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.

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).

**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/](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](mailto:), call the Alaska Songbird Institute at (907) 888-2121 or [visit the website](https://www.alaskabirdconference.org/). 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](https://www.alaskabirdconference.org/tomscholarship), 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/](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](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.

**TWO UPCOMING COURSES in WETLAND SCIENCE from WETLAND TRAINING INSTITUTE in ANCHORAGE**

**June 17 & 18 - WETLAND DELINEATION TRAINING (or Refresher course)** satisfies the requirements for basic wetland delineation training as specified by the Corps of Engineers and certification programs in many states. Learn the technical guidelines for wetland delineations, field indicators of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology, methods for making jurisdictional determinations and methods to apply in difficult situations. Materials and content are the same as identified in our in-person 5-day Basic Wetland Delineation classes. Expect to spend a minimum of 24-lecture-contact-hours online that can be started at any time but must be completed prior to attending the field session selected at time of registration. Successful completion of course requires participation at one in-person 16-contact-hour field session. Cost $1,275. To register or for more information, go to https://wetlandtraining.com/course/wetland-delineation-online/ or call 877-792-6482. To register for just the refresher course (only for those that have already had a full wetland delineation course from us or another provider) go to https://wetlandtraining.com/course/wetland-delineation-refresher/ or call 877-792-6482

**June 19 & 20 - ADVANCED HYDRIC SOILS TRAINING** begins with 8 hours of online lectures on soil formation, redoximorphic features, soil color, drained hydric soils, and wetlands not meeting indicators. The 2-day field practicum includes field exercises and additional instruction on regional hydric soil indicators and problematic situations. Informed insights and a focus on field techniques and proper documentation should greatly improve the participant’s command of the Field Indicators of Hydric Soils, a major aspect of the Regional Supplements for wetland delineation. Field visits will examine natural, landscaped, and disturbed conditions and include time for in-depth questioning of a knowledgeable instructor to reinforce the lectures. Participants will receive Lecture Notes, 2017 Pocket Guide to Hydric Soils Indicators, and a USB drive containing the current Regional Supplements and other pertinent reference publications. Expect to spend a minimum of 8-lecture-contact-hours online and 16 hours in the field. Online lectures can be started (and reviewed) at any time but must be completed prior to attending the field session selected at time of registration. Successful completion of this course requires participation at one in-person 16-contact-hour field session. Cost $850. To register or for more information, go to https://wetlandtraining.com/course/ahs-with-field/ or call 877-792-6482.

Wetland Training Institute, Inc. meets the educational and technical resource needs of professionals involved in all aspects of water resource conservation, management, and regulation. We are an association of more than 20 individuals from private industry, academia, and government.

**July 23 – August 22**

HOMER - ALASKA COASTAL SUMMER INSTITUTE (ACSI) is a unique, immersive field study opportunity for undergraduate and continuing education students! During this intensive, five-week program, you will gain diverse hands-on experiences. The program is built around four core experiences (each about a week in duration) hosted by local research agencies and community-organizations in the Kachemak Bay area: Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Marine Mammal Stranding Network,
NOAA/Kasitsna Bay Lab, and US Fish and Wildlife Service. These core experiences provide a fun, fascinating, and highly effective way to learn how scientific knowledge is being built and used in Kachemak Bay. You will also attain job-related skills in research design, data collection, analysis, and science communication. Plus, you can grow your professional network and become familiar with a number of the research agencies working in Kachemak Bay, exploring different career options and build connections with organizations that offer seasonal internships, as well as research/graduate school positions! Each core experience determined by the partner agencies offers students insight into their most interesting and important research, community-based monitoring, and science communication work. The cost is approximately $3000, but some scholarship assistance may be available. For more information, go to https://www.akcoastalstudies.org/education-programs/alaska-coastal-summer-institute.html.

WEBINARS & TELECONFERENCES

**February 4 (WEBINAR)**
1-HOUR LEGISLATIVE SESSION 101 WEBINAR will be held from 6 to 7pm. Learn how to get your voice heard! Trainers will be presenting on the legislative process, how to track a bill, and opportunities for you to get involved. Trainers: CARLY DENNIS - Former AYEA Trainer; JODE SPARKS - Former AYEA Trainer; ALYSSA QUINTYNE - Interior Organizer for The Alaska Center; and GRIFFIN PLUSH - Former UA Legislative Intern for Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins (D-Sitka). Topics: 2018 election results recap. How a bill becomes a law. Your voice makes a difference: public comment and testimony. How to follow a bill. Q&A time with trainers. This webinar is free and open to the public. Whether you’re completely new to this subject, or looking to build your knowledge, our trainers bring helpful experience from both the capital and grassroots youth organizing. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to learn about the legislature. To sign up, go to Give yourself the tools to make change.

**February 6 (TELECONFERENCE)**
TOXIC CHEMICALS in EVERYDAY PRODUCTS: THE LATEST SCIENCE on EXPOSURES and ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS ASSOCIATED with FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS will be held from 9 to 10am as part of the Alaska Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE-Alaska) teleconference seminar series. Harmful flame-retardant chemicals are added to many products, including children’s products & furniture. While one class of flame retardants, PBDEs, have been generally phased out, the chemical industry has replaced them with “regrettable substitutes,” chemicals that also have been shown to have adverse health effects. Exposure levels in infants and young children are significantly higher than in adults and Alaskans are at higher risk due to the amount of time residents spend indoors in highly insulated and low ventilation areas. The Municipality of Anchorage is considering an ordinance “to protect the health of children and firefighters” that would prohibit the manufacture, sale or distribution of children’s products or furniture that contain harmful flame-retardant chemicals. SPEAKERS: KATE HOFFMAN, PH.D., Assistant Research Professor, Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment; JEFF GEARHART, M.S., Research Director, HealthyStuff.org, Ecology Center. To join this call, please sign up online or call Alaska Community Action on Toxics at 907-222-7714.

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFPs
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](http://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.

**February 8 & 22**
The following **SEA GRANT FELLOWSHIPS** are available.

**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](http://www.seagrant.alaska.edu). Find information on all the fellowships. For more information, contact Tara Borland, 907-474-7014 or email tara.borland@alaska.edu.

**March 1**
**McCARTHY** - Deadline for applications for the **WRANGELL 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](http://www.alaskaseagrant.org).

**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**

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**

**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](http://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 to david.p.williams@usace.army.mil.

**February 11**

ILIAMNA - Deadline for comments on the MULTI-AGENCY APPLICATION for PERMITS to MINE in ALASKA (APMA) for HARD ROCK EXPLORATION AND RECLAMATION IN THE BRISTOL BAY MINING DISTRICT near the town of Iliamna. This is an application to continue exploration and reclamation activities only. The activities requested in this application include the drilling of geotechnical and exploratory boreholes, ongoing use of an acid rock drainage test site, and continued reclamation and maintenance activities. A complete listing of legal descriptions can be found in the application DNR authorizations requested include Water Use Authorizations, Miscellaneous Land Use Permits (MLUPs), and Reclamation Plan Approval for exploration and/or care and maintenance operations. The Mining Section of the Division of Mining, Land and Water proposes to issue a MLUP for exploration activity on state mining claims as well as reclamation approval on state lands. Other State Agencies which use this application include the Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Fish and Game (ADF&G) and Revenue (DOR). Federal Agencies include the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), and U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) also reviews this application. Agencies adjudicate this application for the permits they require for mining related activities. Their adjudication may include additional separate notice and there may be opportunity to comment on the same activity to each of the agencies. Mining Fact Sheets about the Agencies which receive the application can be found at http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/factsht/mine_fs/apmathru.pdf and http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/factsht/mine_fs/fed_permits.pdf. A more detailed discussion of the agencies that use this application is given in the application itself http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/forms/19apma/index.cfm. The application is available at https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=115577. For more information or to submit comments, contact Hollie Chalup, at hollie.chalup@alaska.gov or to dnr.anc.mining@alaska.gov.

**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 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.

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worked around the globe as an independent business and nonprofit consultant, lobbyist, and entrepreneur. For over 30 years, Alaska has been his home base for his diverse set of local, national and international clients that include energy and mining industry leaders as well as environmental activists and Indigenous leaders. His goal is to spearhead a real conversation about environment, economic growth, and the needs of our increasing global population.

**February 4, 5, 6., 7. 8. 9. & 10**
Public meetings will be held in the following locations to learn about and provide ideas and suggestion on the COASTAL PLAIN OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS):

**February 4 – FAIRBANKS** from 1 to 7pm with presentations at 2 & 5pm at the Carlson Center.

**February 5 – KAKTOVIK** from 6 to 10pm at the Harold Kaveolook School (to include ANILCA 810 hearing).

**February 6 – UTQIAġVIK** from 5 to 9pm at the Iñupiat Heritage Center.

**February 7 - FORT YUKON** from 1 to 3pm at the Tribal Hall.

**February 9 - ARCTIC VILLAGE** from 10am to 2pm at the Community Hall.

**February 10 – VENETIE** from 10am to 2pm in the Village of Venetie Tribal Hall.

**February 11 – ANCHORAGE** from 1 to 7pm with presentation at 2 & 5pm at the Dena’ina Center.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska State Office is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to implement an oil and gas leasing program within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Plain. The area comprising the Coastal Plain includes approximately 1.6 million acres within the approximately 19.3 million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The Leasing EIS will serve to inform BLM’s implementation of the Tax Act, including the requirement to hold not fewer than two lease sales area-wide. It may also inform post-lease activities, including seismic and drilling exploration, development, and transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain. Specifically, the Leasing EIS will consider and analyze the potential environmental impacts of various leasing alternatives, including the areas to offer for sale, and the terms and conditions (i.e., lease stipulations and best management practices) to be applied to leases and associated oil and gas activities to properly balance oil and gas development with existing uses and conservation of surface resources, and to limit the footprint of production and support facilities on Federal lands to no more than 2,000 surface acres. To see all relevant documents and to submit comments, go to https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=152110. Deadline for comments is March 13. For more information, contact Nicole Hayes at (907) 271-4354.

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. Piz 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
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://anchoragetranspofair.blogspot.com/.

**February 7
Alaska Conservation Foundation will hold an open house from 5 to 7p at their office, 1227 W. 9th Avenue. Drop by for food, fun, and socializing. Meet the Board of Trustees and staff, tour the new office, and get an update on everything going on at the Foundation. RSVP to 907-276-1917 or go to acfinfo@alaskaconservation.org.

**February 11
The CHUGACH STATE PARK CITIZENS’ ADVISORY BOARD will meet at 6pm at the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 102. Agenda items will include follow-up of Board of Game proposals affecting the park. We will also be selecting Board Committee members. The agenda is subject to change. For more information, contact Kurt Hensel, Superintendent, and kurt.hensel@alaska.gov or (907) 345-5014.

**February 13
STORIES from the ARCTIC by ARCTIC YOUTH AMBASSADORS will be told at the Alaska Zoo’s Wildlife Wednesdays at 7pm. In the Gateway Hall Arctic Youth Ambassadors are young leaders from across Alaska who have traveled around Alaska, the lower 48, and the world telling their real-life stories of a rapidly changing Arctic in Alaska. Join a couple Ambassadors as they reflect on growing up in rural Alaska, and change they are seeing in wildlife, weather, and the land. They will share their inspiration and ideas on tackling this challenge to help ensure a bright future for Alaska’s wildlife and people. These lectures are FREE, ASL interpreted, and
coffee and tea are always available. There are door prizes too! For more information, contact Stephanie Hartman, Education Director, at (907)341-6463 or email slhartman@alaskazoo.org.

**February 16**
Celebrate the ocean the ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER'S 10TH ANNUAL ALASKA MARINE GALA at the Dena’ina Center. Join us for a night of fun, food, and fundraising on February 16, 2019, at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage. For more details, go to https://alaskasealife.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2019AlaskaMarineGala/tabid/1000086/Default.aspx.

MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OFANCHORAGE

**January 31**
FAIRBANKS - Jessica Girard will offer an EXAMINATION of HOW OUR NATION’S HISTORY of COLONIZATION INFLUENCED CONCEPTS of CONSERVATION at 7pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks, 4448 Pikes Landing, for the next installment of Northern Voices Speaker Series, Conservation in a Time of Transition. Jessica is the Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition coordinator and former Northern Center program director. This presentation invites us to learn from our shared history and inheritance, encouraging us to reflect on our roles during this time of transition. Her experience as a combat veteran informs her approach to her community organizing. She earned her master’s in sustainable international development with a specialization in conservation from the Heller School of Policy and Management at Brandeis. Following Jessica’s presentation, there will be an opportunity to share and reflect together.

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 GELRACH 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 4**
POINT LAY - The BLM has re-scheduled the scoping meeting for the ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) and INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN for NPR-A for 7 to 10 pm in the Community Center. BLM seeks comments on the following topics: Which areas should be available for leasing and which should not? What resources should be given special attention? For more information, including documents, go to https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=174096. BLM staff will be available to answer questions before and after the presentation.

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 5
NILILCHIK – The CENTRAL PENINSULA FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at the Ninilchik School Library at 7pm. Agenda will include preparing comments on Joint Board proposals, drafting proposals for Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries and any other business that may properly come before the committee. For more information contact David Martin at 567-3306.

**February 5
CORDOVA - Tuesday Night Talk: NOSB TEAM PRESENTS - EFFECTS of OCEAN ACIDIFICATION on SOCKEYE SALMON will be presented by the Cordova NOSB Team at 7pm on the 3rd floor of the USFS building. A changing climate means big changes for one of our most important resources, so what does that mean for Cordova? For the past six months The PhotosyntheSistahs have been doing research, as part of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl, to find out some answers. Come hear about their work on 'Effects of Ocean Acidification on Sockeye Salmon' and their proposed project to gather information on Ocean Acidification using an Ocean Observing Platform. This is a chance for Cordova's team to practice their oral presentation before heading to Seward to compete against 20 other teams at the Tsunami Bowl, Alaska's regional competition. Come show your support for our local students, learn something new, and wish them luck!

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 6
PALMER – Mat-Su Wildlife Wednesday present The ALASKA DIPPER from 7 to 8pm at the Matanuska Experiment Farm, 1509 S. Georgeson Road. What bird could possibly want to dive underwater during Alaska’s frigid winters? The American Dipper, of course. Join Eagle River Nature Center Naturalist, Samantha Russell in learning about how dippers are able to thrive year-round in Alaska. Discover some great dipper viewing locations and anticipate in a demonstration of how dippers are able to locate their food in chilly, fast moving streams. For more information, contact Sierra Rose Doherty at (907) 861-2104 or email sierra.doherty@alaska.gov.

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 jnu.riverside.stephen.richards@alaska.gov or go to alaska.gov/go/45E4. Deadline for comments is February 19.

**February 12**

**PALMER** – Open house will be held from 5 to 7pm in the Palmer High School Lower Commons to meet the project team and provide feedback on the proposed **GLENN HIGHWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT: LONG LAKE SECTION – MP 84.5 to 92 and the KINGS RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT at MP 66.5** and draft reevaluation of the 1993 Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation. Participants may attend at any time during the scheduled hours. Project team members will be available to explain the projects and answer questions. Deadline for comments is March 4 and can be sent to glennhighway@dot.gov.

**February 12**

**PALMER - MAT-SU AREA STATE PARKS CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD** will meet at 7pm in the Palmer State Forestry Building Conference Room. **NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED** **The Mat-Su Area State Parks Citizens Advisory Board is established by the Director to advise the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, through the Park Superintendent, on implementing the Division’s missions, goals, policies and plans. Examples include but are not limited to: Park Statutes and Regulations, Park Management Plans, Alaska State Parks Strategic Plan. For more information, contact Stuart R Leidner, Park Superintendent, at (907) 745-8935 or email stuart.leidner@alaska.gov.**

**February 13**

The **FAIRBANKS FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will hold a public meeting in the Pioneer Hall, Pioneer Park at 6:30pm. Agenda items include; Update on Fortymile Harvest Management Coalition Meeting; Update on results of Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim Board of Fisheries Meeting; Comment on Southcentral Board of Game Proposals, Including Antlerless reauthorizations in GMU 20; and Comment on Joint Board Proposals. For further information contact Nissa Pilcher 907.459.7263 or email nissa.pilcher@alaska.gov.

**February 13**

**HAINES** – The **CHILKAT BALD EAGLE PRESERVE (CBEP) ADVISORY COUNCIL** meeting is generally scheduled for the second Wednesday of every other month at 10AM in the Haines Assembly Chambers. The Alaska State Park CBEP Advisory Council is a legislatively designated 12 member panel delegated to recommend and assist the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for the planning, management, and resource and environmental protection of the Eagle Preserve with the goal to preserve eagle and salmon habitat and still maintain a balance of recreational opportunities, commercial operations and resolve user conflicts while fulfilling the Alaska State Park mission and Preserve management plan. The Advisory Council meetings are open to the public, to provide an opportunity to share your opinions about how best to manage and preserve the unique natural, cultural and historic features of the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, while enhancing the enjoyment for all visitors and future generations. Please join us as an interested community member or call the Haines State Park office at 766-2292 for additional information.
 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 Park Plan. No action has been taken to implement the December 2 Plan. An issue response summary will be prepared to address the public comments received on the plan. A list of recommended revisions will be prepared and there will be an opportunity for public review and comment.

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

**February 25**
Deadline for applications for the 2019 ITEP STUDENT SUMMER INTERNSHIPS. Spend your summer working with tribal organizations to address tribal environmental issues. The internships have a technical, educational or policy focus. The internship program provides each student intern with a stipend, and limited housing and travel allowances. Host sites are selected from tribal environmental organizations, government offices, the US Environmental Protection
Agency (USEPA) and others. Host sites include Alaska Community Action on Toxics and the University of Alaska Fairbanks. To view eligibility requirements and apply, go to nau.edu/itepinterns.

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 https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=e6025150afbec393&tk=1cr0n1ra4b01i803&from=serp&vjs=3. 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 LIAISON 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/).

The **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/](https://www.alaskawildlife.org/jobs/).

**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.

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 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 Kenia 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 resume 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-5310fcf95a0f&trk=eml-jymbii-organic-job-card&midToken=AQGuhGKApo8WYQ&trkEmail=eml-jobs_jymbii_digest-null-3-null-null-az7sg%Ejp9xvclf%E40-null-jobs%Eview](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%Ejp9xvclf%E40-null-jobs%Eview).

**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](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](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.


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