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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](https://www.alaskamarinescience.org/agenda). For more information, go to [http://www.alaskamarinescience.org](http://www.alaskamarinescience.org). To register, go to [https://www.alaskamarinescience.org/register/](https://www.alaskamarinescience.org/register/).

**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 8th (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 9th (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/](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 [HERE](#).
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’a 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 10
SEWARD HIGHWAY – Comments are due on the proposal to EVALUATE and MITIGATE
MULTIPLE ROCKFALL, or POTENTIAL ROCKFALL, LOCATIONS ALONG the
SEWARD HIGHWAY from MILE POINT 90 (GIRDWOOD) to MILE POINT 114.5
(Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge). Work may include the following, as needed on a site-by-
site basis: - Scaling loose pieces of bedrock; - Installation of rock bolts to stabilize large blocks
sitting on planar surfaces; - Installation or upgrading of wire mesh and anchoring wire mesh to
slopes with rock bolts to catch rockfalls; - Drilling, blasting, and excavating rock to create
catchment areas for falling rock and/or to remove rock that may create hazards; - Redirecting
seasonal creeks to prevent winter icing and destabilization of rock slopes; - Repaving/patching
the highway at rockfall damage locations; - Utility relocation(s). Construction for the proposed
project is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2020. Responses are needed to ensure that all
possible factors are considered in the environmental document. For more information, contact
Christina Huber, Project Manager, at 269-0572 or email christina.huber@alaska.gov or Renée
Goentzel, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 269-0714 or email renee.goentzel@alaska.gov.
Submit comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, to
brian.elliott@alaska.gov.

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/stipplans/1821/1821_Amd2Projects.pdf. To comment, go

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 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.

EVENTS & MEETINGS in ANCHORAGE, EAGLE RIVER & GIRDWOOD

**December 7**

ANCHORAGECLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) OPEN HOUSE will be held from 6 to 9pm in the Anchorage Museum Spark!Lab. Learn about the CAP and share your feedback on proposed recommendations and chat with the team about ideas for reducing energy costs, improving public health, and building community resilience. You will have the opportunity to check out maps and photos from the Anchorage Museum’s archives and discuss how the city has grown and developed and how climate change affects Anchorage. There will be a climate-change focused tour of the museum beginning at 7pm. Make sure to check out the Power of Energy exhibit, which presents discoveries about how we think and talk about energy, its many uses, and renewable energy sources. The Municipality of Anchorage is collaborating with UAA to create the Anchorage Climate Action Plan. We are seeking community input on strategies to reduce our contributions to climate change and build resilience to climate impacts. To learn more, visit www.muni.org/ClimateActionPlan. This is an open house style event, so feel free to stop by anytime between 6 and 9pm. Free Entry - RSVP Here

December 7

NET ZERO BUILDING IN THE ARCTIC will be discussed from 1:30 to 3:30 at the BP Energy Center. This presentation will focus on a proposal by architect Klaus Mayer for a Net Zero Energy multi-generational house intended for Arctic villages. The house incorporates communal design elements such as a shared kitchen and common space that recognizes family members desire to share and interact with each other as well as an outside entry for storage of subsistence foods. For energy savings and waste reduction, urine-diverting dry toilets, a rainwater collection system and low energy appliances are utilized. The home also uniquely incorporates building blocks made from mushrooms (fungal mycelium) as a potential local low cost, eco-friendly solution to traditional building materials. The idea of using mycelium (the white vegetative strands that form the root of mushrooms) to replace insulation and other products is being explored across the country. This project relies on work done by University of Alaska Anchorage professor PHILIPPE AMSTISLAVSKI, who is currently testing a slab of mycelium insulation at the Cold Climate Housing Research Center in Fairbanks. The mycelium can be grown in various shapes and is inert and non-toxic. When removed and exposed to elements, it naturally decomposes. Come learn more about this proposed Net Zero project and the potential for mycelium products as a building material for Alaska homes and businesses. COST: $15 for ACAT members $30 for non-ACAT members (Alaska Center for Appropriate Technology). CEUs available. For more information, go to www.ACAT.org or call 907.229.1982.

December 7
MAGNETIC NORTH, a documentary film, will be shown at 6:30 in the Anchorage Museum, Rasmuson Center. The film is a selection from the Magnetic North series that explores the personality and character of six Alaskans whose actions and ideas have shaped Alaska’s history, spirit and values. Collectively, they challenge preconceived notions of the Last Frontier, promote a richer understanding of its distinct identity, and speak to our shared experience of life in contemporary Alaska. Film director MARLA WILLIAMS hosts a discussion on her filmmaking processes and experiences with these magnetic subjects. The project is produced by Alaska Humanities Forum in partnership with Rasmuson Foundation.

**December 8**

Find out more details of the ENERGY INNOVATION and CARBON DIVIDEND ACT at Citizens’ Climate Lobby International Conference Call to be held from 8:30 to 10:30am in Room 220, Rasmuson Hall, UAA. Guest speaker is PER ESPEN STOKNES. We’ll be going over details of the bill and what we can all do to move this Act to passage. For more information, go to https://citizensclimatelobby.org/energy-innovation-and-carbon-dividend-act/, contact George at 907 887 6109, email anchorageclimate@gmail.com or go to www.citizensclimatelobby.org.

**December 10**

CHUGACH STATE PARK CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD will meet at 6pm in the Atwood Building Suite 102, 550 West 7th Avenue. The Chugach State Park Advisory Board consists of at least 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. Contact Kurt Hensel, Superintendent for more information at 345-5014 or email kurt.hensel@alaska.gov.

December 10

Public scoping meetings will be held on the NPR-A INTEGRATED ACTIVITY PLAN will be held from 5:30 to 8:30pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. For more information, go to https://www.blm.gov/press-release/interiors-bureau-land-management-begins-planning-effort-npr-a.

**December 11 (POSTPONED from DECEMBER 5)**

Open House meeting on the COMPATIBLE-SCALE INFILL HOUSING (R-2 ZONES) PROJECT will be held from 7 to 9pm at the Permit Center, 4700 Elmore Road. This is an update to Anchorage’s Title 21 Zoning Rules for the Size of Development in the R-2A, R-2D, and R-2M Zoning Districts in Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan implementation. For more information, go to www.muni.org/Planning/2040actions.aspx or email anchorage2040@muni.org. To see the draft document, go to http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Documents/Anch2040%20Implementation/Anch2040-Compatible-scale_Infill_Housing%20Community_Discussion_Draft.pdf.

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.

December 12
The COOPER LAKE HYDROPOWER PROJECT INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IAC) will hold its annual public meeting of the IAC to DETERMINE the YEAR’S INSTREAM FLOW RELEASE SCHEDULE and MONITORING RECOMMENDATIONS. The meeting will be held from 10am to 4:30pm at USFS Chugach National Forest Supervisor’s Office, 161 E. 1st Avenue, Door 8. Participants are requested to register. Interested persons and organizations are invited to visit chugach/cooper-hydro for more information.

December 12
RESTORING ALASKA’S WOOD BISON is the topic at the Alaska Zoo Gateway Hall at 7pm. Learn about the history of wood bison in Alaska, their success in the present, and the amazing potential that the future holds. TOM SEATON, Alaska’s wood bison restoration project biologist with the AK Dept. of Fish and Game, will share the successes and challenges of this interesting effort. These lectures are FREE, ASL interpreted, and coffee and tea are always available. There are door prizes too. For more information, contact Stephanie Hartman, Education Director, at (907)341-6463 or email slhartman@alaskazoo.org.

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 16
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 22 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)**
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 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.
**December 11**

CORDOVA - CORDOVA'S CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT PRIMER: OWLS will be held at 7pm at the U.S Forest Service Building with MILO BURCHAM and AARON BOWMAN. Do all owls give a hoot? Do owls come out only at night? In preparation for our Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, December 15, Aaron Bowman and Milo Burcham will review the owl species that can be seen and heard near Cordova and how to find them for our upcoming count. We usually find at least one owl species during our annual Christmas count. With a little training, perhaps we can pick up a few more.

December 11

KETCHIKAN - KETCHIKAN AREA STATE PARKS ADVISORY BOARD will meet at 5:15 in the Ketchikan Public Utilities Conference Room, 2930 Tongass Avenue. 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, recreational opportunities, and user conflicts, while fulfilling the Alaska State Park mission. They are recruiting for new additional members, 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. 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.

December 11

HOMER - The HOMER FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at the KBRR building at 6 pm. Agenda will include Statewide BOF proposals, and any other business that may properly come before the committee. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information contact Dave Lyon at 399-2340.

December 11, 12 & 13

Public scoping meetings will be held on the NPR-A INTEGRATED ACTIVITY PLAN in the following locations:

- **December 11** – ATQASUK from 7 to 10 at the community center
- **December 12** – ANANKTUVUK PASS from 7 to 10 in the community center
- **December 13** – FAIRBANKS from 5:30 to 8:30pm at the Morris Thompson Center


December 12

HAINES - The CHILKAT BALD EAGLE PRESERVE (CBEP) ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet at 10am in the Haines Assembly Chambers. The Alaska State Park CBEP Advisory Council is a legislatively designated 12 member panel delegated to recommend and assist the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for the planning, management, and resource and environmental protection of the Eagle Preserve with the goal to preserve eagle and salmon
habitat and still maintain a balance of recreational opportunities, commercial operations and resolve user conflicts while fulfilling the Alaska State Park mission and Preserve management plan. The Advisory Council meetings are open to the public, to provide an opportunity to share your opinions about how best to manage and preserve the unique natural, cultural and historic features of the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, while enhancing the enjoyment for all visitors and future generations. Please join us as an interested community member or call the Haines State Park office at 766-2292 for additional information.

December 12
PALMER - The MATANUSKA VALLEY FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at 7 pm at the MTA building to consider Southeast Region Board of Game proposals 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 13
PALMER - The MATANUSKA VALLEY FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at 7 pm at the MTA building, located at 480 Commercial Drive in Palmer to consider Southeast Region Board of Game proposals 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 13
JUNEAU - GET READY FOR THE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT at the Juneau Audubon Society monthly meeting to held at 7pm in the UAS Egan Lecture Hall, Room 112. The Christmas Bird Count will be held on December 15. Free and open to the public.

December 13 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)
KETCHIKAN - The KETCHIKAN FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting in the Ak Dept. of Fish & Game Office Conference Room, second floor at 5:30pm. A teleconference may available for those not able to attend in person. Agenda items include: Board of Fisheries issues; Joint Board issues; Other Advisory Committee business. For further information contact Chair John Scoblic at scoblic@TridentSeafoods.com. For teleconference information, contact Jessalynn Rintala at 907-465-6097 or email jessalynn.rintala@alaska.gov.

December 13
VALDEZ - The VALDEZ FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will have an election meeting at 6pm at the Valdez Native Tribal Hall. Also, on the agenda will be discussion of the Joint board proposals. For more information contact Hope Upicksoun at hope.lorena@gmail.com.

**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 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

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%20Epdf.
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.

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
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=e6025150afbc393&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

**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
**PROGRAM SUPPORT SPECIALIST** for the NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD to join our small staff of professionals, all of whom are passionate about marine science. The Program Support Specialist is responsible for providing administrative assistance to NPRB staff, board and panels. These duties cover administrative, operational and program support tasks of average or above average complexity, or they may be a part or segment of a more complex project or program. **Primary Responsibilities:** The Program Support Specialist is responsible for providing executive level administrative assistance to the Executive Director, and administrative and program support assistance to four other staff members: the Science Director, two Program Managers, and the Communications and Outreach Director. **Minimum Qualifications:** Bachelor’s Degree and three years of experience in an administrative or executive assistant position; experience in a similar position may substitute for the educational requirement on a year-for-year basis. **Desired Qualifications:** Three-plus years’ experience providing executive assistance and supervising office administration for a scientific or technical organization. This is a regular, full-time position. NPRB offers a competitive wage (DOE) and benefits package. Part-time employment with benefits will be considered for the appropriate candidate. Candidates should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and a one-page summary of their relevant experience and interests. Full Time, Exempt Position. For more information about NPRB visit [www.nprb.org](http://www.nprb.org). Please send electronic versions of these documents with contact information for four references to Amy Komarek, Senior Human Resource Manager, at hr@alaskasealife.org. **Applications will be accepted until January 11.** Review of applications will take place in January and February with an anticipated start date of February 18.

**PART TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT** for TRUSTEES FOR ALASKA to manage case files and perform other general office tasks. The ideal candidate will have excellent verbal and written communication skills, basic knowledge of office equipment, experience using Microsoft Office and Adobe programs, and a positive attitude. Familiarity with legal documents or administrative agency documents is preferred. We are seeking a candidate to work 10–15 hours per week during our regular office hours in Anchorage (Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm). Please submit your cover letter and resume to Jennie Frost at jfrost@trustees.org. Pay is $12/hour DOE.

**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/.


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