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

**September 8, October 16 & 31
Backyard Composter Trainings will be held at the Mat Su Borough’s Central Landfill on the following dates:

**September 8 from 10am to Noon
**October 16 from 11am to 1pm
**October 31 from 2 to 4pm
Free but register to reserve space by calling 861-7605 or email at compost@matsugov.us.

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 societ al 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/.
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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 SWARINGEN 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 geoexchange systems and their use for space heating and cooling and domestic hot water production. Introduces physical concepts related to harvesting shallow 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

**September 21 (WEBINAR)**

**CULTURAL CROSSROADS in PREHISTORY** with ARON CROWELL, Alaska Director of the Arctic Studies Center, Smithsonian Institution will be shown at 5pm at www.explore.org/bears.

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFPs

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.

**October 29**
Deadline for applications for the 2019 COMMUNITY BASED REMOVAL GRANT through the NOAA MARINE DEBRIS PROGRAM (MDP). This opportunity provides funding to support projects that will create long-term, quantifiable ecological habitat improvements for NOAA trust resources through on-the-ground marine debris removal activities, with priority for those targeting derelict fishing gear and other medium- and large-scale debris. Typical awards will range from $50,000 to $150,000 for projects ranging from 1-3 years in duration. While the grant is generally similar year to year, there are also differences, so we encourage anybody considering applying to read the FFO fully. For more information, go to https://blog.marinedebris.noaa.gov/now-open-fy19-grant-opportunity-community-based-marine-debris-removal-projects and https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/Marine%20Debris%20Removal%20-%20FY19_NOAA-NOS-ORR-2019-2005796.pdf. For questions on the opportunity, please contact Peter Murphy at peter.murphy@noaa.gov.

November 9
Deadline for applications for the LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANTS from the ALASKA 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

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?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.

September 7
KETCHIKAN - 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 17
SEWARD HIGHWAY – Comments are due on the Notice of Intent to Begin Engineering and Environmental Studies - SEWARD HIGHWAY PAVEMENT PRESERVATION, MILEPOST 36-48. Construction for the proposed project is anticipated to begin in Summer 2019. For more information, contact Sean Holland, Project Manager, at 269-0670 or email sean.holland@alaska.gov or Victoria Florey, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 269-0530 at victoria.florey@alaska.gov. Submit comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, at brian.elliott@alaska.gov.

**September 19
HATCHER PASS - Deadline for comments on the proposal the CHANGES on the of FIREARMS in the HATCHER PASS SPECIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT to be amended to allow the use or discharge of firearms in a possible biathlon range within a portion of the
Southern Development Area of the Government Peak Unit of the Hatcher Pass Management Plan. To see documents, go to http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/hottopics. For more information or to submit comments, contact Ashlee Adoko at 907-269-8601 or email dnr.hatcherpass.regulation@alaska.gov.

**September 20 (DEADLINE EXTENDED from September 6)**

NPR-A - Extended deadline for the PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF WILLOW PROSPECT in preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the WILLOW MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN (MDP) IN THE BEAR TOOTH UNIT (BTU) of the NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE IN ALASKA (NPR-A). The proposed project includes the construction, operation, and maintenance of a central processing facility, infrastructure pad, up to five drill pads with up to fifty wells on each pad, access and infield roads, an airstrip, pipelines, and a gravel mine on BLM-managed lands within the NPR-A. In addition, the MDP/EIS will analyze the connected action of a temporary island to facilitate module delivery via sealift barges which would occur within waters managed by the State of Alaska. ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. (ConocoPhillips) submitted a letter requesting the development of the Willow prospect in May 2018. BLM seeks to identify relevant comments, concerns and/or issues that will influence the scope of the MDP/EIS and guide its development, including the formation of alternatives to the proposal. Documents are available at https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=161457. Comments can be submitted to BLM_AK_Willow_Comments@blm.gov.

**September 24**

WRANGLER/PETERSBERG - 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 notice 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.

**September 26**

PORTAGE – Comments due on the proposed PORTAGE CURVE MULTI-MODAL CONNECTOR PATH along Seward Highway between Ingram Creek and an area north of Twentymile River. In addition to constructing a critical piece of the Iditarod National Historic Trail, the proposed project will provide a safe multimodal path separate from the highway to
connect users to recreational opportunities along a heavily used segment of the Seward Highway. This accessible infrastructure will facilitate ongoing year-round recreation in the Portage Curve area. The project will include the addition of trailhead parking areas and connections to other recreational facilities such as the Alaska Railroad Corporation and the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. The project will also provide safe access to DOT&PF proposed parking areas that will serve the subsistence hooligan fishery north of Twentymile River. The Chugach National Forest is preparing an environmental assessment for the Portage Curve Multimodal Connector Project. For more information, go to [http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/chugach/landmanagement/projects](http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/chugach/landmanagement/projects). Submit comments to Tim Charnon, Ranger, Glacier Ranger District by to tcharnon@fs.fed.us.

**September 28**

VALDEZ - Deadline for IDEAS for PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT the MISSION of the PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL (PWSRCAC) to promote environmentally safe operation of the Valdez Marine Terminal and associated tankers. PWSRCAC mandate includes but is not limited to: • monitoring the environmental impacts of the terminal facilities and the tankers that use them; • reviewing respective oil spill prevention and response contingency plans; • monitoring drills and exercises; • studying wind, water currents and other environmental factors; • reviewing new technological developments or changed circumstances; • broadly representing our constituents in the region affected by the Exxon Valdez oil spill of 1989; and, • providing advice and recommendations to industry and regulators on any findings coming from the above-mentioned tasks. The PWSRCAC Board of Directors has adopted a Strategic Plan intended to provide a five-year framework to guide the development of our annual work plan and budget. This plan builds upon the extensive foundations and work that we have accomplished over the past 29 years. Past work and research products are available at [http://www.pwsrac.org/programs/](http://www.pwsrac.org/programs/). The Board of Directors is working to update the Strategic Plan to cover the years 2019 through 2024 and your suggestions for projects that would support the mission are invited. Please provide the following information for any proposed projects: 1) Project name and brief description; 2) Why the new project is important to our organization, mission and/or our constituents; 3) What would be accomplished because of successfully completing the new project; 4) The probability of successfully completing the new project; and 5) Estimated cost. Contact Nelli Vanderburg, Project Manager Assistant at (907) 834-5030 or email nelli.vanderburg@pwsrac.org for questions regarding PWSRCAC’s long range planning process or the most appropriate staff contact related to your new project idea.

**September 28**

Comments are due on the SCORING CRITERIA for the ALASKA TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (ATAP) update to include: • Align criteria with Community Transportation Program (CTP) formatting and standards and now includes weighting. Transportation Alternatives Eligible Project Sponsors and Transportation Alternatives Eligible Project Types are included in appendices A and B. • This program will no longer be administered as a grant program. Infrastructure projects will be developed through DOT&PF or through federal agency transfers. • Matching ratio has been reduced from 20% to 9.03% (Alaska sliding scale). • The program remains consistent with Transportation Alternatives Set-aside funding requirements. For more information, go to [https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=113841](https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=113841). For additional
information or to submit comments, contact Marcheta Moulton, Small Federal Program Manager, at 907-465-8769 or email marcheta.moulton@alaska.gov.

**October 5**
ANCHORAGE - Comments are due on the Notice of Intent to BEGIN ENGINEERING and ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES on the DEARMOUN ROAD: EAST 140TH AVENUE TO HILLSIDE DRIVE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROJECT.
The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has assumed the responsibilities of the Federal Highway Administration under 23 U.S.C. 327 and is soliciting comments and information on a proposal to resurface DeArmoun Road from East 140th Avenue to Hillside Drive. Construction for the proposed project is anticipated to begin in summer 2021. For more information, contact Kevin Jackson, Project Manager, at 269-0641 or email kevin.jackson@alaska.gov or Theresa Dutchuk, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 269-0524 or email Theresa.dutchuk@alaska.gov. Submit comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, at brian.elliott@alaska.gov.

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

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 INDRA 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.

**September 15**

BELUGAS COUNT! ACTIVITIES will be held at the following locations: Turnagain & Knik Arm Viewing Stations (10am to 1pm): whale counts & information. The Alaska Zoo (1 to 5pm): booths, presentations, & family activities. Hosted by NOAA Fisheries, ADF&G and other partners. Come join the first annual Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Celebration and Citizen Count. Free. Additional Information or visit the Belugas Count! Facebook page.

**September 25 (TELECONFERENCE MEETING)**

The ALASKA HISTORICAL COMMISSION will meet in the Attwood Building, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Room 104 and by teleconference from 9am to 1pm. The public is invited to attend in person or by teleconference by calling 907-269-8714 to make advanced arrangements. The commission will review applications for projects from Certified Local Governments (CLGs), and for predevelopment and development work on properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The commission also will consider three nominations of properties in Anchorage for eligibility to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The nominations are for the Greater Friendship Baptist Church, Kulis Hangar 1, and the Block 13 Army Housing Historic District. The commission will be given brief updates on historic preservation activities since its last meeting in April. The preliminary meeting agenda is posted at www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha. The National Register nominations are available at www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha.

**October 5**

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND SCIENCE CENTER will hold a RECEPTION for friends, supporters, and partners from 5:30 to 7:30pm in Simon & Seafort’s Room 49 to kick off their year-end fundraising. Please RSVP by September 28 to Signe Fritsch.

**October 11**

Mark your calendars for the 33RD ANNUAL ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION AWARDS PRESENTATION to be held at Noon at the Williwaw. The awards recognize the remarkable achievements of individuals and organizations protecting Alaska’s environment. This year’s recipients are:

• WAYNE WEIHING, Kaasan, Celia Hunter Award for Outstanding Volunteer Achievements
• RANDALL HAGENSTEIN, Anchorage, Olaus Muir Award for Outstanding Professional Contributions
• JODE SPARKS, Sterling, Denny Wilcher Award for Young Environment Activist
• **BEN HAMILTON**, Denver, CO, Daniel Housberg Wilderness Image Award for Excellence in Film or Video
• **PATRICK RYAN**, Anchorage, Jerry S. Dixon Award for Excellence in Environmental Education
• **BERNADETTE DEMIEN TIEFF**, Fairbanks, Caleb Pungowiyi Award for Outstanding Achievements by an Alaska Native Organization or Individual
• **TRUSTEES for ALASKA**, Anchorage, Lowell Thomas, Jr. Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Conservation Organization.

To read the full biography of 2018 Awardees and learn more about each award category, go to www.alaskaconservation.org. For information on ticket purchase, contact Camille Davis at cdavis@alaskaconservation.org or call 907-433-8212.

**MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE**

**September 5, 11, & 13**
The Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts will hold public meetings to gather community input on the proposed action for the **CENTRAL TONGASS PROJECT** in the following locations:

**September 5 – WRANGELL** from 5 to 7pm at the Nolan Center  
**September 11 – KAKE** from 7 to 9pm at the Kake Senior Center  
**September 13 – PETERSBURG** from Noon to 2pm and 5 to 7pm at Holy Cross House  

The Central Tongass Project is a landscape-scale project located on the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts. The Forest Service is also seeking input on the development of a Tongass-wide **LONG-TERM, SUSTAINABLE CABIN MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**. The purpose of these meetings is to gather community input on the proposed action for the Central Tongass Project, a landscape-scale project located on the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts. At the Petersburg and Kake meetings, the Forest Service is also seeking input on the development of Long-term, Sustainable Cabin Management Strategy. A link to the NOI and the Central Tongass Scoping Report can be found on the project webpage: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/landmanagement/projects/?cid=fseprd568085. Specific written comments on the project’s proposed action will be accepted at these meetings. Comments may also be submitted electronically https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=53098. For more information, contact Project Leader Carey Case at 907-772-3871.

**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 – KLA WOCK** 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. For more information, contact Project Leader Delilah Brigham at 907-828-3232 or email dbrigham@fs.fed.us.

**September 8
HOMER - RISE FOR CLIMATE, JOBS, and JUSTICE MARCH & RALLY** will be held from Noon to 3pm and join with the coordinated national action (https://riseforclimate.org/) at WKFL Park. Following Rally, March to Mariner Park and visit information booths at Mariner Park. Listen to artist talk and tie ribbons for climate justice on DREAM, the 2018 Burning Basket (burning will be Sept 9). For more information, contact Elisa Russ at 907-399-1721 or email elisa.russ68@gmail.com.

**September 8
JUNEAU – 350 JUNEAU - 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.

**September 8 & 9 (LOCATION CORRECTION)
KODIAK - NET YOUR PROBLEM: NET HACK CHALLENGE** will be held at the Marine Science Center, 118 Trident Way. 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.alaskaoceancenter.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 12
FAIRBANKS - Open House will be held from 5 to 7m in the Hunter Elementary School Commons Room, 1630 Gillam Way to discuss THE PROPOSED PROJECT to RECONSTRUCT GILLAM WAY between 22nd Avenue and Airport Way. The public is invited to join project staff to learn about the project and provide input on the current design. The project is slated for construction starting spring 2019. For more information or to submit comments outside the public meeting, please go to http://dot.alaska.gov/nreg/gillam-way/ or contact Lauren Little, P.E., Project Manager, at 451-5371 or email lauren.little@alaska.gov. Deadline for comment is September 26.

**September 13
WASILLA - MAT-SU TRANSPORTATION FAIR will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center. The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Mat-Su Borough, cities of Palmer, Wasilla and Houston, and the Alaska Railroad Corporation invite you to view and discuss project designs, updates, and programs at this one-stop transportation fair. The family-friendly event covers roads, rails, and trails in the Mat-Su Borough and beyond. The Mat-Su Transportation Fair is free and open to the public. There is no cost for parking. For more information, goto [http://matsutranspofair.blogspot.com/](http://matsutranspofair.blogspot.com/).

**September 13**

HAINES - The UPPER LYNN CANAL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting and election at 5pm at the Haines Library. The agenda will include: • Election for four Haines seats and one Skagway seat and • Discussion of a response letter voicing concerns about habitat degradation to ADF&G Division of Habitat and the Commissioner. For more information, contact AC chair Tim McDonough at 766-2584.

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-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**

**CONSERVATION ASSOCIATE** for the ALASKA WILDERNESS LEAGUE, located in Anchorage. The ideal candidate for this position enjoys interacting with people and connecting with Alaskans that share conservation values. Primary responsibilities include developing a network and coordinating with key constituencies, mobilizing Alaskans and partners at key times, and joining a small strategic team that focuses on threats to public lands and waters statewide. Salary: Competitive D.O.E, with benefits. Position open until filled - application review begins 9/17. For more information – including the job description – click here. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, salary requirements, and three references to Andy Moderow at andy@alaskawild.org.

**VICE PRESIDENT and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** for AUDUBON located in Anchorage. The Vice President and Executive Director will 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.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** – Part time position available immediately at COOK INLET REGIONAL CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL at their Kenai office. Primary duties include planning meetings and events, arranging travel and lodging, supporting board and staff, phones and light clerical. Proficiency in Word, Outlook, Power Point, and others required. Accounting experience a plus. Wage DOE; hours to be determined. Some travel. Search open until position filled. Submit letter of interest, resume, and references by email to Jerry Rombach at jerryrombach@circac.org.

**TEMPORARY INTERMITTENT EDUCATION TECHNICIANS** for the BLM CAMPBELL CREEK SCIENCE CENTER to be part of their environmental education team. The Science Center is expanding with programs throughout Alaska. As part of the team, you will get to shape how we present and share public lands with learners around the state. For the full job description, go to https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/508818600. Application deadline is September 4. For more information, contact Nancy Patterson at 907-267-1255 or email npatterson@blm.gov.

**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. ANTHC 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/](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](https://northern.org/news/were-hiring/).

**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](https://www.audubon.org/careers/). 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.

**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](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@ciaanet.org. Visit [www.ciaanet.org/employment.html](http://www.ciaanet.org/employment.html) for more details.

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