WHAT’S UP
October 5, 2018
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CONFERENCEs, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

October 11
LET WORMS EAT YOUR GARBAGE FREE CLASSES will be held on the following dates:
  - **October 10** from 3pm to 5pm at Mat Su Borough Central Landfill. [Register here]
  - **November 5** at 7pm at MatSu Master Gardener meeting in the MTA community room.
    Guests welcomed.
  - **November 10** from 11am to 1pm at Mat Su Borough Central Landfill. [Register here]

More info here

**October 12& 13, 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 12 & 13 in FAIRBANKS**
  **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
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%20%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](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](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](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](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.
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 8**
The CHUGACH STATE PARK ADVISORY BOARD will meet at 6pm at the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 102. Agenda items will include Recreational Trails Program Grant proposals for 2019 and CAPSIS discussion. The Chugach State Park Advisory Board consists of fifteen members appointed by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. Members are selected to ensure representation of a variety of public interests and to prevent undue influence. For more information, contact Kurt Hensel at 345-5014 or email kurt.hensel@alaska.gov.

October 9
Public Open House meeting will be held on the DRAFT LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN (LMP) and DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) for the CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST from 5:30 to 7pm at the USFS Supervisor’s Office, 161 East 1st Street, Door 8. The LMP describes the 15-year strategic vision for managing the approximately 5.4 million acres of National Forest System lands in southcentral Alaska that capitalizes on the strengths of the 2002 Plan and builds on the commitment to contribute to the regional economy through recreation and tourism, salmon fisheries, and wild renewable resources. The LMP continues the forest commitment to working relationships with southcentral Alaska Native Tribes and Corporations, the State of Alaska, and local stakeholders to support delivery of benefits to all who enjoy and utilize the forest. The LMP is available at https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSEDOCUMENTS/fseprd589412.pdf. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement analyzes the potential effects of four alternatives. Chapter 1. Purpose of and Need for Revising the Chugach National Forest Land Management Plan - Discusses the background of the proposal, explains the purpose and need for revising the land management plan (forest plan or plan), and briefly describes the Forest Service’s proposal for achieving the purpose and need. Chapter 2. Alternatives - Discusses a range of reasonable
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**October 10**

**ONE COURSE DISCOURSE: PROTECTING the HEALTH of CHILDREN, FIREFIGHTER, and OUR COMMUNITY: PREVENTING HARMFUL EXPOSURES to TOXIC FLAME RETARDANTS in EVERYDAY PRODUCTS.** will be held at the Bears Tooth Pub Theater at Noon. This is a free event, open to the public in honor of Fire Safety Week. Alaska Community Action on Toxics, an environmental health and justice organization located in Anchorage! I would like to request that you add our event to your email list What's up! It is a One Course Discourse at the Bears Tooth titled, "" The One Course Discourse is a free event and open to the public at noon on October 10th in honor of Fire Safety Week. This panel discussion will highlight the vulnerability of Alaskans to exposures and harm to health from toxic flame-retardant chemicals. Flame retardants are used in everyday products such as furniture, electronics and children’s products. They contaminate our homes, foods, wildlife, and people. Chemical flame retardants are ineffective and make fires more toxic. Exposures are linked with lower IQ in children, thyroid disease, cancer, and infertility. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified flame retardants in the bodies of more than 90% of Americans and the Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a warning to the public about the dangers of being exposed to these chemicals. This is an opportunity to learn more about these dangerous chemicals and discuss ways that Alaskans can work together to prevent harm. The panel features scientists, policymakers, firefighters, and special guest speakers State Representative GERAN TARR, Fire Chief JODIE HETTRICK from the Anchorage Fire Department, and ADAM WOOD of the San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Prevention Foundation and Director for San Francisco Firefighters Local 798. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact jacica.k@akaction.org.

**October 10 (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)**

**TIDAL & HYDROKINETIC ENERGY** is the topic for the REAP Energy Speaker Series to be held at the Anchorage Museum from 5 to 7pm. Hear about advances to technologies that harness the energy of moving water that could one day power much of Alaska. MONTY WORTHINGTON is a lifelong Alaskan who has worked in the renewable energy for field for over 20 years. This work has included implementation of solar, wind, micro-hydro and hydrokinetic energy projects ranging from grid tied commercial projects to isolated microgrid and off-grid renewable energy system installations in rural Alaska, the Pacific Northwest and Asia. In 2008-2009 he worked with the Yukon River Inter-tribal Wartershed Council to demonstrate Alaska’s first in-river hydrokinetic project in the Yukon River. Since then Monty
October 11
Mark your calendars for the **33RD ANNUAL ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION AWARDS PRESENTATION** to be held at Noon at the Williwaw. The awards recognize the remarkable achievements of individuals and organizations protecting Alaska’s environment. This year’s recipients are:
- **WAYNE WEIHING**, Kaasan, Celia Hunter Award for Outstanding Volunteer Achievements
- **RANDALL HAGENSTEIN**, Anchorage, Olaus Muir Award for Outstanding Professional Contributions
- **JODE SPARKS**, Sterling, Denny Wilcher Award for Young Environment Activist
- **BEN HAMILTON**, Denver, CO, Daniel Housberg Wilderness Image Award for Excellence in Film or Video
- **PATRICK RYAN**, Anchorage, Jerry S. Dixon Award for Excellence in Environmental Education
- **BERNADETTE DEMIENTIEFF**, Fairbanks, Caleb Pungowiyi Award for Outstanding Achievements by an Alaska Native Organization or Individual
- **TRUSTEES for ALASKA**, Anchorage, Lowell Thomas, Jr. Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Conservation Organization.

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

**October 12**

The **COOK INLET SALMON TASK FORCE** will meet at 9am at the Egan Civic & Convention Center. The purpose of the task force is to foster dialogue and collaboration between users of the Upper Cook Inlet salmon fisheries. The goals will be to establish common understanding and areas of agreement between individuals or groups representing the various uses of Upper Cook Inlet salmon. Professional Growth Systems will facilitate and moderate these meetings. The result will provide the Governor written observations and/or recommendations to improve management of the Upper Cook Inlet salmon fisheries in the best interests of the commercial, personal use, subsistence, and sportfish users. Final deliverables are due on or before March 15, 2019.

The first meeting of the task force will be held, pending appointment of members. The meeting is open to the public. The agenda and other meeting materials will be posted and made available at the task force website as they are prepared at [http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cook_inlet_salmon_task_force.main](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cook_inlet_salmon_task_force.main). For more information about the meeting, contact Karen Montoya at 907-267-2130, karen.montoya@alaska.gov.
**October 13**  
**STATEWIDE TELECONFERENCE ONLY SESSION** will be held from 1 to 3 pm 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 Anchorage callers: 563-9085. Toll-free anywhere else: 844-586-9085.) Comments may be submitted at **Leave a Comment**.

**October 15 & 16, 17**  
The **ALASKA BOARD of FISHERIES: WORK SESSION and JOINT PROTOCOL COMMITTEE** will meet beginning at 8:30 am at the Egan Civic & Convention Center on October 15 & 16. The board will then hold a second meeting of its Joint Protocol Committee (JPC), beginning at 9 am on October 17, again at the Egan Center. Work Session: No regulatory action will be taken at this meeting. 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. 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 1:30 pm. This two-day meeting is open to the public. A live audio stream is intended to be available at [www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov). The agenda and any other meeting documents will be available at [http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo).

**October 19**  
**ALASKA TRAILS FALL FUNDRAISER** will be held from 6:30 to 10 pm 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](http://www.alaska-trails.org/fall-fundraiser.html).

**MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE**

**October 9**  
**KETCHIKAN** - The **ALASKA STATE PARK KETCHIKAN AREA CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD** will meet at 5:15 pm at the Ketchikan Public Utilities Conference Room. Meetings are open to the public to comment, inform and seek information regarding the local Ketchikan area State Parks, State Marine Parks and Historic Sites. The advisory Board recommends and assists the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for the planning, management and operation of the state park units with the goal to improve management. The board has vacant seats open to fill, this is your opportunity to share your opinions about how best
to manage and preserve the unique natural, cultural and historic Ketchikan community state parks, while enhancing the recreational opportunities and enjoyment for all visitors and future generations. The advisory board should consist of a wide range of ages, personal interests, recreational users, backgrounds, and career patterns to better provide for diversity of the opinions, feedback and ideas. For more information, call 907-465-4563.

**October 9**

**SEWARD - BEYOND THE RHETORIC: BALLOT MEASURE 1 SEWARD FORUM** will be held from 5:30 to 7pm at The Breeze Inn Motel and Restaurant. Have you heard about Ballot Measure 1 but don't know what it's all about? Are you confused about what Alaskans will vote on in November? Join us for tasty snacks, a presentation and Q&A about Ballot Measure 1. Panelists will include EMILY ANDERSON, Alaska Director of the Wild Salmon Center, BOB SHAVELSON, Advocacy Director of Cook Inletkeeper, and SUE MAUGER, Science Director of Cook Inletkeeper. Refreshments and light snacks provided!

**October 9**

**HOMER - The HOMER FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will meet at the KBRR building at 6pm. Agenda will include discussion of BOF ACR 5, game proposals for unit 15 and other regions as applicable to the current cycle and the new Kachemak Bay State Park management plan as it applies to big game populations in the park. For more information contact Dave Lyon at 399-2340.

October 9, 10 & 11

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

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

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

**October 10**

**HOMER - The KACHEMAK BAY ADVISORY BOARD** will meet from 5:30 to 8pm at the Islands & Oceans Visitor Center to discuss the Kachemak Bay State Park and Wilderness Park Management Plan Public Review Draft. The Board provides a forum for the collection and expression of opinions and recommendation on matters relating to the State Park units within the
Kachemak Bay watershed. The board is comprised of 15 public members. For more information, contact Pamala Russell go to 907-714-2471 or email pamela.russell@alaska.gov.

**October 11**
SITKA - SITKA AREA STATE PARK ADVISORY BOARD will meet at 9am at Centennial Hall. The board has vacant seats open to fill, this is your opportunity to share your opinions about how best to manage and preserve the unique natural, cultural and historic Sitka community state parks, while enhancing the recreational opportunities and enjoyment for all visitors and future generations. The advisory board should consist of a wide range of ages, personal interests, recreational users, backgrounds, and career patterns to better provide for diversity of the opinions, feedback and ideas. Please join us as a board member or as an interested community member or call the Juneau State Park office at 465-4563 for additional information.

**October 11 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)**
FAIRBANKS - The FAIRBANKS METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM BICYCLE and PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) will meet from 5 to 7pm in the FMATS Conference Room, 800 Cushman Street. Agenda Items include: Work Plan Overview; City of Fairbanks Sidewalk Maintenance Priority; Walk/Wheel-About Community Assessment; Gillam Way Reconstruction; Airport Way West Improvements; Transportation Improvement Program Nomination Form & Scoring Criteria; Maintenance Forum – October 2; Fairbikes Ridership Data; Public Service Announcement Video; 2019 Membership. To participate by telephone, please call: (907) 459-6769. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Alicia Stevens at (907) 459-6805 or email web@fmats.us or go to www.fmats.us.

**October 11**
SOLDOTNA - The KENAI RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA ADVISORY BOARD will meet at 5:30pm at the Donald R. Gilman River Center, 514 Funny River Road. The general board meeting agenda topics include committee and agency reports and the board will be discussing a proposed memorial bench at Eagle Rock Boat Launch. There are several sub-committee meetings throughout the day. To see the agenda, go to https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=191682. For more information, contact Pam Russell at pamela.russell@alaska.gov or call 907-714-2471.

**October 11**
TALKEETNA - The SUSITNA VALLEY FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at 6 pm at the Church on the Rock, 100 Parks Hwy. Agenda includes: Ballot Measure 1 discussion, get results of the summer 2018 fishing season, organize for the upcoming meeting cycle, and any other business that may properly come before the committee. The public is invited to address any concerns they have. For more information contact Mike Wood at 733-8350.

**October 11**
FAIRBANKS - A Public Open House will be held from 5 to 7m at the Ryan Middle School Commons to discuss the proposed Gaffney Road, Airport Way, Richardson Highway, and the Steese Expressway (GARS) Interchange Project. Participants may attend at any time during the scheduled hours. Deadline for comments by October 26 to info@GARSInterchange.com.

**October 11**
CORDOVA - The COPPER RIVER/PWS FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at 6:30pm at the PWS Aquaculture Conference Room to consider federal subsistence proposals for the upcoming Regional Advisory Council. For more information contact John Renner 424-7563.

**October 11**  
VALDEZ - Public Open House meeting from 5:30 to 7pm at the PWS Community College on the **DRAFT LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN (LMP) and DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) for the CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST.** The LMP describes the 15-year strategic vision for managing the approximately 5.4 million acres of National Forest System lands in southcentral Alaska that capitalizes on the strengths of the 2002 Plan and builds on the commitment to contribute to the regional economy through recreation and tourism, salmon fisheries, and wild renewable resources. The LMP continues the forest commitment to working relationships with southcentral Alaska Native Tribes and Corporations, the State of Alaska, and local stakeholders to support delivery of benefits to all who enjoy and utilize the forest. The LMP is available at https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd589412.pdf. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement analyzes the potential effects of four alternatives. Chapter 1. **Purpose of and Need for Revising the Chugach National Forest Land Management Plan** - Discusses the background of the proposal, explains the purpose and need for revising the land management plan (forest plan or plan), and briefly describes the Forest Service’s proposal for achieving the purpose and need. Chapter 2. **Alternatives** - Discusses a range of reasonable alternatives, including the no action alternative. These alternatives are based on significant issues raised by the public and other agencies. This chapter also explains why other alternatives were dismissed from further consideration. It includes a summary comparison of the environmental consequences associated with each alternative that defines the issues and provides a clear basis for choice among the alternatives. Chapter 3. **Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences** This chapter describes the environmental effects of implementing the alternatives. It describes the affected environment, by resource areas, as a baseline against which the impacts of alternatives are compared. The description of the affected environment is followed by disclosure of the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of implementing each of the alternatives. Chapter 4. **Consultation and Coordination.** The DEIS and supporting documents are available at https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd589297.pdf. Comments may be submitted to www.fs.usda.gov/goto/chugach/plancomments. To view submitted comments are available at the reading room click here.

**October 13**  
HOMER  
KENAI TRANSPORTATION FAIR will be held from Noon to 4pm in the Homer Middle School Multipurpose Room. The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Kenai Peninsula Borough, and the City of Homer invite you to the view and discuss project designs, updates, and programs at this one-stop transportation fair. The family-friendly event covers roads, trails, and aviation in Homer and beyond. Stop by to find out more about: Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (Planning, Maintenance & Operations, Traffic Safety, Civil Rights, etc.); City of Homer Projects; East Hill Road Pavement Preservation; Kenai Peninsula Borough Projects; Lake Street Rehabilitation; Pioneer Avenue Pavement Preservation Seward Highway Projects (to Anchorage and Seward); Sterling and Main Intersection Improvements; Sterling Highway Projects (Homer to Cooper Landing); West Hill Road...
Pavement Preservation; And more. For more information, contact Anne Brooks at 907-272-1877 or email comments.brooksalaska@gmail.com.

**October 13**

**WASILLA - ACAT ANNUAL MEETING** will be held from 5 to 8pm at the Agate Inn, 4725 Begich Circle. Potluck • Board elections • Net Zero in Alaska Presentations. Bring a dish, share your stories, and hear updates on Net Zero Energy in Alaska and ACAT members' own Net Zero projects.

**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**

*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](http://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**

**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. The public is invited to address any concerns they have. For more information contact Jim McCracken at 362-3701.

**ITEMS of INTEREST**

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.

On September 6 the **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DEDICATED THE JAY S. HAMMOND WILDERNESS AREA** yesterday in a ceremony that celebrated Governor Hammond’s contributions to Alaska and the Hammond family’s legacy at Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. Former First Lady of Alaska, Bella Hammond, her daughter Heidi Hammond, and granddaughter Lauren Stanford attended. National Park Service Regional Director Bert Frost, Deputy Regional Director Joel Hard, Superintendent Susanne Fleek-Green, and Park Historian John Branson presented Mrs. Hammond with the first map bearing the name “Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area.” For more information, go to [https://www.nps.gov/lacl/learn/news/jayhammondwildernessdedication.htm](https://www.nps.gov/lacl/learn/news/jayhammondwildernessdedication.htm).


**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.

INTERNSHIPS

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

TONGASS FOREST PROGRAM MANAGER for SOUTHEAST ALASKA CONSERVATION COUNCIL (SEACC) coordinates all of their forest and land-use-related campaign work by advocating for specific forest management policies, regulations, laws, and enforcement, watchdogging forest-specific legislation, planned and existing land exchanges and timber sales, and working with Southeast communities and forest users to build grassroots capacity for forest and landscape protection, stewardship, advocacy, and engagement. This position requires travel throughout Southeast Alaska approximately 1-2 times per month, and periodic but regular work before and after traditional 9-to-5 workdays and on weekends. Requirements include at least 2 years of professional experience or study in forest conservation, forest science, forest-related advocacy, forestry, or biology. (An advanced degree is specifically not required for this position in order to solicit a wider range of potential candidates, but relevant work or academic experience is), strong written and oral communication skills, background in or exposure to and comfort with environmental policy or advocacy work (lobbying), and a desire to work with a wide variety of people throughout Southeast Alaska. For a full job description and how to apply, visit http://www.seacc.org/employment. Deadline for applications, October 10.

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 18 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm; October 20, 27 and Nov 3rd from 10am to 2pm; and October 21, 28, and Nov 4 from Noon to 4pm. **Phone canvassing:** October 22 to November 5 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@akaaction.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.

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

GRANT WRITER I/II/III with the ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM for the ENVIRONMENTALLY THREATENED COMMUNITIES GRANT CENTER to work with environmentally threatened communities across Alaska who are experiencing infrastructure impacts associated with flooding, erosion, and permafrost degradation.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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