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

October 26 & 27, November 2 & 3, November 15 & 16  
A TASTE OF THE WILD: ALASKA PROJECT LEARNING TREE, WILDFIRE & YOU, PROJECT WET, PROJECT WILD, AITC WORKSHOP will be held from 6 to 9pm on Friday and 9am to 5pm on Saturday in the following locations:  
   October 26-27 in JUNEAU  
   November 2 & 3 in KENAI  
   November 15 & 16 in PALMER  
Engaging hands-on workshop to prepare you for both formal and non-formal educational opportunities. Great for teachers, youth organization leaders, camp directors and more! Receive PLT’s PreK-8 Environmental Education Activity Guide and other exciting outdoor education resources. UAF continuing education credit. Cost: $120 (please bring a computer, bag lunch/snacks and outdoor clothing) *Minimum of 6 participants/maximum of 20, signup deadline 10/8/18*. For registration information or Questions, contact Lee Hecimovich at 907-745-3360 or email dahecimovich@alaska.edu.

October 16 & 31  
MAT-SU - BACKYARD COMPOSTER TRAININGS will be held at the Mat Su Borough's Central Landfill on the following dates:  
   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.

**WEBINARS & TELECONFERENCES**

October 13  
STATEWIDE TELECONFERENCE ONLY SESSION will be held on the from 1to 3pm on the CITIZEN INITIATIVE 17FSH2 (BALLOT MEASURE 1) that will appear on the November 6 general election ballot. 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.

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

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%20FY19_NOAA-NOS-ORR-2019-2005796.pdf. For questions on the opportunity, please contact Peter Murphy at peter.murphy@noaa.gov. November 5 Deadline for the **ALASKA CLEAN WATER ACTIONS (ACWA) GRANT**. Up to $800,000 may be available for clean water projects for the next two years through ACWA grants. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), along with the Departments of Natural Resources and Fish & Game, solicit proposals for clean water projects. The funds are granted to local communities and citizens groups for projects that monitor and restore Alaska’s high priority water bodies. Projects may be implemented over two years, beginning in 2019 and closing out in early 2021. This change to two-year projects better accommodates field sampling and short construction seasons. Project proposals will be accepted for implementation during a two-year period, 2019-2020. Projects will begin on or around March 1, 2019 and must be completed by February 28, 2021. Three categories of projects will be considered for funding through this solicitation. All solicited actions are described in Appendix C/D. The categories are: 1. ACWA Waterbody Specific actions for projects that address identified water resource protection or restoration activities. 2. ACWA Stewardship (Statewide or Regional) actions for projects that address identified broad scale stewardship concerns. 3. ACWA Marine Beach actions. For more information, a Webinar will be held on October 16, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. to answer any questions. Also, see: http://dec.alaska.gov/water/acwa/onlineACWAapp.htm or contact Chandra McGee at 451-2140 or chandra.mcgee@alaska.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. December 14 Deadline for proposals for the **2019 MARINE DEBRIS RESEARCH GRANT**. This opportunity provides funding for research directly related to marine debris through field, laboratory, and modeling experiments. Successful project proposals will explore the ecological risk associated with marine debris, determine debris exposure levels, examine the fate and transport of marine debris in nearshore coastal environments, and/or quantify habitat impacts.
resulting from marine debris. Projects may address one or more of these research priorities and should be original, hypothesis-driven projects that have not previously been addressed to scientific standards. Typical awards will range from $150,000 - $250,000. For questions on the opportunity, please contact Peter Murphy at peter.murphy@noaa.gov. For more information, go to https://blog.marinedebris.noaa.gov/now-open-fy19-grant-opportunity-marine-debris-research-projects and https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/NOAA-NOS-ORR-2019-2005817%20FFO%20Report%20%281%29.pdf.

**DEADLINES**

October 15
Deadline for comments for the ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) and a PUBLIC RULEMAKING PROCESS to ADDRESS the MANAGEMENT of INVENTORIED ROADLESS AREAS on the TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST. This rulemaking is the result of a petition submitted by Governor Bill Walker’s administration in January 2018 on behalf of the State of Alaska, pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act. The intent is to evaluate the regulatory exemption set forth in the petition, as well as to evaluate other management solutions that address infrastructure, timber, energy, mining, access, and transportation needs to further Alaska’s economic development, while still conserving roadless areas for future generations. In response to the State of Alaska's petition for rulemaking, the Department, Forest Service, and State of Alaska agree that the controversy surrounding the management of roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest may be resolved through state-specific rulemaking. A long-term, durable approach to roadless area management is needed that accommodates the unique biological, social and economic situation in and around the Tongass National Forest. The Department proposes to develop a durable and long-lasting regulation for the conservation and management of roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest. The state-specific roadless rule would establish a land classification system designed to conserve roadless area characteristics on the Tongass National Forest while accommodating timber harvesting and road construction/reconstruction activities that are determined to be needed for forest management, economic development opportunities, and the exercise of valid existing rights or other non-discretionary legal authorities. The other alternatives being considered at this time are the no-action alternative, which is the continuation of current management of the Tongass National Forest in Alaska in accordance with the 2001 Roadless Rule, and an alternative that would exempt the Tongass National Forest from the provisions of that 2001 Roadless Rule, but leave current management under the 2001 Roadless Rule in place on the Chugach National Forest. To see the full Federal Register publication, go to https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/08/30/2018-18937/roadless-area-conservation-national-forest-system-lands-in-alaska. **Deadline for comment is October 15.**

**October 17**
KETCHIKAN - Comments are due on the proposed BROWN MOUNTAIN FUELWOOD PROJECT. The purpose of this project is to provide opportunities to small commercial operators to harvest trees for fuelwood and other specialty products for purchase. This project would provide both green and dead trees from 62 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands along National Forest Road 8005100 (Brown Mountain Road) on Revillagigedo Island. To review the proposal go to https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54628. Your input is important and will help the project interdisciplinary team identify and address issues and concerns related to the proposed project. For more information, contact Daryl Bingham, Team
October 19
Deadline for comments on the DRAFT KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK AND KACHEMAK BAY STATE WILDERNESS PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN
The Department of Natural Resources has released the Public Review Draft (PRD) of the Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park Management Plan for public review and comment. The PRD provides management guidance and facility recommendations for the park areas and includes guidance for Diamond Creek State Recreation Site, Eveline State Recreation Site and Overlook Park State Recreation Site as well. Much has happened since the last management plan was adopted in 1995. Changes in community infrastructure, economic trends, and ecotourism have resulted in increased use of the park and raised land use concerns. The goal of this plan revision is to address changing patterns in recreational use, address management issues and update recommendations for facility development. Additionally, a trail management plan that provides trail sustainability recommendations, trail design and management criteria for the park areas is also included for review. The PRD is also available at http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/plans/kbay/kbayplan.htm. For more information or to submit comments, contact Monica Alvarez at monica.alvarez@alaska.gov.

November 5
Deadline for National Park Service ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT to ALASKA SPORT HUNTING REGULATIONS that evaluates the possible impacts of a proposal to amend its regulations for sport hunting and trapping on national preserves in Alaska. The proposal would establish better consistency with state regulations by removing regulatory provisions issued in 2015 that prohibit certain hunting practices that are otherwise permitted by the State of Alaska. Since the 2015 provisions were implemented, the Department of the Interior has issued two Secretarial Orders directing greater collaboration with state, tribal, and territorial partners in the management of recreational hunting and trapping on Department managed lands and waters. The proposed amendments to regulations would only apply to hunting on Alaska national preserves. National Parks in Alaska would not be affected by the proposed changes. The EA is a separate document from the proposed rule, which the NPS released for public comment on May 22 and which the comment deadline has been extended (see above). To see the EA go to https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=1&projectID=83079&documentID=90507. The public is encouraged to submit comments on the EA through the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at: https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=83079.

EVENTS & MEETINGS in ANCHORAGE, EAGLE RIVER & GIRDWOOD

**October 15 & 16, 17
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES: WORK SESSION AND JOINT PROTOCOL COMMITTEE will meet beginning at 8:30am for the work session on the 15 & 16 and 9am for the protocol meeting on the 17 at the Egan Civic & Convention Center. No regulatory action will be taken at the work session. Agenda topics may include: election of officers, agenda change requests, petitions, meeting organization and establishment of committees for the 2018/2019
meeting cycle, location and date selection for the 2020/2021 meeting cycle, informational reports, creation of board generated proposals, approval of the 2019/2020 call for proposals, and/or administrative issues that may come before the board. The board may choose to go into executive session. The board will also take up items under a miscellaneous business agenda. Included in the work session will be an overview of the Alaska salmon enhancement program. The board will hear from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game on salmon enhancement’s regulatory structure and permitting process, enhancement production and economic value, a literature review and an overview of the Alaska Hatchery-Wild Interaction study. The board will then host a public discussion on Alaska hatcheries. This session is intended to take place October 16, starting at 1:30pm. This two-day meeting is open to the public. A live audio stream is intended to be available on the board’s website at www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov. The agenda and any other meeting documents are available at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo.

**October 18**
Join DEFEND THE SACRED AK FOR OUR BODIES, OUR LANDS, OUR WATER - a rally and march at Town Square Park from Noon to 1:30pm. There is a direct correlation between violence against the earth and violence against women. We cannot stand up for one without standing up for the other. The health of our people is directly tied to the health of the land. The numbers of missing and murdered Indigenous women is too much, it must end. We stand against further violations of the land and waters. Join us to show your support and to hear about solutions. More information can be found on the Facebook event page here at https://m.facebook.com/events/2326893834004886.

**October 18**
THE EBB AND FLOW OF ALASKA’S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND MOVING BEYOND OIL will be presented by Kate Troll at the Cook Inlet Historical Society meeting at 7pm in the Anchorage Museum auditorium. Using laws passed in 1990 as the high mark, Kate Troll provides an insider's view of the roller coaster ride that environmental protection has been on in Alaska. The roller coaster ride continues to this day as exemplified in the dueling Stand for Salmon and Stand for Alaska campaigns. Troll, in her historical overview, explores the role of gubernatorial leadership and outside events in shaping Alaska's overall track record on environmental and habitat protection measures. Then shifting gears, Ms. Troll examines the open question of whether Alaska is capable of moving beyond a notable economic dependence on oil and gas. The context for exploring this question is be global climate change and the growing clean energy economy. Kate Troll has more than 22 years of experience in climate and energy policy, fisheries and coastal management. Troll was appointed by Gov. Palin to serve on the Alaska Climate Mitigation Advisory Board, and was the only Alaskan invited to participate in Gov. Schwarzenegger’s 2008 Global Climate Summit. Troll recently published a creative non-fiction entitled, "The Great Unconformity: Reflections on Hope in an Imperiled World." Free; use the museum’s 7th Avenue entrance.

October 19
ALASKA TRAILS FALL FUNDRAISER will be held from 6:30 to 10pm at the 49th State Brewing Co. The Alaska Trails Fall Fundraiser is an opportunity for our members to meet and greet the Alaska Trails board and staff. Live music from the Hot Club of Nunaka! There will be door prizes, a silent auction featuring outdoor gear and adventures and much more. Alaska Trails will give an update on the exciting summer projects that the Alaska Trail Stewards have been
working on and a look at what's to come this winter and next year for Alaska Trails. Throughout the evening food and drinks will be available for purchase. Tickets at http://www.alaska-trails.org/fall-fundraiser.html.

**October 25**
The ANCHORAGE FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE FISH SUBCOMMITTEE will meet at 6pm in the ReMax Dynamic Properties conference room, 3350 Midtown Plaza, Ste 104. Agenda will include preparing comments on the Bristol Bay Finfish proposals 18 – 62. For more information contact Martin Weiser at mweiser@crsalaska.com. Information on the Board proposals can be found at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.main.

**October 29**
ALASKA QUIET RIGHTS COALITION ANNUAL MEETING will be held from 7 to 9pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Homer author-naturalist MARILYN SIGMAN will be presenting her new book, Entangled, that explores the interactions and entanglements of people and their environment in Kachemak Bay over the last 9,000 years. Open to the public.

**October 30**
The ANCHORAGE FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE’S GAME SUBCOMMITTEE will meet at 6:30pm in the Bass Pro conference room, 3046 Mountain View Drive. Agenda will include a discussion of the Board of Game Southcentral Region proposals beginning with #131 – 132 (antlerless moose), Proposal 140 (resident brown bear tag fee exemption), Proposals 143 -145 to allow for discussion, #110 – 130 (GMU 14C) and then going back to 54 as time allows for this meeting. For more information contact Matt Moore at matt.moore@akrehab.com or 360-0905.

**October 31**
Deadline for applications to serve on the CHUGACH STATE PARK CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD. The role of the advisory board is to advise the Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation on matters involving Chugach State Park, to promote protection of the park’s natural and cultural resources, and to facilitate communication between the public and park managers. Board members represent a broad spectrum of public interests and the nomination process is designed to ensure that no single viewpoint dominates the board. In addition, the board’s bylaws call upon each member to represent all-encompassing public interests that are consistent with park purposes rather than advocate for a specific group. Board members serve for three years and terms are staggered so that seats open each year. Applicants will be considered for the term beginning in January 2019. An application form may be obtained at http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/misc/chugachstateprkappv7.pdf. For more information, contact Kurt Hensel at 907-345-5014 or email kurt.hensel@alaska.gov.

MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE

October 15
JUNEAU – A post-season discussion about MINIMIZING CROWDING and CONFLICT BETWEEN USER GROUPS within the HOONAH, JUNEAU, SITKA, and PETERSBURG RANGER DISTRICTS and ADMIRALTY ISLAND NATIONAL MONUMENT from 1 to 5pm at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. These areas fall within the Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide Record of Decision (ROD) project area and Petersburg Outfitter
and Guide Management Plan Decision Notice (DN) project area. This meeting will focus on: • Collecting feedback on user group interactions related to outfitter/guide use during the 2018 spring and fall seasons. • Identifying improvements to the Best Management Practices Agreement between big game hunting guides and small cruise vessels. • Discussing ideas for longer-term actions to further reduce crowding and conflict and build collaborative behaviors. This is not a Federal Advisory Committee and we are not seeking group consensus. This is an ad-hoc collaborative group open to all who share an interest in successfully implementing the Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide ROD and Petersburg Outfitter and Guide Management Plan DN. The Forest Service is acting as facilitator between interested stakeholders with the goal of achieving shared stewardship of the resource within the existing ROD and DN frameworks. If agency action is needed, the Forest Service will consider all input when making agency decisions. The Petersburg DN was also designed to limit conflicts between user groups and provides for flexibility to address impacts or conflicts that become apparent during monitoring. In response to the small cruise vessel request, the Forest Service facilitated a series of conversations in the winter of 2018 between big game hunting guides and small cruise vessel operators. These conversations explored potential solutions for both groups to operate at the same time within the Shoreline II project area and parts of the Petersburg Ranger District. Outcomes and agreements from this process are recorded in a best management practices agreement, with a commitment from all involved to put it into practice during the 2018 operating season. This process did not result in any agency decisions or actions. This is a voluntary program and permit holders expressed their commitment to work together to provide opportunity for quality visitor experiences for both groups' clients, and to protect the forest resources integral to both groups' business models. The group agreed to come back together in October 2018 to evaluate the season and discuss any needed improvements to the program.

**October 16**

**JUNEAU** - Public meeting will be held from 1 to 5pm in the Juneau Ranger Office on the collaborative effort to help IMPLEMENT the SHORELINE II OUTFITTER/GUIDE PROJECT RECORD of DECISION (ROD) and UNIT 4 BROWN BEAR MANAGEMENT STRATEGY. The ROD stated that the Forest Service will work across Ranger District boundaries and with big game guides to address prospectus and change of ownership issues collaboratively. Further, it stated that the implementation depends on continued collaboration and cooperation of State and Federal agencies, outfitter/guides, and the public. The intent of this process is to provide consistency in implementation across Ranger Districts, and provide stakeholders a voice in how these actions occur. This is not a Federal Advisory Committee and we are not seeking group consensus. Our effort will be focused on: 1. Change of ownership decisions related to guided brown bear hunting special use authorizations in Game Management Unit 4 (GMU 4), and 2. Defining the conditions in which a prospectus may be made available to provide opportunities for new brown bear guide businesses to obtain special use authorizations in GMU 4. There may be other Shoreline II implementation topics of interest to this group. The Forest Service and Alaska Department of Fish & Game are creating the opportunity for dialogue and will be engaged if there is continued interest from stakeholders. For more information: • Shoreline II Outfitter/Guide ROD: http://go.usa.gov/Pzi • Unit 4 Brown Bear Management Strategy: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/research/plans/pdfs/u4rep.pdf.

**October 16**

**SEWARD** - Public Open House will be held from 5 to 7pm in the Seward Community Library to discuss the SEWARD HIGHWAY MP 17-22.5 REHABILITATION PROJECT. The
project’s design is 95% complete, and construction is slated to begin in spring/summer 2019. Participants may attend at any time between 5:00 and 7:00pm. Project team members will be present to explain the project and answer questions. For more information, contact Katherine Wood, Public Involvement Lead, at 907-644-2153.

October 16
FAIRBANKS – Public open house will be held from 5:30 to 8pm with a presentation at 6pm at the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center, 3605 Cartwright Court, to discuss the FAIRBANKS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EASTSIDE MASTER PLAN UPDATE. The Master Plan will map out a 20-year plan for airport development. Members of the master plan team will describe the master plan process, present preliminary master plan alternatives, and document public comments on the alternatives. Comments received during the meeting will be considered in the Master Plan Update. For more information concerning the project go to www.faieastsidemasterplan.com or contact Alexa Greene, DOWL Public Involvement Lead and Transportation Planner at FAIEastsideMasterPlan@dowl.com or call (907) 374-0275.

**October 16 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)
SOLDOTNA/HOMER - FRIENDS OF ALASKA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES will meet at 5pm at the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center in Soldotna and at Islands and Ocean Visitor Center in Homer. You can teleconference from home by calling in a few minutes before 5pm at 866-556-2149, code :8165747# and by downloading the program to your computer the day of the meeting at https://alaskarefugefriends.org/2018-september-membership-meeting/. Come along on a VIRTUAL VISIT to the TOGIAK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE'S STUNNING CAPE PIERCE. Walrus and puffins play where this dramatic cape plunges into the sea in far western Alaska. The program will be presented by Togiak's Refuge Manager, SUSANNA HENRY who will introduce us to the wildlife of the Cape and some of Togiak's management challenges. Come learn about this exotic place and hear about upcoming Friends activities. All are welcome. For more information about Friends, contact Poppy Benson at poppyb.ak@gmail.com.

October 16
SEWARD - The SEWARD FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will at 7pm in the Seward City Council chambers. Agenda will include a report on Board of Fisheries work session, fish and game proposals, and any other items of interest.

**October 17
FAIRBANKS - The FAIRBANKS METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (FMATS) will hold a Policy Board Meeting from Noon to 2pm in the Fairbanks City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall, 800 Cushman Street. The public is welcome to attend. Main Agenda Items include: FMATS Transition Update; Metropolitan Transportation Plan Public Review Draft; FFY19 Improvement Program Project Priorities; Winter Maintenance Forum – October 23, 2018; Metropolitan Transportation Plan Open House – October 24, 2018. To participate via telephone please call (907) 459-6769. For more information, contact Jackson Fox, FMATS Executive Director at (907) 459-6786, email jackson.fox@fmats.us or go to www.fmats.us.

**October 19
COPPER CENTER - WONDERS of the WANDERING ARCTIC LAMPREY will be presented by Dr. J. ANDRES LOPEZ of University of Alaska Fairbanks Museum of the North at 7pm in the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Auditorium. Dr. Lopez will share his research on this fascinating and little-known denizen of our rivers. Presented by Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment in cooperation with Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, Prince William Sound College, and Copper Country Alliance. For more information, go to www.wise-edu.org or call (907) 822-3575.

**October 19**
SELDOVIA - The SELDOVIA FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at 6pm in the City Multi-purpose Room. Agenda will include: Joint Board Proposals 20 and 22; Board of Fisheries Proposals 166 and 171; Board of Game from Proposal 60 to 91 to include proposals on Moose, Goats, Ptarmigan, and Discharge of “certain” weapons within ½ mile of any residence and any other business that may properly come before the committee. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information contact Michael Opheim at 240-0568.

**October 22**
GLENNALLEN - The COPPER BASIN FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold an election meeting at 5:30pm at the Glennallen High School. Agenda will also include preparing comments on Statewide Board of Fisheries proposals 161 – 173; Board of Game proposals 128, 131, 140-141; Joint Board proposals 11 – 12, 16-40; and any other business that may properly come before the committee. For more information contact Alysia Hancock at 822-4174.

**October 22 & 23**
Public informational meetings regarding the DENALI NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE WINTER AND SHOULDER SEASON PLANNING EFFORT will be held at the following locations;

**October 22 - DENALI NATIONAL PARK** from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the Murie Science and Learning Center

**October 23 – FAIRBANKS** from 5:30 to 7:30, presentation at 6pm at the Morris Thompson Cultural Center. While the winter and shoulder season planning effort is underway, Denali will continue to plow the Park Road to the Mountain Vista Rest Area (mile 12) beginning in February. The park began a five-year trial period of winter plowing to Mountain Vista in 2014 to provide additional opportunities for winter visitors and monitor the resource impacts from plowing. This trial period ended in early 2018 and was extended for up two seasons while planning is ongoing. Visitation between October and April has increased approximately 350 percent during the past five years, while annual visitation during the same period increased much less dramatically, by approximately 17 percent. For more information about visiting Denali in the winter, visit the park’s website at https://www.nps.gov/dena/planyourvisit/winter-activities.htm. For more information about the Winter and Shoulder Season Plan, go https://www.nps.gov/dena/getinvolved/winter-plan.htm or contact Jennifer Johnston, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at 907-683-6240 or email dena_planning@nps.gov.

**October 24**
WEST ANCHORAGE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES FORUM will take place from 6 to 8:40pm in the Spenard Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room, 2020 W. 48th Ave. The public is invited to hear West Anchorage legislative senate and representative candidates on important
issues you care about. Starting at 6pm, visit with candidates, and enjoy refreshments. At 6:15
attendees will have an opportunity to hear pro and con presentations on the Stand For Salmon
November 6th Ballot Measure No. 1. The Candidates Forum begins at 6:30, starting with Senate
Candidates, and followed by Representative Candidates. Public will have an opportunity to ask
questions. Sponsored by North Star, Sand Lake, Spenard, Taku-Campbell and Turnagain
Community Councils. For more information, contact Turnagain Community Council President
Cathy Gleason, email cathy.gleasontcc@yahoo.com or call 248-0442.

**October 25
JUNEAU - The JUNEAU-DOUGLAS FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will
hold a public meeting and election at a, meeting time and location to be determined. The agenda
will include the following items: Elections for expired/vacant seats; Board of Game proposals.
For further information, contact Lena Gilbertson at 907.465.4046 or email
lena.gilbertson@alaska.gov.

**October 25 & 26
COPPER CENTER - The WRANGLER-ELIAS SUBSISTENCE RESOURCE
COMMISSION will meet at the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Visitor Center
beginning to consider a range of issues related to subsistence hunting and fishing in the park.
Commission business will include an opportunity to comment on proposals to change federal
subsistence fisheries regulations as well as presentations on the 2018 Copper River salmon
season and the Native Village of Eyak’s Copper River Chinook Salmon escapement monitoring.
The meeting is open to the public, and public testimony opportunities are provided. Members of
the public are encouraged to attend. Written comments may also be submitted through the park
subsistence coordinator by Monday, October 22, for presentation at the meeting. The meeting
will begin at 9am each day. On October 25, the meeting will recess for the day at approximately
5pm, and on October 26, it will adjourn when business is completed. If the SRC completes its
business on October 25, no meeting will take place on October 26. Additional information,
including a draft meeting agenda, may be obtained by calling Barbara Cellarius, subsistence
coordinator for Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, at 822-7236, or email
Barbara_cellarius@nps.gov.

ITEMS of INTEREST

**SOLARIZE ANCHORAGE is a community-based approach to reduce the upfront cost of
residential solar photovoltaic (PV) installations. The Solarize campaign brings neighborhood
homeowners together to purchase solar installations in bulk and receive a volume discount,
thereby making residential solar PV energy more accessible and affordable. The Alaska Center
and the Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP) at the University of Alaska established the
Solarize Anchorage program in 2018. A pilot campaign was conducted in the Airport Heights
neighborhood and found great success, with over 30 homeowners signing contracts for solar PV
installations. Based on this initial success and demand from other neighborhoods in Anchorage,
the Solarize Anchorage organizers will be expanding the campaign to include additional
neighborhoods in 2019. Interested neighborhoods are invited to submit this form of interest
addressing the following criteria necessary for a successful Solarize campaign. Criteria includes:
• Gather 50 signatures from residents in your neighborhood who are interested in a Solarize
campaign. Neighborhoods are defined as community council boundary areas. Please send the
signatures as an attachment to kristen@akcenter.org. The signatures should include name, email,
address, and phone numbers. • Explain how your neighborhood will publicize this opportunity and make sure residents and homeowners know the program is happening in your area. • List supportive businesses or community spaces in your area that would allow for public meetings and presentations. • List at least two campaign liaisons for your neighborhood. These community members will be responsible for connecting the community to the campaign, serving on the installer interview committee, and supporting the campaign action items. Please submit the listed items to kristen@akcenter.org by October 31.

**THE ALASKA CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS to the GOVERNOR** report has been released. This report is the product of the Climate Action Leadership Team (CALT), a broad stakeholder group created by Administrative Order 298, issued in October 2017. The report contains solid recommendations for mitigating climate change impacts and causes in Alaska. The report is divided into six separate sections: Communities and Partnerships, Human and Ecosystem Health, Economic Opportunity, Clean Energy, Outreach and Education, and Investment. The entirety of the report and its recommendations are motivational, from planning and coordination recommendations to a recommendation to “Prepare for and promote a rapid transition to electric vehicles (EV) and lower carbon fuels for transportation…” and a recommendation to “Research and develop a plan for a state carbon fee...”. The full report is available at http://climatechange.gov.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2018/09/Ak_Climate_Action_Plan_brochure_final_web.pdf.

On October 3, the ANCHORAGE OFFICE of the COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE will be located on the 4th floor of the Loussac Library. Public office hours are currently 9am to 4pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Longer office hours are expected later this fall. The office will have Extension publications and access to meeting space for classes taught by Extension agents and local experts.


**VOLUNTEER and BOARD OPPORTUNITIES**

EXPERIENCE RURAL COMMUNITIES WHILE ASSISTING FELLOW ALASKANS.
A unique volunteer opportunity awaits those outgoing individuals located in Alaska interested in experiencing life outside the urban centers, to include the Alaskan Native culture, all while giving back by providing a valuable service to those in need. ABDC is currently RECRUITING for TAX PREPARERS and TEAM LEADERS/EDUCATORS to TRAVEL to RURAL ALASKA; experience is helpful but not required as TRAINING IS PROVIDED. Training begins in December and most travel is completed in February, with some travel in March. Recruiting is currently open; weeklong leaders/educators and weekend preparers needed. Request a volunteer brochure for further detail by sending an email to info@abdc.org. The Alaska Business Development Center has provided tax assistance to rural Alaska for more than twenty years through the Volunteer Tax and Loan Program (VTLP). The program recruits and trains volunteers to travel to more than 70 villages across the state to provide tax preparation and education on taxpayer rights and responsibilities, dedicating more than 5,600 hours of service.
The OFFICE of BOARDS and COMMISSIONS is accepting APPLICATIONS for the 12 PUBLIC SEATS on the NEW ALASKA ROADLESS RULE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. 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.

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.

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Temporary (1039 hours) FORESTRY TECHNICIANS, COASTAL ALASKA CREW LEADERS, GS-0462-07 for USDA FOREST SERVICE RESOURCE MONITORING & ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – Forest Inventory and Analysis Data Collection Team - Anchorage, Alaska. To see full job descriptions and application forms, go to file:///C:/Users/pegt31/AppData/Local/Temp/Alaska%20Data%20Collection%20Outreach%201039s%202019.pdf and file:///C:/Users/pegt31/AppData/Local/Temp/Alaska%20Data%20Collection%20Outreach%20R esponse%20Form%201039s%202019.pdf. Deadline for applications, October 12. For more information about the Alaska Crew Leader or Crew Member positions, contact Sarah Ellison, Coastal Alaska Data Collection Coordinator, at sbellison@fs.fed.us or call (907) 227-3963.

CANVASSERS for the ALASKA COMMUNITY ACTION ON TOXICS (ACAT) to work in their office in Anchorage. This position is temporary starting on October 15 and ending November 6. Work hours will be as follows: Training: October 15 and 16 from 4:30 to 7:30pm; Door canvassing: October 16 to November 5 from 4:30 to 8:30pm and November 6 from 7am to 10am. Phone canvassing: October 22 to November 6 from 4:30 to 8:30pm and November 6 from 7am to 10am. Salary: $15 per hour Responsibilities: ● Attend a training, ● Calling/knocking on doors of Anchorage residents to encourage them to vote, ● Track phone call/door knock responses in our voter files.

Qualifications: ● Must be able to commit to working from October 15th thru November 6th, ● Knowledge of and a passion for environmental justice and social justice issues, ● Good phone
manner and comfort with talking to a variety of people, ● Flexibility and adaptability to change ● Ability to work well with a team, take direction and feedback, and share skills and knowledge, ● Ability to bring and use your own smartphone for data entry while you door canvass, ● Ability to drive and use your own vehicle for transportation to and from neighborhoods for door canvassing is preferred, but not required. To Apply: Resumes will be considered on a rolling basis until positions are filled. Please send a resume to Emily Kloc, emily.k@akaction.org. For questions, call 907-222-7714.

ALASKA ORGANIZER for TROUT UNLIMITED for its Anchorage to work to protect the freshwater ecosystem in Bristol Bay by mobilizing anglers, hunters, and other key partners to protect Bristol Bay. Working with TU’s Alaska Program staff, local chapter members, volunteers and partner organizations, you will be responsible for managing and carrying out a wide variety of public education and grassroots organizing activities including: Sharing information about the proposed Pebble Mine and its threat to Bristol Bay via events, in-person meetings, social media, one-on-one phone calls and mass-email. Inspiring and mobilizing anglers, hunters, outdoor enthusiasts, fishing businesses and other partners to take action to protect Bristol Bay. The ideal candidate will have substantial experience conducting public outreach and using communication tools and tactics to inspire action. S/he will work effectively both independently and as part of a team and will thrive in a fast-paced environment with hard-working colleagues and partners. S/he will develop creative ways to tell our story and inspire anglers and hunters and other target audiences to act. We are looking for someone who is innovative and can creatively brainstorm while keeping daily priorities focused on the ultimate goal of protecting Bristol Bay. Further, a knowledge of Alaska’s various cultures, history, hunting and fishing opportunities and political landscape are all important skills to bring to the job. Open until filled.

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 advice, informational resources, referrals, regulations, technologies, alternatives, etc. Provide training on solid and hazardous waste management best practices and related topics to Alaska tribes. Give presentations and provide outreach and education at conferences and other venues. Promote human and environmental health protection at all training and technical assistance opportunities. Other duties as assigned. Must travel to rural villages in Alaska approximately ten times per year, with trips generally lasting for five days each. $12.72 per hour / 40 hours per week. Temporary year-to-year. Holidays, vacation, sick leave, medical, dental, and vision insurance available. Send your resume to lois@napca.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.

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

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.

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.

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