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**WHAT’S UP
February 6, 2019
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**CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

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

**February 11 – 15
ANCHORAGE - ALASKA FORUM on the ENVIRONMENT will be held at the Dena’ina Center. For more information, including the agenda, go to http://www.akforum.org/afe/.

**February 15 & 16
PALMER - ALASKA AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM INDOOR GARDENING WORKSHOP 2019 will be held from 5:30 to 8:30pm on Friday and from 9am to 5pm on Saturday with a 3-hour follow-up workshop, date determined by the students at the UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center. This course focuses on interdisciplinary methods including STEM to teach simple, inexpensive, but effective techniques for indoor gardening in classrooms. The course includes visits to local indoor farms and agriculture-based businesses to provide hands-on opportunities with the Alaska Agriculture community. The course offers supplemental, differentiated, challenging curriculum and instruction for regular education, resource and gifted students. **Cost: $190 1 credit available. **Instructors: LEE HECIMOVICH, CODY BEUS, JODIE ANDERSON and MELISSA SIKES. Course #’s: ED F593-F01 CRN 38176 or NRM F593-F01 CRN 38178. Register with UAF online at uannonline.alaska.edu or call 907-474-7021. For more information, email Melissa Sikes at mel.fswcd@gmail.com or call 907-479-1213 x 105.

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 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 uanonline.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 & April
Courses for 2019 CERTIFIED SEPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLERS CLASS offered by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation will be held on the following dates and locations.

**Initial Course:**
- March 7 & 8 – Anchorage
- March 27 & 28 – Fairbanks
- April 18 & 19 – Anchorage

**Refresher Course:**
- March 7 – Soldotna/Kenai
- Mat-Su/Anchorage – March 20
- Fairbanks – March 29

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

March 16 or March 23
EAGLE RIVER - NIGHTTIME & AURORA PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS will be held from 8pm to 1am each day with COLIN TYLER BOGUCKI. Details and registration are available at www.ernc.org.

**March 21**
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/.

**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 just for 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

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

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

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

**March 15**
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.
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 8 (EXTENDED to 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](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions). The application form and additional information is also available by contacting Carl Johnson at the Office of Subsistence Management at (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3676. Additional information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program may be found at [www.doi.gov/subsistence](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence) or by visiting [www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska](http://www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska).

**February 11**
**ILIAMNA** - Deadline for comments on the **MULTI-AGENCY APPLICATION for PERMITS to MINE in ALASKA (APMA) for HARD ROCK EXPLORATION AND RECLAMATION IN THE BRISTOL BAY MINING DISTRICT near the town of Iliamna.**
This is an application to continue exploration and reclamation activities only. The activities requested in this application include the drilling of geotechnical and exploratory boreholes, ongoing use of an acid rock drainage test site, and continued reclamation and maintenance activities. A complete listing of legal descriptions can be found in the application DNR authorizations requested include Water Use Authorizations, Miscellaneous Land Use Permits (MLUPs), and Reclamation Plan Approval for exploration and/or care and maintenance...
operations. The Mining Section of the Division of Mining, Land and Water proposes to issue a MLUP for exploration activity on state mining claims as well as reclamation approval on state lands. Other State Agencies which use this application include the Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Fish and Game (ADF&G) and Revenue (DOR). Federal Agencies include the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), and U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) also reviews this application. Agencies adjudicate this application for the permits they require for mining related activities. Their adjudication may include additional separate notice and there may be opportunity to comment on the same activity to each of the agencies. Mining Fact Sheets about the Agencies which receive the application can be found at http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/factsht/mine_fs/apmathru.pdf and http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/factsht/mine_fs/fed_permAits.pdf. A more detailed discussion of the agencies that use this application is given in the application itself http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/forms/19apma/index.cfm. The application is available at https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=115577. For more information or to submit comments, contact Hollie Chalup, at hollie.chalup@alaska.gov or to dnr.anc.mining@alaska.gov.

February 11

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

**February 15 (DEADLINE EXTENDED)**

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

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

**February 18**
**KATMAI NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE –** Comments are due on the Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the **CONSTRUCTION of an OVERLOOK PLATFORM at the RESEARCH BAY OVERLOOK along the VALLEY of TEN THOUSAND SMOKES ROAD.** The project includes the following objectives:  Construction of a 12 foot by 20 foot viewing platform at the Research Bay overlook;  Construction of an access trail from Mile 8 of the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes Road to the Research Bay overlook that is 150 foot long and complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) accessibility standards;  Installation of interpretive signage on the viewing platform, and;  Improvements in safety conditions at the Research Bay overlook due to the elimination of social trails with potentially steep drop-offs and unimproved surfaces. Project information can be viewed, and written comments submitted at https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=70167.

**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
**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](https://www.alaskaconservation.org). 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 11**

Public meeting from 1 to 7m at the Dena’ina Center to learn about and provide ideas and suggestion on the **COASTAL PLAIN OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)**. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska State Office is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to implement an oil and gas leasing program within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Plain. The area comprising the Coastal Plain includes approximately 1.6 million acres within the approximately 19.3 million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The Leasing EIS will serve to inform BLM’s implementation of the Tax Act, including the requirement to hold not fewer than two lease sales area-wide. It may also inform post-lease activities, including seismic and drilling exploration, development, and transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain. Specifically, the Leasing EIS will consider and analyze the potential environmental impacts of various leasing alternatives, including the areas to offer for sale, and the terms and conditions (i.e., lease stipulations and best management practices) to be applied to leases and associated oil and gas activities to properly balance oil and gas development with existing uses and conservation of surface resources, and to limit the footprint of production and support facilities on Federal lands to no more than 2,000 surface acres. To see all relevant documents and to submit comments, go to [https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=152110](https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=152110). Deadline for comments is **March 13**. For more information, contact Nicole Hayes at (907) 271-4354.

**February 11**

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

**February 12
JOIN the FLEET: A NIGHT of ART and ACTION FOR BRISTOL BAY will be held from 7 to 10pm at La Potato, 3300 Spenard Road, for our free event and enjoy a night of music, fisher-poetry, and art to learn how you can take action to fight the Pebble Mine! Food and beverages, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, will be available for purchase.

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

**February 15
SUPPORT THE WRANGLER 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 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 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 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/1Z1x1RxpxmjNmWMEzylZdK9hu1qmR-pwINHKdvcX70o/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 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.

MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE

**February 12**
PETERSBURG - PETERSBURG FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting in the Petersburg Medical Center, Dorothy Ingle Conference Room at 6:30pm. Agenda items include: Board of Fisheries statewide finfish proposals; Joint Board of Fisheries and Game proposed changes to advisory committee regulations; Comments for Board of Fisheries Hatchery Committee. For more information, contact chair Bob Martin at petersburgac@gmail.com or Jessalynn at 907-465-6097.

February 12
PALMER – Open house will be held from 5 to 7pm in the Palmer High School Lower Commons to meet the project team and provide feedback on the proposed GLENN HIGHWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT: LONG LAKE SECTION – MP 84.5 to 92 and the KINGS RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT at MP 66.5 and draft reevaluation of the 1993 Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation. Participants may attend at any time.
during the scheduled hours. Project team members will be available to explain the projects and answer questions. Deadline for comments is March 4 and can be sent to glennhighway@dot.gov.

February 12
PALMER - MAT-SU AREA STATE PARKS CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD will meet at 7pm in the Palmer State Forestry Building Conference Room. NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED. The Mat-Su Area State Parks Citizens Advisory Board is established by the Director to advise the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, through the Park Superintendent, on implementing the Division’s missions, goals, policies and plans. Examples include but are not limited to: Park Statutes and Regulations, Park Management Plans, Alaska State Parks Strategic Plan. For more information, contact Stuart R Leidner, Park Superintendent, at (907) 745-8935 or email stuart.leidner@alaska.gov.

**February 13
FAIRBANKS – The second public open house will be held from 5:30 to 8pm with a presentation at 6:00 pm at the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center, 3605 Cartwright Court, to discuss the FAIRBANKS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EASTSIDE MASTER PLAN UPDATE. The Master Plan will map out a 20-year plan for airport development. Airport users, neighbors and other stakeholders are invited to participate in the planning process. Members of the master plan team will describe the master plan process, present the recommended plan, present the recommended apron reconfiguration layouts, and document public comments. For more information concerning the project, go to www.faieastsidemasterplan.com or contact Alexa Greene, DOWL Public Involvement Lead and Transportation Planner at FAIEastsideMasterPlan@dowl.com or call (907) 374-0275.

February 13
FAIRBANKS - The FAIRBANKS FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting in the Pioneer Hall, Pioneer Park at 6:30pm. Agenda items include; Update on Fortymile Harvest Management Coalition Meeting; Update on results of Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim Board of Fisheries Meeting; Comment on Southcentral Board of Game Proposals, Including Antlerless reauthorizations in GMU 20; and Comment on Joint Board Proposals. For further information contact Nissa Pilcher 907.459.7263 or email nissa.pilcher@alaska.gov.

February 13
HAINES – The CHILKAT BALD EAGLE PRESERVE (CBEP) ADVISORY COUNCIL meeting is generally scheduled for the second Wednesday of every other month at 10AM in the Haines Assembly Chambers. The Alaska State Park CBEP Advisory Council is a legislatively designated 12 member panel delegated to recommend and assist the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for the planning, management, and resource and environmental protection of the Eagle Preserve with the goal to preserve eagle and salmon habitat and still maintain a balance of recreational opportunities, commercial operations and resolve user conflicts while fulfilling the Alaska State Park mission and Preserve management plan. The Advisory Council meetings are open to the public, to provide an opportunity to share your opinions about how best to manage and preserve the unique natural, cultural and historic features of the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, while enhancing the enjoyment for all visitors and future generations. Please join us as an interested community member or call the Haines State Park office at 766-2292 for additional information.
**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 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 redactional resolution. For more information, contact Kris Rutledge, Administrative Review Coordinator at 907-586-7962 or email Kris.rutledge@usda.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 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
08CAPD.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.

**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.

ITEMS of INTEREST

To see the STATE'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN that was RECENTLY REMOVED from
the STATE'S WEBSITE Click Here.

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

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
gloss roots level through means of education, research, developing sustainable and impactful
programs to improve social equality and climate justice through developing information systems,
education, growing partnerships and building local capacity with a focus on economically
disadvantaged and geographically impacted areas. The organization will focus programs on
developing community control over economic, social and environmental decisions affecting the
community’s well-being through grassroots participation to represent the interests of
communities in which they are based to address the unknowns, impacts and effects of climate
change through a social justice lens in environmental justice and front-line communities. To learn more or apply to become a board member, please email karla@climatejusticeinitiative.org.

**INTERNSHIP**

**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](https://kenaiwatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SW-Intern-Job-Description-2019.pdf).

**February 16**
Deadline for applying for the SEACC’s (South East Alaska Conservation Council) FOREST PROGRAM MANAGER and COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR INTERN to promote conservation initiatives, organize community events focused on forest conservation, and create engaging materials around initiatives SEACC is currently working on. The main focus of this internship will be community organizing around the State of Alaska’s attempt to roll back protections from the national Roadless Rule by creating an Alaska-specific rule. **Qualifications** Energetic and personable; Experience in public speaking; Highly organized with keen attention to detail; Experience working in small communities or with diverse populations. To see the full job description, go to [https://www.seacc.org/employment](https://www.seacc.org/employment). **Position based in Juneau.** Please apply through the Alaska Conservation Foundation's Ted Smith Internship program page.

**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](https://nau.edu/itepinterns).

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

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

TRIBAL YOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES INTERNSHIPS - Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak is accepting applications for two Tribal youth internships (12-week positions) starting in May 2019. Please see the job descriptions at http://sunaq.org/careers for more information, and how to apply. For more information, contact Contact Kelly Krueger at 907-486-4449 or by email (kkrueger@sunaq.org).

2019 AK CORPS TEAMS for the STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (SCA) to work with multiple state and federal partners throughout Alaska. Work projects will be a mix of trail construction and maintenance, invasive species removal and fuels reduction for wildfire management. Project schedules will vary throughout the summer depending on partner’s needs. Members can expect to use basic hand tools, power tools, and chainsaws. Teams consist of 5 members and 31 leader and this group of t will remain together for the entirety of the season. Season begins on May 13 with Corps Member Training. To see the full position and application information, go to https://www.thesca.org/serve/position/2019-ak-corps-teams/po-00726989.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/INTERPRETATION INTERN for the KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE in Soldotna to serve as assistant coordinator for the environmental education program and assist with a variety of visitor service programs. During late winter, spring and fall you will organize and facilitate K-6 grade field trips, home-school and area classroom programs, and create and evaluate environmental education materials as well as operating shifts in the Refuge Visitor Center. During the early/mid-summer, you will facilitate Refuge summer camp programs, create and facilitate other Education/Interpretation/Outreach programs. Late summer you will assist in operating the Refuge Visitor Center and assist other Visitor Service program activities in the field including: trails, cabins, and making roving contacts with the public. There are also possibilities on days off to assist with other refuge departments (biology, fire, trail crew). 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=e6025150afbc393&tk=1cr0n1ra4b01i803&from=serp&vjs=3. The deadline for interns to apply is February 25.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**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 KWFs 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](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).

**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](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 fairbanksswcd@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.

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. 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 BOTANIC 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.

**NATURALIST GUIDES** for **CAMP DENALI** and **NORTH FACE LODGE** in **DENALI NATIONAL PARK** for the summer of 2019. Our naturalist guides are teachers of experiential learning, backcountry hiking guides, and competent drivers. Guides are responsible for: leading lodge guests into the trail-less backcountry of Denali National Park on day hikes; using creative teaching techniques to expand the guests’ knowledge of Alaskan ecosystems and to encourage land stewardship; and safely transporting people over the unpaved, mountainous park road. The position is usually combined with positions in other departments depending on company needs. Current WFR and CPR certifications and a solid academic background in the natural sciences are required (MS preferred). Experience in arctic/sub-arctic or alpine regions is desired. This is a rewarding and challenging position, set in an unparalleled location, among an interesting, committed, and conservation-minded community of staff. For over 60 years, Camp Denali and North Face Lodge have been family-owned and -operated lodges with a reputation for excellence. We seek to offer the highest quality experience for visitors who venture out with our diverse and qualified staff of naturalists. This is not your average job in Denali. A three-season commitment is required. Interviews begin in December 2018 and will continue through January as needed until the positions are filled. For more information including a complete job announcement, or to apply, please see the employment page at [www.campdenali.com](http://www.campdenali.com) or contact jobs@campdenali.com.
ALASKA STATE DIRECTOR for The WILDERNESS SOCIETY to help set strategic direction and vision for the organization’s work in Alaska, engage and lead a cross departmental team, and build respectful, authentic partnerships aimed at achieving shared goals and building political influence. The Director will develop and lead the organization’s work in Alaska and is responsible for developing strategic partnerships, fundraising, directing and/or leading campaigns, and managing staff and budget. In addition to directly managing staff in the Anchorage office, the Director also provides support, strategic guidance and direction to additional staff, within and outside of the regional office, who contribute to work in the state. The Director plays a critical role in cultivating and managing relationships with a wide range of partners (including Alaska Native and conservation groups) as well as with federal, state, and tribal officials and their staffs to advance conservation outcomes and other shared goals developed with partners. **Experience and Competencies:** Extensive experience working on or leading issue advocacy or political campaigns and/or work to advance public policy changes at the local, state or federal level. Proven cultural competency working with communities of color, particularly Native American or Alaskan Native communities, is strongly preferred. Solid communication and interpersonal skills that can be applied to complex conservation issues, partnerships and coalitions. Strong staff management experience and competency in cross-organizational collaboration. Strategic thinking and demonstrated ability to craft a compelling vision and set goals and priorities. The Wilderness Society offers a competitive salary and benefits package, including: health, dental, vision, life and disability insurance; sick and vacation leave; a sabbatical program; and a retirement plan. To see the full job description, go to [https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/994680696/?recommendedFlavor=IN_NETWORK&refId=a2bd2d72-c88d-4b05-b10d-5310fcf95a0f&trk=eml-jymbii-organic-job-card&midToken=AQGuhGKApo8WYQ&trkEmail=eml-jobs_jymbii_digest-null-3-null-null-az7sg%7Ejp9xvcfl%7E40-null-jobs%7Evie](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/994680696/?recommendedFlavor=IN_NETWORK&refId=a2bd2d72-c88d-4b05-b10d-5310fcf95a0f&trk=eml-jymbii-organic-job-card&midToken=AQGuhGKApo8WYQ&trkEmail=eml-jobs_jymbii_digest-null-3-null-null-az7sg%7Ejp9xvcfl%7E40-null-jobs%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. Applications accepted online only at company careers webpage - [https://careers.dowl.com](https://careers.dowl.com). Please provide a writing sample along with your application. Applications accepted online only at company careers webpage - [https://careers.dowl.com](https://careers.dowl.com).

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


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