WHAT'S UP
October 19, 2018
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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 29
ANCHORAGE - A SOLARIZE ANCHORAGE PHASE II WORKSHOP will be held at 6pm at the Loussac Library by The Alaska Center and Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP). All community members interested in bringing Solarize to their neighborhood in 2019 are invited to attend. The workshop will include a case study of the recent Airport Heights campaign and information on the steps community members need to take in the coming months to bring Solarize to their neighborhood. Please share this widely with your networks and RSVP at this link.

October 31
MAT-SU - BACKYARD COMPOSTER TRAINING will be held at the Mat Su Borough's Central Landfill from 2 to 4pm. Free but register to reserve space by calling 861-7605 or email compost@matsugov.us.

November 4 – 8
ANCHORAGE - SARE (SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE) CONFERENCE & CONFERENCE will be held at the BP Energy Center and Spring Hills Suites Anchorage University Lake Hotel. Farming Alaska from Peak to Coast is the theme this year. The Alaska Sustainable Agriculture Conference brings farmers, ranchers, researchers, Extension agents and others together to learn from one another and to find ways to continue to develop and improve the agriculture industry in Alaska. As with all events sponsored by Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (WSARE), there is a particular emphasis on innovation and
education about sustainable agricultural practices appropriate for Alaska. This year’s conference will feature statewide updates and technical sessions the first day of the conference (Monday, Nov. 5) and special topics and technical sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 6 and 7. Topics covered during the conference range from climate updates and seaweed farming to livestock production and growing rhodiola. On Sunday, Nov. 4, there will be a pre-conference workshop on Produce Safety Training, hosted in cooperation with the Department of Environmental Conservation. On Thursday, Nov. 8, there will be a post-conference workshop on Ag in the Classroom. Participants can select how many days of the conference they would like to attend and whether or not they would like to attend a pre- or post-conference workshop. Early-bird registration fee for all three days of the conference is $125. Early-bird registration fee for one day is $50. The last day for early-bird registration is October 28. Beginning on Monday, October 29, the registration fee will increase by $25 per person. For the agenda and more information, to https://uaf.edu/ces/agriculture/sare/conference/.

WEBINARS & TELECONFERENCES

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.

**November 30**
Deadline for entries for the MDP MARINE DEBRIS PROGRAM) ART CONTEST for all student from K - 8th grade who will have the chance to have their original artwork selected for the 2020 Marine Debris Calendar/Planner. The priorities for this year's contest are for artwork that explores and raises awareness around two key themes: How does marine debris impact the ocean and Great Lakes? And What are you doing to help prevent marine debris? For more information, go to https://blog.marinedebris.noaa.gov/annual-noaa-marine-debris-program-art-contest-now-open?utm_medium=email&utm_source=GovDelivery.

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%2829%29.pdf.

DEADLINES

October 31 (DEADLINE EXTENDED)
Deadline for nominations for THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) the 10 open positions on its CITIZEN-BASED ADVISORY COUNCIL. Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) provide advice and recommendations for the BLM to consider on a range of resource
and land management issues. The BLM maintains 38 such chartered advisory committees located in the West. Each Council consists of 10 to 15 members from diverse interests in local communities, and they assist in the development of committee recommendations that address public land management issues. RACs are critical in assisting the BLM in continuing to be a good neighbor in communities served by the Bureau. An individual may self-nominate or nominate others to serve on a Council. Nominees must be residents of Alaska and will be reviewed on the basis of their training, education, and knowledge of the Council’s geographic area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision-making. A letter of reference must accompany all nominations from any represented interests or organizations per the categories below, also a completed RAC application, and any other information that speaks to the nominee’s qualifications. The 10 positions open on the RAC are in the following categories: **Category one** – Public land ranchers and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, the commercial timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation. **Category two** – Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historical organizations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations. **Category three** – Representatives of state, county, or local elected office; representatives and employees of a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources; representatives of Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, Alaska Natives as appropriate to the state of Alaska; representatives and employees of academic institutions who are involved in natural sciences; and the public-at-large. A term on a RAC is for three years. There are six positions opening in 2018, and another four in 2019. Applications are available online at [https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/GetInvolved_RACApplication.pdf](https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/GetInvolved_RACApplication.pdf).

**November 16 (EXTENDED from 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 available at [http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/plans/kbay/kbayplan.htm](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 24**
NET ZERO ENERGY BUILDINGS will be held from 5 to 7pm at the Anchorage Museum. Hear from experts, MARK MASTELLER, an assistant professor and director of the Sustainable Energy Program at the UAF-Bristol Bay Campus, and JACK HERBERT, founder & CEO of the Coad Climate Housing Research Center (CCHRC). For more information, call 907-929-7770 or email info@REalaska.org.

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 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**
AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE will meet from 1:30 to 3:30pm in the City Hall, 8th Floor Conference Room. Action Items: 2019 Safety Performance Measures Targets; Travel Time Reliability Measure Target; Pavement and Bridge Measure Target; Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Measure Target; and 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Public Hearing Draft. Project and Plan Updates: 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update.
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 22
FAIRBANKS - A WILD PROMISE will be presented by author DEBBIE MILLER and photographer HUGH ROSE from 5:30 to 7pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks, 4448 Pikes Landing. This is a multimedia presentation about the UNIQUE HERITAGE of PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND and the CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST which is under consideration for official Wilderness designation and is currently open for public comment. Debbie has explored and written about Alaska's wilderness and wildlife for more than four decades. She is the author of Midnight Wilderness: Journeys in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, On Arctic Ground: Tracking Time Through Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve, and numerous award-winning children's books about Alaska. This is the first of the winter speaker series, Northern Voices, sponsored by the Northern Center.

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 23**
The PAXSON FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will have an election meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at the home of Gary Alcott, located at milepost 180 Richardson Highway at 6:30 pm. Agenda will also include discussing fish and game proposals that are pertinent to our region, putting together an Agenda Change Request for unit 13, and discussion of Federal Subsistence Board actions. For more information contact John Schandelmeier at 750-2619.

**October 24**
The MATANUSKA VALLEY FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, October 24, 2018 at 7 pm at the MTA building, located at 480 Commercial Drive in Palmer to consider proposals TBD at October 22 meeting and any other business that may properly come before the committee. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information contact Herb Mansavage at 841-8928.

**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](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](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**
The CENTER for ALASKA COASTAL STUDIES will hold its annual meeting from 6 to 8pm at the Islands & Oceans Visitor Center. Join in celebrating the YEAR of the BIRD with special presentations by AARON LANG and SETH SPENCER. Highlights of the Center’s activities will also be presented, and new board members will be introduced and volunteers will be recognized. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact 235-6667 or email info@akcoastalstudies.org.

**October 24 & 25**
KOTZEBUE - The NORTHWEST ARCTIC SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet at the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Room at 9am daily. The Council will discuss proposals to change Federal subsistence fish and shellfish regulations and other issues related to subsistence in the Northwest Arctic Region. The public is welcome to attend and participate in this meeting. To teleconference into this meeting, dial toll-free (877) 638-8165 (passcode: 9060609). All meeting materials may be found at https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions.

**October 25**  
TANANA VALLEY STATE FOREST CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet in the Large Conference Room in the DNR Building, 3700 Airport Way. This committee advises the Division on plans and proposals for managing the 1.8-million-acre Tanana Valley State Forest, along with other forested state-owned lands within the Tanana Valley. Public testimony will be accepted during the meeting. Topics for the CAC meeting include: Participation in a research project: ‘Investigating Changes in Forests Across Alaska and Canada’; Managing for Wildlife and Forestry in the Tanana Valley; Tok Fuel Log production, Tok Wood Fuels, LLC; Fairbanks area forest roads affected by a wet 2017; Update status of Simpson/Hasting road project; Fairbanks/Delta Area Update; Tok Area Update, including Tok Five Year Schedule of Timber Sales; Statewide Forestry update. For more information, contact Alison Arians at 907-2698467 or email Alison.arians@alaska.gov. For more information about the TVSF CAC, go to http://forestry.alaska.gov/tvsf_committee.htm.

**October 25 & 26 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)**  
KETCHIKAN – The Alaska Roadless Rule Citizen Advisory Committee will meet in the Sunny Point Ballroom of The Landing Hotel from 9am to 5:30pm on Thursday and from 9am to 3pm on Friday. Topics will include: • Reviewing and agreeing to a common purpose and principles for the Alaska roadless rulemaking effort. • Reviewing previous state-specific roadless rulemaking efforts and identifying approaches and components that may be applicable to Alaska. • Beginning the process of identifying options to be considered by the state. • Offering the opportunity for public comment and discussing comments received to date. • Identifying topics for further discussion and defining next steps for the development of final options. The agenda and additional information are available at http://merid.org/AKroadless.aspx. To join the meeting teleconference, dial (855) 803-2032 and enter 9703894438# for the meeting passcode. Public comment will be taken from 4 to 5:30pm on October 25. An informal community open house will follow from 5:30 to 6:30.

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 WRANGELL-ST. 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.

**October 26, 27 & 28**

JUNEAU - The U.S. Forest Service will host a CELEBRATION of BATS as PART of NATIONAL BAT WEEK at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. Fun, youth-oriented activities and crafts will take place upstairs in the Visitor Center from 10am to 4pm. National Bat Week helps raise awareness of the importance of bats and the many challenges they face in a rapidly changing world. As diseases like white-nose syndrome and problems like habitat loss continue to decimate bat populations, it is more important than ever to educate and inform people about the many ecosystem services bats provide as well as how to protect bats in their natural habitat. For more information about bats and what Batweek is all about, please visit http://batweek.org/.

**October 27**

CHUGIAK - TROUT UNLIMITED will hold its HUNT FISH EAT VOTE EVENT from 3 to 7pm at the Beach Lake Lodge (take the South Birchwood exit on the New Seward Hwy, take South Birchwood Loop Rd North West, turn left on to Beach Lake Road, Beach Lake Lodge is conveniently located at the end). Enjoy a warm bonfire, test your skills and fill your bellies in the chili or chowder cook-offs, and bring the family for some fun-filled activities. We'll also host a quick campfire conversation regarding conservation priorities for Alaskan anglers & hunters starting with Ballot Measure 1. Bring friends, family, dinnerware and if you want to participate in the competition, your best batch of chili or chowder to share! Fire Island will provide the bread and Anchorage Brewing Company is bringing the beer. If it's raining and you have a pop-up tent, throw that in too! RSVP to the event here and please contact Eric Booton at ebooton@tu.org with questions.

**October 29**

HOMER – An open house meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Islands and Ocean Visitor Center to discuss the KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK AND KACHEMAK BAY STATE WILDERNESS PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN. The draft plan includes management guidance and facility recommendations for the state park and wilderness park, as well as guidance for Diamond Creek State Recreation Site, Eveline State Recreation Site, and Overlook Park State Recreation Site. The PRD (Public Review Draft) is available at http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/plans/kbay/kbayplan.htm. Comment deadline has been extended to November 16.

October 29 & 30
CORDOVA - The SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet at the Cordova Center in Cordova at 8:30am daily. The Council will discuss proposals to change Federal subsistence fish and shellfish regulations and nonrural determinations, and other issues related to subsistence in the Southcentral Region. The public is welcome to attend and participate in this meeting. To teleconference into this meeting, dial toll-free (866) 916-7020 (passcode: 37311548). All meeting materials may be found at https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions.

**October 30**

KETCHIKAN - Public workshop will be held from 6 to 8pm at the Cape Fox Lodge in the Shaa Hit Room to learn about and comment on the proposed KTEN TONGASS AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. The project would: Reconfigure Tongass Ave into 3 lanes from Hoadley Creek to 1st Ave (south of Whitecliff) with uniform 11-foot wide lanes in each direction and a 12-foot wide two way left turn lane in the middle. Add bike lanes in each direction from Hoadley Creek to Washington Street intersection. Make bicycle improvements from Washington Street to the end of the project, which may include sharrows (shared lanes). Convert the double left turn lane from Jefferson St. to Tongass Ave. into a single left turn lane. Construct Tongass into uniform 2 lanes with on-street parking from 1st Ave to Tongass Ave. Viaduct abutment (end of project). Remove the merge lane at the Washington Avenue intersection and replace with on-street parking. Install median pedestrian refuge islands and bulb-outs. Eliminate or remove pedestrian crossings. Remove the right turn only lane to the hospital. Reconstruct, construct, or remove sidewalks, curb ramps, bus stops and driveways to make compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Relocate or reconstruct utilities and power poles to make sidewalks ADA compliant. Relocate inlets and catch basins. Adjust grades to improve drainage. Construction is projected for summer 2019. For more information or to submit comments, contact Emily Haynes, Environmental Analyst, at 907-465-1826 or email emily.haynes@alaska.gov. **Deadline for comments is November 15.**

**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.

VOLUNTEER and BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

**THE FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS THROUGH FEBRUARY 8 to FILL SEATS on the 10 SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS** for 3-year terms. There are approximately 42 seats open for appointment among all Councils. The Councils meet at least twice a year and provide recommendations to the Federal Subsistence Board on subsistence management issues. Council meetings serve as a forum for regional public involvement in Federal subsistence management. Council members must be knowledgeable about the uses of fish and wildlife resources in their region and reside in the region they wish to represent. Individuals may apply for membership themselves, or an individual or organization may nominate someone for Council membership. The application form and information about the application process and the Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils is available at www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions. The application form and additional information is also available by contacting Carl Johnson at the Office of Subsistence Management at (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3676. Additional information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program may be found at www.doi.gov/subsistence or by visiting www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska.

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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POSITIONS AVAILABLE


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](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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