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WHAT’S UP
November 16, 2018
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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

WEBINARS & TELECONFERENCES

**November 20 (TELECONFERNED MEETING)
The Bristol Bay Advisory Group will hold a teleconference meeting from 10am to Noon. The purpose of the meeting is to: review and approve previous meeting minutes; follow up on topics discussed at the previous meeting; and discuss future activities of the advisory group. This meeting is open to the public to listen. Meeting materials will be posted prior to the meeting at [http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/bbag/](http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/bbag/). The teleconference number (866) 918-8374, passcode 428-558-6462. Alternative communication accommodations may be made with the ADA coordinator (TDD No. 907-269-8411). For more information contact the Department of Natural Resources’ Commissioner’s Office at 907-269-8431 or [dnr.commissioner@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.commissioner@alaska.gov).

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFPs

**November 30
Deadline for applications to the NOAA Teacher at Sea Program which will include three opportunities to participate in research cruises across the Continental Shelf in the Northern Gulf of Alaska Long-Term Ecological Research area that stretches from Kodiak to Cordova. Applications and references are accepted only through NOAA’s online application system until 1pm Alaska time on November 30. Both preK-12 teachers and informal educators are to apply. Visit the Frequently Asked Questions page to learn more about program eligibility and expectations or download the pdf preview of our application to review the questions that NOAA asks. All educator expenses are paid, and this opportunity gives educators a unique insight into oceanic and atmospheric research crucial to the nation. For more information about the Northern Gulf of Alaska LTER project, go to [https://lternet.edu/site/northern-gulf-alaska](https://lternet.edu/site/northern-gulf-alaska). For information about related educational resources, contact Marilyn Sigman, msigman@alaska.edu.

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](https://blog.marinedebris.noaa.gov/annual-noaa-marine-debris-program-art-contest-now-open?utm_medium=email&utm_source=GovDelivery).

December 3
Deadline for proposals for **FACILITATING LEARNING EXPERIENCES with EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL REGION YOUTH** to the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens’ Advisory Council (PWSRCAC). Working with area youth is vital to fight complacency that can arise if new generations of citizens are not continually reminded of the need for ongoing oil spill prevention. Projects should result in better understanding of such topics as: citizens’ oversight, environmental impacts of the operation of the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company oil terminal in Valdez and the oil tankers that use it, oil spill prevention and response planning and operation, and/or other topics related to the Council’s mission. **Proposals are due by Dec. 3.** See details and download the RFP instructions at [http://www.pwsrcac.org/announcements/funds-available-for-educational-projects-related-to-our-mission/](http://www.pwsrcac.org/announcements/funds-available-for-educational-projects-related-to-our-mission/).

**December 3**
Deadline for **NOMINATIONS for the ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER (ASLC) 2019 ALASKA OCEAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS**. ASLC established the Awards to recognize those who have made significant contributions to ocean sciences, education, and resource management in Alaska. Awards will be presented at the Alaska Marine Gala on February 16, 2019. The award categories are:

**Walter J. & Ermalee Hickel Lifetime Achievement Award:** Awarded to an individual or institution that has made an exceptional contribution to management of Alaska’s coastal and ocean resources over a period of 20 or more years. $500 cash prize. Sponsored by Governor Walter J. and Ermalee Hickel

**Stewardship & Sustainability Award:** Awarded to an industry initiative that demonstrates the highest commitment to sustainability of ocean resources. Sponsored by Jason Brune.

**Marine Research Award:** Awarded to a scientist, team of scientists, or an institution that is acknowledged by peers to have made an original breakthrough contribution or a career spanning achievement in any field of scientific knowledge about Alaska’s oceans. $500 **cash prize.** Sponsored by Dr. Clarence Pautzke and Dr. Maureen McCrae

**Marine Science Outreach Award:** Awarded to a person, team, or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to ocean literacy via formal or informal education, media, or other communications about Alaska’s marine ecosystems. $500 cash prize. Sponsored by Alaska Ocean Observing System.

**Hoffman-Greene Ocean Youth Award:** Awarded to an individual or team of Alaskan youth ages 12-19 who has displayed dedication to promoting the understanding and stewardship of Alaska’s oceans. $500 cash prize. Sponsored by Dale Hoffman.

To make a nomination for any of these awards, go to [www.alaskasealife.org](http://www.alaskasealife.org) or email oceanawards@alaskasealife.org.

**December 5**
Deadline for **NATIONAL FISH and WILDLIFE FOUNDATION (NFWF) proposals to FURTHER CONSERVATION of SPECIES and HABITATS in ALASKA**. Our conservation strategy for Alaska follows NFWF’s institutional outcome focused approach to species conservation and includes three primary focal geographies: The Yukon-Kuskokwim Region, Cook Inlet/Matanuska-Susitna watershed, and Alaska North Slope. Projects outside of these geographies that support fishery conservation may also be considered on a case by case basis, particularly those projects targeting Pacific salmon protection, enhancement and restoration initiatives through the Alaska Fish Habitat Partnerships. Program funds will be allocated to projects that: Achieve or substantially lead to measurable on-the-ground conservation outcomes; Fill key information gaps through assessments and strategic monitoring that result in or substantially lead to measurable management actions. Support for this program is provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and various
other federal sources. Grants may be awarded using one or more of these sources of funding. Three primary focal geographies are being considered for this RFP: Yukon-Kuskokwim Region (including U.S. waters of the Yukon River) Cook Inlet/Matanuska-Susitna watershed; and Alaska North Slope. For more information, go to https://www.nfwf.org/afwf/Pages/2019rfp.aspx.

December 11
Deadline for applications for the EPA P3 AWARDS that PROMOTE a HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT and PLANET. The P3 Awards are a national student design competition focusing on people, prosperity, and the planet. Program areas include air quality, safe and sustainable water resources, sustainable and healthy communities, and chemical safety. Learn more about the 16th Annual P3 RFA funding opportunity (now open) at an informational webinar on November 8. Register now!

December 14
Deadline for proposals for the 2019 MARINE DEBRIS RESEARCH GRANT. This opportunity provides funding for research directly related to marine debris through field, laboratory, and modeling experiments. Successful project proposals will explore the ecological risk associated with marine debris, determine debris exposure levels, examine the fate and transport of marine debris in nearshore coastal environments, and/or quantify habitat impacts resulting from marine debris. Projects may address one or more of these research priorities and should be original, hypothesis-driven projects that have not previously been addressed to scientific standards. Typical awards will range from $150,000 - $250,000. For questions on the opportunity, please contact Peter Murphy at peter.murphy@noaa.gov. For more information, go to https://blog.marinedebris.noaa.gov/now-open-fy19-grant-opportunity-marine-debris-research-projects and https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/NOAA-NOS-ORR-2019-2005817%20FFO%20Report%20%281%29.pdf.

January 31
Deadline for applications for the Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) 2020 PARTNERS FOR FISHERIES MONITORING PROGRAM that strengthen Alaska Native and rural involvement in Federal subsistence management. The Partners Program is a competitive grant directed at providing funding for biologists, social scientists and outreach/educator positions in Alaska Native and rural nonprofit organizations with the intent of increasing participation in Federal subsistence fisheries management. In addition, the program supports a variety of opportunities for local rural students to connect with subsistence resource monitoring and management through science camps and paid internships. The notice of funding opportunity can be viewed on either www.grants.gov (search for F19AS00022, which is the notice of funding opportunity number) or the Federal Subsistence Management Program website at https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/partners).

DEADLINES

November 23
ALASKA HIGHWAY - Comments are due on the proposed ALASKA HIGHWAY from MP 1235 to 1268 to REHABILITATE and RESURFACE the ROAD due to frost heaving and weathering. The proposed project includes: Minor realignment of substandard horizontal curves; Resurfacing the existing roadway; Repairs to and/or reconstruction of existing turnouts; Repair and/or replacement of existing culverts; Minor bridge repairs to Beaver Creek (MP 1268.1) and
Gardiner Creek (MP 1246.7) Bridges; Construct three passing lanes, centered on MP 1243, 1254, and 1261; Material for the proposed rehabilitation is expected to come from Island Lake (MP 1231), Paradise Hill (MP 1238) and Granite Hill (MP 1250) quarries. Construction for the proposed project is anticipated to begin in 2020. For more information or to submit comments, contact Patrick Whitesell, Environmental Lead, at (907) 273-1603, or email Patrick.Whitesell@mbakerintl.com.

**November 28**
JUNEAU - Scoping comments are due on proposal for JUNEAU DOUGLAS HIGHWAY SLOPE STABILIZATION PROJECT to repair slope failure located between Vista Dr. and Lawson Creek. The project activities would: • Make subsurface improvements to Douglas Hwy. adjacent to the slope failure; • Remove temporary corrective measures put in place at the time of the original slide; • Relocate Water, sewer, and storm drainage lines based on post excavation visual inspection; • Add slope stabilization structure(s) and or rock bolts as warranted; and • Replace excavated material with lightweight fill. Construction could begin as early as summer 2019. For more information or to submit comments, contact Chris Schelb, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 907-465-4447 or email chris.schelb@alaska.gov.

**November 30**
DENALI NATIONAL PARK - Deadline to comment on WINTER & SHOULDER SEASON PLANS at Denali National Park. Denali has experienced increases in winter and shoulder season visitation in recent years, with a greater number and diversity of visitors coming to the park in what has typically been known as the 'off season.' Park management is seeking ways to improve the winter and shoulder season visitor experience while preserving resources and the special character of Denali during these seasons. To see the plan and how to comment go to https://www.nps.gov/dena/getinvolved/winter-plan.htm.

**November 30**
SEWARD HIGHWAY - Comments are due on the proposal to REHABILITATE the SEWARD HIGHWAY from MILEPOST (MP) 17 to MP 22.5, NEAR CROWN POINT. The proposed work would include: • Resurface and widen the roadway to 36 feet; • Replace the Victor Creek Bridge; • Repair and resurface the Snow River Bridges; • Realign a horizontal curve located south of Victor Creek; • Install a weather station at MP 21; • Bring the clear zone in rock areas to current standards; • Improve storm water drainage facilities, including replacement of cross culverts and concrete box culvert at Rocky Creek; • Install rip-rap revetments for erosion protection in Snow River; • Improve existing vehicle turnouts and construct additional turnouts; • New utilities and existing utility relocation; and • Improve or replace guardrail, signage, and striping. Construction for the proposed project is anticipated to begin in summer 2019. For more information, contact Clint Adler, Project Manager, at 269-0544 or email clint.adler@alaska.gov or Heidi Zimmer, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 269-0529 or email heidi.zimmer@alaska.gov. Submit comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, at brian.elliott@alaska.gov.

**December 1**
Deadline for applications to serve on the COOK INLET HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE (CIHSC), a non-profit organization that serves as a forum for to promote safe, efficient, and environmentally sound maritime operations in the Cook Inlet. The Committee is seeking
interested applicant to fill stakeholder seat. Learn more about their mission and activities at http://www.cookinletharborsafetycommittee.org or contact Sara Nichols at (907) 234-7821 or email sara@nukaresearch.com.

**December 7**
Deadline for nominations of individual donors to serve on the REAP (Renewable Energy Alaska Project) BOARD of DIRECTORS. If you have donated to REAP in the last 12 months you can nominate yourself, a current at-large board member, or any other REAP donor to fill any of the three seats that are up for election. At-Large board seats that are expiring: Steve Konkel (at-large seat), Jim Nordlund (at-large seat), Kate Troll (at-large seat). **At-large board members serve one-year terms.** One of the three At-Large board members elected will be chosen to serve on the REAP Executive Committee and will also be eligible to serve as a board officer. **Nominations should include** the individual's name and a statement of interest of no more than 250 words. Please send all nominations via email to jfischer@realaska.org. For more information, go to http://alaskarenewableenergy.org/index.php/about-reap/board-of-directors/.

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

November 21
2 STROKE COLD SMOKE 9 - NINER will be shown at 49th State Theater at 7 pm. Gather your friends and family on Thanksgiving Eve for a throwback snowmachine film FUNdraiser for avalanche safety! $20 tickets are going quick at https://m.bpt.me/event/3818060 and at local shops Alaska Mining and Diving Supply, A2D Motorsports, and Anchorage Yamaha Polaris. Proceeds support our favorite weather site cnfaic.org and the US Forest Service avalanche forecasters dedicated to helping you Know Before You Go into the backcountry this winter. Hosted by Friends of the Chugach National Forest Avalanche Information Center. chugachavyfriends@gmail.com.

November 24
EAGLE RIVER - LIVE BIRD CELEBRATION OPEN HOUSE will be held at the Eagle River Nature Center from 2 to 3pm. The Bird Treatment and Learning Center will showcase a variety of their birds. Stop by any time and visit with the birds and their caretakers. Optional: bring leftover cranberries and turkey necks for the birds!

**November 25**
EAGLE RIVER - ARMCHAIR TRAVEL TO TANZANIA at the Eagle River Nature Center at 2pm. Tanzania is home to the world’s largest population of free-ranging mega fauna, such as those found in the Serangeti. Professor CINDY JOHNSON of Gustavus College has lived and taught in Tanzania and will share photos and stories about this amazing country, wildlife, ecosystem and tribes, especially the Maasai and Hadzabe.

**November 28**
KACHEMAK BAY and FOX RIVER FLATS CRITICAL HABITAT AREAS MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION- PLANNING TEAM will meet from 9:30am to 12:30pm in the Dept. of Fish & Game's Aerie Conference Room (upstairs), 333 Raspberry Road. The tentative agenda for this meeting is to begin discussing draft policies on fish and wildlife habitat and population enhancement and rehabilitation and on-bottom maricultural; kelp harvesting/farming and hazardous materials. This meeting is an agency staff working meeting.
These meetings will be open for members of the public to observe for the purpose of maintaining transparency in the plan revision process. However, there will not be opportunities for the public to participate in the discussion. A limited period of time will be available at the end of meeting for members of the public to ask questions. A public review draft of the revised plan will be available for comment at the end of the revision process. For more information 267-2122 or email tammy.massie@alaska.gov prior to the day of the meeting.

**November 28**
The REAP (RENEWABLE ENERGY ALASKA PROJECT) Energy Speaker Series topic is CARBON PRICING SOLUTIONS from 5 to 7pm at the Anchorage Museum. Hear a moderated discussion from a range of perspectives on how Alaska can, or should, put a price on carbon. For more information, call 929-7770, email info@REalaska.org or go to www.REalaska.org.

**November 28**
ORCA IN THE ARCTIC will be presented at 7pm at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive by GRED BREED, UAF. As Arctic waters warm and sea ice thins, subarctic and temperate marine animals such as orca are searching for food farther and farther north. What are the consequences of this new predator in the Arctic? Gred will discuss orca, how the presence of orca in the Arctic is changing the behavior of their prey, and how sea ice and ocean dynamics affect orca movements in different parts of the Arctic. The program is part of the Fireside Chat lecture series and is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 267-1241.

**November 30**
GRASSROOTS GALA: AYEA 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION will be held from 5:30 to 9pm at the Alaska Native Heritage Center. Twenty years ago, a group of visionary, young Alaskans boldly founded Alaska Youth for Environmental Action (AYEA) and kicked off a movement that has touched communities across our state. Join us to commemorate two decades of AYEA and the tremendous youth-led work that continues to transform Alaska. The AYEA community, will gather as alums, supporters, and community champions to celebrate AYEA’s accomplishments and envision our next era. Help support past, present, and future AYEA youth leaders’ work to create a more sustainable and just Alaska. Come enjoy an evening filled with good food and good times to propel Alaska’s most inspiring youth-driven initiative into the next 20 years. Tickets available here: https://akcentereducationfund.org/ayea/grassroots-gala/.

**December 5**
GREAT LAND TRUST WINTER PARTY will be held from 5:30 to 8:30pm at the Williwaw, 609 F Street. Join then for a celebration of working together to conserve our wild lands, waters, and way of life. For more information or to RSVP, contact lkugel@greatlandtrust.org, call 907-278-4998 or go to www.greatlandtrust.org.

**December 11**
The ANCHORAGE FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at 6:30pm at the King Technical High School (formerly King Career Center), 2650 E Northern Lights Blvd. Agenda will include preparing comments on BOF Statewide finfish proposals, select an AC rep for that meeting 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 Kevin Taylor at 244-7437.

**December 11**

**TRAIL TALES** will be held at 7pm (doors open at 6:30) at the 49th State Brewing Co. Alaska Trails is excited to team up with the **Chugach Mountain Bike Riders** to present the tenth installment of the Trail Tales storytelling series. In the spirit of Arctic Entries, storytellers will share seven-minute stories about their trail experiences, adventures and life in general. Come enjoy this fun event and support both Alaska Trails and the Chugach Mountain Bike Riders. Pizza by the slice and drinks will be available for purchase throughout the evening. Tickets are $15 and are available at: [http://www.alaska-trails.org/trailtales.html](http://www.alaska-trails.org/trailtales.html).

**MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE**

November 19

KENAI - The **KENAI/SOLDOTNA FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will meet at 6:30pm at the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Corporation conference room, 40610 K-Beach Road. Agenda will include discussion of proposals for board of game, board of fish and joint board and any other business that may come before the committee. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information contact Mike Crawford at 252-2919.

**November 20**

CORDOVA - **THE WINTER HUMMINGBIRD – ANNA’S IN ALASKA** will be presented by **KATE MCLAUGHLIN** at 7pm on the 3rd floor of the USFS building. Since the 1940’s Anna’s Hummingbirds have been expanding their range from Baja, Ca through the Pacific Northwest, into Canada and Alaska. Anna’s have been recorded in southcentral Alaska for over the past 2 decades in the late fall and winter. What in the world are hummingbirds doing here and how do they survive? This presentation will discuss what is known about these amazing birds and our search to learn more. This talk will be Live streamed on our Facebook page and uploaded to our YouTube channel.

**November 21**

VALDEZ - The **VALDEZ FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will have an election meeting at 6pm at the Valdez Tribal Hall, 1750 Zurrich Loop Road. Also, on the agenda will be discussion of BOF proposals 161-173, as well as the Joint board proposals. For more information contact Hope Upicksoun at hope.lorena@gmail.com.

November 21

FAIRBANKS - The **NORTHERN REGION ALASKA STATE PARKS CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD** will meet from 5 to 6:30pm at the Dept. of Natural Resource building, 3700 Airport Way. The Board provides a forum for the collection and expression of opinions and recommendations on matters relating to State Parks and outdoor recreation in the northern region. This month the advisory board prepares for its annual Interior Delegation briefing held December 6th at the legislative information office in Fairbanks. The public is welcome to attend. To see the complete agenda, go to [https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=192016](https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=192016). For more information, contact Brooks Ludwig 451-2698 or email brooks.ludwig@alaska.gov.
November 21
SITKA - SITKA FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting and election at 6pm, location to be announced. For further information, contact Lena Gilbertson at 907.465.4046 or email lena.gilbertson@alaska.gov.

November 24
PALMER - MUSK OX FARM SHOP LOCAL SATURDAY SALE will be held from 10am to 5pm. 30% off for all Musk Ox Farm Qiviut yarn and garments. Can't make it to the farm; participate in Cyber Monday on November 26th when all Musk Ox Farm qiviut yarn and garments will be 20% off at www.muskoxfarm.org. For more information, contact (907)745-4151 or email dani@muskoxfarm.org.

**November 27 & 28 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)
BETHEL -The BETHEL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting at the ADF&G office beginning at 6am both days. Agenda will include: Board of Fisheries (BOF) Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim and Statewide Proposals and Member Elections (Four full member seats; one alternate seat). Please call 1-800-504-8071® code: 5432709 to participate by teleconference. For more information contact Jen Peeks at 907-543-2931 or email jennifer.peeks@alaska.gov.

**November 28
HOMER - KACHEMAK BAY and FOX RIVER FLATS CRITICAL HABITAT AREAS MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION- PLANNING TEAM will meet from 9:30am to 12:30pm in the Oceans and Island Visitor Center Room 95. The tentative agenda for this meeting is to begin discussing draft policies on fish and wildlife habitat and population enhancement and rehabilitation and on-bottom maricultural; kelp harvesting/farming and hazardous materials. This meeting is an agency staff working meeting. These meetings will be open for members of the public to observe for the purpose of maintaining transparency in the plan revision process. However, there will not be opportunities for the public to participate in the discussion. A limited period of time will be available at the end of meeting for members of the public to ask questions. A public review draft of the revised plan will be available for comment at the end of the revision process. For more information 267-2122 or email tammy.massie@alaska.gov prior to the day of the meeting.

**November 29
PALMER - TREE TIPS & TRICKS will be held from 6 to 7:30pm at the Matanuska Experiment Farm & Extension Center, 1509 S. Georgeson Drive, with Div. of Forestry Stewardship Forester, TREvor DOBELL. He will provide information on fall and winter tree care, holiday tree cutting, firewood do’s and don’ts and much more. Please call 907-745-3360 or register.

**December 1
WHITTIER - The WHITTIER FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE hold an election meeting at 1 pm in Whittier Public Safety Building City Council chambers on 3rd floor. Also, on the agenda will be discussion of the hatchery committee issues, statewide finfish proposals, Southcentral game proposals, and any other business that may properly come before the committee. For more information contact Jon Van Hyning at 355-3050.
December 4
FAIRBANKS - The YUKON FLATS FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting in the Hampton Inn Conference Room at 1pm. Agenda items will include the following items; Election and Term Discussion; AC Members Role; Discussion of Yukon and Statewide Subsistence Board of Fisheries Proposals; Approve of Board of Game Proposals for Next Cycle; Comment on Joint Board Proposals; Comment on Federal Fisheries Proposals
For further information contact Nissa Pilcher at 907-459-7263 or email nissa.pilcher@alaska.gov.

December 5
PALMER - Wildlife Wednesdays: ORPHANED ANIMALS from 7 to 8pm at the UAF Experiment Farm, 1509 Georgeson Drive, with SHANNON JENSEN of the Alaska Zoo. Curator Jensen will give insight into how the Alaska Zoo ensures the best health and wellbeing of its orphaned animals!

December 8
PORTAGE - The ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER is hosting a fun-filled holiday event for anyone who has ever wanted to take their photo with a reindeer! Visitors will also meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy tasty holiday treats, and create an ornament for your own Christmas tree. For one day only, everything in the Be Wild Gift Shop will be 5% off! This event is free with admission and fun for all ages. Use your own camera to capture the memories. Festivities will occur between 10am to 4pm in Bison Hall. Photo opportunities with reindeer, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be from 11 am to 2 pm.

ITEMS of INTEREST

**To see the STATE of ALASKA’S COMMENTS on the National Parks Service PROPOSED RULE on HUNTING and TRAPPING in NATIONAL PRESERVES, go to Comments on Park Service Proposed Rule.

2014/2016 INTEGRATED WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT REPORT is available at Final 2014/2016 Integrated Report. For over 30 years DEC has prepared a “paper” Integrated Report to the EPA to satisfy the reporting requirements of the Clean Water Act. The water quality assessment information from the States is sent to the EPA and is managed and maintained in a system called ATTAINS (Assessment and Total Maximum Daily Load Tracking and Implementation System). EPA is revising and redesigning the ATTAINS system to be more streamlined. In January 2017 DEC Division of Water conducted a critical review of Alaska’s Integrated Report process to improve the timeliness of submittals and incorporate EPA’s ATTAINS redesign efforts. The review resulted in some significant changes on how the report is developed. Starting in 2018 Alaska’s Integrated Report (IR) to the EPA will be an electronic submittal. For more about this IR review see our FAQs. To find out and read more about the US EPA ATTAINS system see https://www.epa.gov/waterdata/assessment-and-total-maximum-daily-load-tracking-and-implementation-system-attains.

The FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FEIS) and DRAFT RECORD of DECISION (ROD) for the PRINCE OF WALES LANDSCAPE LEVEL ANALYSIS (POW LLA) PROJECT is available at http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/tongass/powlla. For more
information, contact Delilah Brigham, Project Leader, at 907-828-3232, or email dbrigham@fs.fed.us.

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_Climat...e_plan_brochure_final_web.pdf.

VOLUNTEER and BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

BOARD MEMBER for the CLIMATE JUSTICE INITIATIVE, a new non-profit organization in the state of Alaska whose mission is to focus on the effects of climate change on a grass roots level through means of education, research, developing sustainable and impactful programs to improve social equality and climate justice through developing information systems, education, growing partnerships and building local capacity with a focus on economically disadvantaged and geographically impacted areas. The organization will focus programs on developing community control over economic, social and environmental decisions affecting the community’s well-being through grassroots participation to represent the interests of communities in which they are based to address the unknowns, impacts and effects of climate change through a social justice lens in environmental justice and front-line communities. To learn more or apply to become a board member, please email karla@climatejusticeinitiative.org.

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.

**INTERNSHIP**

**CENTER FOR ALASKAN COASTAL STUDIES** seeking an ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR for the spring season, March 25th–May 24th, to instill wonder, scientific understanding and love for coastal ecosystems with school groups from throughout Alaska. Lead overnight field trips and day trips in the forest, marsh and intertidal zones. As a NATURALIST, INTERN OR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR during the summer season, May 27 to Labor Day, impart knowledge and a sense of stewardship with visitors and groups from around the world. Lead multi-day field studies and guided natural history tours, develop programs for all ages and/or participate in citizen monitoring projects. Duties vary depending on the specific position. Benefits include compensation of $1,760–$2,080 per month DOE and housing. Qualified applicants are energetic and flexible, have a background in environmental education and forest and/or marine ecology, and the maturity to live in group situations. To apply, email a cover letter, resume, and contact information for 3 professional references to Seth Spencer by January 18. Please indicate in both your cover letter and e-mail subject line the position(s) for which you are applying. For more information, contact Seth Spencer at 907-235-6714 or email jobs@akcoastalstudies.org.

**2019 AK CORPS TEAMS** for the STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (SCA) to work with multiple state and federal partners throughout Alaska. Work projects will be a mix of trail construction and maintenance, invasive species removal and fuels reduction for wildfire management. Project schedules will vary throughout the summer depending on partners needs. Members can expect to use basic hand tools, power tools, and chainsaws. Teams consist of 5 members and 31 leader and this group of t will remain together for the entirety of the season. Season begins on May 13 with Corps Member Training. To see the full position and application information, go to https://www.thesca.org/serve/position/2019-ak-corps-teams/po-00726989.

**HOST SITES NEEDED FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM** from air quality focused offices and programs to host a college student for an 8-week summer internship. Tribal environmental offices, EPA offices, and other tribal environmental organizations are encouraged to
apply. The interns will be highly motivated undergraduate or graduate students majoring in environmental or related careers from different colleges and universities nationwide. ITEP provides each student intern with a $4,000 stipend, and limited housing and travel allowances. The host site provides a work place and supervision for the intern. The projects MUST focus on addressing air quality issues in tribal communities. If you know of a college student that might be interested in being an intern, encourage them to apply at nau.edu/itepinterns. Submit an application online at http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/eeop/Internships/ssi_host. For more information, please contact ITEP Intern Coordinator Mansel A. Nelson at 928-523-1275 (Please leave a message), EEOP-INTERN@nau.edu or mansel.nelson@nau.edu or go to www.nau.edu/itepinterns.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/INTERPRETATION INTERN for the KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE in Soldotna to serve as assistant coordinator for the environmental education program and assist with a variety of visitor service programs. During late winter, spring and fall you will organize and facilitate K-6 grade field trips, home-school and area classroom programs, and create and evaluate environmental education materials as well as operating shifts in the Refuge Visitor Center. During the early/mid-summer, you will facilitate Refuge summer camp programs, create and facilitate other Education/Interpretation/Outreach programs. Late summer you will assist in operating the Refuge Visitor Center and assist other Visitor Service program activities in the field including: trails, cabins, and making roving contacts with the public. There are also possibilities on days off to assist with other refuge departments (biology, fire, trail crew). Expected Dates: February 3, 2019 to October 12, 2019. Compensation amounts: $1,300 - one-time RT travel allowance; $250 - weekly living allowance Housing. Start dates flexible by 1-2 weeks. This position also includes money-handling and therefore is NOT AmeriCorps eligible. For full job description, go to https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=e6025150afbce393&tk=1ct0n1ra4b01i803&from=serp&vjs=3. The deadline for host sites to apply is January 18. The deadline for interns to apply is February 25.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**DENALI NATIONAL PARK** has amazing SEASONAL SUMMER JOBS available for environmental and outdoor educators. Interpretation Rangers develop and present a variety of programs including guided walks and illustrated talks, and provide information and orientation services in visitor centers, ranger stations, and while roving trails. Backcountry Rangers perform similar duties with additional backcountry permitting responsibilities and roves. In addition, each summer Denali hires up to three Park Rangers to serve as education staff who focus on instructing multi-day youth programs and offering family programs at our visitor centers. The youth programs are mostly targeted at high school ages and take place both in the frontcountry and the backcountry. These jobs present unparalleled opportunities for professional development in education, interpretation, youth mentoring, risk management, and backcountry travel. All Education, Interpretation, and Backcountry jobs will likely start on April 22nd, 2019 and last approximately six months. Slightly shorter seasons may be possible so please inquire if that is your situation. Education staff are hired from the same job application certificates as Interpretation and Backcountry Rangers. The links on USAJOBS are: Interpretation - https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/482638700; Backcountry - https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/489463000. There is a limit on the number of applications that will be accepted for each position, so it's a good idea to build a resume in USAJobs prior to the application period, and to submit your application within the first two days.
that the position is open. You may use keywords or phrases like "denali national park" to search in USAJobs regularly to find open announcements. For more information or help applying, contact Sierra McLane at 907-683-6436 or email sierra_mclane@nps.gov or Rachel Jencks at 907-683-6430 or email rachel_jencks@nps.gov.

**OPERATIONS DIRECTOR** for the RENEWABLE ENERGY ALASKA PROJECT (REAP) located in Anchorage to help develop budgets, tracks expenses and manage the day-to-day operations of REAP based on organizational policies and annual work plans to ensure an efficient working environment. Hours are typical business hours Monday through Friday. In addition to a competitive salary REAP offers a collaborative, team-driven work environment. Compensation: This is a permanent, full-time position. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Includes paid personal leave, paid holidays and retirement benefits, but not health coverage. **Applications will be accepted until Monday, December 3.** Please send the following via email to info@realaska.org or by mail to Renewable Energy Alaska Project, 308 G Street, Suite 225, Anchorage, AK 99501: 1) Cover letter, 2) Résumé, 3) Writing sample, and 4) Three professional references. To see the full job description, go to http://alaskarenewableenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/REAP-Operations-Director-Description.pdf.

**SEASONAL TRAIL MANAGER** for the EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER from April 25 through September 30. If you are passionate about working outdoors, please send a letter of interest and resume to info@ernc.org. 24-30 hours per week, compensation DOE. **Applications will be reviewed in the order received, starting January 15.** To see the full job description, go to www.ernc.org.

**PROGRAM OFFICER** and **PROGRAM OFFICER – EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** for the RASMUSON FOUNDATION in Anchorage. To see job descriptions, go to https://www.rasmuson.org/about/employment/.


**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.

**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.

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