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WHAT'S UP

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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

January 28 & February 1

ANCHORAGE - ALASKA MARINE SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM will be held at various locations and registration is now open. Online registration closes January 22. The 2019 Alaska Marine Science Symposium (AMSS) is Alaska's premier marine research conference that brings together scientists, educators, resource managers, students, and interested public to discuss the latest and greatest marine research being conducted in Alaskan waters. Research will be presented by geographic theme, including the Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands, and the Arctic. Topic areas will include ocean physics, fishes and invertebrates, seabirds, marine mammals, local traditional knowledge and more. To see the entire agenda, go to <https://www.alaskamarinescience.org/agenda>. For more information, go to <http://www.alaskamarinescience.org>. To register, go to <https://www.alaskamarinescience.org/register/>.

**February 25 – 27

JUNEAU - ALASKA AWRA ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Centennial Hall Convention Center. This year's theme is **WATER RESOURCES in a CHANGING LANDSCAPE**. Meeting Topics will include but are not limited to: Weather and water Extremes (including drought); Water rights and reservations; Habitat - Aquatic and Fish; Southeast AK Hydrography; Geospatial data and modeling; Glacier dam outburst floods; Coastal hydrology/processes; Hazards - glacier outburst floods and landslides; Applied, impacts, and social sciences. **Earlybird registration deadline is January 25**. Registration and call for abstracts are available at <https://www.ak-awra.org/ameetings/2019am/>. A scholarship and student travel awards are available.

March 4 – 8

FAIRBANKS – The **ALASKA BIRD CONFERENCE** will be held at the Westmark Hotel & Conference Center. The Alaska Bird Conference is a biannual conference that brings researchers, managers, and bird lovers of all ages to report on aspects of bird biology, management, and conservation in Alaska. Audubon Alaska will share and present a number of their current projects. For more information, [email the conference](#), call the Alaska Songbird Institute at (907) 888-2121 or [visit the website](#). If you're a student, Audubon Alaska administers the Tom Fondell Memorial Scholarship Fund. It is a student travel fund established in honor of Tom, an Alaska wildlife biologist who was known for promoting the professional development of young biologists. [Click here for more information](#), or click the button below to contribute to the Tom Fondell Memorial Scholarship Fund.

March 8 & 9

HOMER - ALASKA FOOD CONFERENCE AND FESTIVAL is a great opportunity for attendees to learn more about — and engage in — the various issues affecting Alaska's food system, both organizations will be sharing research, tools, and resources along with seeking input

from all of you involved in our local food web. On March 8 (Friday) there will be speakers presenting on a variety of food security, production, business, and community issues, with some sessions placing an emphasis on farmers markets. March 9 (Saturday), will be an educational food festival, which will include a Keynote speaker to kick it off and at mid-day, followed by Alaska food vendors, chef demonstrations, taste testing, food demonstrations, silent auction, and DIY workshops. The Alaska Farmers Market Association, in collaboration with the Alaska Food Policy Council, are the conference hosts. For more information, go to <https://www.akfoodpolicycouncil.org/2019-conference/>.

WEBINARS & TELECONFERENCES

December 18 (ALASKA CLIMATE WEBINAR)

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES with EXPERTS VIA ONLINE DIALOGUES to LAY the GROUNDWORK for LONG-TERM CLIMATE RESILIENCE will be presented by **SARAH ZERBONNE** and **RACHEL JACOBSON**, Resilience Dialogues team; **CATHERINE KEMP** and **ALEXANDRA LONG**, Anchorage Mayor's Office at 10am AST. Using a facilitated online dialogue process, Resilience Dialogues enables communities to engage with scientists and resilience practitioners to identify challenges, locate relevant resources, and prioritize achievable action steps towards resilience. A public-private collaboration launched in 2016, the Resilience Dialogues is led by the American Society of Adaptation Professionals (ASAP), in close coordination with the US Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) and several other public and private entities. More information and registration [HERE](#).

December 19 (VIRTUAL ALASKA WEATHER SYMPOSIUM)

USING SATELLITE CLIMATE DATA RECORDS to STUDY the SHORTWAVE RADIATION BUDGET of SNOW vs SEA ICE and ARCTIC vs ANTARCTIC will be presented by **JEFF KEY** Center for Satellite Applications and Research (STAR), NOAA/NESDIS at 11am AST. The AVHRR Polar Pathfinder Extended (APP-x) climate data record provides cloud properties, surface temperature and albedo, sea ice thickness, and radiative fluxes over the Arctic and Antarctic from 1982 through the present. APP-x was recently used in two studies of absorbed solar radiation at the surface. One study compares changes in sea ice extent in the Arctic and Antarctic and examines their effects on the shortwave radiation budget. More information and registration [HERE](#).

DECEMBER 21 (WEBINAR)

DECEMBER 2018 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ALASKA CLIMATE OUTLOOK BRIEFING will be presented at Noon by **RICK THOMAN**, Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy (ACCAP). The tools and techniques for making monthly and season scale climate forecasts are rapidly changing, with the potential to provide useful forecasts at the month and longer range. We will review recent climate conditions around Alaska, review some forecast tools and finish up the Climate Prediction Center's forecast for January and the winter season. For more information and registration, go to [HERE](#).

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFPs

December 31

Deadline for applications for the **CELEBRATE URBAN BIRDS MINI-GRANT PROGRAM**, an initiative of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, supports community organizations, educators,

and youth throughout the United States that host neighborhood events that introduce the public and youth to birds found in urban areas. Examples of eligible events include bird-activity days at local museums, libraries, or community centers, as well as art and gardening activities at clubs, schools, or senior centers. Mini-grants ranging from \$100 to \$750 are provided. Organizations working with underserved communities are strongly encouraged to apply. Visit the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's website to submit an online application. For more information, go to <https://celebrateurbanbirds.org/community/minigrants/>.

January 3 (DEADLINE EXTENDED)

Deadline for the **ALASKA FISH AND WILDLIFE FUND 2019 REQUEST for 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. For more information, go to <https://www.nfwf.org/afwf/Pages/2019rfp.aspx>.

January 5

Deadline for applications for **SCHANTZ BIRD SCHOLARSHIP, which PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION and ACCOMMODATIONS to the KACHEMAK BAY SHOREBIRD FESTIVAL**, May 9-12, 2019, in Homer. College students, undergraduate or graduate level, are eligible for the trip. Recipients are asked to share a presentation and perhaps volunteer at a viewing station at this well-established birding festival but are otherwise free to enjoy festival activities. All airfare, ground transportation to Homer and lodging costs are covered by the Foundation. Application form is available at <http://www.schantzbird.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Scholarship-Application-2018-Update.doc>.

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>).

March 11

Deadline for submission for the **13TH ANNUAL NATIONAL PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD 2019 PHOTO CONTEST** that has over \$3000 in cash prizes. Each year, NPRB conducts a photo contest featuring beautiful images of sea life, seascapes, coastal scenes and marine research within the waters of the North Pacific Ocean including the Gulf of Alaska, Prince William Sound, Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands, Bering Strait or Chukchi/Beaufort Seas. The deadline to apply is March 11, 2019. Professionals, amateurs, adult, and youth are all encouraged to apply. NPRB awards up to \$3,300 in cash prizes to the top finalists in adult and youth categories. Apply online and for official rules, go to <https://www.nprb.org/nprb/annual-photo-contest/>.

DEADLINES

December 17 (EXTENDED to JANUARY 4)

Deadline for scoping comments on the **PROPOSED LEASE SALE AREA** that includes all available OCS blocks in the **BEAUFORT SEA PLANNING AREA**. The Beaufort Sea Planning Area is located offshore of the State of Alaska and consists of 11,876 whole and partial lease blocks covering roughly 26.2 million hectares (approximately 65 million acres) of the Beaufort Sea. To view the specifics of the area recommended for leasing, go to: <https://www.boem.gov/beaufort2019>. This is not an announcement to hold a lease sale but is a continuation of the information gathering process and is published early in the environmental review process in furtherance of the goals of NEPA. The comments received during scoping will help inform the content of the 2019 Beaufort Sea Lease Sale EIS. BOEM has developed and also seeks public input on the following draft alternatives: Offshore Whaling Areas Alternative: This alternative is proposed to minimize conflicts between subsistence whaling practices and oil and gas activities. Environmentally Important Areas Alternative: This alternative is proposed to reduce impacts to several known environmentally important areas (Barrow Canyon, Harrison Bay/Colville River Delta, the Bolder Patch, and Kaktovik). Deepwater Exclusion Alternative: This alternative is proposed to focus the environmental analyses while offering leases in areas with the highest known resource potential. These draft alternatives are based on previous OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program and response to stakeholder comments made during the development of the 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Program (published January 8, 2018 (83 FR 829)). BOEM is proceeding in a manner that allows for maximum flexibility in adapting these preliminary alternatives to future Program decisions. BOEM will consider additional alternatives, exclusion and/or mitigation suggestions identified during scoping meetings and the comment period initiated by this notice of intent in the preparation of the EIS. For more information, contact Sharon Randall, Chief of Environmental Analysis Section, at (907) 334-5200. Submit comments to <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/11/16/2018-24739/outer-continental-shelf-ocs-alaska-region-ak-beaufort-sea-program-area-proposed-2019-beaufort-sea#open-comment>.

December 17

Comments are due on **THE 2018-2018 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) AMENDMENT 2**. Amendment 2 addresses scope, funding, and scheduling issues on various projects around the state including new projects. This amendment includes only those projects which have been changed. A complete list of all 2018-2021 STIP projects can be found at http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/cip/stip/stiplans/1821/1821_Amd2Projects.pdf. To comment, go to <http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/cip/stip/stiplans/1821/amd2.shtml>.

December 17

Deadline for nominations for the **EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE** to serve a 24-month term. For more information on the role of the Public Advisory Committee or the nomination process, or copies of documents relating to the Public Advisory Committee or the work of the Trustee Council, go to www.evostc.state.ak.us, or contact Cherri Womac at the Trustee Council Office, 907/278-8012 or email cherri.womac@alaska.gov.

****December 17, 18 & 19**

Public Scoping meetings for **BEAUFORT SEA EIS** will be held from 7 to 9pm in the following locations:

****December 17 - UTQIAGVIK (BARROW)** in the Iñupiat Heritage Center

****December 18 - NUIQSUT** in the Kisik Community Center

****December 19 - KAKTOVIK** in the Community Center

For more information about BOEM's proposed 2019 Beaufort Sea oil and gas lease sale, including instructions for commenting online, go to www.boem.gov/beaufort2019.

December 24

HAINES - Comments due on the proposal to resurface **HAINES HIGHWAY from ALLEN ROAD-NORTH (UNION ST CUT-OFF) to MP 0.7 (Y-INTERSECTION)**. Project construction would: Resurface Haines Highway from Allen Road-North to MP 0.7 and Construct drainage improvements by way of open ditches, subsurface storm drain system, and gutters to control surface water runoff. Construction is projected for the summer of 2019. Your comments would help us evaluate potential environmental, social and economic impacts of this project as well as impacts to historic and cultural resources. For more information or to submit comments, contact Chris Schelb Environmental Impact Analyst, at 907-465-4447 or email chris.schelb@alaska.gov.

****January 3**

Deadline for **ALASKA GEOGRAPHIC and the NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS to K – 12 TEACHERS for ACCREDITED COURSES at DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE**. Making use of a field camp 30 miles into Denali, these small group intensives expose teachers to science, research and educational opportunities using Denali as their classroom. Courses are three days in length. Professional development credit is made available through the University of Alaska Anchorage. The courses available for the 2019 scholarships are: Birds of Denali (June 10 - 12); Wildflowers of Denali (June 17 - 19); Denali's Small Mammals (June 21 - 23); Mushrooms of Denali (July 26 – 28); Through the Eyes of Scientists: Denali's Cycles and Climate Change (July 29 - 31); Bears of Denali (August 7 - 9); Wolves of Denali (August 14 – 16); Geology of Denali (August 16 - 18); Denali's Large Mammals (August 23 – 25); The summer field courses are a partnership program between the National Park Service and Alaska Geographic through the Murie Science and Learning Center. Alaska Geographic is a proud supporter of the center's mission to promote science and stewardship on behalf of national parks in northern Alaska. For additional information or questions email courses@alaskageographic.org or call 907-683-6432. To apply, go to <http://akgeo.org/field-courses/teacher-opportunities/teacher-scholarships/>.

****January 16**

Deadline for applications to serve on the **TANANA VALLEY STATE FOREST CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**. Seats representing the Mining industry, Representative for the Lower Tanana Valley, Tourism industry, and a Private forest user. This 12-person committee advises the Division on plans and proposals for managing the 1.8 million-acre Tanana Valley State Forest and other forested lands managed by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources in the Tanana Valley. The committee is also a forum for gathering public opinion on management of state forests and helps build a regional consensus about forestry. These are unpaid, volunteer positions. Meetings are held at least one a year, in April, and at other times as needed. For more information, go to http://www.forestry.alaska.gov/tvsf_committee.htm or call 907-269-8467. Send a letter explaining your interests and qualifications to Alison Ariens at alison.ariens@alaska.gov.

EVENTS & MEETINGS in ANCHORAGE, EAGLE RIVER & GIRDWOOD

December 15

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 2018 will be held from 10am to 3:30pm sponsored by the Anchorage Audubon Society. Anchorage is divided into 5 Areas and those areas are further divided into teams, each led by an experienced birder. Most participants prefer to do the count in the area of their home which is familiar, but some have chosen other areas. If you are interested in joining the count this year, go to <https://www.audubon.org/content/join-christmas-bird-count> for more information. The count usually starts at 10am and ends around 3:30pm. The A fabulous **TALLY POTLUCK CHILI FEED** will be held at 5:30pm at the First Congregational Church, 2610 E. Northern Lights Blvd. The Anchorage Audubon Board provides the chili and cornbread and participants are invited to bring salads or desserts. If you have problems or questions about participating in the count, contact Louann Feldmann at louannf@alaska.net.

****December 18**

The **ANCHORAGE FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE GAME SUBCOMMITTEE** will meet at the Rabbit Creek Rifle Range, 15222 Seward Hwy, at 6:30pm. On their agenda will be discussion of the Southcentral Region Board of Game proposals. For more information contact Matt Moore at matt.moore@akrehab.com or 360-0905.

****January 22 & 23 (CORRECTED DATES)**

The **OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD (ORTAB)** will meet from 9am to 4pm in Room 1270 of the Atwood Building, 550 W. 7th Avenue, to consider and discuss funding for grant applications. During the meeting, the ORTAB will evaluate grant proposals for trail-related projects through the Recreational Trails Program. The board will provide recommendations to the Director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation who will make decisions on funding for those applications. To join the meeting via teleconference, please dial 866-918- 8374, conference code 5569714090. For more information, contact Darcy Harris at 907-269-8699 or email darcy.harris@alaska.gov or go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/trails.htm>.

MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE

December 14

KETCHIKAN - The USDA Forest Service, Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G), and Alaska Trappers Association (ATA) are presenting **INFORMATION about TRAPPING and**

SHARING TRAILS in the KETCHIKAN AREA at 6pm in the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center. The program will begin with a brief introduction by staff from the Tongass National Forest, followed by presentations from the ADF&G and ATA on the trapping season, types of traps, and trap sets. Presenters will display the different trap types and talk about how they're used. Also, as part of the program, a 30-minute video produced by the Alaska Trappers Association titled, *Sharing Alaska's Trails*, will be shown. After the video, there will be a short question and answer period about the trapping season and traps. If you are unable to attend you can find the *Sharing Alaska's Trails* video online at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=trapping.sharing>. For more information on the presentation, contact the Ketchikan Misty Fjords Ranger District at 907-228-4139.

December 14

SOLDOTNA - The SELDOVIA FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold an election meeting 6 pm in the City Multi-purpose Room. Agenda will also include BOG proposal 62 and any other business that may properly come before the committee. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information contact Michael Opheim at 240-0568.

December 15

SOLDOTNA - CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT will gather at the Kaladi Bros coffee on Kobuk Street between 9 and 10am to help direct those that haven't been given an area and a group to bird with. Be prepared for weather, bring your binoculars and spotting scopes if you have one, and bird ID aids. We always regroup at the end of the day to report our sightings, share stories and enjoy a potluck at the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. If you're interested in participating, please connect with me Jack Sinclair at jndalaska@gmail.com.

****December 18**

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

****December 18**

CORDOVA - MONITORING HERRING in PWS 1973-2018: ADF&G'S LONG-TERM AERIAL MILT SURVEYS and AGE, SEX, and SIZE SAMPLING will be presented by **STORMY HAUGHT**, ADF&G, at 7pm on the 3rd floor of the USFS building. ADF&G has conducted spring aerial surveys of herring spawn, and sampled age, sex and size of spring herring in Prince William Sound (PWS) for over 40 years. This talk will review ADF&G's ongoing long-term herring monitoring programs and explore historical trends in aerial survey observations and demographics of PWS herring.

****December 19**

PALMER - The MATANUSKA VALLEY FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at 7pm at the MTA building, 480 Commercial Drive, to consider Southeast Region Board of Game proposals 41 – 43, 47, 49, 52, create a list of proposals for upcoming BOF meetings and any other business that may properly come before the committee. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information contact Herb Mansavage at 841-8928.

****December 19**

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

December 19

YAKUTAT - The **YAKUTAT FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will hold a public meeting and election at 7pm in the Yakutat High School Auditorium. The agenda will include: Elections and Board of Game proposals. For further information, contact Lena Gilbertson at 907-465-4046 or email lena.gilbertson@alaska.gov.

ITEMS of INTEREST

****DNR Commissioner Feige is rescinding the KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK and KACHEMAK BAY STATE WILDERNESS PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN** adopted on December 2, and re-instating the 1995 Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park Plan. No action has been taken to implement the December 2 Plan. An issue response summary will be prepared to address the public comments received on the plan. A list of recommended revisions will be prepared and there will be an opportunity for public review and comment.

The **ALASKA ROADLESS RULE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** has finalized a **REPORT** for the State of Alaska to consider when providing input on **STATE-SPECIFIC ROADLESS RULE FOR THE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST**. The State is one of several cooperating agencies working with the U.S. Forest Service as it prepares a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the state-specific rule. The committee was established by Governor Bill Walker to advise the State on future management of inventoried roadless areas in the Tongass. Members were appointed by Governor Walker in late September and asked to submit a report to the State by late November. The committee's report is posted at www.merid.org/AKroadless and has been shared with the Forest Service as part of the ongoing cooperating agency review. For more information, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/releases/11%2D27%2D18%20Alaska%20Roadless%20Rule%20Citizen%20Advisory%20Committee%20submits%20final%20report%2Epdf>.

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](#).

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 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.

INTERNSHIP

CENTER FOR ALASKAN COASTAL STUDIES seeking an **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR** for the spring season, March 25 – May 24 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 partner's 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=1cr0n1ra4b01i803&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

****SUMMER 2019 SCIENCE EDUCATOR POSITIONS with ALASKA GEOGRAPHIC IN DENALI NATIONAL PARK.** Would you like to spend the summer living, working, and recreating amidst spectacular mountain scenery in Denali? Apply to join the Alaska Geographic science education team at the Murie Science and Learning Center in Denali National Park and Preserve for a summer of learning, exploration, sharing, and fun. We offer competitive pay rates and are committed to continuous learning. Learn more at <http://akgeo.org/about-alaska-geographic/employment/>. **Applications due January 13.**

CONSERVATION PROJECT COORDINATOR for the **INTERIOR ALASKA LAND TRUST** to work with the public, landowners, and government groups to conserve open space in the **Fairbanks** area. The Conservation Coordinator will work on a part-time (approximately 20 hrs/week) contract basis, providing his/her own work space, computer and internet access, and be supervised by the Interior Alaska Land Trust Board of Directors. **Requirements:** Self-motivated: figures out what needs to be done & does it; Excellent organizational skills; Excellent written and oral communication skills; Experience and skill with computer word processing, e-mail, and social media; Experience working as a member of a team to develop and complete projects; Computer and access to internet. Please email resume and cover letter to interioraklandtrust@gmail.com before **December 21**. For more information, go to www.interioraklandtrust.org.

FINANCE & OPERATIONS DIRECTOR for **THE ALASKA CENTER** to provide leadership for the ongoing financial vision and strategy for our organizations, managing day-to-day operations and financial activities, and performing the essential financial and accounting duties. The Director will lead the overall process for financial planning, accounting, budgeting, tax form preparation, and auditing activities and is responsible for organizational fiscal stewardship by maintaining computerized financial records, providing auditing support, conducting financial analysis, producing financial reports, managing investment performance reports and delivering information to stakeholders in a timely and transparent manner. **Required Skills and Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience required; Familiarity with 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) regulations and compliance; At least five (5) years of progressively increasing responsibility in accounting/finance required; Ability to prepare and maintain accurate and timely records and reports; Strong knowledge of fund or cost accounting is preferred; Excellent analytical and leadership skills. This is a full-time position based in Anchorage, Alaska. Salary is DOE with a generous benefits package including medical, dental, and retirement plan. All Alaska Center staff have access to professional development training and support. To apply, please send a resume, cover letter, and three professional references to jobs@akcenter.org. Position open until filled. To see the full job description, go to <https://akcenter.org/wp-2017/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Finance-Director-Job-Description-.pdf>.

NATURALIST GUIDES for **CAMP DENALI and NORTH FACE LODGE** in **DENALI NATIONAL PARK** for the summer of 2019. Our naturalist guides are teachers of experiential learning, backcountry hiking guides, and competent drivers. Guides are responsible for: leading lodge guests into the trail-less backcountry of Denali National Park on day hikes; using creative teaching techniques to expand the guests' knowledge of Alaskan ecosystems and to encourage land stewardship; and safely transporting people over the unpaved, mountainous park road. The position is usually combined with positions in other departments depending on company needs. Current WFR and CPR certifications and a solid academic background in the natural sciences are

required (MS preferred). Experience in arctic/sub-arctic or alpine regions is desired. This is a rewarding and challenging position, set in an unparalleled location, among an interesting, committed, and conservation-minded community of staff. For over 60 years, Camp Denali and North Face Lodge have been family-owned and -operated lodges with a reputation for excellence. We seek to offer the highest quality experience for visitors who venture out with our diverse and qualified staff of naturalists. This is not your average job in Denali. A three-season commitment is required. Interviews begin in December 2018 and will continue through January as needed until the positions are filled. For more information including a complete job announcement, or to apply, please see the employment page at www.campdenali.com or contact jobs@campdenali.com.

ALASKA STATE DIRECTOR for The WILDERNESS SOCIETY to help set strategic direction and vision for the organization's work in Alaska, engage and lead a cross departmental team, and build respectful, authentic partnerships aimed at achieving shared goals and building political influence. The Director will develop and lead the organization's work in Alaska and is responsible for developing strategic partnerships, fundraising, directing and/or leading campaigns, and managing staff and budget. In addition to directly managing staff in the Anchorage office, the Director also provides support, strategic guidance and direction to additional staff, within and outside of the regional office, who contribute to work in the state. The Director plays a critical role in cultivating and managing relationships with a wide range of partners (including Alaska Native and conservation groups) as well as with federal, state, and tribal officials and their staffs to advance conservation outcomes and other shared goals developed with partners. **Experience and Competencies:** Extensive experience working on or leading issue advocacy or political campaigns and/or work to advance public policy changes at the local, state or federal level. Proven cultural competency working with communities of color, particularly Native American or Alaskan Native communities, is strongly preferred. Solid communication and interpersonal skills that can be applied to complex conservation issues, partnerships and coalitions. Strong staff management experience and competency in cross-organizational collaboration. Strategic thinking and demonstrated ability to craft a compelling vision and set goals and priorities. The Wilderness Society offers a competitive salary and benefits package, including: health, dental, vision, life and disability insurance; sick and vacation leave; a sabbatical program; and a retirement plan. To see the full job description, go to https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/994680696/?recommendedFlavor=IN_NETWORK&refId=a2bd2d72-c88d-4b05-b10d-5310fcf95a0f&trk=eml-jymbii-organic-job-card&midToken=AQGuhGKApo8WYQ&trkEmail=eml-jobs_jymbii_digest-null-3-null-null-az7sg%7Ejp9xvcfl%7E40-null-jobs%7Eview.

NEPA PRACTITIONER and WRITER for DOWL in Anchorage to help support EIS project management teams as well as other environmental projects as needed through a full spectrum of research, fieldwork, documentation, report preparation, public involvement, and agency coordination services to clients in the area of environmental documentation in support of State and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) projects. **Education and/or Experience:** Baccalaureate degree from an accredited environmental, planning, engineering or related science program required. A Master's degree from an accredited environmental, planning, engineering or related science program is preferred. Ten years of progressively responsible NEPA and/or environmental compliance project experience, experience must include EIS-level analysis and coordination. The ideal candidate will have been part of the project management team for an EIS and understand the complexities of high-level NEPA. The candidate must be able to demonstrate

that they have experience to independently determine what is needed for NEPA and be able to draft EIS sections based on existing technical reports and information. An understanding of the parallel permitting processes that occur during the NEPA process and knowledge of agency processes are desired. Must have a valid driver's license and a good driving record. Applications accepted online only at company careers webpage - <https://careers.dowl.com>. Please provide a writing sample along with your application. Applications accepted online only at company careers webpage - <https://careers.dowl.com>.

NEPA WRITER for **DOWL** to provide NEPA expertise and writing to the environmental group out of our Anchorage office. The position will help support EIS project management teams. The position will also help support other environmental projects as needed through a full spectrum of research, field work, documentation, report preparation, public involvement, and agency coordination services to clients in the area of environmental permitting, documentation, and environmental planning in support of state and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) projects. Education and/or Experience: Baccalaureate degree from an accredited environmental, planning, engineering or related science program required. A Master's degree from an accredited environmental, planning, engineering or related science program is preferred. Three to five years of progressively responsible NEPA and/or environmental compliance project experience required, experience must include EIS-level analysis and/or coordination. The ideal candidate will have been part of an EIS and understand the complexities of high-level NEPA. An understanding of the parallel permitting processes that occur during the NEPA process and knowledge of agency processes are desired. Must have a valid driver's license and a good driving record. Please provide a writing sample along with your application. Applications accepted online only at company careers webpage at <https://careers.dowl.com>.

STEM EDUCATOR for **REAP (Renewable Energy Alaska Project)** to assist with REAP's education and outreach efforts to K-12 educators and students through classroom visits and teacher trainings, curriculum development and review, and general outreach and promotion of energy education to stakeholders around the state. **Minimum Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree or five years of experience in a relevant field; Holds or has held a state teaching license; Willingness to travel within Alaska at least 1-2 times a month; Experience teaching in Alaska K-12 classrooms, and/or other relevant teaching, professional or educational background; Experience teaching science and/or energy concepts and an educational background in science and energy. **Location:** Anchorage. **Compensation:** This is a permanent full-time position. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Includes paid personal leave and holidays and generous retirement benefits, but not health coverage. **Application Deadline: December 14,** REAP is looking for applicants who can start in January 2019. **Application Process:** Please send cover letter, résumé, one letter of recommendation, 2-4 other references, and a writing sample to Colleen Fisk, Renewable Energy Alaska Project, 308 G Street, Suite 225, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 or email the same to education@realaska.org. To see the full job description, go to <http://alaskarenewableenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/STEM-EDUCATOR-JOB-DESC-.pdf>.

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 22 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.

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/>.

OUTREACH & FUNDRAISING ASSISTANT for the **CALYPSO FARM & ECOLOGY CENTER** in Ester for a full time, year-round position. This position works with Calypso's office management, fundraising plan and program outreach in the lively hub of Calypso's education and farm activities. To see full job description, go to <http://www.calypsofarm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018-Outreach-Fundraising-Assistant-Position-description.pdf>. Position open until filled.

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