girdwood with brushing and tread work on the Chugach National Forest.

August 23  
Public scoping meetings by the Bureau of Land Management on the MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN – WILLOW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT will be held from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel-Midtown. The Bureau of Land Management is preparing a Master Development Plan Environmental Impact Statement for the recently discovered Willow prospect within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska. Come learn about the project, provide public comments, and ask questions. For more information go to www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-development/alaska/willow-eis. Submit comment to BLM_AK_Willow_Comments@blm.

** September 6 **  
DAN HENRY presents ACROSS the SHAMAN’S RIVER: JOHN MUIR, THE TLINGIT STRONGHOLD and the OPENING of the NORTH at 5pm at the UAA Campus Bookstore. Across the Shaman’s River examines what happened when a great Tlingit community, one closed off from intruders for over a century, encountered naturalist and explorer John Muir. By researching John Muir’s journal entries, historic writings of explorers, and interviewing Tlingit elders and tribal descendants, author Daniel Lee Henry reveals how the early principles of land conservation and Christianity had profound consequences for the Tlingit people and led to a policy that would ultimately dispossess Tlingit peoples, and other Alaska Native peoples, from their ancestral lands. Daniel Henry is an instructor at Lane Community College in Eugene,
Oregon, and the founder of the Alaska Native Oratory Society. There is free parking for this event in the South Lot, Sports Complex NW Lot, West Campus Central Lot, and Sports Campus West Lot.

**September 8 & 9**

**NET YOUR PROBLEM: NET HACK CHALLENGE** will be held at the Makerspace, 1406 W 33rd Avenue. It will be a weekend long event (lunch included) where participants will design products made from waste fishing nets and ropes in response to challenges submitted by experts. Participants will leave the event with a prototype in hand, having been judged on their idea, with the chance to win prizes. For tickets (which are $25) please go to www.alaskaoceancluster.com and click on the Net Hack Challenge upcoming event to access the ticketing page. For more information, contact Nicole Baker at 907-359-3450 or go to www.netyourproblem.com.

**September 8**

**RISE for CLIMATE, JOBS & JUSTICE** will be held from 11am-3pm at Delaney Park Strip Mall. The Rally will set the stage for an equitable and prosperous new energy future by bringing together thought leaders, scientists, Native Alaskans, artists, faith and social justice organizations, renewable energy, local food, labor, business and government visionaries to educate, inspire and empower Alaskans to act on critical climate change and energy issues. A highlight of the event is the diverse line-up of Alaskan visionary speakers and performers, including: former Lt. Governor and current Arctic Research Council Chair, FRAN ULMER; conservation biologist and PROFESSOR RICK STEINER, fisheries expert and author KATE TROLL, University of Alaska artist & social justice activist INDIRA ARRIAGA, Saint Lawrence artist and activist SUSIE PAALLENGETAQ SILOOK, musician and activist LIBBY RODERICK, Alaska Pacific University legal scholar VICTORIA HYKES STEERE, and others to be confirmed. There will be a children's activity and art area, food trucks and a diversity of social justice, local food, renewable energy, weatherization, labor, environmental, non-profit, education, and business organization exhibits. Event organizers include: Alaska Climate Action Network (AK CAN!), Alaska ACLU, Grassroots Action Network, and various Anchorage faith-based groups. RSVP for the rally HERE. For more information, contact Ceal Smith at ceal@akclimateaction.org or call (907) 952-7472 or Besse Odom at futuremdodom@gmail.com or call (907) 205-0836.

**MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE**

**August 22 & 23**

**UTQIAGVIK - The NORTH SLOPE SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL** will meet at the Inupiat Heritage Center beginning at 9am each day. The Council will discuss proposals to change Federal subsistence fish and shellfish regulations and other issues related to subsistence in the North Slope Region. The public is welcome to attend and participate in this meeting. To teleconference into this meeting, dial toll-free (866) 864-5314 (passcode: 3091862). All meeting materials may be found at https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions.

**August 22, 27, 28, & 29**

Public scoping meetings by the Bureau of Land Management on the MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN – WILLOW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT will be held in the following locations:
**August 22 – FAIRBANKS** form 6 to 8pm at the Westmark Hotel Fairbanks
**August 28 – ATQASUK** from 6:30 to 8:30pm in the Atasuk Community Center
**August 28 - NUIQSUT** from 5 to 8pm at the Kisik Community Center
**August 29 - ANAKTUVUK PASS** from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Anaktuvuk Pass Community Center

The Bureau of Land Management is preparing a Master Development Plan Environmental Impact Statement for the recently discovered Willow prospect within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska. Come learn about the project, provide public comments, and ask questions. For more information go to [www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-development/alaska/willow-eis](http://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-development/alaska/willow-eis). Submit comment to BLM_AK_Willow_Comments@blm.

**August 25 – GAKONA** — Open house will be held at HAARP, UAF’S HIGH-FREQUENCY ACTIVE AURORAL RESEARCH PROGRAM from 9am to 3pm. At HAARP, scientists from around the world use radio waves to study physics at the highest portion of our atmosphere. During the open house there will be facility tours, science talks and educational activities. This is a family friendly, free event with food available for purchase. Don't want to drive? A round trip shuttle is available from Fairbanks and Delta Junction. More information go to [gi.alaska.edu/HAARP](http://gi.alaska.edu/HAARP) or search on facebook for UAFHAARP.

**September 6, October 9, 10 & 11**

Public hearings will be held to accept SUBSISTENCE TESTIMONY REGARDING the PRINCE of WALES LANDSCAPE LEVEL ANALYSIS (POW LLA) PROJECT in the following locations:

**September 6 – POINT BAKER** from 1 to 3pm in the Community Hall
**October 9 – KASSAN** from 5 to 7pm at the Tribal Community Hall
**October 10 – KLAWOCK** from 6 to 8pm at the Klawock Vocational & Technical Center
**October 11 – NAUKATI** from 5 to 7pm at the Naukati School

The purpose of the POW LLA Project is to improve forest ecosystem health on Craig and Thorne Bay Ranger Districts, help support community resiliency, and provide economic development through an integrated approach to meet multiple resource objectives. The Forest Service used input from local youth; an independently-formed, broadly-based collaborative group (Prince of Wales Landscape Assessment Team); the tribes; and the public to identify and address concerns in development of the POW LLA Project’s alternatives and the effects being analyzed in the FEIS. These subsistence hearings are designed to receive testimony from individuals, agencies, and organizations on the activities proposed in the POW LLA Project Area located on Prince of Wales Island and surrounding islands and how the proposed activities may potentially affect users of subsistence resources within the project area. To view the POW LLA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or sign up for electronic notifications, go to [http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/tongass/powlla](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/tongass/powlla). For more information, contact Project Leader Delilah Brigham at 907-828-3232 or email dbrigham@fs.fed.us.

**September 8 – JUNEAU**

JUNEAU - 350JUNEAU - Renewable Juneau, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, Juneau Interfaith Power and Light, and the UAS Sustainability Committee will meet at 10am at the Alaska State Capitol steps to let our state and local elected officials know that we hold them to account and demand a fast and just transition to 100% renewable energy, no new fossil fuel projects, no drilling in the Arctic, and not a penny more for dirty energy. Our guest speaker is
**Dr. DON WUEBBLES**, climate advisor to the Obama administration and member of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

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**ITEMS of INTEREST**


**VOLUNTEER and BOARD OPPORTUNITIES**

**ALASKA TRAILS SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS** - We are a grass-roots, non-profit trail organization with a mission to: Enhance the Alaska Trail experience by supporting sustainable, world-renowned trails through advocacy, education and technical assistance. Alaska Trails promotes sustainable trail systems for all users statewide. Our purposes include: Growing a robust volunteer program that provides needed trail maintenance to land managers. Raising and providing funds and assistance to organizations for trail construction, development, maintenance, promotion, safety, and education. Educating through forums, conferences, informational materials, trainings, and other activities. Developing and providing technical assistance and project support for trails. Promoting the health, social and economic benefits of trails. If you are interested in serving on the Alaska Trails board, please contact Alaska Trails at [office@alaska-trails.org](mailto:office@alaska-trails.org). Additional information about Alaska Trails is available at our website at [www.alaska-trails.org](http://www.alaska-trails.org).

**CAMPBELL CREEK ESTUARY NATURAL AREA (CCENA)** needs a LOT of volunteers to visit CCENA and walk the trails more frequently until the MOA can find a replacement for the camper hosts. Please consider taking a walk at this unique and spectacular natural area. Address to the parking lot is 9531 Selkirk Drive. Volunteers are asked to do the following as they are able or have time: 1. Walk all 3 short trails that don’t take long. 2. Pick up trash if you find any. 3. Write [bc@farak.org](mailto:bc@farak.org) to tell us that you were there. No fancy report, just the date, the time and anything notable, like, interesting wildlife or vandalism or inappropriate use such as dogs or cats at CCENA. Helpful guidelines for stewards and a copy of the posted CCENA rules are available on request from [bc@farak.org](mailto:bc@farak.org).

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-](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.

INTERNSHIPS

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**GRANT WRITER I/II/III with the ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM for the ENVIRONMENTALLY THREATENED COMMUNITIES GRANT CENTER to work with environmentally threatened communities across Alaska who are experiencing infrastructure impacts associated with flooding, erosion, and permafrost degradation. is hiring. It’s an exciting and diverse position and we’re looking for someone who is passionate to join our team. Our ideal candidate will have a grant writing background, experience working on infrastructure projects in rural communities in Alaska, and project management skills. Apply for the Grant Writer I/II/III position at https://anthc.org/anthc-job-openings/. Questions? Contact Jen Harrington at jharrington@anthc.org or 907-729-3480.

**ARCTIC PROGRAM COORDINATOR for the NORTHERN ALASKA ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER (NAEC) in Fairbanks. To see the full job description, go to https://northern.org/news/were-hiring/. This is a non-exempt, full-time position, includes health insurance, $18-19/hour DOE. Open until filled; first review of applicants on August 25.

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.

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. Note will be taken on the candidate’s experience working in other major capital fundraising campaigns. 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 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. Position is open until filled.

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.

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://www.glassdoor.com/job-listing/program-manager-akro-national-parks-conservation-association-JV_IC1134201_KO0,20 KE21,60.htm?jl=2791395870.

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@cianet.org. Visit www.cianet.org/employment.html for more details.

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