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## WHAT'S UP

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## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

January 24

**KODIAK - GROWING UP WILD: TALKING SCIENCE with TOTS WORKSHOP** will be held from 6 to 9pm at the USFWS Visitor's Center. This is an Early Childhood professional development for educators of young children. Learn how to engage children in science conversation, spark their observation skills and grow their natural curiosity. Cost \$20 and includes the Growing Up WILD Curriculum Guide. Register at <https://guwtalkingwithtots.eventbrite.com>. For more information, call Brenda Duty at 907-267-2216 or email [brenda.duty@alaska.gov](mailto:brenda.duty@alaska.gov).

January 25 & 26

**KODIAK - ALASKA'S FABULOUS FUR BEARERS!** will be held from 4:30 to 8:30 on Friday and from 9am to 5pm on Saturday at the USFWS Visitor's Center. The workshop will feature the Alaska Wildlife Curriculum, Bears of Alaska Teacher's Guide and the Fur and Skull Guides of Alaska Mammals. Learn how you can use wildlife to teach adaptations, locomotion, animals signs, food chains/webs, ecology, habitat and patterns and inquiry! Open to parents, teachers, para-professionals, agency educators. 580 graduate level credit available, but not required. Meet with biologist **NATE SVOBODA** during dinner hour. Nate will be on hand to answer questions about wildlife in the Kodiak area. Cost \$50 and includes the Alaska Wildlife Curriculum Guide and your choice of one supplemental guide. Register at <https://alaskasfabfurbearers.eventbrite.com>. For more information, contact Brenda Duty at 907-267-2216 or email [brenda.duty@alaska.gov](mailto:brenda.duty@alaska.gov).

January 25

**ANCHORAGE - COMMISSIONING FOR HIGH EFFICIENCY AND NET ZERO ENERGY HOMES WORKSHOP** will be held from 1 to 4pm at the ACS Business Technology Center, 600 W. 36th Avenue. This 3-hour course will provide an in-depth review on what needs to be and what can be commissioned in a residential home. Instructor **EMMETT LEFFEL** will begin with discussing each system that is required to be commissioned based on minimum energy code requirements. Systems that will be covered are domestic hot water, heating systems, ventilation systems, and the air barrier systems. The next part of the class will focus on advanced levels of commissioning based on higher level energy efficient standards where system performance is critical. Finally, the instructor will talk about more complex strategies that will focus on available technology such as thermal imaging, building diagnostics, and testing and balancing along with methods of measuring performance such as monitoring of indoor air quality and electrical usage monitoring to identifying specific conditions and issues effecting performance, comfort and the health of a home. The instructor's resources will be pulled from multiple auditing disciplines from his years as a BEES Energy Rater, LEED Green Rater, Air Barrier Auditor and BPI Building Analyst in the State of Alaska and encourage audience members to ask questions and share examples. COST: \$45 for ACAT members | \$90 for non-ACAT members, 3 CEUs Available for additional \$20/CEU. \*Registration Required\* For more

information and to register, go to <https://acat.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e42c6db3832a422c9b77a00ee&id=48a0f08845&e=d0307e1d45>.

**January 27 - AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION SCIENCE COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP** will be held from 9am to 4pm Sunday. The American Geophysical Union and their "Sharing Science" group to deliver a science communication workshop. Open to all scientists, science communicators, media, and other audiences. This workshop has been updated from last year's workshop and provides excellent training on science communication. One-on-one consultation sessions will be available Monday morning for critique and evaluation of materials, products, and project ideas. Registration is limited to 20 participants and fills up quickly so register NOW. Cost is \$125 and registration is required. Please visit the [Alaska Marine Science Symposium](#) Website for more information, an agenda, and to register.

#### **January 27 & 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/>.

**\*\*January 28 - WRITING AS A SERIES OF NESTING DOLLS: COMMUNICATING OCEAN SCIENCES WORKSHOP** will be held from 9am to 12pm. **JUDE ISABELLA**, editor of Hakai Magazine, will be delivering this workshop designed to hone your skills at writing compelling narratives. There are tricks to the trade that are easily learned: in this hands-on workshop, you will leave with six takeaways that will improve your writing immediately. This workshop is being held in conjunction with the Alaska Marine Science Symposium, is free, and space is not limited. For more information visit <https://www.alaskamarinescience.org/events/>.

#### **\*\*February 1, 8, 15, 22 March 1 & 8**

**PALMER - The COMPREHENSIVE ORGANIC GARDENING COURSE** will be held at the Mat-Su College. Two Choices: afternoons from 1:30 to 4pm or evenings from 6 to 8:30pm. Both have an optional field trip on Sunday April 7 from 3 to 6pm. Learn how to \* Fertilize organically; \* Manage pests & weeds non-toxically; \* Build powerhouse soil; \* Pack nutrient density into your food; \* Compost successfully; \* Put all the parts of sustainable growing together. Tuition: 1 credit (\$212) or Senior Waiver, or audit. To Register at Mat-Su College, phone them at 745-9746. Ask for Bettina.

#### **\*\*February 6 – March 6 (ONLINE 1-CREDIT COURSE)**

**HEAT PUMP SYSTEMS** use the sun's energy stored in the soil, air, and water for space heating and domestic hot water production in our buildings. This course presents the basics of how heat pump systems work and how they are being used in Alaska. The course introduces

physical concepts related to harvesting shallow geothermal energy, system components, common installation configurations, cost/benefit considerations, and safety. The course will be held from 5:20 to 8pm and taught **online** through the BlackBoard interface. If you are interested in this unique opportunity **call Bristol Bay Campus, 907-842-5109 for assistance with registration.**

### **February 8**

**ANCHORAGE - ALASKA ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN CONFERENCE** will be held at the Hilton Hotel from 9:45 to 11:45am. “But they’re just Playing! Nope, they’re learning!” Play is the fundamental way young children learn about the world around them. Teachers of young children learn how to help their charges gain physical, emotional and intellectual confidence to learn outside. Conference registration is required.

### **\*\*February 11 & 12**

**KENAI - CESCL (Alaska Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead) CERTIFICATION TRAINING** will be held at the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association on K-Beach Road.

This 2-day training explains the erosion process and how to obtain and comply with the EPA NPDES Construction General Permit. NPDES compliance is required for all projects that disturb a total of five acres or more of soil and a Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead-trained person is required on all USACE and ADOT&PF projects as of January 1, 2008. The course will describe the key elements of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and provide detailed instructions on how to maintain a SWPPP, and select, install and maintain stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs). Cost: \$395.

**\*\*February 13 – Refresher Course** will be held at the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association. The 1-day eight-hour refresher course has been approved to satisfy the AK-CESCL renewal requirements. **To be eligible you must have an active AK-CESCL number and have taken the 2-day training within the last three years.** This course is a summary of the 2-day AK-CESCL class. Cost: \$295. Register online by following this link: <https://kenaiwatershed.org/event/ak-cescl-alaska-certified-erosion-and-sediment-control-lead-storm-water-training/>. For more information, contact Rhonda at the Kenai Watershed Forum at [rhonda@kenaiwatershed.org](mailto:rhonda@kenaiwatershed.org).

### **February 22**

**NOME - GROWING UP WILD: DISCOVER, LEARN, EXPLORE!** will be held from 5:30 to 8:30pm on the UAF Northwest Campus. This hands-on interactive Early Childhood Professional Development Workshop introduces the award-winning conservation program that assists Pre-Kindergarten students through 7 years old in learning about wildlife, science and inquiry! Parents, caregivers, kindergarten teachers and agency professionals are all welcome. Training hours can be used for professional development, accreditation or grant match. Cost \$20 includes Growing Up WILD Curriculum Guide. Register at <https://growingupwildinnome.eventbrite.com>. For more information, contact Brenda Duty at 907-267-2216 or email [brenda.duty@alaska.gov](mailto:brenda.duty@alaska.gov).

### **February 22 & 23**

**NOME - BUILDING BLOCKS of ECOLOGY WORKSHOP** will be held from 5 to 8pm on Friday and from 8am to 5pm on Saturday at the UAF NW Campus, 400 Front Street for educators (teachers, para-professionals, parents) of students grades 3-12. This workshop helps educators better understand systems and how to teach about food webs, trophic levels, predator prey dynamics and more, with a focus on NW Alaska. The workshop is interdisciplinary and

aligned to NGSS and state standards. We'll also be working with Hyper Docs and other types of technology to produce lesson plans and activities for students. This is a graduate level course for recertification through UAA, with the help of UAF NW Campus. Register at <https://buildingblocksofalaskaecology.eventbrite.com>. For more information, contact Brenda Duty at 907-267-2216 or email [Brenda.duty@alaska.gov](mailto:Brenda.duty@alaska.gov).

### **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/>.

### **\*\*March & April**

Courses for 2019 Certified Septic System installers class offered by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation will be held on the following dates and location.

#### **Initial Course:**

**\*\*March 7 & 8 – Anchorage**

**\*\*March 27 & 28 – Fairbanks**

**\*\*April 18 & 19 – Anchorage**

**Refresher Course:**

**\*\*March 7 – Soldotna/Kenai**

**\*\*Mat-Su/Anchorage – March 20**

**\*\*Fairbanks – March 29**

Only a certified installer, registered engineer, or approved homeowners may install a septic system in the State of Alaska. Course registration form and more class information is available online at <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/engineering/course-registration>.

**March 16 or March 23**

**EAGLE RIVER - NIGHTTIME & AURORA PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS** will be held from 8pm to 1am each day with **COLIN TYLER BOGUCKI**. Details and registration are available at [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org).

## **WEBINARS & TELECONFERENCES**

## **GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFPs**

**January 14**

Deadline for applications for the **SIX MILLION IN HABITAT RESTORATION FUNDING** available nationwide through the **NOAA RESTORATION CENTER**. The Community-based Restoration Program supports restoration projects that use a habitat-based approach to rebuild productive and sustainable fisheries, contribute to the recovery and conservation of protected resources, promote healthy ecosystems, and yield community and economic benefits. More information can be found at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/grant/coastal-and-marine-habitat-restoration-grants>. For more information, contact [Erika.Ammann@noaa.gov](mailto:Erika.Ammann@noaa.gov).

**January 18, 30, February 8 & 22**

The following Sea Grant Fellowships are available:

**January 18** - Deadline for the two-year fellowship that begins in August 2019 that provides on-the-job education and training in coastal resource management and policy. Fellows assist state coastal zone management agencies and other NOAA partners.

**January 30** - Deadline for applications for the **POPULATION AND ECOSYSTEM DYNAMICS FELLOWSHIP** and the **MARINE RESOURCE ECONOMICS FELLOWSHIP** from postgraduate students for the 2019-2021 Coastal Management/Digital Coast Fellowship.

**February 8** - Deadline for applications for **ALASKA SEA GRANT STATE FELLOWSHIPS** that matches recently or nearly finished graduate students with 12-month professional job opportunities in Alaska supporting healthy coastal communities and the marine environment. Agencies that currently have fellows include NOAA Fisheries, the U.S. Geological Survey Office of the Regional Director, Alaska Ocean Observing System, North Pacific Research Board and the NOAA Auke Bay laboratory.

**February 22** - Deadline for applications for the **JOHN A. KNAUSS MARINE POLICY FELLOWSHIP** that places early professionals in executive and legislative government offices in the Washington, D.C., area for a year of work on science-related policies. Any student, regardless of citizenship, who is enrolled in a graduate program and has an interest in ocean, coastal or Great Lakes resources, and national policy decisions is eligible for consideration. The graduate program must be at an accredited institution of higher education in the United States or



its territories. A full list of 2018 [Knauss fellows and placements](#) is available on the National [Sea Grant website](#).

[Find information on all the fellowships](#). For more information, contact Tara Borland, 907-474-7014 or email [tara.borland@alaska.edu](mailto:tara.borland@alaska.edu).

### **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](http://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/>.

### **\*\*March 26**

Deadline for applications for the **COOK INLET REGIONAL CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL (CIRCAC) SCHOLARSHIPS to TWO COOK INLET STUDENTS STUDYING ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES or MARITIME and VOCATIONAL STUDIES**. To qualify for a CIRCAC scholarship, one must be a graduating senior or recent graduate of a Cook Inlet area high school (Anchorage, Kodiak, Nikiski, Ninilchik, Kenai, Soldotna, Seldovia, Hope and Homer), or current college enrollee; and an Alaska resident who resides in the vicinity of Cook Inlet who is pursuing a college or vocational school course of study focused on, or related to environmental sciences, maritime studies or spill prevention/response. For more information or to download an application, visit [www.circac.org/outreach/scholarship-program/](http://www.circac.org/outreach/scholarship-program/).

## **DEADLINES**

### **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](http://www.forestry.alaska.gov/tvsf_committee.htm) or call 907-269-8467. Send a letter explaining your interests and qualifications to Alison Arians at [alison.arians@alaska.gov](mailto:alison.arians@alaska.gov).

## **\*\*January 21**

**ANCHORAGE** – Comments are due on the **AMATS COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN**. To see the plan, go to [https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Documents/Coordinated Transportation Plan/AMATS CHSTP 010319 plan.pdf](https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Documents/Coordinated_Transpor%20ation_Plan/AMATS_CHSTP_010319_plan.pdf). For more information or to submit a comment, contact Craig Lyon at [amatsinfo@muni.org](mailto:amatsinfo@muni.org).

## **January 22**

Deadline for scoping comments on the proposal to **PREPARE an INTEGRATED ACTIVITY PLAN and ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT for BLM-MANAGED LANDS within the NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE IN ALASKA (NPR-A)**. Consistent with the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act, the IAP/EIS will address a narrower range of multiple use management than a resource management plan (*e.g.*, it will not contemplate opening lands to hard rock or coal mining). The IAP/EIS will include: A consideration of a range of alternatives that make lands available for leasing; an examination of current special area boundaries; and, a consideration of new or revised lease stipulations and best management practices. The IAP/EIS would also ensure that the BLM's land management will provide the opportunity, subject to appropriate conditions developed through a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, to construct pipelines and other necessary infrastructure to bring oil and gas resources from offshore or adjacent leases to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System or a future gas pipeline from the North Slope. The IAP/EIS would also consider the potential for a road system connecting communities across the North Slope. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine the management decisions and resources to be addressed and the issues for analysis. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns. For documents, go to <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=174096>. Submit comments on issues related to the proposed NPR-A IAP/EIS project at <http://www.blm.gov/alaska/NPR-A-IAP-EIS>.

## **January 25**

**FAIRBANKS** – Comments are due on request for information on a proposal to **CONSTRUCT a NEW INTERCHANGE at the INTERSECTION of the RICHARDSON and OLD RICHARDSON HIGHWAYS and GRADE-SEPARATE the EXISTING AT-GRADE RAILROAD CROSSING NEAR MP 359**. The proposed work would include: An interchange at the intersection of the Richardson Highway and the Old Richardson Highway; A railroad grade separated facility near MP 359; Removal of the existing Richardson Highway at-grade southbound left-turn intersection; Installation of new bridges, retaining walls, guardrails, lighting, striping, and signage; and, Roadside drainage improvements and utility relocations.

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to begin in 2022. For more information, contact Colleen Ackiss, Project Manager, at 451-5179 or email [colleen.ackiss@alaska.gov](mailto:colleen.ackiss@alaska.gov). Submit comments to Brett Nelson, Regional Environmental Manager, at [brett.nelson@alaska.gov](mailto:brett.nelson@alaska.gov) or at [Leave a Comment](#).

## **\*\*January 28**

**ANCHOR POINT** - Comments are due on the application for an **OIL DISCHARGE PREVENTION and CONTINGENCY PLAN** for the **BLUECREST'S COSMOPOLITAN** site located near Anchor Point. The site is a crude oil production site. Production operations covered by the plan include drilling new wells; workover of existing wells; separation and processing of produced fluids into sales quality crude oil; storage of crude oil, oil-based drilling fluids, and produced water; and transfer of sales quality crude oil to contracted tanker trucks for transport to the Marathon refinery in Nikiski. Currently the plan addresses oil spill prevention and response measures to support a maximum response planning standard (RPS) of 1,500 barrels of oil per day) at the wellhead for a total discharge volume of 22,500 barrels over 15 days and a 300-barrel RPS for oil storage tanks. Based on information regarding expected reservoir pressures at the time of plan approval in 2015 there was no expected aerial blowout plume from a loss of well control event. Based on that information the modelled blowout plume indicated oil would be contained within the pad boundaries. Therefore, the blowout scenario in the plan did not include on water response efforts and on land recovery operations reflected removal of oil only from the existing pad area. Following recent well workover operations, the well pressures have increased substantially. Based on new modelling parameters and assumptions, an updated blowout plume model was developed based on the increased well pressures and corresponding increase in the oil to gas ratio. The new modelling now indicates the potential for a significant aerial plume that could carry oil approximately 15,000 feet from the well head, with the potential for off-pad migration and direct deposition to the shoreline and waters of Cook Inlet. Based on current and expected future production rates from individual wells the RPS has been reduced to 1,000 bopd at the wellhead for a total discharge volume of 15,000 barrels over 15 days. The facility consists of an onshore drill site and production facility located on private leased property, approximately 5 ½ miles north of Anchor Point and ½ mile west of the Sterling Highway. The western drill site boundary is approximately 500 feet from mean high tide of the open waters of Cook Inlet. A potential risk exists of oil spills entering the lands or waters of the state as a result of this operation. Copies of the application package are available at <http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/IPP/CPlansUnderReview>.

## **January 31**

**PALMER/WASILLA** – Comments are due on the proposal to **RESURFACE APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES of PALMER-FISHHOOK ROAD from the INTERSECTION of WASILLA-FISHHOOK ROAD through the INTERSECTION with GOLD CHORD ROAD**. Construction for the proposed project is anticipated to begin in summer 2020. For more information, contact Kelly Summers, Project Manager, at 269-0546 email [kelly.summers@alaska.gov](mailto:kelly.summers@alaska.gov) or Theresa Dutchuk, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 269-0524 or email [Theresa.dutchuk@alaska.gov](mailto:Theresa.dutchuk@alaska.gov). Submit comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, at [brian.elliott@alaska.gov](mailto:brian.elliott@alaska.gov).

## **February 8**

Deadline for nominations for the **FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS 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](http://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](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence) or by visiting [www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska](https://www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska).

### **February 11**

Deadline for comments on the **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT for the COASTAL PLAIN OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM**. BLM considers four alternatives: **Alt. A** is the no-action alternative which considers the Coastal Plain in its current state; **Alt. B** would offer the entire Coastal Plain for lease, under various lease provisions like no-surface occupancy or timing limitations; **Alt. C** would also offer the entire Coastal Plain for leasing, but under a different configuration of lease terms and provisions than Alt. B; and **Alt. D**, which would offer more than 1 million acres for lease with two sub alternatives of lease restrictions that are presented as a way to address caribou use during the summer. BLM states in the EIS that it will not select the no-action alternative due to the requirements of the Tax Act to hold two lease sales on the Coastal Plain. To see the documents, including maps, go to <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=152110>.

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

### **\*\*January 12**

[ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT](#) will be discussed at the **CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY** meeting from 8:30 to 10:30am in Room 220, Rasmusen Hall, UAA campus. Journalist **AMANDA RIPLEY** will join by teleconference. To learn more about the act, go to [cclusa.org/bill](http://cclusa.org/bill).

### **\*\*January 14**

The **CHUGACH STATE PARK ADVISORY BOARD** will meet at 6pm at the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 102. Agenda items will include discussion of Board of Game proposals affecting the park. We will also be conducting Board elections for 2019. The Chugach State Park Advisory Board consists of up to 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 park interests and use patterns. For more information, contact Kurt Hensel, Superintendent, at 345-5014 or email [kurt.hensel@alaska.gov](mailto:kurt.hensel@alaska.gov).

### **January 16 (CANCELLED)**

**ODDITIES & VILLAINS OF EARLY ALASKA AVIATION** will be presented at 7pm at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive. You may have heard about Alaska's earliest bush pilots. They were comic book heroes in the 1920s and 1930s and were dubbed the "Cowboys of the Sky." But you likely have never heard about the villains, the braggarts, or the quirky guys in Alaska's skies during the golden era of bush pilots. You probably also have never heard about Alaska's flying cows or the military bases that were so secret the military didn't know about them! And chances are that you've asked yourself the second most common question at the Alaska Aviation Museum: Whose face graces the tail of Alaska Airlines' jets? Please join us as **MARK RANSOM**, pilot, historian, and tour guide at the Alaska Aviation Museum, tells us about all this and more! The program is part of the Center's Fireside Chat lecture series and is free and open to the public. For more information please call 267-1241.

**\*\*January 16**

**LIVABLE COMMUNITIES FORUM** will be held from 6 to 7:30pm at the Williwaw, 609 F Street. Join AARP Alaska, community stakeholders, and world-renowned speaker, livability expert, and founder of 8-80 cities **GIL PENALOSA** for a journey around the world. Gil has inspired, advised and inspired more than 300 cities around the world on creating vibrant cities and healthy communities for everyone. At this event we'll look at what other cities have done to create great public places, cities built for sustainable mobility, walking, riding, cycling, and public transportation. We'll seek your feedback on how to make Anchorage and Alaska more livable. Heavy appetizers and a beverage of your choice will be provided - RSVP Required. [CLICK HERE](#) for registration information.

**January 16**

**WILDLIFE HEALTH** will be presented by **KATHY BUREK**, Owner of Alaska Veterinary Pathology Services from 7 to 8pm at the BP Energy Center. Learning about wildlife is the first step in protecting it, and at Alaska Wildlife Alliance's free Wildlife Wednesday presentations you're sure to learn something new! These free events start with a short presentation from a wildlife expert and are followed by a period of Q & A. Free donuts will be provided courtesy of Dipper Donuts and families are welcome! For more information, [Visit our website](#).

**\*\*January 17**

**DONLIN GOLD PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT** is the topic for the Brown Bag Speaker Series Presentation from 11:45am to 12:45pm by **GENE WEGLINSKI**, Donlin Gold. Doors open at 11:30 at the BP Energy Center, 900 E. Benson Blvd. FREE and open to the public.

**January 22 & 23 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)**

The **OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD (ORTAB)** will meet from 9am to 4pm both days in Room 1270 of the Atwood Building, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 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. The public is welcome to attend. 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](mailto:darcy.harris@alaska.gov). For more information about the meeting, the ORTAB, or the Recreational Trails Program, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/trails.htm>.

### **January 26**

**WINTER WILDLANDS ALLIANCE BACKCOUNTRY FILM FESTIVAL** will be held at 7pm at the Eagle River Nature Center. Join us for a celebration of the human-powered experience. Immerse yourself in an evening of films that capture the spirit of winter. Adventure, environment, youth outdoor, ski culture - you'll find it all in this award-winning lineup. Sponsored by the Alaska Quiet Rights Coalition. Advance tickets with pre-assigned seating are available for \$8/person at [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org). Tickets are \$10 on the day of the event.

### **\*\*January 27**

**THE COSTS OF ALASKA'S ECONOMIC ROLLER COASTER** will be held from 4 to 6pm at the 49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing Co., 717 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. This event will examine the costs of a start-and-stop economy and the benefits of a stable source of state income. Senator Lisa Murkowski has been invited to open the discussion; "Serving Alaskans by Working across the Aisle". Panelists' Perspectives: Moderated by John Tracy; Business – Angela Libal, Owner, Title Wave Books; Banker – Hoe Schierhorn, Chairman, President & CEO, Northrim Bank; Labor – Ryan Andrew, Business Representative, IBEW Local 1547; Municipal – Larry Persily, Former Chief of Staff, Kenai Borough; Rural – Greg Razo, VP Government Relations, CIRI; Service – Mark Schneider, Schneider & Moad CPAs. Economists Response; Mouhcine Guettagi, UAA ISER. There will be time for your questions. Pizza and beverages available for purchase. Sponsored by Alaska Common Ground. Co-sponsored by the Anchorage Public Library and the League of Women Voters of Anchorage.

### **\*\*January 28**

**SEABIRDS and MARINE MAMMALS in an ICE-FREE ALASKA** with **Dr. DONNA HAUSER, Dr. JANET DUFFY-ANDERSON, and Dr. TIMOTHY JONES** from 4 to 6pm at the UAA Campus Bookstore. Guest speakers from the Alaska Marine Science Symposium explain their findings concerning the ramifications of an Ice-Free Alaska. Donna Hauser, International Arctic Research Center, University of Alaska Fairbanks, presents "Responses, Risks, and Resilience of Alaska's Arctic Marine Mammals in a Changing Climate". Timothy Jones, Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team, University of Washington, examines "Seabird Mortality Deaths in the Bering Sea". Janet Duffy-Anderson, NOAA/Alaska Fisheries Science Center Recruitment Processes Program, and Ecosystems and Fisheries Oceanography Coordinated Investigations, discusses "Changes in the Bering Sea Ecosystem: What an Ice-Free Winter May Mean". Everyone is encouraged to attend this event. No scientific background is required.

### **February 2**

**ANCHORAGE TRANSPORTATION FAIR** will be held from 3 to 7pm at the Alaska Airlines Center, 3550 Providence Drive. Ride bus routes 10, 20, or 55. The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and partners, including the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska Railroad Corporation, and Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility, invite you to participate in the Anchorage Transportation Fair. The event is a "super open house" providing a showcase of walking, biking, driving, rail, and aviation projects and plans within the Municipality of Anchorage and main corridors to the Mat-Su and Kenai Peninsula. The Fair is free and open to the public and there is no cost for parking. Reserve a table for your

transportation project or program. For more information, go to <http://anchoragefair.blogspot.com/>.

## **MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE**

### **\*\*January 14**

**KODIAK - KODIAK STATE PARKS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD** will meet at 7pm in the Ft. Abercrombie State Historical Park District office.

### **\*\*January 15**

**CORDOVA - The PWS PLANKTON CAM: AN UNDERWATER MICROSCOPE to VIEW the ZOOPLANKTON ECOSYSTEM of PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND** will be presented by **Dr. ROB CAMPBELL**, Biological Oceanographer, at 7pm on the 3rd floor of the USFS building. As part of the Gulf Watch Alaska program, a profiling mooring has been deployed annually in central Prince William Sound since 2013. The profiler measures numerous oceanographic parameters (temperature, salinity, chlorophyll-a fluorescence, turbidity, oxygen and nitrate concentrations) and does twice-daily casts from ~60 m to the surface from spring to autumn. An in-situ plankton imager for the profiler was designed and built in 2016. The system, based on a design developed at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, was designed to image large zooplankton. The camera system typically images hundreds to thousands of individual plankters during each profile, in color, with a pixel resolution of about 25 microns. This presentation will give an overview of the PWS Plankton Cam and some of the images it has collected and describe ongoing work to use machine vision techniques to identify the hundreds of thousands of images that have been collected so far.

### **January 16**

**JUNEAU - JUNEAU AREA STATE PARK CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD** will meet at 5:15 in the UAS campus Egan Building and is open to the public to comment, inform and seek information regarding the local Juneau area State Parks, State Marine Parks and Historic Sites. The advisory Board recommends and assists the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for the planning, management and operation of the state park units with the goal to improve management, recreational opportunities, and user conflicts, while fulfilling the Alaska State Park mission. The complete nine-member advisory board should consist of a wide range of ages, personal interests, recreational users, backgrounds, and career patterns to better provide for a diversity of opinions, feedback and ideas. The board has a few vacant seats, this is your opportunity to share your opinions about how best to manage and preserve the unique natural, cultural and historic Juneau community state parks, while enhancing the recreational opportunities and enjoyment for all visitors and future generations. 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.

### **\*\*January 18**

**KETCHIKAN - EAST PRINCE OF WALES FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will hold a public meeting at 5pm in Coffman Cove Ferry Terminal. Agenda items include: Recap of Board of Game Southeast region meeting; Statewide Board of Fisheries topics, incl. hatchery issues; Southeast topics being addressed at BOF AYK meeting (Proposals 176, 177); Joint Board proposals and Advisory Committee process topics; Other fish and game

issues as needed. For further information contact Jessalynn Rintala. 907.465.6097 or email [jessalynn.rintala@alaska.gov](mailto:jessalynn.rintala@alaska.gov).

### **January 23**

**CORDOVA** - The **COPPER RIVER/PWS FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will have an election meeting at 7pm in the PWS Aquaculture Corp. Conference Room. Also, on the agenda will be discussing upcoming BOG and Statewide Fisheries meeting proposals. For more information, contact Tom Carpenter, Game Chair at 424-3101. Information on the Board proposals is available at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.main>.

### **\*\*January 23**

**HOMER & ANCHORAGE** - The **KACHEMAK BAY and FOX RIVER FLATS CRITICAL HABITAT AREAS MANAGEMENT PLANNING TEAM** will meet from 9:30am to 12:30pm at the **KBNERR office in Homer** and the **ADF&G Aerie Conference Room in Anchorage**. This meeting is an agency staff working meeting. The tentative agenda for this meeting is to continue discussing draft policies on habitat and population restoration/rehabilitation, aquatic farming, hazardous material storage, and hatcheries, as time allows. These meetings will be open for members of the public to observe for the purpose of maintaining transparency in the plan revision process. However, there will not be opportunities for the public to participate in the discussion. A limited period of time will be available at the end of meeting for members of the public to ask questions. A public review draft of the revised plan will be available for comment at the end of the revision process. For more information, contact Tammy Massie at 267-2122 or email [tammy.massie@alaska.gov](mailto:tammy.massie@alaska.gov) prior to the day of the meeting.

### **\*\*January 24**

**HOMER - 16TH ANNUAL WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL** will be held at 6pm at the Homer Theater. Also being shown is the world premiere of **BJØRN OLSON'S** award-winning short film, '**ALASKA THAW**.' Bjørn's film took first prize in the national film competition, 'Witnessing Change' from the Climate Cost Project. The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is the largest film festival of its kind, showcasing the best and brightest in environmental and adventure films from around the world. Tickets are \$15 in advance at the Homer Bookstore and online at <https://www.kbayconservation.org/product/wild-and-scenic-film-festival> or \$20 at the door. The festival is sponsored by the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society and Citizens Climate Lobby (Homer Chapter).

### **January 24**

**KETCHIKAN** - The **KETCHIKAN FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will hold a public meeting at 5:30pm in the Alaska Department of Fish & Game Office Conference Room. A **teleconference may available** for those not able to attend in person. Please contact Jessalynn at 907-465-6097 for teleconference information. Agenda includes: Board of Fisheries statewide proposals & other issues; Joint Board proposals & other issues; Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis; Other Advisory Committee business. For more information, contact Chair John Scoblic at [jscoblic@TridentSeafoods.com](mailto:jscoblic@TridentSeafoods.com) or Jessalynn in the Department of Fish & Game at 907-465-6097.

## **ITEMS of INTEREST**



**\*\*To see the STATE'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN that was RECENTLY REMOVED from the STATE'S WEBSITE [Click Here](#).**

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](http://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](mailto:karla@climatejusticeinitiative.org).

## **INTERNSHIP**

**\*\*TRIBAL YOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES INTERNSHIPS** - Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak is accepting applications for two Tribal youth internships (12-week positions) starting in May 2019. Please see the job descriptions at <http://sunaq.org/careers> for more information, and how to

apply. For more information, contact Contact Kelly Krueger at 907-486-4449 or by email ([kkrueger@sunaq.org](mailto:kkrueger@sunaq.org)).

**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](mailto:Seth.Spencer@akcoastalstudies.org) 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](mailto: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](http://nau.edu/itepinterns). Submit an application online at [http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/eeop/Internships/ssi\\_host](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](mailto:EEOP-INTERN@nau.edu) or [mansel.nelson@nau.edu](mailto:mansel.nelson@nau.edu) or go to [www.nau.edu/itepinterns](http://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**

**\*\*ALASKA OUTREACH COORDINATOR for TROUT UNLIMITED ALASKA** to build a broad community of southeast Alaskans ready to speak up for trout and salmon habitat conservation. The ideal candidate a strong background in public outreach and grassroots organizing, demonstrated skills in using communication tools and tactics to educate and involve stakeholders, has a love for and knowledge of Southeast Alaska, and an interest in fishing and/or hunting. Job posting is available at <https://www.tu.org/southeast-alaska-outreach-coordinator>. **Job applications due January 25.**

**\*\*PART-TIME COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING MANAGER for KMTA** to consistently articulate **Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area's** mission and vision. The Marketing & Communication Manager will work to increase the awareness of the National Heritage Area in a progressive and collaborative manner to build effective programs, fund development, and support partner sites and KMTA communities. For the full job posting visit: <http://www.kmtacorridor.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/KMTA-Communications-and-Marketing-Manager-Job-Description.pdf>. To Apply: Please send cover letter and resume via e-mail with the subject line "Communications & Marketing Manager Position" to Jessica Szelag, Executive Director, [jessicaszelag@kmtacorridor.org](mailto:jessicaszelag@kmtacorridor.org). All submissions must be received by 5 PM on **January 25.**

**\*\*CRAYFISH TECHNICIAN POSITIONS - SUN'AQ TRIBE of KODIAK** is accepting applications for two Crayfish Technicians (I and II) starting in May 2019. Please see the job descriptions at <http://sunaq.org/careers/> for more information, and how to apply or contact Kelly Krueger at 907-486-4449 or email [kkruieger@sunaq.org](mailto:kkruieger@sunaq.org).

**\*\*PROGRAM SUPPORT SPECIALIST for the NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD** for a Full Time, Exempt Position to be 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. 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. **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. Candidates should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and a one-page summary of their relevant experience and interests. Please send electronic versions of these documents with contact information for four references to: Amy Komarek, Senior Human Resource Manager, at [hr@alaskasealife.org](mailto:hr@alaskasealife.org). **Application deadline is January 25.** For more information about NPRB visit [www.nprb.org](http://www.nprb.org). To see the full job description, go to [https://www.nprb.org/assets/uploads/files/General\\_NPRB/Program\\_Support\\_Specialist\\_ANNO\\_UNCEMENT\\_December\\_2018.pdf](https://www.nprb.org/assets/uploads/files/General_NPRB/Program_Support_Specialist_ANNO_UNCEMENT_December_2018.pdf).

**\*\*FISH & WILDLIFE TECHNICIAN at MCNEIL RIVER STATE GAME SANCTUARY** for the **ALASKA DEPARTMENT of FISH & GAME** to guide visitors as part of daily brown bear viewing program, provide orientation and physical assistance to visitors, provide for visitor safety, conduct campground and facilities maintenance, protect wildlife and other resources, and conduct biological surveys and enforcement duties. This position requires frequent visitor contacts, frequent and close contact with brown bears, and enforcement of Fish and Game regulations and policies. The sanctuary hosts the world's largest concentration of brown bears as they gather to feed on spawning salmon. The successful applicant will be expected to live and work in a remote field camp with other ADF&G employees, researchers, and public visitors. Accommodations are semi-primitive and may include cabins or tents with cooking and heating stoves, outhouses, and other amenities typical of a remote setting. The camp has no electricity or running water. Access is by floatplane. This is a nonpermanent seasonal position with expected employment from mid-May through late-August 2019. For more details and to apply, visit Workplace Alaska at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alaska/jobs/2309283/fish-and-wildlife-technician-iii-pcn-11-n19040>.

**\*\* PROJECT MANAGER ASSISTANT** for the **PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL (PWSRCAC)** is seeking applicants for the position located in **Anchorage**. Applicants must have strong communication skills, work collaboratively with colleagues, and work well under pressure. Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience and two years' experience in project management, committee support, or other relevant field required. Competency with Microsoft and Adobe products, web page management, and document management software preferred. For more information including the complete job description, full list of minimum qualifications, and instructions on how to apply, go to <http://www.pwsrcac.org/announcements/now-hiring-in-anchorage/>. Non-exempt minimum base wage beginning at \$23.62/hr. + DOE. An additional 25% of base salary added for benefits after 60 days. Position open until filled. First review of applicants taking place on **February 1**.

**\*\*EVENTS & DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR** for the **CORDOVA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** to develop and diversify the Chamber's partners and supporters. This position is part-time, year-round with a flexible schedule. Read the full job description and apply online at [cordovachamber.com/jobs](http://cordovachamber.com/jobs) or call 424-7260 for more information.

**DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR** for **COOK INLETKEEPER** will lead the fundraising and capacity building efforts to ensure the continued financial stability of the organization, maintain organizational records, grow membership and investment in the organization, and support outreach and marketing of the organization. Must have a demonstrated passion for protecting clean water and healthy salmon habitat and a willingness to work with a dynamic, dedicated team in a challenging but inspiring environment. Permanent Full-Time Position, working 40 hours per workweek. Position is based in Cook Inletkeeper's headquarters office, located in

beautiful Homer, Alaska. Generous benefits package; salary DOE. Open until filled. Job posting and details on how to apply can be found at <https://inletkeeper.org/job/>.

**OUTREACH COORDINATOR** for the **ALASKA ZOO EDUCATION DEPARTMENT** for the permanent, full-time, permanent position that involves developing and leading school district outreach and field trip programs, outreach program coordination, booking and invoicing, and assisting with various education events and presentations. Public presentation experience and a bachelor's degree in animal science, biology or related field is strongly desired. Exotic animal experience is essential, and candidate must be willing to handle a variety of education ambassador animals, including but not limited to reptiles, birds and mammals. Candidate must possess the ability to work well individually and as a team and must be comfortable instructing and presenting to all age groups, especially children. Excellent communication, organization and time management skills are a must. The ability to develop science-based program activities with a creative flare is also essential. Candidate must have a clean background and submit to a full background check, in addition to holding a valid Alaska driver's license. Work hours will vary with some evenings, overnights and weekends required based on program schedules. Must be physically capable of lifting 50 pounds unassisted and working in a variety of outdoor weather conditions. The starting pay of the position is \$13.00 per hour, 40 hours per week. To see the full job description, go to <https://www.alaskazoo.org/employment>. Interested parties should email a cover letter and resume to Stephanie Hartman at [slhartman@alaskazoo.org](mailto:slhartman@alaskazoo.org).

**ALASKA GEOGRAPHIC** is currently hiring **Summer Field Leaders** for the 2019 summer season for the following positions.

**KAYAK GUIDE AND FIELD LEADER** - Our Kayak Expeditions take Alaskan high school students and teachers into remote Prince William Sound to learn leadership and wilderness skills while also completing work projects. Prince William Sounds kayak guiding experience preferred. As a leader, you are responsible for participant safety and the daily logistics of the program.

**BACKPACKING FIELD LEADER** - The Backpacking Expeditions take place in Chugach State Park and Denali National Park and involve conservation work projects. As a leader, you are responsible for participant safety and the daily logistics of the program.

**YOUTH TRAIL-WORK EXPEDITION LEADER** - Our trail crews camp in remote areas and complete trail work and conservation projects in National Forest and Parks. As a leader, you are responsible for participant safety and the daily logistics of the project.

**ADULT KENAI FJORDS MARINE EXPEDITION LEADER** – Alaska Geographic works with Teachers to get them out into nature and experience public lands first hand. The group spends time exploring Kenai Fjords, living and sleeping aboard a boat. Leaders are responsible for group safety, daily logistics, and working with boat staff to with manage off-boat excursions. Kayaking experience preferred.

**DOCUMENTARIAN POSITION and ASSISTANT TRIP LEADER POSITIONS** available for several of the youth expeditions.

All trips take place from June-August. **Mandatory paid training will take place May 17-19.** Expeditions vary in length from 1 to 2 weeks. A full season of work is available for the right candidate. Field Leaders are **required to have a current Wilderness First Responder (WFR) or Wilderness First Aid (WFA) medical certification**, depending on the position. To find out more about available positions or to apply, send a resumé and cover letter to William Melton at [wmelton@alaskageographic.org](mailto:wmelton@alaskageographic.org) or call 907-771-8466 for more information.



**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.**

**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](mailto: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](http://www.campdenali.com) or contact [jobs@campdenali.com](mailto: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](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>.

**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](mailto:sierra_mclane@nps.gov) or Rachel Jencks at 907-683-6430 or email [rachel\\_jencks@nps.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.ernc.org).

**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->

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Position open until filled.

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