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**WHAT’S UP**
September 5, 2018
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**CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS**

**September 7**
**KODIAK** - The **COOK INLET REGIONAL CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS** will hold their Fall Council Meeting at the Best Western Kodiak Inn and Convention Center. The public is welcome to attend the meeting which will begin at 9am. Information will be posted as it becomes available at [www.circac.org/who-we-are/council-meetings-minutes/](http://www.circac.org/who-we-are/council-meetings-minutes/).

**September 8, October 16 & 31**
**MAT-SU** - **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/](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 12 – 14**

KETCHIKAN - SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the Ted Ferry Civic Center. The Southeast Conference is the state's Regional Development Organization and federally designated Economic Development District for southeast Alaska over 300 regional municipal, Tribal, business and NGO leaders are expected. For more information, contact Robert Venables at robert@seconference.org or go to http://www.seconference.org/annual.

**September 13**

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**September 15 – November 17 (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)**

ANCHORAGE – A 10-week (on Saturdays) PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE will be held 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. This is an internationally recognized curriculum that once completed will result in a design certification in permaculture design. That certificate will allow you to start designing all over Anchorage for others. The time is now to start understanding how we can live more sustainably in Anchorage by designing new interacting systems: food systems, social systems, buildings, animal systems and more. Each week we will focus on a different system and in the end, you will get to design your own property, or a public space, or the balcony of your apartment so that you will make changes in becoming more
sustainable. We may also design something together. We will eat two meals together each Saturday. It does increase the cost of the course, but it also solidifies the relationships in the course. COST: $150/class (all meals included) OR, $1200/course (all meals included).


**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. $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 SWERINGEN 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. Workshop ($50; Registration required).

**September 22**

**NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY**

ANCHORAGE – Rebuild and restore tree swallows nesting boxes at Potter Marsh from 10am to 2pm. Meet in the main parking area at Potter Marsh. For more information, contact Sarah Bruce at 907-644-3671.

**September 22**

**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.

**September 25 & 26**

BETHEL – The KUSKOKWIM AREA REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM will meet. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and develop a plan to guide salmon fisheries enhancement in the Kuskokwim Area. This program could include salmon hatcheries or other projects that could make salmon runs better. Before any type of project is approved, however, a plan must be in place that looks at potential impacts to existing salmon runs, and other important aspects of our salmon stocks. This meeting is to work on that plan and all are invited and welcome to participate. The people who are involved in developing the plan include representatives from the federal and state government, as well as Kuskokwim residents and local experts. The agenda includes: 1. Introductory Letter from Jim Simon, Regional Planning Team Chairman. 2. Timeline that shows the process for developing a Comprehensive Salmon Plan (CSP) for the Kuskokwim River. 3. Frequently Asked Questions about the Comprehensive Salmon Plan (CSP). 4. Contact Roster: Who is on the Regional Planning Team (RPT). 5. Flyer announcing the September 25-26, 2018 meeting in Bethel. 6. May 2018 KYUK coverage of the salmon production plan-
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 geoxchange 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 12 (TELECONFERENCE)
PROPOSED DONLIN MINE: CONTAMINATION CONCERNS and THREATS to CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER, and CLEAN FOOD will be held from 9 to 10am as part of the Alaska Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE-Alaska) teleconference seminar series. If developed, the proposed Donlin Gold open-pit mine in Alaska would be one of the biggest in the world. The mine would impact 3,500 acres of wetlands in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. Blasting and processing of the ore will release substantial amounts of mercury into the air and water. The area is home to more than a dozen small Native villages that rely on subsistence fishing, hunting, and gathering for much of their food. Increasingly, communities and Native corporation shareholders are speaking out against the mine and voicing their concerns over the potential impact to fisheries, subsistence ways of life and public health. More than 10 tribes have passed anti-Donlin resolutions. Join this call to learn more about the permitting process and legal concerns, threats to fisheries, air and water quality, and how you can help ensure passage of the "Stand for Salmon" ballot initiative and prevent harm to fish, wildlife and people. SPEAKERS: TOM WALDO, Senior Staff Attorney, Earthjustice and MARY MATTHIAS, Natural Resources Director, Orutsararmiut Native Council. To join this free call, please Sign up online or call Alaska Community Action on Toxics at (907) 222-7714.

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.
September 30
DENALI NATIONAL PARK - 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](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 14**
AUKE BAY – Comments are due on the proposed AUKE BAY AMHS WASTE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM UPGRADES, PROJECT. This project was previously noticed in September 2017, under Auke Bay Ferry Terminal Modifications & Improvements, project SAMHS00084. The wastewater upgrades will be conducted independently under Project Z-70161-0000 and will no longer be included in Project SAMHS-00084. Project activities have not been modified. **Project activities (same as previously noticed):** • Decommission and remove existing on-site wastewater treatment system; • Decommission, remove and/or abandon existing marine outfall; • Install new buried pre-treatment tank and secondary treatment wastewater treatment plant; • Install new subsurface drain field. Development of this proposed project would follow a process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Based on project location and scope of work, the environmental document is anticipated to be a categorical exclusion (CE). Possible affected resources include wetlands, waters of the U.S., eagles, and cultural or historic properties. Construction is projected for 2019. Emily Haynes, Environmental Analyst, at 907-465-1826 or email emily.haynes@alaska.gov.

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](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**
JUNEAU – Comments are due on the proposed JUNEAU AUKE BAY FERRY TERMINAL MODIFICATIONS & IMPROVEMENTS. The project was last public noticed in the Juneau Empire in September 2017. The originally proposed project construction would: • Decommission
existing on-site wastewater treatment system. • Install new on-site sewage treatment disposal system for the terminal building. • Install 5-pile dolphin and floating fender at the East Stern Berth. • Add new shore-tie power connection down the East Berth transfer bridge and connection to the existing uplands electrical system. • Make terminal building refurbishments which would: o upgrade the bathroom; o remodel the ticket counter; o add new interior and exterior doors; and o replace the roof. Environmental analysis, public notice, and construction of the upland project activities mentioned in the originally proposed project description will be conducted under two other projects. The originally proposed project work has been revised to as follows: • Remove existing mooring dolphin structures’ • Install three 4-pile dolphins with fender panels and two 3-pile mooring dolphins. • Construct four access catwalks. • Modify existing stern fender panels. • Install two shore anchor struts with pile foundations above high tide line. Construction could begin as early as winter 2019. For more information and to submit comments, contact Christy Gentemann, Environmental Anal at 907-465-4524 or email christy.gentemann@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 seafight 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 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.

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. 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/. 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.
STATE-WIDE - 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. 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 8**
The THIRD ANNUAL FISH CREEK FESTIVAL in SPENARD will feature a creek cleanup, a family friendly bike parade with Mayor Ethan Berkowitz to the newest section of the Fish Creek Trail, free performances from Anchorage’s best musicians and free food for the community. The annual festival takes place this year from 10 am to 7 pm at Woodland Park (3508 Iowa Street, the corner of 36th Avenue and Iowa Street). Last year’s festival at the same location had more than 1,500 attendees. Bring the family, lawn chairs and celebrate our neighborhood!

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.alaskaoceanccluster.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 10**
The CHUGACH STATE PARK ADVISORY BOARD will meet at 6pm at the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 102. Agenda items will include the introduction of DNR-Parks Development Specialist Wendy Sailors and Recreational Trails Program updates. The Chugach State Park Advisory Board consists of at least fifteen members appointed by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. Members are selected to ensure representation of a variety of public interests and to prevent undue influence.

**September 15**
Join the ALASKA MARINE CONSERVATION COUNCIL to a fundraiser to WELCOME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JASON DINEEN and CELEBRATE WILD SALMON from 5 to 8pm at 920 R Street, at the home of former board member Karl Ohls and Evelyn Abello. Enjoy delicious Catch 49 seafood and meet our local small-scale fisherfolk who make it possible. Please RSVP by September 12 to katy@akmarine.org.

**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 18 & October 13**
Public Hearings will be held on the CITIZEN INITIATIVE 17FSH2 (BALLOT MEASURE 1) that will appear on the November 6 general election ballot from 2 to 4pm in the Legislative Information Office Auditorium. AS 15.45.195 requires a minimum of two public hearings on the initiative be held in each of Alaska's four judicial districts prior to October 6, 2018. Each hearing will last two hours. Public testimony will be in-person only and limited to two minutes per person. The public may begin signing up to speak a half hour before the hearing begins. You can
listen to live testimony online at http://akl.tv, or toll-free by telephone (For Juneau callers: 586-9085; For Anchorage callers: 563-9085; Toll-free anywhere else: 844-586-9085.) Comments may be submitted at Leave a Comment. STATEWIDE TELECONFERENCE ONLY SESSION will be held from 1 to 3 pm on October 13. Testimony will be taken only over the phone for this hearing. For Anchorage callers: 563-9085.

**September 19 (TELECONFERENCE MEETING)**
SNOWMOBILE TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL (SNOWTRAC) ANNUAL MEETING will be held from 9 am to Noon in the Conference Room 1270 of the Atwood Building, 550 W 7th Avenue. The agenda will include discussion of various SnowTRAC issues as well as review of trail grooming requests. The public is invited to participate in person or via free teleconference. The number to call is: (866) 918-8374 and enter Conference code 5569714090.

September 25 (TELECONFERENCE MEETING)
The ALASKA HISTORICAL COMMISSION will meet in the Attwood Building, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Room 104 and by teleconference from 9 am to 1 pm. 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.

**September 26**
8th INSTALLMENT of the TRAIL TALES STORYTELLING SERIES will be held at the 49th State Brewing J. Doors open at 6:30 and stories start at 7 pm. In the spirit of Arctic Entries, storytellers will share seven-minute stories about their trail experiences, adventures and life in general. Come enjoy this fun event and support Alaska Trails and the Chugach Park Fund. Food and drinks will be available for purchase throughout the evening. Tickets are available at http://www.alaska-trails.org/trailtales.html.

**October 4**
BALLOT MEASURE 1 - THE SALMON INITIATIVE: BEYOND THE RHETORIC, a forum presented by Alaska Common Ground will be held from 7 to 9 pm at the 49th State Brewery. Wondering how to vote on ballot measure 1 this November? This is a great opportunity to learn about the existing law and what this measure would change. Hear panelists present reasons to vote for or against this measure. Get your questions answered. Journalist John Tracy will moderate. Please note: There will only be beverage service and pizza by the slice available in the Theater. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Suggested $10 donation. This event is cosponsored by the Anchorage Public Library.

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 DEMIENTIEFF, 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 8, 21 & 22, October 6
Alaska Trails is collaborating with both the Mat-Su Borough and Hatcher Pass State Park for a series of VOLUNTEER TRAIL DAYS at the following locations:
**September 8 - Lazy Moose Trail from 9am to 4pm
**September 21 & 22 – Hatcher Pass State Park
**October 6 – Lazy Moose Trail from 9am to 4pm
Come out for fun day (or more) to help maintain these great trails. Thanks to a grant from the Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation. For more details and registration for the events, go to http://www.alaska-trails.org/current-volunteer-events.html.

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

**September 7, 10, 11, 21, 24, 25, 29, October 13**
Public Hearings will be held on the CITIZEN INITIATIVE 17FSH2 (BALLOT MEASURE 1) that will appear on the November 6 general election ballot in the following locations:
- **September 7** – JUNEAU from 9 to 11am in Capitol Committee Rooms 203 & 205, State Capitol Building, 120 4th Street, Juneau, AK 99801
- **September 10** – KOTZEBUE from 1:30 to 3:30pm in the Borough Assembly Chambers
- **September 11** – NOME from 1 to 3pm in City Council Chambers Rooms 5 & 6
- **September 21** – SITKA from 10am to Noon at Harrigan Centennial Hall
- **September 24** – FAIRBANKS from 2 to 4pm in the Legislative Information Office, Suite 308
- **September 25** – BETHELI from 2 to 4pm at the Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center
- **September 29** – DILLINGHAM from 2 to 4pm on the Bristol Bay Campus

**October 13** - STATEWIDE TELECONFERENCE ONLY SESSION from 1 to 3pm. Testimony will be taken only over the phone for this hearing. For Juneau callers: 586-9085; For Anchorage callers: 563-9085; Toll-free anywhere else: 844-586-9085.

AS 15.45.195 requires a minimum of two public hearings on the initiative be held in each of Alaska’s four judicial districts prior to October 6, 2018. Each hearing will last two hours. Public
testimony will be in-person only and limited to two minutes per person. The public may begin signing up to speak a half hour before the hearing begins. You can listen to live testimony online at http://akl.tv, or toll-free by telephone (For Juneau callers: 586-9085; For Anchorage callers: 563-9085; Toll-free anywhere else: 844-586-9085.) Comments may be submitted at Leave a Comment.

**September 8**
FAIRBANKS - FAIRBANKS MARCH FOR CLIMATE, JOBS & JUSTICE will be held from 10am to Noon at the Noel Wien Library. On Saturday, thousands of rallies will be held in cities and towns around the world to demand our local leaders commit to building a fossil fuel free world that works for all of us. Fairbanks residents will demand that our city lead Alaska in a rapid transition to a clean energy economy through local initiatives like the Solar in your Community. We will march from the Noel Wien Library to the Fairbanks North Star Borough building and will hear from community leaders who are leading the fight for climate justice.

**September 8**
FAIRBANKS – WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL: WHERE ACTIVISM IS INSPIRED will be held at 5pm in the UAF Schaible Auditorium. The film festival, featuring inspiring, enlightening, and fun films from around the world. We've chosen eleven films that speak to issues and values of our communities. Check out our film program here. Tickets are available online here, and at the door, for $20 and $10 for students. Proceeds will benefit the Northern Center.

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
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.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 10
KODIAK - KODIAK STATE PARK ADVISORY BOARD will meet at 7pm in the Ft. Abercrombie State Historical Park District office. Topics to include: Staff updates from summer season; Planning and scoping for potential Public Use Cabin funding; Plans for Recreational Trail Grant applications. If you are interested in the Kodiak area State Parks, or have any comments, questions or concerns - please join us or call 486- 6339. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**September 11
CORDOVA - MILES LAKE SONAR PROJECT is the program with SHANE SHEPHERD, AK Dept. Fish & Game at 7pm on the 3rd floor of the USFS building. Learn how sonar technology is used to monitor salmon spawning migrations on the Copper River and provide critical information to commercial fishery managers. We’ll discuss the Copper River, salmon biology, how sonar is used on the project, and new research being conducted through collaboration with fishery stakeholders. Come see the sonar imagery that plays an important role in our local fisheries!

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, go to 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.

**September 17
The **NORTHERN ALASKA STATE PARKS CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD** will from 5 to 6:30pm at the Dept of Natural Resource building, 3700 Airport Way. The public is invited to attend. For additional information contact park superintendent, Brooks Ludwig, at 451-2698 or email brooks.ludwig@alaska.gov.

**September 25**

**MAT-SU** - Celebrate the **SETTLERS BAY COASTAL PARK** from 6 to 8pm at the Settlers Bay Golf Course! Come out to hear updates about the future of the park and learn how you can become a park steward. For more details, or to RSVP, visit our [Facebook event page](#).

**ITEMS of INTEREST**


**VOLUNTEER and BOARD OPPORTUNITIES**

**BLM CAMPBELL CREEK SCIENCE CENTER SEEKS VOLUNTEER for EVENING PROGRAMS.** Join the dynamic team at the and enjoy interesting science lectures! The Science Center is looking for a volunteer to assist with its popular Fireside Chat evening lecture series. Work will include setting up chairs for each program and stacking and putting them away afterwards, setting up and putting away refreshments (hot water and coffee pots, mugs, hot drink fixings, cookies), and welcoming members of the public as they arrive. Work may also include setting out lanterns along the main pathway, rinsing cups, and running the Center's dishwasher. The volunteer will work in a fun, supportive atmosphere and get to listen to programs on a variety of science topics. Fireside Chats occur once a month (typically on the third Wednesday of the month), October through April. With set up and take down, volunteer would be onsite from 6 to 9pm. For more information and to apply, please contact Luise Woelflein at lwoelfle@blm.gov.

**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 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.

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**

**DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE** for the ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION in Anchorage to be is responsible for coordinating and implementing a diversified fundraising plan that includes donor stewardship, annual giving, major gift management, and major donor events and serves as the database administrator. **Qualifications:** 2-4 years’ experience in fundraising, communications, marketing, non-profit management or closely related field preferred. 1-3 years coordinating or assisting with special events. Strong written and verbal communication and editing skills. Strong problem solving, organization and prioritization skills. Eagerness to work as part of a team, especially in a supportive role, to expand the donor base and visibility of Alaska Conservation Foundation. Demonstrated ability to effectively manage multiple projects and deadlines at one time. High level of initiative and desire to meet specific goals. A passion for Alaska Conservation Foundation mission and an eagerness to support its sustainable business practices. Strong computer skills, including MS Office suite and Google suite. Experience with Salesforce Click and Pledge, or other CRM and third-party processing systems, preferred. Bachelor’s Degree preferred. To see the full job description, go to https://alaskaconservation.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2018.08.31-Development-Associate-Job-Posting.pdf. Send a resume and cover letter to acfjobs@alaskaconservation.org. Deadline for applications is September 30.

**NAPCA NEEDS a SENIOR 55 YEARS of AGE or OLDER** (PL-98-313) to work under the Senior Environmental Employment (See) Program, for the U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), REGION 10, TRIBAL WASTE PROGRAM in Anchorage. **Qualifications:** Must be at least 55 years of age. Must have a college degree, or at least ten years of related experience in the environmental field, especially in solid waste management. Must be proficient in PC, Windows, MS Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. Must have excellent written, organizational and communication skills. Applicant will be subject to, and must pass, federal security clearance procedures. **Responsibilities and Duties:** Function as a liaison between Alaska Tribes and the EPA. Provide tribes with solid waste management compliance assistance, outreach/ education, technical assistance/ training, data collection, field report writing, and other duties as required. Provide technical assistance on all facets of sustainable waste management to federally recognized tribes in Alaska. Directly support tribes by providing them with multiple types of information on waste resources, such as useful/ related
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.

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. 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.

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.

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
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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