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**WHAT’S UP**
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**CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS**

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

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. Engage 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 3pm on Sunday. The course presents basics of ground-source heat pump geoxchange 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

**March 5 (WEBINAR)
THE 4TH NATIONAL CLIMATE ASSESSMENT: THE PROCESS and TAKE-AWAYS for ALASKA presented by STEVE GRAY, RICK THOMAN, JEREMY LITTELL, and TOM HENNESSY' will be held at 10am. The Assessment summarizes the impacts of climate change on the United States, now and in the future. A team of more than 300 experts guided by a Federal Steering Committee produced the report, which was extensively reviewed by the public and experts, including federal agencies and a panel of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The report is divided into regions and sectors. This presentation will explore the NCA process and key takeaway points with a focus on Alaska, including observed and projected climate changes on human health and community wellbeing, as well as coastal and marine impacts. It is strongly recommended you pre-register at Register.

March 13 (WEBINAR)
VAWS: IMPROVING COMMUNICATION OF COASTAL FLOOD WARNINGS TO ALASKA COMMUNITIES will be held at 11am presented by ED PLUMB, NWS. Coastal flooding and erosion from strong storms pose a significant threat to many Alaska communities. The National Weather Service (NWS) is collaborating with state, regional, local, and tribal organizations to improve impact-based decision support to communities before and during coastal storms. The NWS is also in the process of improving warning messages to rural Alaska in order to effectively communicate threat level, convey risk from storm surge, forecaster confidence, and potential impacts of incoming storms. The NWS is working to incorporate local terminology and place names, traditional knowledge of storm impacts, and storm observations into coastal flood warnings for communities. In order to accomplish this, the NWS is engaging in various workshops, meetings, and performing community visits to interact directly with residents and gain a better understanding of threats to their community. This presentation will highlight recent success the NWS has had in improving two-way communication and warnings to western Alaska communities during coastal flood events. Registration is strongly encouraged at Register.
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.

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](#).

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 BIANNUAL 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/education/presidents-environmental-youth-award](https://www.epa.gov/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 19
Deadline for applications for the **COMMUNITY BASED CLIMATE CHANGE, HEALTH & EQUITY STRATEGY GRANT** from the Kresge Foundation, a multi-year effort that seeks to strengthen the leadership and effectiveness of community organizations working to implement policies and practices that improve climate resilience and reduce health risks equitably. Projects funded through the community-based strategy will advance the adoption and implementation of climate mitigation, climate adaptation and climate resilience policies and programs at the local, regional, and/or state levels that improve public health outcomes and drive investments to improve quality of life. This strategy will include a 14-month planning phase for roughly 12 to
15 sites, followed by a three-year implementation period. View or download the application packet for the RFP at this link or go to https://kresge.org/sites/default/files/library/cche-rfp-application-packet1.pdf.

**March 22**
Deadline for applications for the ALASKA COMMUNITY FOREST COUNCIL GRANT to help CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY in Alaska on May 20. Grants will be in the $200-$500 range, and can be used to plant trees or shrubs, or to support other activities that promote Arbor Day. The 15-member Council advises the Alaska Division of Forestry on how to develop and deliver community forestry programs to Alaskans, support education, and encourage public involvement. The available grants are intended to fund projects that: • Generate awareness of and participation in Arbor Day in Alaska. • Increase public awareness of the benefits of trees and forests and build support for planting and caring for public trees. • Provide a public demonstration of the benefits of trees and/or proper tree selection, planting and care. • Use trees to solve community problems. Examples include projects that reduce or treat storm water, create wind breaks or living snow fences, restore streams and rivers, plant fruit trees to provide healthy food, screen surfaces prone to graffiti, calm traffic, and beautify school yards. For more information and application forms, go to http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/council.

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/.

**May 15**
Deadline for applications for THE 2020-2023 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (CTP) PROJECTS. There are two sets of criteria for this project nomination opportunity: 1) Urban and Rural, and 2) Remote. Communities not connected to the road system by road or ferry are considered Remote. All other communities are considered Urban and Rural. The total funding available for this CTP nomination opportunity is approximately $50 million and may be adjusted based on the project nominations received. Please note that your area planners are available to help prepare project nominations and develop project estimates. Please contact your area planner as early as possible with your project idea. Please direct any questions to your regional planner. For more information, including the application and the area planner map, go to http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/cip/stip/projects/2023_ctp_peb.shtml or call (907) 465-4070 or email dot.stip@alaska.gov.

DEADLINES

March 4
Comments are due on the proposal to REALIGN the GLENN HIGHWAY 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 8
Comments are due on possible revision of regulations that REQUIRE the AK DEPT. of NATURAL RESOURCES to RETAIN the BEDS of WATERS in STATE OWNERSHIP in response to concerns raised by certain Boroughs and Municipalities. While the intent of this regulation is to insure public ownership of the beds of navigable waters, this regulation also prevents conveyance to boroughs municipalities of navigable waters, including certain former filled beds of waterbodies that no longer contain waters that were navigable in fact. Specifically, DNR is seeking public input regarding possible revision of these regulations related to requirements for the retention of fee ownership of the beds of navigable waters in certain circumstances. For instance, public works or flood control structures may have permanently altered the course or location of a navigable waterbody. In these cases, the segregated waterway may be dry or filled and no longer navigable in fact, and the segregated or filled lands may be of use to the borough or municipality in which it is located. While state statutes and case law allow the conveyance of the beds of navigable waters, subject to the reservation of public access and the public interest doctrine, this subject regulation prevents DNR from making any such conveyance. The department is not currently proposing any specific regulations at this
time. There are no draft regulations to review. For more information or a copy of the existing regulations and statutes, go to http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/hottopics, or contact Joe Joyner at (907) 269-8511 or email joe.joyner@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.

March 20
FAIRBANKS – Comments are due on the supplication package for an OIL DISCHARGE PREVENTION and CONTINGENCY PLAN for PETRO STAR, INC. that is required to commit adequate resources to meet all planning requirements for prevention and response for a realistic maximum discharge from the operations from the Fairbanks Terminal. Regulated operations include storage of eight hydrocarbon tanks of 10,000 BBLs each: three gasoline tanks, 3 ultra-low sulfur diesel, and two Jet A fuel tanks. This facility has a capacity of 80,000 barrels of fuel. Copies of the application package are available at http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/IPP/CPlansUnderReview. For more information or to submit comments, contact Jill Stockbridge at 907-451-2362 or email jill.stockbridge@alaska.gov.

March 27
Deadline for proposals to the Federal Subsistence Board to CHANGE FEDERAL REGULATIONS for the SUBSISTENCE HARVEST of WILDLIFE on FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS. This proposed rule would establish regulations for hunting and trapping seasons, harvest limits, and methods and means related to taking of wildlife for subsistence uses during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 regulatory years. The Federal Subsistence Board is on a schedule of completing the process of revising subsistence taking of wildlife regulations in even-numbered years and subsistence taking of fish and shellfish regulations in odd-numbered years; public proposal and review processes take place during the preceding year. The Board also addresses customary and traditional use determinations during the applicable cycle. When final, the resulting rulemaking will replace the existing subsistence wildlife taking regulations. This rule would also amend the general regulations on subsistence taking of fish and wildlife. For more information, go to https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/01/31/2019-00424/subsistence-management-regulations-for-public-lands-in-alaska-2020-21-and-2021-22-subsistence-taking or contact Thomas C.J. Doolittle, Office of Subsistence Management; (907) 786-3888 or email subsistence@fws.gov.
**March 28**
Comments are due on the proposal to **RESURFACE the OLD SEWARD HIGHWAY from DIMOND BOULEVARD to DOWLING ROAD**. In addition, the project would include the following: Upgrade curb ramps to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards; Replace, repair or install roadside hardware (e.g. signage, lighting); Improve the road/pathway subgrade; Drainage improvements (e.g. culverts, ditch grading); Intersection improvements; Pedestrian improvements (including ADA improvements). Construction for the proposed project is anticipated to begin in Summer 2020. For more information, contact Sean Baski, Project Manager, at 269-0547 or email sean.baski@alaska.gov or Victoria Florey, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 269-0530 or email victoria.florey@alaska.gov. Submit comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, at brian.elliott@alaska.gov.

**March 22 (CORRECTED DATE)**
Deadline for comments on the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) **PROPOSED DECISION to GRANT DONLIN GOLD RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) for a PROPOSED 315 MILE LONG NATURAL GAS PIPELINE from COOK INLET to the MINE SITE TEN MILES NORTH or CROOKED CREEK**. To see the Analysis & Proposed Decision document, go to http://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Documents/SPCS/PublicNotices/Donlin/1.24.19DonlinROWADL231908CAPD.pdf.

**March 31**
Deadline for applications for candidates to fill a vacant **SEAT on the WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK SUBSISTENCE RESOURCE COMMISSION (SRC)**. The SRC provides a venue for local subsistence users to provide input into the management of subsistence resources in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. It was established under the provisions of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and charged with recommending a program for subsistence hunting in the park. The SRC prepares proposals to change federal subsistence regulations and comments on proposals submitted by others that affect Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. Members are appointed by the Governor, the Secretary of the Interior, and the three Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils in the Wrangell-St. Elias area. Initial appointments are typically for three-year terms and may be renewed. Applications should include a resume with contact information and information about the applicant’s qualifications for serving on the SRC, including involvement in subsistence activities in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and experience with serving on boards, commissions or other organizations. For more information or to submit an application, contact Barbara Cellarius at barbara_cellarius@nps.gov or call (907) 822-7236. Application information is also available at http://go.usa.gov/x9Vqn.

**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 call 907-433-8212.

EVENTS & MEETINGS in ANCHORAGE, EAGLE RIVER & GIRDWOOD

Public hearings will be held on the COMMISSIONER’S ANALYSIS and PROPOSED DECISION RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASE for the DONLIN PIPELINE in the following locations:

- March 4 – BETHEL from 6 to 8pm at the Bethel Cultural Center
- March 6 - ANIAK from 7 to 9pm in the Aniak Community Center
- March 12 – ANCHORAGE from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Atwood Conference Center
- March 13 – SKWENTNA from 11am to 1pm at the Skwentna Roadhouse

The pipeline is proposed to start near Beluga and cross roughly 207 miles of State lands as it goes north and west to the Donlin mine site near Crooked Creek. In leasing land for pipeline right-of-way purposes, the Commissioner must make a written finding that the applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the transportation or other acts proposed in a manner that will be required by the present or future public interest. Additionally, prior to granting a right-of-way lease, the Commissioner is required to prepare an analysis of the application. To see the right-of-way document, go to http://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Documents/SPCS/PublicNotices/Donlin/1.24.19DonlinROWADL231908CAPD.pdf.

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. 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.

March 6
The ANCHORAGE FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at 6:30pm Cabela’s conference room, 155 W 104th Avenue, Agenda will include preparing comments on JB proposals, hear a presentation on the statewide hatchery program from JEFF MILTON of ADF&G, discuss April elections, discuss BOF proposals to submit 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.

March 7
Trail Tales – Anchorage Alaska Trails is excited to team up with the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) to present the 12TH INSTALLMENT of the TRAIL TALES STORYTELLING SERIES. In the spirit of Arctic Entries, storytellers will share seven-minute stories about their trail experiences, adventures and life in general. Doors open at 6:30pm. Stories start at 7pm at the 49th State Brewing Co, Come enjoy this fun event. Pizza by the slice and drinks will be available for purchase throughout the evening. Tickets are $15 and are available at: http://www.alaska-trails.org/trailtales.html.

March 7
The ALASKA HATCHERY RESEARCH PROJECT (AHRP) is holding an informational meeting in the Kuskokwim Room in the Sheraton Hotel from 8:30am to 5pm. The public is welcome to attend. Participation via phone or internet is not available. The AHRP is a long-term research project designed to provide information on the interaction of wild and hatchery pink and chum salmon in Prince William Sound and Southeast Alaska. The research is intended to address the following questions: What is the genetic stock structure of pink and chum salmon in each region? What is the extent and annual variability in straying of hatchery pink salmon in Prince William Sound and chum salmon in Prince William Sound and Southeast Alaska? What is the impact on fitness (productivity) of wild pink and chum salmon stocks due to straying of hatchery pink and chum salmon? The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update on project research completed to date as well as an update on ongoing and planned AHRP work. For more information, contact Peter Bangs at 907-465-8154 or email peter.banks@alaska.gov.

**March 12
Public hearing will be held from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the Atwood Conf. Center on the COMMISSIONER’S ANALYSIS AND PROPOSED DECISION on the RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASE for the DONLIN NATURAL GAS PIPELINE. 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 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 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 or for more information, contact the State Pipeline Coordinator’s Section at (907) 269-6479 or email spco.records@alaska.gov.

**March 13
SENTINELS of the SEAS: SEABIRDS, DIE-OFFS and ECOSYSTEM CHANGES is the program at the Alaska Zoo’s Gateway Education Building at 7pm. Their die-offs in Prince
William Sound and along Alaska’s coast in recent years is unprecedented and reveal a changing Pacific Ocean ecosystem. Join ROBB KALER, a wildlife biologist with US Fish & Wildlife Service, as he discusses these changes and how citizens like you are helping to document the possible causes. The doors will open at 6pm, coffee and tea will be available during the lecture.

**March 14**

**WINTER FISH FEST 5 FUNDRAISER** will be held from 6 to 9pm in both Barrel Rooms on the lower level of the 49th State Brewing for the SOUTHCENTRAL AK TROUT UNLIMITED. There will be both silent and live auctions with guided trips, fishing gear, art and more - there is something for everyone. For the first time a buffet is included with admission! Tickets are $30 for TU members and $40 for non-members. Contact Eric at ebooton@tu.org for more information.

**March 14**

Public hearing will be held on the Anchorage Heritage Land Bank Draft for the FORMER ALASKA NATIVE MEDICAL CENTER SITE MASTER PLAN at 11:30 in the Permit & Development Center Conference Room 170, 4700 Elmore Road. You can find the Draft Plan and documents to download [here](#). For more information, contact Nicole Jones-Vogel, AICP Land Management Officer at 343-7531 or email Nicole.jones.vogel@anchorageak.gov. **Deadline for comments is March 13.**

**MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE**

**March 1**

JUNEAU - FROM the OTHER SIDE of the WORLD: ARCTIC TERNS at MENDENHALL GLACIER is the program at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center at 6:30pm repeating at 8. Arctic Terns are beautiful seabirds that make one of the longest migrations of any animal on earth. Birds return each summer to Alaska after wintering south to Antarctica. Wildlife Technician GWEN BALUSS will discuss what we have learned about this species from watching and photographing their nesting colonies near Mendenhall Lake. Doors open at 6 p.m. Fireside Lectures are free of charge, and thanks to our partners at Discovery Southeast, cookies and tea are served in the lobby.

**March 2**

JUNEAU – Open house will be held at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center from 1to 4pm for an update on the MENDENHALL GLACIER RECREATION AREA MASTER PLAN that will guide the development of recreation infrastructure in the MGRA accommodating the anticipated visitation needs over the next 20 years with a goal of addressing all anticipated demand, while providing a vision for the next 50 years. The geographic scope of this effort will include all three Units of the MGRA (Visitor Center, Dredge Lakes and West Glacier) a total area of nearly 6,000 acres. The plan will include innovative planning solutions throughout the MGRA, to accommodate all that want to visit and experience the Mendenhall Glacier and its surrounding landscapes; while balancing the needs of the visitors with the directive for resource protection. The project will be developed within an inclusive process that allows public input and review of the Plan by residents, stakeholders and visitors. The project is expected to take two years to guide future facility developments within the MRGA.

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March 5
TALKEETNA - The SUSITNA VALLEY FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold an election meeting at 6pm at The Latitude 62, 22687 Talkeetna Spur Road. Agenda will also include preparing comments on Joint Board proposal, and any other business that may properly come before the committee. For more information contact Mike Wood at 354-5815.

March 5 & 6 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)
FAIRBANKS - FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS will be held beginning at 9am each day at Pike’s to develop proposals to change Federal subsistence hunting and trapping regulations and discuss other issues related to subsistence in the Eastern Interior Region. The public is welcome to attend and participate in this meeting. All meeting materials may be found here: https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions. To teleconference into this meeting, dial toll-free (877) 407-8065 (passcode: 8201631). For more information, contact Katya Wessels at (907) 786-3885 or email katerina_wessels@fws.gov.

March 5 & 6 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)
NOME – The SEWARD PENINSULA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet at 9am each day in the Aurora Inn, Room 206 to develop proposals to change Federal subsistence hunting and trapping regulations and discuss other issues related to subsistence in the Seward Peninsula Region. All meeting materials may be found here: https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions. The public is welcome to attend and participate in this meeting. To teleconference into this meeting, dial toll-free (866) 820-9854 (passcode: 4801802). For more information, contact Karen Deatherage at (907) 786-3564 or email.
March 6
JUNEAU - CARNIVORE ECOLOGY will be presented by KAIJA KLAUDER from 7 to 8pm at the University of Alaska Southeast’s Egan Lecture Hall, 11066 Auke Lake Way. Kaija will discuss the four Alaskan species that compete for carrion resources. Refreshments are provided! For more information, contact Patricia Wherry at wherry.patricia@gmail.com.

March 7
FAIRBANKS - ART IN THE ARCTIC ART SHOW will be held from 5 -8 pm at Venue, 514 2nd Avenue. The Art in the Arctic Art Show celebrates wildlife and their habitats as a legacy of environmental conservation and National Wildlife Refuge management in Alaska.

**March 12
HOMER - The HOMER FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at 6 pm in the KBRR building, 2181 Kachemak Drive. Agenda will include discussion of crab and fishery proposals for upcoming cycle and any other business that may properly come before the committee. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information contact Dave Lyon at 399-2340.

**March. 12 & 13
BETHEL – The YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet at 9am each day at the Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center. For more information, contact Eva Patton at (907) 786-3358 or email eva_patton@fws.gov.

**March 12 & 13
NAKNEK The BRISTOL BAY SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet at 8:30am each day at Dolly’s Hall. For more information, contact Donald Mike at (907) 786-3629 or email donald_mike@fws.gov.

March 12 & 13
COPPER CENTER - WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK SUBSISTENCE RESOURCE COMMISSION (SRC) is scheduled for March 12-13, 2019, at the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Visitor Center in Copper Center. The meeting is scheduled for 9 AM to 5 PM on March 12 and 9 AM until business is completed on March 13. If the SRC completes its business on March 12, no meeting will take place on March 13.

**March 14
JUNEAU - WILD ORCHIDS OF SOUTHEAST ALASKA will be presented by MARLIN BOWLES at the Juneau Audubon Society monthly meeting at 7pm to be held in the UAS Egan Lecture Hall, Room 112

ITEMS of INTEREST

Congratulations to KARISA GARNER for winning the national 2018 ALDO LEOPOLD AWARD FOR OVERALL WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP AWARD. Karisa is recognized
for her excellence in wilderness stewardship because she has successfully grown the Wilderness program through education, field monitoring, and bringing together staff, partners, and citizens around a common stewardship purpose. Karisa found new ways to solve problems and steward the 610,030 acres in Tebenkof Bay, Kuiu, Petersburg Creek-Duncan Saltchuck (PCDS) and the Stikine-LeConte Wilderness area.

The USDA Forest Service Glacier Ranger District and Cordova Ranger District are seeking NEW CANDIDATES to SERVE as MEMBERS on the KENAI PENINSULA – ANCHORAGE BOROUGH RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (KP-AB RAC) & PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PWS RAC). The committees review and discuss project proposals submitted by individual citizens, interest groups, organizations, tribes, land management agencies and other interested parties within the KP-AB and PWS geographic areas. The committees meet once or twice per year (via teleconference and in person) to develop and recommend projects that benefit national forest land, monitor projects, and provide advice to the Forest Service. We are beginning recruitment for 15 new members for the KP-AB RAC and 10 new members for the PWS RAC. Each RAC is made up of eighteen members (15 regular plus 3 replacement members) which are four-year term appointments and are approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. Under the law, the 15 committee members are divided into three groups, and each member represents a particular set of interests. (Group A) 5 persons that represent: (i) organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups; (ii) developed outdoor recreation, off highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities; (iii) energy and mineral development interests; or commercial or recreational fishing interests; (iv) commercial timber industry; or (v) hold Federal grazing or other land use permits, or represent nonindustrial private forest land owners, within the area for which the committee is organized. (Group B) 5 persons that represent: (i) nationally recognized environmental organizations; (ii) regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations; (iii) dispersed recreational activities; (iv) archaeological and historical interests; or (v) nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups, wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed associations. (Group C) 5 persons that: (i) hold State elected office (or a designee); (ii) hold county or local elected office; (iii) represent American Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the committee is organized; (iv) are school officials or teachers; or (v) represent the affected public at large. Members need to reside within the region of Alaska in which the committee has jurisdiction and, to the extent practicable, provide local representation in each category. The three replacement members of the committee can be from any of the categories listed above. Replacements do not vote on projects. In order to be considered the attached AD-755 application (https://www.ocio.usda.gov/document/ad-755) must be completed along with a brief statement explaining why you would like to serve, your special qualifications or expertise, and any other information that demonstrates your qualification. Return your application and response to: (KP-AB-RAC) to Louis Roy at ForestRAC@fs.fed.us, p# 907-288-7702 or (PWS RAC) to Tanya Zastrow at ForestRAC@fs.fed.us p# 907-424-7422

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.
VOLUNTEER and BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNSHIP

INTERPRETATION/NATIONAL PARK SERVICE INTERN for the ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER in Seward. This position is a shared effort between Kenai Fjords National Park (KFN) and the Alaska SeaLife Center. Site-specific training will be conducted separately by each organization. For the purposes of the National Park Service, this position is recognized as a non-supervisory Park Guide in interpretation. The fundamental objectives of the activities performed in KFN position are Resource Education, Resource Protection, and Public Use Management. Under the guidance of the National Park Service and Interpretation staff, the Intern will be trained. To see the full position description, go to https://www.alaskasealife.org/employment_opportunities. To apply, go to START YOUR APPLICATION.

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 KWF's 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 invaluable experience in volunteer recruitment and management, stream bank restoration, event planning, environmental interpretation, and fisheries research. The deadline to apply is March 4. For the full job description go to https://kenaiwatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SW-Intern-Job-Description-2019.pdf.

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 tree thinning for boundary 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 will remain together for the entirety of the season. Season begins on May 13 with Corps Member Training. Crew members receive a travel allowance,
weeky stipend and an AmeriCorps Education Award, in addition to creating new friendships and career connections. To see the full position and application information, go to https://www.thesc.org/serve/position/2019-ak-corps-teams/po-00726989.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

SEASONAL YOUTH COORDINATOR (April-September 2019) for the FAIRBANKS YOUTH FOR HABITAT PROGRAM that seeks to improve local wildlife habitats and provide local area youth with the skills and knowledge for continued partnerships in natural resource related activities that provide a benefit for critical habitat. The candidate must demonstrate the ability to supervise kids, show patience and good judgement and be able to fill a teacher/mentor role. Daily tasks are varied and inconsistent- sometimes requiring short-notice changes/substitutions. To apply, send cover letter, resume, and 3 references to katie.fswcd@gmail.com and mel.fswcd@gmail.com or hand-delivered to 590 University Avenue, Ste 2, Fairbanks Alaska 99709.

ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN has the following positions available

CAMP COUNSELOR LEAD INSTRUCTOR, Open until position is filled, Position Details
CAMP COUNSELOR CO-INSTRUCTOR, Open until position is filled, Position Details
EDUCATION INTERNSHIP, Deadline to Apply: May 24, Position Details
SHUTTLE DRIVER + FACILITIES ASSISTANT, Deadline to Apply: May 12, Position Details
HORTICULTURE + FACILITIES, Deadline to Apply: April 8, Position Details
HORTICULTURE + FACILITIES ASSISTANT, Deadline to Apply: April 22 Position Details
VISITOR SERVICES (3 POSITIONS), Deadline to Apply: April 15, Position Details

MORE SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES
PALMER - AK State Fair grounds,
CHICKALOON - Chugach Farm
PALMER - Sun Circle Farm
PALMER - Arctic Organics

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 Jodi Rodwell at jodi@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: 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.
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](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](http://workplace.alaska.gov).

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=595](https://www.paycomonline.net/v4/ats/web.php/jobs/ViewJobDetails?job=14294&clientkey=595).
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/](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](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-5310cf95a0f&trk=eml-jymbii-organic-job-card&midToken=AQGuhGKApo8WYQ&trkEmail=eml-jobs_jymbii_digest-null-3-null-null-az7sg%7Ejp9xvcefl%7E40-null-jobs%7Eview.


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