WHAT'S UP
January 23, 2019
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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

**GROW YOUR OWN VEGETABLES** this summer at the ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN at a unique comprehensive guided gardening program. Garden staff will mentor and guide participants throughout an entire growing season on choosing plants that grow best in this northern climate, preparing a rich fertile soil, managing for pests and disease, watering, and harvesting and preserving your crops. This exciting program includes the following: 100 square feet of moose protected gardening space (2 raised beds 5’x10’)- ready to plant; Access to gardening tools; Access to 4 workshops throughout the Spring and Summer (seed starting, soils and fertilizers, disease and pest control, harvesting and preserving); Seeds and plants (including tomatoes and peppers); Access to ABG fruits and berries (designated harvest days for participants will be determined); Garden staff to monitor watering (participants are responsible for all weeding and other maintenance of their plot) and One-year Family Membership to the Alaska Botanical Garden ($75 value). Cost: $750. **Space is limited**, so sign up early to reserve your gardening spot! **No refunds given after May 1.** Call the Garden at 907-770-3692 with questions or email us at education@alaskabg.org. The **first workshops** available to participants will begin in March. Gardening will begin in late May or early June (weather dependent). Participants will be notified of an official schedule for workshops in early Spring 2019.

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. 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
ANCHORAGE - 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.

**February 21, 28, & March 7**
ANCHORAGE - INSECT ECOLOGY- 3-DAY COURSE (Thursdays) will be held from 6 to 8pm at the Alaska Botanical Garden, 4601 Campbell Airstrip Road. Take a deep dive into some of the insects you may find in your gardens this summer. We will learn tips for recognizing common insects and learn about what different insects do and how they function in the ecosystems we create and tend. To register please visit https://www.alaskabg.org/workshops--classes.html or call the Garden at 770-3692 with questions.

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 though 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.

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.

February 25 – 27 (CANCELLED)
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 locations.

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.

WEBINARS & TELECONFERENCES
SPRING 2019 TEACHING FELLOW FOR KELLOGG FIELD SCHOOL OF ALASKA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY to be responsible for teaching at least three classes at Alaska Pacific University’s Kellogg FIELD School (KFS) during the Spring 2019 session, lasting from March 18 to May 2. The Fellow will work closely with the Program Coordinator to create and implement relevant and meaningful place-based educational experiences for home school students in the Mat-Su Valley. Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree in science, education, or related field, previous experience working with K-8 students, and current First Aid/CPR certification. Key responsibilities of the Fellow include managing student risk in the field, coordinating with community partners and parents to execute field trips, and working closely with the Program Coordinator to manage and build resources for current and future KFS instructors. Position runs from March 11 through May 3. Workload will be 28-36 hours per week depending on candidate experience and preference. Position is open until filled. To learn more about KFS, please visit our website at www.kelloggfieldschool.org. For more information, including a full position description, or to apply, contact smay@alaskapacific.edu. To apply please send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references January 30, February 8 & 22

The following SEA GRANT FELLOWSHIPS are available.

**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 the 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.

**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](https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/partners).

**March 1**

March 1 - Deadline for applications for the **WRANGLER MOUNTAINS CENTER 2019 ARTIST IN RESIDENCY PROGRAM**, a unique and inspiring program located in this small mountain community within the nation’s largest national park, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve. Artists, writers, musicians, and all creatives are encouraged to apply to this unique residency program. Two-week long residencies will be offered to 4 residents of various career levels who will be selected through a rigorous selection process. Residents will receive comfortable off-the-grid housing in downtown McCarthy, several staff-prepared meals from the garden, access to a fully stocked kitchen, and introduction to one of the most unique communities in the United States. In 2019 we plan to host residents on the following dates: June 2-14 and August 12-26. [Click here to apply.](https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/partners)

**March 11**

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](https://www.nprb.org/nprb/annual-photo-contest).

**March 26**

March 26 - Deadline for applications for the **COOK INLET REGIONAL CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL (CIRCA) SCHOLARSHIPS** to TWO COOK INLET STUDENTS STUDYING ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES or MARITIME and VOCATIONAL STUDIES. To qualify for a CIRCA 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 27**

Deadline for applying for the youth delegates for the **AYEA CIVICS AND CONSERVATION SUMMIT** to be held in Juneau March 4 to 9. Teens will gain skills in communication, advocacy, and the democratic process as they meet with their legislators and advocate on the issues they care about. The Civics & Conservation Summit is a transformational experience that empowers
young people to make real change on the issues that they are most passionate about. Suggested tuition costs $125 per teen, but scholarships are available for both tuition and travel. Please contact Margi Dashevsky at 907-274-3632 or margi@akcenter.org for more information or go to https://akcentereducationfund.org/ayea/civics-conservation-summit/.

**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 or Theresa Dutchuk, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 269-0524 or email Theresa.dutchuk@alaska.gov. Submit comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, at 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. The application form and additional information is also available by contacting Carl Johnson at the Office of Subsistence Management at (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3676. Additional information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program may be found at www.doi.gov/subsistence or by visiting www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska.

**February 8**

**KOTZEBUE** – Comments are due on the draft feasibility report and environmental assessment on the PROPOSED NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENTS at CAPE BLOSSOM about 12 miles south of Kotzebue. The proposed project and preliminary analysis of potential environmental impacts are described in the draft report, which is being submitted to elicit public review and comment on the Corps’ recommendation to dredge a 4,700-foot channel from about -26 feet mean lower low water extending to a dock located at -12 feet MLLW. This effort would remove about 707,000 cubic yards of material. A trestle that extends from the uplands to the dock would be constructed as well. The report and EA are available at http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Library/Reports-and-Studies/. For more information or to submit comments, David.P.Williams@usace.army.mil.

**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.

**February 16**
Deadline for applications for the **ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION’S TED SMITH CONSERVATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM** that is specifically targeted toward students who plan a career path in conservation and are willing to make a long-term commitment to preserving and protecting the pristine environment and diverse cultures of Alaska. Undergraduate students, graduate students and recent grads participating in this popular internship program are provided with unique opportunities. The objective of the Ted Smith Conservation Internship Program is to match highly qualified interns with host organizations, providing interns with practical job skills and an introduction to conservation in Alaska while also supporting the organization in meeting its conservation goals. To see the application and eligibility requirements, go to https://alaskaconservation.org/community-resources/internships/application-eligibility/. To find a position go to 2019 Intern Position Descriptions before beginning an application. In 2019, ACF is offering 15 different internships at a wide variety of organizations across the state.

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

**January 24**
**THE HIDDEN CURSE of NATURAL RESOURCES: ECONOMIC IMPACTS HOME & ABROAD** will be presented by Dr. ALEXANDER JAMES & MICHAEL CAREY from 6 to 7pm at the 49th State Brewing Co. A surprising feature of resource-rich economies is slow growth. It is often argued that natural-resource production impedes development by creating market or institutional failures. A declining resource sector is disproportionately reflected in resource-dependent countries. Dr. James Alexander argues that there is little evidence that resource dependence impedes growth in non-resource sectors. Michael Carey will moderate the discussion. To sign up, go to https://www.alaskaworldaffairs.org/events/the-hidden-curse-of-natural-resources-economic-impacts-at-home-abroad-dr-alexander-james/.

**January 24**
**DON'T MISS THE BOAT: ACT FOR THE ARCTIC REFUGE** will be held at 6pm at the Snow City Cafe. This boat-signing party will feature stories from their trips to the Arctic Refuge by LUC MEHL, HALEY JOHNSTON and ROMAN DIAL - plus an **ALPACKA RAFT GIVEAWAY**! The American Packrafting Association created two custom boats which traveled across the Arctic Refuge six times, collecting signatures and stories along the way. The boats will eventually float the Potomac and end up in the halls of Congress in support of protections for the Arctic Refuge’s coastal plain. **Sponsors:** Alpacka Raft, American Packrafting Association, Alaska Conservation Foundation, Alaska Wilderness League are asking for your
signature to show you support for the refuge. There will be snacks, beer and a raffle giveaway featuring an Alpacka Scout, generously donated by Alpacka Raft. We will also have resources available for those interested in writing public comments on the Draft EIS for Arctic Refuge Oil Lease Sales.

January 24
Open House will be held from 6 to 8pm at Speedway Cycles, 1231 W. Northern Lights Blvd., by Anchorage Parks & Recreation to explore options for an URBAN SINGLETRACK TRAIL for MOUNTAIN BIKING along sections of existing CHESTER CREEK TRAIL, from VALLEY of the MOON PARK to GOOSE LAKE PARK. In April 2018, Anchorage voters approved a $150,000 Municipal Park Bond for the project planning, design and implementation. For more information, go to http://bit.ly/ccsingletrack to see the map, Click here.

January 24 & 25
The PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL BOARD will meet in the Embassy Suites Imagine Ballroom, 600 E. Benson Blvd. from 8:30 am to 6pm on Thursday. On Friday, the meeting is scheduled from 9am to 2pm. The meeting is open to the public, except for executive sessions. Public comments are tentatively scheduled to be taken Thursday starting at 8:55am. The council will be conducting regular business during the meeting, including updates from council ex-officio members, staff and committees. Other topics on the agenda include: • An overview from the U.S. Coast Guard on work to date, concerns, and future plans regarding Valdez Narrows navigation safety during fish openers. • An activity report by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company on Valdez Marine Terminal and Ship Escort/Response Vessel System operations, including Alyeska’s recent reorganization. • A presentation by council staff on the heavy weather-related incidents that occurred on November 12, and two subsequent severe weather events, with council recommendations to develop procedures to improve crew safety and the safe transportation of oil. • A presentation by U.S. Coast Guard on the Alaska Regional Contingency Plan and updates that have been implemented. • A report that identifies and reviews non-destructive methods that could be used at the Valdez Marine Terminal to test the integrity of the buried secondary containment liners at the East Tank Farm. • A report on weather related conditions at Hinchinbrook Entrance and their effects on the feasibility of efficient and safe rescue operations by tanker escort vessels. • A summary by council staff of incidents (e.g., oil spills, fires, malfunctions causing shutdowns, navigational closures, tanker/escort problems) for the terminal or tankers that have occurred in 2018. Council board meetings are routinely recorded and may be disseminated to the public by the council or by the news media. For more information, visit our website.

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. Tickets are $10 on the day of the event.

**January 27
Hike the CAMPBELL CREEK TRAIL as it meanders through quiet greenbelts and neighborhoods. Meet at 11am at parking lot behind the Peanut Farm near Old Seward and
International Airport Road. The hike will be for 30 or 40 minutes on a flat trail and then turn around. Dress in layers appropriate for current weather conditions. Bring a good pair of ice grippers in case the trail is icy. Bring water and snacks. The pace will be slow and easy, with breaks as needed. Possible group lunch somewhere if there is interest. For more information, email reply@emails.sierraclub.org.

January 27
THE COSTS OF ALASKA'S ECONOMIC ROLLER COASTER will be held from 4 to 6pm at the 49th State Brewing Co., 717 W. 3rd 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 29 (CORRECTED DATE)
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. There is free parking for this event in the South Lot, Sports Complex NW Lot, West Campus Central Lot, and Sports Campus West Lot.

January 31
AFTER THE ARCTIC ICE MELTS will presented by Hon. FRAN ULMER from 6 to 7pm at the 49th State Brewing Co. The Arctic has been warming almost twice as quickly as the rest of the planet and its effects can be felt worldwide. Research thus far shows the warming Arctic impacts weather patterns as far away as mid-latitude areas like California by weakening the jet stream. Colder water in the Pacific Northwest is becoming more acidic and unstable for farming shellfish, while melting permafrost and coastal erosion in Alaska is causing infrastructure collapse and loss of biodiversity. Fran Ulmer is chair of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission, where she has served since being appointed by President Obama in March 2011. In June 2010, President Obama appointed her to the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling. To register, go to https://www.alaskaworldaffairs.org/events/after-the-arctic-ice-melts/.
February 4
DAVID PARISH presents FACTS of the MATTER LOOKING PAST TODAY’S RHETORIC on the ENVIRONMENT and RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT will be held from 4 to 6pm at the UAA Campus Bookstore. In his highly acclaimed book, Alaskan David Parish promotes a fact-based approach toward environmental stewardship, responsible development, improved public health, and the elimination of poverty. In it, he examines how the traditional approaches to natural resource development, with the "us versus them" divides, can be bridged. Parish has worked around the globe as an independent business and nonprofit consultant, lobbyist, and entrepreneur. His goal is to spearhead a real conversation about environment, economic growth, and the needs of our increasing global population.

February 4
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February 5
ALASKA TRAILS will team up with the GIRLS RIDING INTO TOMORROW (GRIT) to present the 11th installment of the TRAIL TALES STORYTELLING series at 7pm (doors open at 6:30) at the 49th State Brewing Co. 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 Girls Riding Into Tomorrow. Pizz a 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.

February 5
The ANCHORAGE FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at 6:30pm at the William Hernandez Hatchery, 941 Reeve Blvd. Agenda will include preparation of comment on statewide finfish proposals 161-173, select an AC representative 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.

February 6
ALASKA SUSTAINABLE SALMON FUND (AKSSF) is convening its STATEWIDE EXPERT PANEL to assist in development of its 2019 call for proposals will be held from 1 to 4:30 pm at the William Jack Hernandez Sportfish Hatchery. The panel meeting is open to the public; if you plan to attend, please contact Debbie Maas at debbie.maas@alaska.gov or call 907-465-6134 prior to the meeting to ensure there is sufficient seating and materials available. Written comments may also be submitted to Debbie Maas before the meeting.
February 6 (CORRECTED DATE)
ANCHORAGE TRANSPORTATION FAIR will be held from 3 to 7pm at the Alaska Airlines Center Auxiliary, 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://anchorangetranspofair.blogspot.com/.

MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE

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 BJORN OLSON'S award-winning short film, 'ALASKA THAW.' Bjorn'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 or Jessalynn in the Department of Fish & Game at 907-465-6097.

January 29 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)
KOTZEBUE - The KOTZEBUE SOUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting at 7pm in the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly chambers to elect members and officers as well as review wildlife and fisheries proposals. The Kotzebue Sound AC is looking for members for the advisory committee. The committees are established as a local forum to provide recommendations on the management of fish and wildlife resources. The Kotzebue Sound AC is a 9-member committee organized with staggered terms. Nominations will be accepted from the floor from all those present at the meeting. An election of officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary) will follow the election of AC members. Agenda also includes: review of hunting and fishing proposals and opportunity to provide comments on: 1) Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in Unit 23; 2) Require bi-weekly reporting of all sport, personal use, and subsistence caught king salmon catch; 3) Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of subsistence caught fish and sheefish; 4) Repeal and readopt the policy for the statewide salmon
escapement goals; 5) Amend the policy for the management of sustainable salmon fisheries; and
6) Modify criteria for the allocation of fishery resources among personal use, sport, and
commercial fisheries. The uniform rules of operation for ACs will include proposals to be
reviewed by ACs and updated by the Joint Board who will meet in March 21 to 25. For more
information, contact Hazel Smith at 442-1717 or 412-3080 or email hazel.smith@alaska.gov or
calling 442-1717 or 412-3080. For those that want to attend the meeting by teleconference, you
may call 1-800-504-8071, access code 4421717. Please let Hazel know ahead of meeting time.

**January30 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)
KODIAK - The KODIAK FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public
meeting in the Kodiak High School Central Office Conference Room at 5:30pm. To participate
by teleconference first dial 1-800-504-8071, then enter the access code: 8425142#. Agenda items
will include: Board of Game proposals; Board of Fisheries proposals previously tabled by AC;
Other miscellaneous AC business as needed. For more information, contact Taryn O'Connor-Brito at 907.842.5142 or email taryn.oconnor-brito@alaska.gov.

January 30
PALMER - The MATANUSKA VALLEY FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE
will meet at 7pm at the MTA building, 480 Commercial Drive. Agenda will include preparing
comments on Statewide Sport Fish stocking plan, continue discussion of Southcentral 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.

**February 2 & 8
GLENNALLEN - COPPER RIVER BASIN REINDEER HERDING in ALASKA will be
the topic of two illustrated talks presented by Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment
(WISE) and Prince William Sound College. On Saturday, February 2, GREG FINSTAD of the
UAF Reindeer Research Program, and Alaska State Veterinarian BOB GERLACH will present
an overview of the reindeer herding industry, with an informal Q and A session on the business
of reindeer herding at 5pm, and an illustrated talk at 7pm at Prince William Sound College
Copper Basin Campus, in the school district building beside Glennallen School. On Friday,
February 8th at 7pm, BONNIE SCHEELE and FAMILY will give an illustrated talk on
THREE GENERATIONS of REINDEER HERDERS at the MIDNITE SUN REINDEER
RANCH also at Prince William Sound College. For more information call WISE at 822-3575,
email robin@wise-edu.org, or go to www.wise-edu.org.

February 5
JUNEAU - The JUNEAU-DOUGLAS FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will
hold a public meeting at 6:30pm at UAS. The agenda will include: Board of Fisheries statewide
proposals and Joint Board of Fisheries and Game proposals. For more information, contact Lena
Gilbertson at 907.465.4046 or email lena.gilbertson@alaska.gov.

February 6
JUNEAU- SALMON-SUPPORTED BEARS, SEED DISPERSAL, and SMALL
MAMMALS will be presented by YASAMANSHAKERI from 7 to 8pm at the University of
Alaska Southeast’s Egan Lecture Hall Learning about wildlife is the first step in protecting it,
and at Alaska Wildlife Alliance SE’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. Every Wednesday features a different wildlife topic, so there’s always something for everyone!

**February 7**
JUNEAU - Public Open House will be held from 4:30 to 6:30pm at the Mendenhall Valley Public Library to discuss the JUNEAU RIVERSIDE/STEPHEN RICHARDS CONGESTION MITIGATION PROJECT. DOT&PF has evaluated intersection concepts, Right-of-Way considerations, received and considered public comment, and will be presenting data behind a proposal to install a four-way traffic signal. This concept was selected as the preferred alternative because it offers the best combination of safety, cost efficiency, and traffic flow. For more information or to submit comments, contact Megan Daniels, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 907-465-2156, email jun.riverside.stephen.richards@alaska.gov or go to alaska.gov/go/45E4. Deadline for comments is February 19.

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-instituting the 1995 Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Plan. No action has been taken to implement the December 2 Plan. An issue response summary will be prepared to address the public comments received on the plan. A list of recommended revisions will be prepared and there will be an opportunity for public review and comment.

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

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.

**INTERNSHIP**

**See ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION’S TED SMITH CONSERVATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM above under “DEADLINES”.

**SUMMER INTERNSHIPS** are available at the ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER. AWCC is seeking interns in the education and animal care departments who possess a high school diploma, are currently enrolled in college or have obtained a degree. The 12-week program provides Paid internships, Invaluable experience, Terrific resume builder, and Unique Alaska experience. On-site housing is available at a per monthly cost. For more details, job descriptions, and how to apply, go to www.alaskawildlife.org/internship-program/.

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).

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.

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
The deadline for interns to apply is February 25.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

**ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER** has the following positions available in Seward:
- **SALES & CAFÉ REPRESENTATIVE**
- **LEAD SALES REPRESENTATIVE**
- **LEAD CAFÉ REPRESENTATIVE**
- **SEASONAL INTERPRETER**

See all job descriptions at [https://www.alaskasealife.org/employment_opportunities](https://www.alaskasealife.org/employment_opportunities).

**PROGRAM COORDINATOR** for the **STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION** (SCA) to ensure the logistical and administrative task lists associated with the safe, complete, and accurate execution of SCA’s various Crew and Corps programs in their portfolio are completed in a timely manner. This person helps ensure Team Leaders are equipped for the program delivery work scheduled, comply with curriculum and any applicable AmeriCorps mandates, safety controls, logistical service/program delivery needs, and mandatory internal record-keeping and administrative requirements. This position reports to the Program Manager for Crew and Corps programs. This position will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of Crew and Corps programming in the state of Alaska and will be based out of Anchorage. To see the full job description and application information, go to [https://www.paycomonline.net/v4/ats/web.php/jobs/ViewJobDetails?job=14294&clientkey=595E0C4F0C9492D99B0EC32A6B3F6415](https://www.paycomonline.net/v4/ats/web.php/jobs/ViewJobDetails?job=14294&clientkey=595E0C4F0C9492D99B0EC32A6B3F6415). Please contact Jeff Samuels at jsamuels@thesca.org with any questions.

**TRIBAL LIASON DIRECTOR** for the **ALASKA INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE'S RESEARCH AND POLICY INSTITUTE** to forge meaningful, sustainable relationships with Alaska Native communities. Full time position. Required qualifications: Bachelor’s degree in ethnic studies, environmental studies, social psychology, or a related field that includes coursework and/or experience communicating and working with Alaska Native communities. Strong written and oral communication skills, and ability to build lasting relationships. Strong knowledge of Alaska Native policy, cultures, histories and government relations, including concepts of sovereignty and self-determination. Minimum two years of experience working with Alaska Native communities. Ability to communicate across cultural lines to include interpretation of policy between tribal and federal and Alaska state governments. Self-starter, strong time management skills, must be able to work well independently and as a team member. To see the complete job description and to apply, go to [http://www.akijp.org/jobs/](http://www.akijp.org/jobs/).

**ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN** is currently hiring **SEVERAL SEASONAL FULL-TIME and PART-TIME SUMMER CAMP POSITIONS** for 2019. Come and be a part of a dynamic team of gardeners and naturalists. We run day camps on 110 acres of Boral Forest where camp instructors will be teaching kids ages 5-13 about gardening, the arts and refining their culinary skills. Position descriptions can be found at [https://www.alaskabg.org/employment.html](https://www.alaskabg.org/employment.html). Please send a cover letter and resume to Camp Director, Stacey Shriner, at education@alaskabg.org (indicate which position you are applying for in your cover letter and subject line of the email).
To see positions available at the ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER at Portage, go to https://www.alaskawildlife.org/jobs/.

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. 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 kkrueger@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. Application deadline is January 25. For more information about NPRB visit www.nprb.org. To see the full job description, go to https://www.nprb.org/assets/uploads/files/General_NPRB/Program_Support_Specialist_ANNOUNCEMENT_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 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.

**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 Forests 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 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 résumé and cover letter to William Melton at wmelton@alaskageographic.org or call 907-771-8466 for more information.

NATURALIST GUIDES for CAMP DENALI and NORTH FACE LODGE in DENALI NATIONAL PARK for the summer of 2019. Our naturalist guides are teachers of experiential learning, backcountry hiking guides, and competent drivers. Guides are responsible for: leading lodge guests into the trail-less backcountry of Denali National Park on day hikes; using creative teaching techniques to expand the guests’ knowledge of Alaskan ecosystems and to encourage land stewardship; and safely transporting people over the unpaved, mountainous park road. The position is usually combined with positions in other departments depending on company needs. Current WFR and CPR certifications and a solid academic background in the natural sciences are required (MS preferred). Experience in arctic/sub-arctic or alpine regions is desired. This is a rewarding and challenging position, set in an unparalleled location, among an interesting, committed, and conservation-minded community of staff. For over 60 years, Camp Denali and North Face Lodge have been family-owned and -operated lodges with a reputation for excellence. We seek to offer the highest quality experience for visitors who venture out with our diverse and qualified staff of naturalists. This is not your average job in Denali. A three-season commitment is required. Interviews begin in December 2018 and will continue through January as needed until the positions are filled. For more information including a complete job announcement, or to apply, please see the employment page at www.campdenali.com or contact jobs@campdenali.com.

ALASKA STATE DIRECTOR for The WILDERNESS SOCIETY to help set strategic direction and vision for the organization’s work in Alaska, engage and lead a cross departmental team, and build respectful, authentic partnerships aimed at achieving shared goals and building political influence. The Director will develop and lead the organization’s work in Alaska and is responsible for developing strategic partnerships, fundraising, directing and/or leading campaigns, and managing staff and budget. In addition to directly managing staff in the Anchorage office, the Director also provides support, strategic guidance and direction to additional staff, within and outside of the regional office, who contribute to work in the state.
The Director plays a critical role in cultivating and managing relationships with a wide range of partners (including Alaska Native and conservation groups) as well as with federal, state, and tribal officials and their staffs to advance conservation outcomes and other shared goals developed with partners. **Experience and Competencies:** Extensive experience working on or leading issue advocacy or political campaigns and/or work to advance public policy changes at the local, state or federal level. Proven cultural competency working with communities of color, particularly Native American or Alaskan Native communities, is strongly preferred. Solid communication and interpersonal skills that can be applied to complex conservation issues, partnerships and coalitions. Strong staff management experience and competency in cross-organizational collaboration. Strategic thinking and demonstrated ability to craft a compelling vision and set goals and priorities. The Wilderness Society offers a competitive salary and benefits package, including: health, dental, vision, life and disability insurance; sick and vacation leave; a sabbatical program; and a retirement plan. To see the full job description, go to https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/994680696/?recommendedFlavor=IN_NETWORK&refId=a2bd2d72-c88d-4b05-b10d-5310f95a0f&trk=eml-yombi-organic-job-card&midToken=AOGuGKApso8WYQ&trkEmail=eml-jobs_yombi_digest-null-3-null-null-az7sg%7Ejp9xvcfi%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, fieldwork, 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
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