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**WHAT’S UP**
February 13, 2019
Compiled weekly by Peg Tileston on behalf of Trustees for Alaska, The Alaska Center, and The Alaska Conservation Foundation.

**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 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.

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 7 - 9**
LANDSCAPE DESIGN- 3 DAY COURSE will be held from 6 to 8pm on Thursday and Friday and from 10m to Noon on Saturday at the Alaska Botanical Garden. In this workshop you will create your own garden design with guidance: how to execute concepts, adequate spacing, functional layout, and cost estimating. This is a 3-day series, no single day registration. Pre-registration is required at https://www.alaskabg.org/workshops.html

March 8 & 9
PALMER - A TASTE OF THE WILD: ALASKA PROJECT LEARNING TREE AND MORE, OUTDOOR EDUCATION PREK-8 WORKSHOP will be held from 6 to 9pm on Friday and from 9am to 4pm on Saturday at the Matanuska Experiment Farm & Extension Center. Engag4 in a hands-on workshop to prepare you for both formal and non-formal educational opportunities. Workshop is great for teachers, youth organization leaders, camp directors and more! Receive PLT’s PreK-8 Environmental Education Activity Guide and other exciting outdoor education resources. Receive UAF continuing education credit CRN 38194, ED F593P. Cost: $120 (please bring a computer, bag lunch/snacks and outdoor clothing). Minimum of 6 participants/maximum of 20, signup deadline-4 days prior. Please bring warm clothes and lunch or snacks. Registration with UAF online at uonline.alaska.edu or call 907-474-7021. For further information, contact Lee Hecimovich, at 907-745-3360 or email dahecimovich@alaska.edu.

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 16**
WINTER PLANT IDENTIFICATION will be held from 1 to 4pm at the Alaska Botanical Garden. You don’t need leaves or flowers to identify plants in Winter. By observing woody plants in their skeletal form, you will begin to identify familiar plants by their bark pattern, buds, habitat and more. Join Dr. MARILYN BARKER, a retired UAA Professor, on a Winter identification walk through the Lowenfels-Hoersting Nature Trail. Pre-registration is required at **https://www.alaskabg.org/workshops.html**.

**March 16**
EAGLE RIVER - NIGHTTIME & AURORA PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP will be held from 8pm to 1am at the Eagle River Nature Center. Photographer COLIN TYLER BOGUCKI will teach how to properly expose the night sky using a digital SLR camera, and how to stay informed on solar activity. $75; Registration required. For more information and to register, go to www.ernc.org.

March 21
WASILLA - PERMACULTURE DESIGN/SITE ANALYSIS/MICROCLIMATE will be held from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Wasilla Museum and Visitor Center, N. Main Street. Learn how to locate the perfect placement for a new garden or enhance the design of an existing one. Learn the skills you need to create your own Permaculture Garden designs. By applying the fundamental Permaculture design process, we will locate the existing microclimates on your property. Defining microclimates increases the diversity of food crops we can grow in the Arctic. Cost: $30.00. Prepayment and Registration are required at https://seedsandsoilorganics.com/2019/01/17/arctic-permaculture-wasilla-class-series/.

**March 22 – 24**
HOMER – The ALTERNATE ENERGY CLASS: TAKE THE BASICS of GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMP SYSTEMS will be taught by MARK MASTELLAR at Kachemak Bay College from 5:30 to 8pm on Friday, 10am to 5pm on Saturday and from 10am to 3p on Sunday. The course presents basics of ground-source heat pump geoechange systems and their use for space heating and cooling and domestic hot water production. Introduces physical concepts related to harvesting shallow geothermal energy, system components, common installation configurations, cost/benefit considerations and safety. Register online or call 235-1651 if you need help registering or have any questions.

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 20 (TELECONFERENCE MEETING)**
The ROADS AND HIGHWAYS ADVISORY BOARD meet from 1 to via teleconference. Members of the public are welcome to call in. To access the meeting via teleconference please call 907-463-1208. **Agenda:** Governor's Budget Review Discussion, Bi-Annual Budget. Ad Hoc Transportation Board Volunteers.

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. 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 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.

March 1
McCARTHY - Deadline for applications for the WRANGLELL 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.

**March 2**
Deadline for applications for the **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) TWO ARTISTS in RESIDENCE** this summer, one for the **DALTON HIGHWAY** and one for the **PINNELL MOUNTAIN NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL** who will spend one week on public lands. The BLM manages a 244-mile-long swath of land along the Dalton Highway from the Yukon River to the northern foothills of the Brooks Range. The highway, which provides Alaska’s only road connection between the Interior and the North Slope, passes through some of the country’s most remote and scenic landscapes. The Pinnell Mountain National Recreation Trail northeast of Fairbanks is a 27-mile hiking trail, which starts and ends at the Steese Highway, crosses a series of alpine ridges entirely above timberline and is known for its diverse wildflowers and expansive views. Artists may be hosted at a nearby BLM cabin or campground, or at a remote, backcountry location, depending on the interests and outdoor experience of the selected artist. The BLM will provide transportation between Fairbanks and the two residency sites. Artists are responsible for transportation to Fairbanks. Additional information about the program and application process is available from Teri Balser at (907) 474-2368, or from the BLM website at [www.blm.gov/get-involved/artist-in-residence/air-sites](http://www.blm.gov/get-involved/artist-in-residence/air-sites).

**March 4**
Deadline for the **KENAI MOUNTAINS–TURNAGAIN ARM (KMTA) NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA BIENNIAL GRANT APPLICATIONS**. KMTA awards grants to community projects that recognize, preserve, and interpret the historic, scenic, and natural recreational resources and cultural landscapes of the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm historic transportation corridor. Projects promote and facilitate public enjoyment of these resources. Go to [https://www.kmtacorridor.org/grants/](https://www.kmtacorridor.org/grants/) for more information and to apply for a grant.

March 8
Deadline for nominations for the **PRESIDENT’S ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH AWARD (PEYA) PROGRAM** that recognizes outstanding environmental stewardship projects by K-12 youth, promoting awareness of our nation's natural resources and encouraging positive community involvement. Winners of this year’s awards will be invited to a ceremony in Washington, D.C. in mid-2019, and have their project mentioned on EPA’s website. EPA will select up to two winners in each of EPA’s 10 Regions – one regional winner for Grades K-5 and one regional winner for Grades 6-12. All student projects must be sponsored by at least one adult over the age of 21. The application and eligibility information are available at [https://www.epa.gov/edu/education/presidents-environmental-youth-award](https://www.epa.gov/edu/education/presidents-environmental-youth-award). For more information, contact PEYA@epa.gov.

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 15**
Deadline for submissions for the 2019 ALASKA JUNIOR DUCK STAMP CONTEST from K-12 students. Participants select a species of North American waterfowl, do research on this species and its habitat, and then depict their findings through art and writing. Prizes, cash awards, and national recognition await the winners. Get to know North America’s waterfowl and enter the contest! Visit this webpage for more information [http://alaska.fws.gov/jrduck](http://alaska.fws.gov/jrduck) or contact Tamara_Zeller@fws.gov / (907) 786-3517.

**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 28**
ANCHORAGE - Comments are due on proposal to RECONSTRUCT THE DOWLING ROAD/SEWARD HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE. The proposed work would include: Reconstructing the existing Seward Highway bridge to facilitate the full width of the adjacent highway and center median; Reconstructing the existing Dowling Road roundabouts and frontage roads; Minor horizontal and vertical realignments; Pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements; Upgrading curb ramps to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2020. For more information, contact Kevin Jackson, Project Manager, at 269-0641 or email kevin.jackson@alaska.gov or Drew von Lindern, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 269-0551 or email drew.vonlinden@alaska.gov. Submit comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, at brian.elliott@alaska.gov.

**March 1**
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.

**March 4**
Comments are due on the proposal to REALIGN the GLEN HIGWAY to the SOUTH of LONG LAKE and REPLACE THE BRIDGE at KINGS RIVER. The purpose of the projects is to enhance the safety of the highway and accommodate the anticipated traffic for the next 20 years. The Long Lake State Recreation Site (SRS) is identified as a Section 4(f) property. The Section 4(f) legislation provides protection for publicly owned parks, recreation areas, or wildlife and/or waterfowl refuges of national, state, or local significance or land of an historic site of national, state, or local significance from conversion to transportation usage. Long Lake SRS is also protected in its entirety under the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, Section 6(f), Public Law 108-198. To review the draft EA reevaluation and Section 4(f) documents, go to http://bit.ly/GHW66-92. Submit written comments to Attn: Steve Morrow, Environmental Protection Specialist, at glennhighway@dot.gov. For additional questions, please contact FHWA Project Manager Reuben Johnson at (360) 619-7995.

**March 4**
Deadline for comments on the ADF&G proposals to ADOPT REGULATION CHANGES DEALING with WATER S IMPORTANT for the SPAWNING, REARING, or MIGRATION of ANADROMOUS FISH. The following changes will be made to the atlas and catalog: the list of rivers, lakes, and streams contained in the Atlas and Catalog will be revised; species-specific information will be used in place of undifferentiated species information where possible; and contact information will be updated. To see the documents and the atlas maps go to https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/SARR/AWC/index.cfm?ADFG=pn.home. For more information or to submit comments, contact Brian Blossom, at dfg.hab.anadromous@alaska.gov.

**March 7**
FAIRBANKS – Comments are due on the application for a SOLID WASTE PERMIT TO OPERATE A MEDICAL WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY, B & P WASTE SERVICES INC. In October 2017 the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) revised regulations regarding waste treatment facilities to require that medical waste treatment facilities, not located within a hospital or other regulated medical facility, operate under a solid waste treatment permit issued by ADEC. For more information or to submit comments, contact Neil Lehner at (907) 451-2134 or email neil.lehner@alaska.gov.

March 13
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.

May 1
Deadline for nominations for the **ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION 2019 AWARDS** for individuals and organizations that are making a significant difference in their efforts to protect Alaska's natural environment. Awardees will be celebrated at an awards reception on October 3 in Anchorage. This year’s award categories include:

- Lifetime Achievement
- Outstanding Volunteer Contributions
- Outstanding Professional Contributions
- Award for Young Environmental Activists
- Outstanding Achievements by a Conservation Organization
- Excellence in Environmental Education
- Excellence in Still Photography, Film or Video
- Outstanding Achievements by an Alaska Native Organization or Individual

For more information or to nominate someone, go to our website. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Sadie Kurtz at skurtz@alaskaconservation.org or call 907-433-8212.

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

**February 15**
**SUPPORT THE WRANGEL MOUNTAINS CENTER** from 5:30 to 8pm at the **RESOLUTION BREWING COMPANY** as the generously donate a portion of their beer sales. Come warm your hearts with good company and great beer and you'll also get the scoop on their exciting 2019 programs!

**February 14, 19, 20, 21 & 22**
The Public Meetings will be held on the Anchorage short-range transit planning effort call Transit on the Move on the following dates

- **February 14** from 5:30 to 7pm in City Hall Room 155
- **February 19** from 10 to 11:30am at the Mountain View Library
- **February 19** from 5:30 to 7pm in the Eagle River Town Center, Room 170
- **February 20** from 10 to 11:30am in Dimond Center Mall, 2nd Floor, Next to Habitat Housewares
- **February 20** from 5:30 to 7pm in the Romig Middle School, Multipurpose Room
- **February 21** from 5 to 6:30pm at the Muldoon Library
- **February 22** from 530 to 7pm at the Fairview Community Center

This plan will examine how the current transit system is operating and identify possible changes to; route alignments, schedules, service hours, and bus stops. Discussions will result in a list of future system adjustments ranked by priority. Recommendations will include suggestions for People Mover, AnchorRIDES, and RideShare. The first round of public will review PTD's
recently published System Report Card analyzing how the first year of the new transit system performed. The meetings will allow the public to share their ideas about what's important to them in a public transportation system. This first series of meetings will be set up to gather the community's needs, values, and desires to help determine what's working and what needs to be improved. To learn more about the project, view upcoming meetings, submit a comment, or see the entire project timeline, go to www.peoplemover.org/TransitOnTheMove.

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.

February 19
CANTWELL - The DENALI FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold an election meeting at the Cantwell School library, located at Mile 1 on the Denali Highway at 7pm. Also, on the agenda will be preparing comments on Board of Game and Joint Board proposals. For more information contact Gordon Carlson at 768-2255.

**February 19
RUSSIAN JACK PARK HIKE will start at 6pm at the Chalet parking lot. Spend about 1.5 exploring some of the mellow trails that go through Russian Jack Park, hiking at a moderate pace, using headlamps to light our way. This is a good hike for beginners, and we will take breaks as needed. Bring a headlamp, ice grippers, water and snacks and wear non-cotton clothing appropriate for the weather conditions.

February 20
WILDLIFE TRADE will be examined at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive at 7pm. Each year Anchorage has the second highest amount of cargo in the country land at its main airport. And every day, wildlife inspectors at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport intercept illegal animals and plants hidden in that cargo. Illegal trade in wild plants and animals is bad in every way: It decimates plant and animal communities, makes it harder to monitor wild populations, and pushes wild species toward extinction. It also keeps local communities in developing countries from creating businesses based on sustainable use of their local resources, promotes transnational organized crime, and has been tied to drug and weapons trafficking. It is the job of the US Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure the legality of the wildlife trade in cargo passing through Anchorage. Join Supervisory Wildlife Inspector CHRIS ANDREWS as he discusses local efforts to combat illegal wildlife trade. You’ll also get to see a number of interesting specimens he and his team have seized locally. The program is part of the Center's Fireside Chat lecture series and is free and open to the public. For more information please call 267-1241.

**February 20
SEA OTTERS with DAN MONSON, USGS Research Wildlife Biologist, will be presented at Alaska Wildlife Alliance FREE Wildlife Wednesday presentation from 7 to 8pm at the BP Energy Center. 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! Free donuts will be provided courtesy of Dipper Donuts and families are welcome! Visit our website for more information.

**February 20**
Dr. RICHARD STEINER, marine biologist and conservationist), KATIE STRON, attorney with Trustees of Alaska) and Dr. VIC VAN BALLENBERGHE, moose and wolf research biologist and former Board of Game member, will discuss current threats to Alaska's Federal lands and to Alaska's wildlife at 7p at the Arctic Recreation Center, 4855 Arctic Blvd. SUSAN HANSEN will address Lisa Murkowski's Public Lands bill in the Senate (Alaska Native Vietnam War Veteran's Allotment bill). Sponsored by the Alaska Chapter, Sierra Club.

**February 20**
Alaska Association of Environmental Professionals (AAEP) Brown Bag presentation will be FAITH MARTINEAU about the ALASKA DEPT. of NATURAL RESOURCES – OFFICE of PROJECT MANAGEMENT and PERMITTING’S ROLE in COORDINATING REVIEW of LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS in the State. Doors open at 11:30, presentation will be from 11:45am to 12:45pm at the BP Energy Center, 900 E. Benson Blvd. FREE and open to the public.

**February 21**
A RESOURCE CURSE OR STATISTICAL MIRAGE? will be presented by Alexander James, Professor of economics at UAA, at 7pm at the Anchorage Museum Auditorium, 625 C St. (enter through 121 W. 7th Ave. entrance). Natural resource rich economics tend to grow slowly, but why? Researchers have theorized that natural resources can shine other sectors of the economy, induce political corruption, and even civil conflict. But new data and statistical techniques suggest that natural resources can fuel economic growth and offers a more nuanced view of the so-called “curse of natural resources. Sponsored by the Cook Inlet Historical Society.

February 21
NOME BIRDING YEAR-ROUND will be presented by LYNN BARBER at 7pm at the BP Energy Center at the Anchorage Audubon meeting. Lynn has made an incredible 11 birding trips to Nome during 2018, and she’ll share her photos of the birds, mammals and scenery. As the seasons unfolded, she drove along the three main roads that lead out of Nome to Council, the Kougarok River and Teller. She documented the arrivals and departures of migrant, breeding and wintering birds, including McKay’s and Snow Buntings, huge flocks of geese and ducks in summer, and mixed gull flocks in early winter.

February 23
SKI 4 KIDS is a for-fun, for-kids afternoon at Kincaid Park from 10:30 to 4:30pm, primarily in the Stadium, but also in the Chalet and along the ~3k course. Sign up via the Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage Ski 4 Kids page or directly at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Z1x1RxpjmnjNmeWMEzyZK9hu1qmgw6NhKdv-X70/edit#gid=0. This event draws hundreds of kids of all ski abilities and raises money for several elementary school grants to purchase Nordic ski equipment.

**February 24**
FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL PARK HIKE will start at 1pm at the North Bivouac Trailhead (left parking lot) about three miles up the Campbell Airstrip (south off of Tudor). This
hike will explore some of the hiking trails in the Far North Bicentennial Park, starting out on the 2.5 K trail. There are a few small hills but overall the trails are mellow, meandering through the trees. We will hike at an easy pace for about 1.5 to 2 hours, taking breaks as needed. Bring water and snacks and wear non-cotton clothing appropriate for the weather conditions. If necessary, bring an extra layer for warmth and don’t forget ice grippers in case the trail is covered in ice.

**February 26**

**IMAGINING ANCHORAGE: THE MAKING OF AMERICAS NORTHERNMOST METROPOLIS** will be presented by IAN HARTMAN and JAMES K. BARNETT from 4 to 6pm at the UAA Campus Bookstore. With over a hundred full-color images and photographs to accompany historical essays, the book Imagining Anchorage brings together twenty renowned contributors to tell pieces of Anchorage’s story. At this event, editors Ian Hartman and James K. Barnet discuss how Imagining Anchorage came together and why unveiling Anchorage’s past is important today. here is free parking for these events in the South Lot, West Campus Central Lot, and Sports Complex NW Lot.

**February 27**

**RUSSIAN JACK SPRINGS PARK MASTER PLAN PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1** will be held from 6 to 8pm at the Williwaw Elementary School. Anchorage Parks and Recreation is beginning the planning and public involvement process to update the master plan for Russian Jack Springs Park. To ensure that the master plan aligns with the desires of the community, Anchorage Parks and Recreation is asking residents and park users for their input. Your feedback will help the Parks and Recreation Department begin the process of identifying priorities to be addressed in the master plan update. For more information and project updates go to [https://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/RussianJackSpringsParkMasterPlanUpdate2019.aspx](https://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/RussianJackSpringsParkMasterPlanUpdate2019.aspx). To take the survey, go to [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RJSPsurvey1](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RJSPsurvey1). For more information and project updates go to [https://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/RussianJackSpringsParkMasterPlanUpdate2019.aspx](https://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/RussianJackSpringsParkMasterPlanUpdate2019.aspx)

**February 28**

Open House will be held from 3 to 7pm at Loussac Library on the **MIDTOWN CONGESTION RELIEF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGE (PEL) STUDY** to provide an opportunity to learn about and comment on the draft concepts developed as part of the study. The PEL Study is focused on solutions to reduce travel time and increase mobility for all users-including bicyclists and pedestrians-in the midtown area on the Seward Highway corridor and intersections between Tudor Rd. and 20th Ave. Members of the team will present the draft concepts and screening criteria and gather input that will influence which concepts are advanced to the next phases of environmental evaluation and design. For more information go to [www.midtowncongestionrelief.com](http://www.midtowncongestionrelief.com). Participate in the Draft Concepts Review Survey To contact the project team, send an email to **MCR@dowl.com** or call Rachel Steer at (907) 562-2000.

**MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE**

**February 14**
JUNEAU - JUNEAU AUDUBON SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING will be held at 7pm in the UAS Egan Lecture Hall, Room 112. The program will feature KEVIN WHITE’s presentation on MOUNTAIN GOAT ECOLOGY in COASTAL ALASKA.

**February 15
JUNEAU - FIRESIDE LECTURE: GROWING UP on ICE: HOW SEAL PUPS THRIVE in ANTARCTICA will be presented at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center at 6:30 and repeated at 8pm. Weddell seals are the southernmost living mammal. They thrive in the harsh environment of Antarctica. Join LINNEA PEARSON as she reveals how the pups survive despite being born without all the tools of an adult seal. Lectures are free of charge, and thanks to our partners at Discovery Southeast, cookies and tea are served in the lobby. For more information, call 907-789-0097.

**February 20
JUNEAU – OCEANA ACIDIFICATION and ALASKA will be presented at 5pm in the Elizabeth Peratorovich Hall, 320 W. Willoughby Avenue. Hear the latest from NOAA researchers who study current and future conditions and species response. Bring your questions and hear from BOB FOY, NOAA Alaska fisheries science director, and JESSICA CROSS, oceanographer, NOAA Pacific Environmental Lab. For more information, contact Darcy Dugan at dugan@aoos.org.

February 20 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)
BETHEL - The BETHEL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting and elections at the ADF&G at 6pm. Agenda items include: Elections: One Vacant Seat; Board of Game Proposals: 133 & 139; Drafting Board of Game Proposals for GMU 18; DEADLINE May 1; ADF&G Request for Support: Kuskokwim Sonar Project. Call 1-800-504-8071 code: 5432709 to participate by teleconference. For further information, contact Jen Peeks at 907.543.2931 or email jennifer.peeks@alaska.gov.

February 20
KLAWOCK – Public meeting will be held from 9am to 5pm at the Prince of Wales Vocational Technical Education Center to ADDRESS the OBJECTIONS to the PRINCE of WALES LANDSCAPE LEVEL ANALYSIS PROJECT. Each objector will have an opportunity to discuss their issues that have potential for redecisional resolution. For more information, contact Kris Rutledge, Administrative Review Coordinator at 907-586-7962 or email Kris.rutledge@usda.gov.

**February 20 & 21
UTQIAGVIK - NORTH SLOPE FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting in at the Inupiat Heritage Center from 9am to 5pm each day. This committee also serves as the North Slope Borough Fish and Game Management Committee. Agenda items include an all-inclusive review and discussion on the North Slope caribou that include the Western Arctic, Teshekpuk Lake, Central Arctic, and Porcupine herds. There will also be a review and discussion on the caribou registration permit (RC 907). Other options to manage and conserve the herds may be discussed. In addition to receiving updates on the caribou herds, the Committee will act on two wildlife proposals. Wildlife Proposal 138 requests the Committee to reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 26A and Wildlife Proposal 139 requests the Committee to reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemption in Game Management Unit
26A. There will be presentations and updates from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the U.S. Geological Survey as well as from Inuvialuit-Inupiat Polar Bear Commission, the Alaska Nanuq Co-management Council and the North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife on polar bears. The North Slope Advisory Committee/North Slope Borough Fish and Game Management Committee will also review proposals that have been submitted to the Joint Boards of Fisheries and Game regarding the administration and uniform rules of operation for advisory committees. The Joint Boards will meet March 21-25, 2019 to discuss advisory committee regulation proposals and act to change, amend or otherwise delete some or parts of the rules of operation. For more information, contact Hazel Smith at 907-442-1717 or email hazel.smith@alaska.gov.

February 21
PALMER - The MATANUSKA VALLEY FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at 7pm at the MTA building, 480 Commercial Drive, to continue preparing comments on Board of Game proposals 110 – 130 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 21
DELTA JUNCTION – Public meeting will be held from 6 to 8pm in the Delta Junction City Hall Meeting Room on the ANALYSIS of BROWNFIELD CLEANUP ALTERNATIVES, DELTA JUNCTION TRESPASS SHOOTING RANGE BROWNFIELD REVITALIZATION located on the west side of the Richardson Highway, east of the Delta River, and north of the airstrip in Delta Junction. The Trespass Shooting Range is contaminated with lead and other heavy metals related to the discharge of firearms. DEC is evaluating cleanup options for the site that would allow for safe reuse as part of a public trail system by the Delta Junction Trails Association. Copies of the Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives are available at http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/CSP/SiteReport/25391 (click on the “Documents” tab below site summary). Deadline for comments is March 2. For more information or to submit comments, contact Christy Howard at christy.howard@alaska.gov or call 907-895-4656.

**February 22
JUNEAU - Fireside Lecture: BEHIND THE SCENES – A FILM DIRECTOR’S TAKE on ‘THE SALMON FOREST’ will be held at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center at 6:30 and repeating at 8pm. Join wildlife documentary filmmaker BEN HAMILTON as he ventures through the Tongass National Forest to explore and capture the incredible lives of salmon. From weaving cable cams through an old growth forest and snorkeling in raging streams, to bear and orca encounters, he’ll share the biggest challenges he faced in production, material that never made the final cut, and takeaways about salmon and life in Alaska. A special showing of the documentary will be held at 5:15. Fireside Lectures are free of charge, and thanks to our partners at Discovery Southeast, cookies and tea are served in the lobby. For more information, call 907-789-0097.

**February 22
FAIRBANKS - NORTHERN VOICES: A CALL TO LIFE. will be held at 7pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Creative writer KATHLEEN DEAN MOORE and concert pianist RACHELLE MCCABE will inspire the audience to defend the wild, reeling world in a performance that weaves powerful spoken words into Rachmaninoff’s “Variations on a Theme of
Corelli.” The evening promises not another intellectual lecture, but a full-body immersion in the grief, anger, and moral resolve that the extinction crisis evokes.

**February 22,
GLENNALLEN - ALL ABOUT DRONES will be presented by DON BINKLEY, Virtual Reality and E-Learning Programmer, Prince William Sound College, at 7pm at the Prince William Sound College Copper Basin Campus. The goal of this talk is to educate the public on the actual nature of drone flight, common applications, and ethical, legal, and safety considerations. Sponsored by the Wrangell Institute for Science & Environment (WISE).

**February 27
COOPER LANDING - The COOPER LANDING FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will have an election meeting at 12 noon at the Cooper Landing Community Hall, located at Mile 0.8 Bean Creek Road. Agenda will also include preparing comments on Kenai Peninsula Board of Game proposals, discuss Joint Board proposals and any other business that may come before the committee. For more information contact Jeremy Lewis at 312-6780.

February 27, 28, March 4, 6, 12, 13
Public hearings will be held the COMMISSIONER’S ANALYSIS AND PROPOSED DECISION on the RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASE for the DONLIN NATURAL GAS PIPELINE in the following locations:

- **February 27 – MCGRATH** from 4 to 6pm at the McGrath Community Center
- **February 28 – TYONEK** from 1 to 2pm at the Tyonek Tribal Center
- **March 4 – BETHEL** from 6 to 8pm at the Bethel Cultural Center
- **March 6 – ANIAK** from 7 to 9pm at the Aniak Community Center
- **March 12 – ANCHORAGE** from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the Atwood Conf. Center
- **March 13 – SKWENTNA** from 11am to 1pm at the Skwentna

The proposed Donlin Pipeline would transport natural gas from the Beluga Natural Gas Pipeline system to the Donlin Gold mine. The 14-inch diameter pipeline would originate 7.7 miles north of the Beluga Power Plant and terminate at the Donlin Gold mine site, approximately 10 miles north of the community of Crooked Creek. Of the proposed 315-mile-long pipeline, approximately 207 miles would be located on State of Alaska owned lands. The proposed pipeline would have a maximum operating pressure of 1,480 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) and be buried for most the route. The operating pipeline right-of-way lease would include one compressor station and one metering station. Donlin has requested a 150-foot-wide right-of-way for pipeline construction and a 50-foot-wide right-of-way for operations. Additionally, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing to close the lands within the proposed ROW, plus 100 feet on either side, to mineral entry for the protection of the pipeline. The mineral order would take effect upon issuance of the ROW lease and end upon the expiration or termination of the lease. The order would potentially affect up to 14,706 acres of State-owned lands, reducing to roughly 6,250 acres after construction. Documents concerning the proposed ROW lease and Mineral Order are available at http://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Documents/SPCS/PublicNotices/Donlin/1.24.19DonlinROWADL231908CAPD.pdf. Deadline for comments is March 22. To submit comment of for more information, contact the State Pipeline Coordinator’s Section at (907) 269-6479 or email spco.records@alaska.gov.

**March 2**
JUNEAU – Open house will be held at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center from 1 to 4 pm for an update on the MENDENHALL GLACIER RECREATION AREA MASTER PLAN.

ITEMS of INTEREST

**COOK INLET CHAPTER of the SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS** is holding its annual tree seeding sale to be available for distribution on May 18 at Anchorage REI and Wasilla Sportsman’s Warehouse. They have White spruce, Paper birch, Siberian larch, Lodgepole pine and Scotch pine available. The only exception will be for Alaska white spruce, some of which will be available in the Spring and the remainder during the first week of August for a later summer planting. For more information and order form, go to [http://alaska.forestry.org/treesale](http://alaska.forestry.org/treesale).

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

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

VOLUNTEER and BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

BOARD MEMBER for the **CLIMATE JUSTICE INITIATIVE**, a new non-profit organization in the state of Alaska whose mission is to focus on the effects of climate change on grass roots level through means of education, research, developing sustainable and impactful programs to improve social equality and climate justice through developing information systems, education, growing partnerships and building local capacity with a focus on economically disadvantaged and geographically impacted areas. The organization will focus programs on developing community control over economic, social and environmental decisions affecting the community’s well-being through grassroots participation to represent the interests of communities in which they are based to address the unknowns, impacts and effects of climate change through a social justice lens in environmental justice and front-line communities. To learn more or apply to become a board member, please email [karla@climatejusticeinitiative.org](mailto:karla@climatejusticeinitiative.org).

INTERNERSHIP

**SUMMER INTERNSHIPS** are available at the **KENAI WATERSHED FORUM (KWF)**. KWF is seeking two enthusiastic and talented students to serve as their **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION and RESTORATION INTERNS**. These positions will support the nationally recognized volunteer program STREAM WATCH in meeting its mission: to assist land management agencies with hands-on river restoration and peer-to-peer education on the Kenai Peninsula. This PAID internship is 12-15 weeks long and based out of KWFs office in Soldonta. Intern time will be focused on conserving the peninsula’s freshwater and marine systems through direct hands-on restoration projects and planned educational outreach events. Interns will gain

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 1 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). Compensation amounts: $1,300 - one-time RT travel allowance; $250 - weekly living allowance Housing. Start dates flexible by 1-2 weeks. This position also includes money-handling and therefore is NOT AmeriCorps eligible. For full job description, go to https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=e6025150afbce393&tk=1cr0n1ra4b01i803&from=serp&vjs=3. The deadline for interns to apply is February 25.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**DENALI EDUCATION CENTER**, located in DENALI NATIONA PARK & PRESERVE has the following position available

**MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**, a full-time exempt, Position Description: The Marketing & Communications Director oversees Denali Education Center’s communications, marketing, website, events, and fundraising functions. Tasks require collaboration with the Executive Director and other Directors to develop a marketing plan, develop web and print communications, oversee community events, and helps to coordinate DEC’s fundraising efforts. In addition, the Marketing and Communications Director will take a lead role in the Denali Zero-Landfill Initiative (ZLI), facilitating ZLI projects and outreach in the community. The Marketing & Communications Director hires, trains, and supervises the seasonal Event Manager, volunteers, and other event staff as needed. This position generally works a 40-hour work week but will be required to work additional hours in summer to fulfill training, event, and other organizational needs. Additional duties may be assigned. Click here for a full position description. Compensation: Salary range is $41,600 - $47,800 annually, commensurate with experience. Benefits include paid holidays, annual leave, health insurance, life insurance, and Simple retirement plan (with employer contributions after two years) DEC supports professional development opportunities for its staff. Four to eight weeks of furlough during the winter months. To Apply: Qualified candidates should send a resume, letter of interest, and references to Jodi Rodwell at jodi@denali.org.

**GROUP LEADER**, Seasonal Full-time Non-Exempt (Hourly) Employee, May - September; dates will be mutually agreed upon. Group Leaders are responsible for leading Learning Vacations, on our campus and throughout Alaska. They work closely with other DEC Program Staff to provide fun, educational experiences for participants. The Group Leader is often the only consistent variable of the program experience and, as such, drives the quality of the program. The primary role of the Group Leader is to ensure that each group experiences all program elements in a seamless, meaningful way. Click here for a full position description. Compensation: Starting wage is $15/hr. A typical program is 11 days, 8-14 hrs./day All travel, accommodations, and meals are included for Group Leaders during scheduled work weeks Program tips are pooled and dispersed upon completion of summer contract. To Apply: Qualified candidates should send a resume, letter of interest, and references to Jake Hill: jake@denali.org

**PROGRAM COORDINATOR**, Seasonal Full-time Non-Exempt (Hourly) Employee, May - September; dates will be mutually agreed upon. Work Schedule: 40-60 hours per week; typically, 10-12 hours per day. Program Coordinators are responsible for scheduling, preparing, and facilitating summer learning vacations on and off our campus. They work closely with the Program Manager and Group Leaders to ensure the success of residential and traveling portions
of the programs. They also work with the kitchen and hospitality staff in order to maintain a high-quality guest experience. **Click here for a full position description.** Compensation: Hourly rate for a Program Coordinator is $15/hr. Overtime of approximately 20 hours/week is typical during programs weeks. Program tips are pooled and dispersed upon completion of summer contract. **To Apply:** Qualified candidates should send a resume, letter of interest, and references to Jake Hill: jake@denali.org.

**Hospitality Staff,** Seasonal Full-time Non-Exempt (hourly) Employee, May – September; date will be mutually agreed upon. Work Schedule: Generally, 40 hours per week; includes evening work. Our hospitality staff plays an important role in maintaining a clean, attractive, and comfortable campus environment. **Click here for a full position description.** Compensation: Starting wage is $13.00 per hour; negotiable based on experience. Program tips are pooled and dispersed upon completion of summer contract. **To Apply:** Qualified candidates should send a resume, letter of interest, and references to Jake Hill at jake@denali.org.

**CAMPUS COOK,** Seasonal Full-time Non-Exempt (hourly) Employee, May – September; dates will be mutually agreed upon Work Schedule: 40 hours per week; overtime hours must be approved by supervisor. Campus Cooks are responsible for assisting the head chef with kitchen operations including receiving inventory, preparation of group meals and specialty meals for guests with dietary restrictions, washing dishes, ensuring a clean kitchen and work space at all times, and other duties as assigned. This is a full-time seasonal position. Hours of work will vary, may be irregular, and will be determined by the head chef based on the needs of our guests. **Click here for a full position description.** Compensation: Opening wage is $15.00 per hour; negotiable depending upon experience. Program tips are pooled and dispersed upon completion of summer contract. **To Apply:** Qualified candidates should send a resume, letter of interest, and references to Jake Hill at jake@denali.org.

**EDUCATION SPECIALIST** for the **KENAI WATERSHED FORUM** for a full-time position to be responsible for all aspects of educational curriculum development, lesson-planning and delivery in classroom and outdoor settings, proposal and project development, grant writing, participating in regional partnership efforts, managing support staff and completing required grant and contract reporting and documentation. This position will spend 40% of their time managing KWF’s Adopt-A-Stream, 30% of their time managing KWF’s Summer Camp and 20% of their time developing both programs. KWF’s staff work in a highly collaborative environment, with a diversity of partners, supporters and community members. The candidate will also be expected to work independently and should be a self-starter capable of communicating technical and non-technical information to a variety of audiences. Application deadline is **February 25.** For More Information: contact Branden Bornemann at branden@kenaiwatershed.org or visit https://kenaiwatershed.org/.

The **KENAI WATERSHED FORUM (KWF)** is hiring a **SEASONAL TECHNICIAN** to lead the efforts of its volunteer program **STREAM WATCH** in the Southern Peninsula. This position will spearhead volunteer driven restoration and education efforts in the Southern Peninsula under the supervision of KWF's Stream Watch Coordinator. Ideal candidate will have 1-3 years of experience in the following or closely related fields: volunteer management, community outreach, marketing, environmental interpretation, and marine and freshwater ecosystems. This position will be a full-time seasonal position based out of KWF’s office in Soldotna with an anticipated start date of April 1st and end date of October 31st. **The deadline to apply is February 25.** For the full job description go to https://kenaiwatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/SW-Technician-Job-Description-2019.pdf.
CONSERVATION PROJECT COORDINATOR for the INTERIOR ALASKA LAND TRUST to work with the public, landowners, and government groups to conserve open space in the Fairbanks area. The Conservation Coordinator will work on a part-time contract basis, providing his/her own work space, computer and internet access, and be supervised by the Interior Alaska Land Trust Board of Directors. Requirements: • Self-motivated: figures out what needs to be done & does it; • Excellent organizational skills; • Excellent written and oral communication skills; • Experience and skill with computer word processing, e-mail, and social media; • Experience working as a member of a team to develop and complete projects; • Computer and access to internet. Part-time (approx. 20-30 hours/week) $15 – 25/hour DOE. To see the full job description, go to https://interioralaskalandtrust.files.wordpress.com/2019/02/conservation-project-coordinator.pdf. How to Apply: Please email a resume/CV and cover letter detailing your qualifications to interioraklandtrust@gmail.com.

HIRING CREW LEADERS for the INTERIOR ALASKA FOREST INVENTORY PROJECT, ALASKA DIVISION OF FORESTRY Alaska Residents Only Job Type: Long Term Nonpermanent - April – September Duty Station: Fairbanks. Field Schedule: 9 days on, 5 days off; 10 to 12-hour workdays, overtime eligible. lead crew members helicopter and hike-in sites throughout Interior Alaska to install new forest inventory plots and take measurements on trees, soils, fuels, understory vegetation, etc. Work cooperatively with US Forest Service and implement Forest Inventory & Analysis protocol. Minimum qualifications: One year of journey level technical experience in natural resource management equivalent to a Natural Resource Technician II with the State of Alaska OR Any combination of journey level technical experience in natural resource management equivalent to a Natural Resource Technician II with the State of Alaska and college course work from an accredited institution totaling one year. Salary: $22.89/hour + benefits. Closing Date: February 25. For full job description and an online application, email Andrew Allaby at andrew.allaby@alaska.gov or Luke Gasek at luke.gasek@alaska.gov, call 907-451-2614 or go to http://workplace.alaska.gov.

SEASONAL NATURAL RESOURCES TECHNICIAN – INVASIVE SPECIES for the FAIRBANKS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (FSWCD) to assist the Invasive Species Specialist in a variety of technical tasks associated with terrestrial invasive plant management in interior Alaska. The position includes organizing outreach events, assisting landowners with invasive plant issues, preparing invasive plant outreach materials, and conducting invasive plant control in the greater Fairbanks area. The position also includes assisting with aquatic invasive plant surveying and control activities. Job Requirements: Background in natural resource fields, especially botany and ecology. Degree of course work in Biology or Natural Resources. Ability to communicate well orally and in writing (writing sample preferred). Computer literate, especially Microsoft Office. Applicants MUST possess a valid Alaska driver’s license and be able to pass a federal background check. Wages and Benefits: This position will be 20-30 hrs/ week from mid-March - September 2019. The rate of pay will be $17-19/ hour, DOE. There is potential for the position to be extended based on project development. Apply by February 15. Cover letter, resume, and 3 references may be emailed to fairbankssswcd@gmail.com or hand-delivered to 590 University Avenue, Suite 2, Fairbanks Alaska 99709. To see the full job description, go to https://www.fairbankssoilwater.org/user-files//FSWCD_Seasonal_Technician_Invasives_2019.pdf.
SEASONAL NATURAL RESOURCES TECHNICIAN – SOILS/AG for the FAIRBANKS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (FSWCD) to complete various technical projects for FSWCD and will be responsible for assisting with an annual Tree and Shrub Sale, the soil testing program, agriculture and entomology demonstration projects, public outreach, and other duties as assigned. **Job Requirements:** Background in natural resource management fields, especially agriculture, soils and entomology. Ability to communicate well orally and in writing. Computer literate, especially Microsoft Office. Applicants MUST possess a valid Alaska driver’s license (or the ability to obtain one upon starting) and be able to pass a federal background check. **Wages and Benefits:** This position will be from 25-40 hrs./week from mid-March through September 2019. The rate of pay will be $17-19 / hour, DOE. **Apply by February 15.** Cover letter, resume, and 3 references may be emailed to fairbankssswcd@gmail.com or hand-delivered to 590 University Avenue, Suite 2, Fairbanks Alaska 99709. To see the full job description, go to https://www.fairbankssoilwater.org/user-files//FSWCD_Seasonal_Technician_Soils_2019.pdf.

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/.

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. 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/.

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.

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

**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-3-null-null-az7sg%7Ejp9xvcfl%7E40-null-jobs%7Evie.

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. Please provide a writing sample along with your application. Applications accepted online only at company careers webpage - https://careers.dowl.com. Applications accepted online only at company careers webpage - https://careers.dowl.com.

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

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

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