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CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK and EARTH DAY! LOOK for ACTIVITIES in YOUR COMMUNITY and TAKE PART.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

Now – April 27
KETCHIKAN - The ALASKA HUMMINGBIRD FESTIVAL juried art show opening reception is April 5 starting at 5 p.m. at the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center. Artwork will be on display through June 1. Scheduled activities include Saturday morning guided bird walks, the Friday Night Insights lecture series, and Saturday morning crafting activities for youth and their families. All programs and activities are free to the public. For agenda and registration information, go to [https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd537062.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd537062.pdf).

Now – June 1
GREAT AMERICAN ARCTIC BIRDING CHALLENGE will be held to count birds from all over the United States and from all six continents that travel to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and other ecologically rich areas of the American Arctic. Birds rely on these pristine habitats for nesting, breeding, staging, and molting. Recruit some fellow birders (up to six per team), think of a snazzy team name, grab a pair of binoculars, and find as many different Arctic bird species as you can in your state. Learn more about the challenge and register your team today.

April 20 & 21
HAWKWATCH WEEKEND will be held at Mile 118.8 Glenn Highway. W. Keys will give a Hawk Identification talk. We’ll start the weekend helping you learn what you’ll be seeing all weekend. There will be no food available other than what you bring, so make it a tailgate party. Saturday evening, Sheep Mountain Lodge will provide a Hawkwatchers’ Dinner. RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY and can be made by calling Sheep Mountain Lodge directly. Dinner will begin at 6:30, and there will be a short hawk watching program. They are also planning a Birders Continental Breakfast on Sunday Morning. Sunday, the Mat-Su Birders will host their annual Potluck Party at the site. Bring a dish or dishes to share. There will be barbecues and oodles of food. This is the Birding Party of the Year. Rooms will be available at the Sheep Mountain Lodge for those who want to spend the whole weekend. There are also rooms at the Eureka Roadhouse and several other small lodges in the area. The Sheep Mountain Restaurant is CLOSED for the season between the end of Ski/Snowmobile season and the Summer season. It is ONLY open for the Hawkwatchers’ Dinner and the Continental Breakfast on Sunday morning. The cafe at Eureka Roadhouse IS OPEN from 7am until 9pm. Be prepared for any weather. Bring the warmest layers you have. It might be warm and sunny, and it might be freezing so be prepared. Bring binoculars, spotting scopes if you have them, plenty of food, water, sunglasses, sunscreen, and lawn chairs are highly advised for a day of
leaning back and looking straight up. You can drive up for either day or stay for the weekend. There’s more information at www.anchorageaudubon.org and we’d love to see you at what is absolutely the Harlan’s Hawk Capital of the World. For more information, go to https://www.anchorageaudubon.org/?p=4277.

May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
ANCHORAGE - WILDFLOWER AND PLANT ID 5-DAY COURSE from 6:30 to 9pm at the Alaska Botanical Garden. Ever wonder what those beautiful flowering plants growing along your favorite hiking trails are; have you ever thought to yourself "Is that safe to eat"? If you are constantly asking these questions and more than you will want to join ABG for a hands-on field botany class with Dr. MARILYN BARKER. Learn about local plants, their identification, and uses. Class meets Wednesdays in May.

**May 2 – 5
CORDOVA - COPPER RIVER DELTA SHOREBIRD FESTIVAL will be held. Witness the shimmering flocks of millions of shorebirds as they take a short break on the Copper River Delta while passing from their wintering areas across the globe to their breeding grounds in the north. Join birders, photographers, biologists, conservationists, artists and global citizens for a laid-back weekend of birding, hiking, art and MORE in one of the most pristine natural places on earth. Registration includes speakers, workshops, guided birding trips and transportation to birding hotspots! Early bird discount available until April 26. For more information, including reservations, go to https://www.coppershorebird.com/the-festival/.

May 6, 9, 20, and June 3 –6
ANCHORAGE - A New Series of the ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLER WORKSHOP will be held at the APU campus. The Workshop is recognized by ADEC as part of the Qualified Sampler Certification. Learn and get hands-on experiences in basic field parameter collection, sampling, sample handling and shipping of surface water, groundwater and soil including details on PFAs and Multi Incremental sampling methods. Background information in surface water, groundwater, and soil characteristics including permafrost, instrument calibration, QC-samples, and regulatory processes are taught in a classroom setting. A rebate of 30% will be given to Veterans and Full Time Students. For more information and to register (required), go to http://www.environmentalsampler.com.

May 7 – 9
ANCHORAGE - 2019 WAKEFIELD FISHERIES SYMPOSIUM will be held from 9am to 6pm at the Hotel Captain Cook. This year’s theme is "COOPERATIVE RESEARCH — STRATEGIES FOR INTEGRATING INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVES AND INSIGHTS IN FISHERIES SCIENCE". This symposium aims to provide a forum for discussion on ways to facilitate effective cooperative research, a platform for scientific talks on the application and results of cooperative research, and opportunity to evaluate how such research might be best envisioned, applied and implemented. The symposium wished to involve participants from a variety of relevant marine industries, address these issues through facilitated discussion, identify best practices, and articulate a set of case studies for effective collaboration. The symposium also aims to involve scientists from a wide range of sectors, including state and federal agencies, universities, research institutes and industry science. We are interested in perspectives from
different contexts and systems, including international work in this area. **Registration is $325,** with a **discounted registration fee of $275 available through April 12.** The fee includes continental breakfast and break refreshments daily, a catered reception and symposium materials. Please register online and pay your fees in advance so that adequate materials are available. **Students:** Some travel funding will be available for students giving oral or poster presentations at the symposium. Students whose abstracts are accepted for presentation will be notified in time to apply for travel funds. Graduate students are invited to join the competition for best oral presentation and best poster. Winners will receive $300 in equipment. When you submit your abstract online, check the box to enter the competition. For more information, go to [https://10times.com/lowell-wakefield-fisheries-symposium](https://10times.com/lowell-wakefield-fisheries-symposium).

**May 9 – 12**


**May 20**

**WHITTIER - OCEAN RANGER GUIDE TRAINING SYMPOSIUM** will be held from 10am to 8pm in the Whittier Public Safety Building. This symposium should be of interest to you if you are a Guide, Interpreter, Boat Captain, Crew Member, or just interested in the Nature and History of Prince William Sound. Topics include: ❖ Challenges of Communicating Climate Change to the Public; ❖ Exxon Valdez Oil Spill: Past and Present; ❖ Sea Birds, Die-off Status, & Bird Research in PWS; ❖ Interpreting the Natural World to Visitors; ❖ Chugach National Forest History & Management; ❖ Plants & Invasive Species of PWS; ❖ Salmon Hatcheries of PWS; ❖ Alaska State Parks in PWS; ❖ Weather in PWS; ❖ And much more There will be an hour break for lunch and an evening welcome reception from the community. Full agenda will be available the first week of May. For more information, contact: Tim Lydon at (907)-745-2330 or email tlydon@fs.fed.us. Free and open to the public.

**May 26 & 27**

**HOMER – NATURE JOURNALING RETREAT** will be held at the Peterson Bay Field Station. Learn how to use a nature journal to enhance your perception, curiously and understanding of your surroundings. Explore tied pools and forests while developing techniques for field journaling and nature drawing. Bring a blank journal and whatever art supplies inspire you. Cost, $200. Dinner will be provided but bring your own breakfast, lunch & snacks. **KIM MCNETT** will lead the retreat. For more information or to sign up, go to [info@akcoastalstudies.org](mailto:info@akcoastalstudies.org) or call 907-235-6746.

**May 30 – June 7**

**YAKUTAT - THE NINTH ANNUAL YAKUTAT TERN FESTIVAL** is a celebration of the natural and cultural resources of Yakutat. It’s family friendly and offers activities for birders as well as non-birders, including field trips, seminars, kid’s activities, evening banquets, a Wildman footrace, music, and art. This year's keynote speaker is **NED ROZELL** who writes weekly newspaper columns about science and natural history for the Geophysical Institute at UAF. For more information, go to [www.yakutatternfestival.org](http://www.yakutatternfestival.org) or call (907) 784-3359.
**June – August**

**DENALI NATIONAL PARK, SUMMER FIELD COURSES** registration is opens. Courses include transportation, overnight accommodations and hearty meals. Professional development credit is also available. Many courses are already sold out, however the following field courses still have space:

- **June 21 – 23:** Denali’s Small Mammals
- **July 26 – 28:** Mushrooms of Denali
- **July 29 – 31:** Denali’s Cycles and Climate Change
- **August 12 – 14:** Bears of Denali
- **August 23 – 25:** Denali’s Large Mammals

For more information or to register, please visit: [https://www.akgeo.org/field-courses/](https://www.akgeo.org/field-courses/) or call 907-683-6432.

**June 7 – 9**

**HOMER - : TEACHERS ON THE ESTUARY – OUR ABUNDANT OCEAN**, hosted by the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve is a two-and-a-half-day course that will introduce teachers to climate science research with a focus on Alaska’s marine food web and coastal habitats including exploring the diversity of marine invertebrates in Kachemak Bay. Geared for K – 4th grade teachers. Participants will meet at the Homer Harbor at 5pm on June 7th to catch a water taxi over to Kasitsna Bay Lab, on the south side of the bay where the workshop will take place. The workshop ends at 6pm on June 9th with a return trip to the Homer Harbor. The workshop is free and open to teachers across the nation. University credit is available for a fee of $75. **Teachers on the Estuary (TOTE)** is a national program developed by the National Estuarine Research Reserve System. It strives to improve teachers’ and students’ understanding of the environment using local research while promoting stewardship of watersheds and estuaries. To register contact Jessica Shepherd at jaryan@alaska.edu.

**June 8 – 15**

**GUSTAVUS - CLIMATE OF HOPE: LIVING ALASKAN AND WORKING FOR CHANGE**, a climate change adult course to be held at the Inian Islands Institute located south of the Brady Icefield, nestled between Glacier Bay National Park and the Tongass National Forest.

- 12 Participants;
- Gain practical tools for solving the climate crisis from **ZACH BROWN** and renowned author **KIM HEACOX**;
- $3500 for rustic “student” accommodations; $4000 for more comfortable “B&B style” accommodations (limited availability). Prices are all-inclusive from Juneau; participants are responsible for their own travel to and from Juneau. Scholarships may be available for climate change educators, foundation program officers, and those in the non-profit sector. Please submit a short statement of interest: up to 250 words explaining why you are drawn to this course. Priority will be given to those who genuinely seek to help solve the climate crisis.

**June 10 – 12**

**DENALI NATIONAL PARK - FIELD COURSE – BIRDS OF DENALI** will be offered by Alaska Geographic through the Murie Science and Learning Center. Denali comes alive in June with birds arriving from all over the world to their summer home in the far north. These migrants join the hardy year-round residents to offer the Denali birder amazing opportunities to view and study a diverse avifauna in a spectacular landscape. With naturalist **MARIA BERGER**, we’ll
venture out into the tundra and taiga to learn how to identify birds by sight and sound. We’ll also discuss avian behavior, habitat selection, food habits and migration ecology. Course will stay at a field camp located 29 miles inside Denali National Park along the Teklanika River. The Field Camp includes rustic tent cabins and a common dining yurt. All meals, accommodations, transportation, and instruction are included in the $390 course fee ($351 for Alaska Geographic members). Professional development credit is available through UAA. For more information or to register, go to http://akgeo.org/field-courses/, email courses@alaskageographic.org or call 907-683-6432.

**June 17 – 19
DENALI NATIONAL PARK - FIELD COURSE – WILDFLOWERS of DENALI will be offered by Alaska Geographic through the Murie Science and Learning Center. Each summer Denali blooms in a vibrant tapestry of wildflowers. Join Denali National Park botanist CARL ROLAND for an exploration of these beautiful mountainside colors. While hiking the hillsides we’ll learn how to identify plants by sight, with a hand lens, and with field guides. We’ll investigate how subarctic flora adapt to extreme latitude and high elevation while exploring the park’s unique patterns of plant diversity and ecological history. This is designed as an introductory course to Denali’s wildflowers and other plants. Course will stay at a field camp located 29 miles inside Denali National Park along the Teklanika River. The Field Camp includes rustic tent cabins and a common dining yurt. All meals, accommodations, transportation, and instruction are included in the $370 course fee ($333 for Alaska Geographic members). Professional development credit is available through UAA. For more information or to register, go to http://akgeo.org/field-courses/, email courses@alaskageographic.org or call 907-683-6432.

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.

**June 22 to August 9**

Applications open for the **ALASKA WRANGELL MOUNTAINS FIELD STUDIES PROGRAM** for students at least one year into their undergraduate education for the 7-week summer field course (earn 10 semester/16 quarter credits through Evergreen State College). Cost is $9,400 ([scholarships available](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSnbUANCw6Q)). Based in the historic town of McCarthy, in the heart of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. Our [interdisciplinary curriculum](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSnbUANCw6Q) focuses on the forces shaping the rapidly-changing landscape of the Wrangell Mountains and beyond, including geology, ecology, climate change, policy, land management, outdoor leadership, and history. Backpack across glaciers into alpine meadows and forested valleys, no previous experience required. Field research-intensive, with close mentoring by world-class faculty. This course is a joint offering of [The Wrangell Mountains Center](https://www.wrangells.org/fieldstudies) and [The Evergreen State College](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSnbUANCw6Q). Get more information at [www.wrangells.org/fieldstudies](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSnbUANCw6Q). See a short video at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSnbUANCw6Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSnbUANCw6Q). For more information, go to sophie@wrangells.org.

**June 26 – 29**


**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.

July 28 - August 2
SITKA - SITKA ARTS & SCIENCE FESTIVAL a one-week festival exploring where the arts and science come together around understanding and human expression. Morning workshops feature RICHARD NELSON teaching exploring the world by listening, traditional fish skin sewing with elder AUDREY ARMSTRONG, the art of ecology with illustrator KATHY HOCKER and botanist KITTY LABOUNTY and photography at the intersection of art and science with JOSE FRANCISCO SALGADO. Afternoons include interdisciplinary seminars, a boat trip in Sitka Sound, hikes, Sheldon Jackson Museum, and trips to historic sites. The evening lecture and concert series feature faculty talks and music by various artists. Festival registration is $650+ tax, meals and accommodations are available on site. For more info visit www.sitkafestival.org or call Kenley Jackson at 907-747-3085. Put on by Sitka Fine Arts Camp and the Sitka Sound Science Center.

WEBINARS & TELECONFERENCES

**April 22 (WEBINAR)**
SEA ICE PREDICTION SYSTEMS and RESEARCH PRODUCTS for ALASKA will be presented at 2:30pm by DAVID DEWITT and WANQIU WANG, CPC. Dr Wang will present on subseasonal and seasonal sea ice prediction systems available from the Climate Prediction Center (CPC). Dr. DeWitt will then present on current CPC research that may be of interest to Alaska region. They will also lead a dialog regarding what Alaska Region views as products you would like to see CPC explore development of. Registration HERE

April 23 (WEBINAR)
ALASKA RIVER BREAKUP, 2019 SPRING OUTLOOK, WHAT CAN WE EXPECT? will be held at 10am with RICK THOMAN, ACCAP and CRANE JOHNSON, NWS. Each year the National Weather Service provides a breakup outlook for Alaska rivers. This winter stands out as unusual with both temperature and precipitation anomalies observed throughout the state. This year we are partnering with UAF to present a brief overview of current conditions and provide a climate outlook and the flooding potential for the 2019 spring break-up season. Registration HERE.

April 24 (WEBINAR)
VAWS: NWS SUPPORT for AVALANCHE FORECASTING OPERATIONS in SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA will be presented by KYLE VAN PEURSEM, NOAA at 11am. This presentation will discuss ways in which various NWS offices provide support to
Avalanche forecasting operations and highlights how the NWS Anchorage office has engaged its core partners while providing vital support during significant avalanche events across Southcentral Alaska. Additionally, this presentation will discuss new and up-and-coming technology, including testing of a coupled weather and snow cover model to simulate snowpack and avalanche conditions throughout several mountain ranges in Southcentral Alaska.

Registration [here].

**April 24 (TELECONFERENCE)**

**Protecting Communities from Exposure to Harmful PFAS Chemicals: The Urgent Need for Safe Drinking Water Standards in the Absence of Federal Action** will be held from 9 to 10am as part of the Alaska Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE-Alaska) teleconference seminar series. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are highly persistent, highly mobile, and highly toxic. As communities across the U.S. discover that their drinking water is contaminated by PFAS (originating from airports, former and active military installations, industrial sites, landfills, and other sites), state agencies and the EPA are responding in different ways. On this call, you will hear why numerous states are taking action to establish their own enforceable PFAS contamination guidelines to protect drinking water safety and address this public health crisis rather than wait for the EPA to regulate PFAS through the Safe Drinking Water Act. Speakers: Alissa Cordner, PhD, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Whitman College; Katie Pelch, PhD, Senior Scientist, The Endocrine Disruption Exchange (TEDX); Anna Reade, PhD, Staff Scientist, Natural Resources Defense Council; Laurel Schaider, PhD, Research Scientist, Silent Spring Institute. To join this call, please sign up online or call Alaska Community Action on Toxics at 907-222-7714.

April 25 (WEBINAR)

**Cook Inlet Regional Citizen’s Advisory Council (CIRCAC)** will provide citizens and stakeholders in Cook Inlet to ask questions and offer suggestions regarding the Safe Operation of Cook Inlet’s Pipeline Infrastructure. CIRCAC has developed a website to provide information about pipeline systems in Cook Inlet. Through the website, CIRCAC is also providing opportunities for citizens and stakeholders to provide feedback on their pipeline safety questions or concerns through a survey that is available on the website. Interested survey participants can participate through https://bit.ly/2UlmosV. A public meeting will be held on May 8 (time & location to be announced).

**GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFPs**

May 1

Deadline for nominations for the Alaska Conservation Foundation 2019 Awards for individuals and organizations that are making a significant difference in their efforts to protect Alaska's natural environment. Awardees will be celebrated at an awards reception on October 3 in Anchorage. This year’s award categories include:
- Lifetime Achievement
- Outstanding Volunteer Contributions
- Outstanding Professional Contributions
- Award for Young Environmental Activists
Outstanding Achievements by a Conservation Organization
Excellence in Environmental Education
Excellence in Still Photography, Film or Video
Outstanding Achievements by an Alaska Native Organization or Individual
For more information or to nominate someone, go to our website. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Sadie Kurtz at skurtz@alaskaconservation.org or call 907-433-8212.

May 1
Deadline for applications for THE NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION COMMUNITY CAPACITY AND LAND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CCLS) GRANTS that provide funding to increase the capacity of organizations implementing large scale restoration projects that benefit National Forests and Grasslands. CCLS is limited in scope to projects that benefit National Forests in the Tongass National Forest. CCLS seeks to help community-based and collaborative organizations remove barriers to watershed and/or landscape scale restoration projects and help facilitate job creation and retention and business development in their region. Each regional program offered has specific, unique desired outcomes. For more information, go to https://www.nationalforests.org/grant-programs/ccls. View Slides from 2018 Webinar.

**May 3
Deadline for The KENAI MOUNTAINS-TURNAGAIN ARM NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA (KMTA) request for proposals from qualified firms for REBRANDING AND WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES in accordance with the Scope of Work specified in this Request for Proposals. The full RFP is available at https://www.kmtacorridor.org/kmta-seeking-proposals-for-rebranding-and-website-design-and-development/. For more information or to submit a proposal, Karen Lewis, Marketing & Communications Manager, at karenlewis@kmtacorridor.org.

**May 3
Deadline for Grants to PROMOTE SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS in NATIVE COMMUNITIES from the TRIBAL SOLAR ACCELERATOR FUND, an initiative of GRID Alternatives with support from Wells Fargo to encourage solar energy development and sustainability. The Fund awards grants of up to $250,000 for projects that clearly focus on building renewable energy infrastructure, particularly new solar energy projects in tribal communities that are feasible, cost-effective, and engage broad tribal community participation. The Fund’s priorities include capital support for the development of new solar demonstration projects in tribal communities around the country; solar education, training, and workforce development in tribal communities; and the development of long-term energy plans to increase tribal energy security and resiliency. Tribal governments, and tribally-led nonprofit organizations and schools in the lower 48 states and Alaska are eligible to apply. Go to https://tribalsolaraccelerator.org/ for more information.

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.

**May 20**
Deadline for Pre-Proposals for the NATIONAL COASTAL RESILIENCE FUND INCREASING the NATION’S NATURAL DEFENSES to make investments or restore and strengthen natural systems so they can protect coastal communities from the impacts of storms, floods, and other natural hazards and enable them to recover more quickly, while also enhanced habitats for important fish and wildlife populations. For more information, go to https://mail.gci.net/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en_US&id=7636&part=2.

**June 1**
Deadline for applications for the CLIF BAR FAMILY FOUNDATION SMALL GRANTS awarded for general organizational support as well as funding for specific projects. For more information, go to http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs/Small-Grants. To see grants made in Alaska, go to http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/grantees/search-results/Alaska.

**July 1**
Deadline for applications for the LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION CATALYST FUND, an initiative of the Network for Landscape Conservation, that intended to help accelerate the pace and effective practice of place-based, collaborative landscape conservation across the United States. The Fund specifically seeks to build critical capacity and forward momentum in landscape conservation partnerships by supporting the key building block activities and collaborative processes that move partnerships forward. For the 2019 grant cycle, the Catalyst Fund will consider proposals in two categories: The General Catalyst Fund application process is open to all eligible landscape conservation partnerships in the United States. The Indigenous Community Catalyst Fund application process is open to all eligible landscape conservation partnerships that are Indigenous-led and primarily serving Indigenous communities. One- or two-year grants of $10,000 to $25,000 will be provided. The pre-proposal deadline is April 26; For more information, go to Landscape Conservation Catalyst Fund.

**DEADLINES**

**April 23**
Deadline for comments on the proposal to DRAFT REGULATIONS REGARDING the PROCESS and PROCEDURES for ISSUING LAND USE PERMITS THROUGH a COMPETITIVE OFFERING where applicable or required. As the demand for Alaska’s state-owned lands intensifies, DNR has identified a need for a regulatory process to allocate a limited number of land use authorizations in areas where law or circumstance restricts the number of authorizations. For example, in the Glacier/Winner Creek Special Use Area, only one permit for
commercial snow-cat operation is allowed under regulation. Other examples would be locations where limitations in acreage, cumulative impacts, infrastructure or carrying capacity limit the number of commercial authorizations DNR will allow. DNR believes that adopting regulations to provide for a competitive process would best serve the public and applicants’ interests. The purpose of this notice is to ask the public for their ideas and suggestions in developing regulations before the department undertakes the task of drafting any specific proposed regulations for public review. These ideas and suggestions can be as broad or as narrow, or as general or as specific, as a submitter may wish. The department is not currently proposing any specific regulations at this time. There are no draft regulations to review. The department is soliciting feedback and comments from the public on whether and how the department could revise its regulatory framework related to providing public notice regarding certain land management issues before the formal process of drafting any proposed regulations begins. Written suggestions or other input should identify which regulation or provision of regulation to which their suggestions or other input applies. DNR will consider the submitted information if and when DNR proposes regulatory developments. Any proposed regulatory developments will subsequently be released for public review and comment under the Administrative Procedures Act AS 44.62. For more information or to submit comments, contact Joseph Joyner at (907)269-8511 or email dnr.permitting.regulation@alaska.gov.

April 26
Comments are due on the proposed RICHARDSON HIGHWAY MILE POST 65 TO 80 REHABILITATION to resurface, replace numerous culverts, realign the Little Tonsina River crossing to improve fish access and drainage and replace the Tonsina River bridge located at MP 79.2 of the Richardson Highway. The Department requests information and comments on resources in the project area that may be affected including historic properties, archaeological sites, wetlands, and floodplains. The project is anticipated to impact less than an acre of wetlands and may improve connectivity of fish habitat in this drainage. For further information, or to submit comments, contact Colleen Ackiss, Engineering Manager, at (907) 451-5179 or email to colleen.ackiss@alaska.gov.

April 29
Deadline for comments on the proposal to issue an ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM INDIVIDUAL PERMIT to ALYESKA PIPELINE SERVICE COMPANY - VALDEZ MARINE TERMINAL. Outfall 001 - Ballast Water Treatment Facility (BWTF): treats contaminated ballast and bilge water offloaded from arriving oil tankers, draws from crude oil storage tanks, miscellaneous site process wastewaters, and rain or snowmelt runoff from secondary containment areas around the terminal crude oil storage tanks. Pollutant parameters in these sources predominantly include hydrocarbons and metals. The proposed Permit authorizes a chronic mixing zone with a dilution factor of 56.5 surrounding Outfall 001 for zinc, total aromatic hydrocarbons, total aqueous hydrocarbons, pH, ammonia, and chronic whole effluent toxicity. The Permit also authorizes an acute mixing zone having a dilution factor of 50.5 for zinc. Outfall 002 Domestic Wastewater: Discharged wastewater consists of small volumes of treated domestic wastewater from certain buildings at the VMT. The proposed Permit authorizes a chronic mixing zone with a dilution factor of 73.5 surrounding the Outfall 002 discharge for EC bacteria, FC bacteria, and pH. A Draft Permit, Fact Sheet and associated documents are available for review. The documents are also accessible from the DEC
website at http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/. For more information or to submit comments, contact Jim Heumann at 907-465-5171 or email Jim.Heumann@alaska.gov.

April 30
Comments are due on the CROOKED CREEK WATERSHED DRAFT TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL). Alaska’s Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies includes several waterbodies for impairment by turbidity. Water quality samples repeatedly demonstrate exceedances of turbidity in Crooked, Boulder, Deadwood and Ketchem Creeks. A draft TMDL has been developed for the recovery of these water bodies and is available for public comment. A TMDL is a “pollution budget” designed to restore the health of an impaired water body. A TMDL calculates how much pollution a water body can sustain and still meet the Alaska Water Quality Standards and suggests ways to achieve this goal. The Draft TMDL and Fact Sheet are available at http://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality. For more information or to submit comments, contact Chandra McGee, Environmental Program Specialist, at (907) 451-2140 or email chandra.mcgee@alaska.gov.

**May 2
FAIRBANKS - Comments are due on the TRAVEL and TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PLANS for the WHITE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA and STEESE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA. Travel management planning addresses all forms of transportation, including travel by foot, skis, dogsled and bicycle, as well as the numerous forms of motorized vehicles. The BLM’s travel and transportation management involves coordination with the public and local partners to evaluate public access to and travel activities on BLM-managed public lands. The BLM will evaluate natural resource management needs, road and trail design and conditions, and recreation and non-recreation uses of roads and trails. Documents are available at https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=renderDefaultPlanOrProjectSite&projectId=120326&dctmId=0b0003e88135ddf4. A downloadable comment form and other information are available on the project website at www.blm.gov/alaska/EasternInteriorTravel. For more information, please contact Outdoor Recreation Planner Eric Yeager at eyeager@blm.gov or 907-474-2200.

**May 4
FAIRBANKS - Comments are due on the proposed reissuance of an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Individual Permit for TWO MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS. In order to ensure protection of water quality and human health, the permits establish conditions, prohibitions, and management practices for discharges of storm water from the MS4 owned or operated by the permittees. Discharge from all municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) outfalls existing as of the effective date of this permit to receiving waters, which include Beaver Springs, Chena River, Chena Slough, Noyes Slough, and other associated waters within the Fairbanks Urbanized Area. Surface runoff is directed to a system of mostly interconnected conveyances, which consist of subsurface storm sewers, roadside ditches, and surface streets. These systems provide drainage for an area of approximately 14.4 square miles, encompassing the City of Fairbanks, City of North Pole, and the University of Alaska – Fairbanks. The MS4 operated by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities provides drainage for approximately 610 miles of roads and highways within the Fairbanks area. The
Fairbanks North Star Borough coverage area includes the storm sewer systems located within approximately 17 square miles of land inside the boundaries of the Fairbanks Urbanized Area owned and operated by the Borough. Storm water runoff is generated from rain and snowmelt events that flow over land or impervious surfaced, such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops, and does not soak into the ground. The runoff picks up pollutants like trash, chemicals, oils, and dirt/sediment that can harm water resources and cause changes in water quality, habitats, aquatic biological diversity, hydrology, and increased sedimentation and erosion. To minimize the potential effects to water resources, the permittees uses a variety of storm water controls, known as best management practices, to filter out pollutants and/or prevent pollution by controlling it at its source. To see fact sheet and associated documents, go to https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/stormwater/sw-municipal. For more information or to submit comments, contact Angela Hunt at 907-269-7599 or email Angela.Hunt@alaska.gov.

**May 8
WHITTIER – Comments are due on the proposed WHITTIER FERRY TERMINAL MODIFICATIONS to construct offshore improvements necessary to accommodate the Alaska Class Ferry vessels at the Whittier Ferry Terminal. The proposed project improvements would
• Modify / relocate mooring structures as needed to accommodate a larger vessel.
• Modify existing catwalk and landing.
• Modify shoreward floor beam – girder bridge connection.
Construction is projected for fall 2019 / spring 2020. For more information or to submit comments, contact Christy Gentemann, Environmental Analyst, at (907) 465-4524 or email christy.gentemann@alaska.gov.

May 8
GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE – Comments are due on the BARTLETT COVE – GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE DRAFT PLANNING VISION & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) that is related to visitor experiences, services, and general operations in a frontcountry area of the park that encompasses 7,120 acres of scenic rainforest and coastal waters in Southeast Alaska, including Bartlett Cove. The Frontcountry Management Plan is available on the National Park Service Planning, environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website, where comments can be submitted: https://go.nps.gov/BartlettCove. For more information, please contact Sara Doyle, Outdoor Recreation Planner by phone (907) 607-2675 or email glba_public_comments@nps.gov.

**May 13
SITKA - COMMERCIAL USE ALLOCATION on SITKA AREA TRAILS and ROADS PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA). This EA analyzes the effects of allocating commercial use (outfitter/guides, institutional outfitters, recreation events) on Forest Service travel routes and campgrounds accessible from the Sitka road system. The analysis area also includes the Mount Edgecumbe and Salmon Lake trails near Sitka, which are not road accessible. We propose to allocate up to 25% of the total capacity of each trail and road for commercial use. In addition, we propose commercial allocations for campgrounds and recreation events held on project area trails and roads. To see the EA and supporting information go to http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=52033. For more information or to submit comment, contact Mike Mullin, Natural Resource Specialist, at (907) 747-4274 or email michael.mullin@usda.gov.
**May 17**

STATEWIDE - Deadline for information on EXISTING and READILY AVAILABLE WATER QUALITY INFORMATION on the HEALTH OF ALASKA’S WATERS for the development of Alaska’s draft and final 2020 INTEGRATED WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT REPORT (Integrated Report). This biennial report describes to Alaskans the health of Alaska’s waters and includes the list of impaired (polluted) waters. The Integrated Report and its assessments are transmitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). DEC now submits the Integrated Report to EPA electronically. The water quality assessment information is then managed and maintained in an EPA online system called ATTAINS (Assessment and Total Maximum Daily Load Tracking and Implementation System). For more information about Alaska’s Integrated Report and its associated documents, go to [http://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/integrated-report](http://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/integrated-report). DEC Division of Water is providing notice of two planning documents recently completed and the public is encouraged to review and comment on these strategic documents. **DEC 2020 Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (CALM).** DEC has revised the 2018 CALM to reflect updates to the DEC CALM process. This includes clarifications pertaining to how statistical methodology is used in the DEC assessment and listing process. **Listing Methodology for Determining Water Quality Impairments from Pathogens** revisions were done to reflect Alaska’s adoption of *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) (freshwater) and enterococci (marine water) which replaced fecal coliform as the indicator bacteria for contact recreation uses in Alaska’s water quality standards and Beaches Environmental Assessment & Coastal Health (BEACH) monitoring programs. Both documents are located on the Integrated Report web page: [http://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/integrated-report](http://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/integrated-report). For more information or to submit information, contact Drew Grant at (907) 465-5304 or email drew.grant@alaska.gov.

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

**April 20**

The BIRD TREATMENT and LEARNING CENTER will hold it's annual "FOR THE BIRDS" FUNDRAISER from 6 to 9pm at the Anchorage Museum. Silent and live auction items as well as an abundant buffet will be available along with the opportunity to view our ambassador Education Birds and talk with their Presenters about the uniqueness of each. Tickets are available at [www.birdtlc.org](http://www.birdtlc.org) or at the event. Support the care and rehabilitation of injured and sick wild birds and enjoy an evening "For the Birds".

**April 22**

CLIMATE DISRUPTION MEETS with the GREEN NEW DEAL, a special Earth Day event will be held from 5:30 to 8pm at UAA Consortium Library Room 307. There will be a film and a teach-in and light food will be provided. and Alaska Climate Action Network. It is free of charge and open to the public.

**April 23**

Public hearing will be held at the Anchorage Assembly beginning at 7pm on Ordinance No. AO 2019-50, an ordinance to ESTABLISH PROHIBITED TRAPPING ZONES in the MUNICIPALITY and PROHIBIT TRAPPING of GAME ANIMALS on all PUBLIC...
**April 23**

**SOWING the SEEDS of ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: LIBRARIES, SCHOOLS and CHILDREN** will be held from 6 to 8pm in UAA Consortium Library, Room 307. Effective and appropriate science-ethics communication is essential to help communities across Alaska address environmentally-related challenges with justice, compassion and humaneness. This symposium includes presentations by school librarians from the Anchorage School District and UAA Environmental Ethics students on understanding how scientific and ethical information flows into and is absorbed or rejected by some of the youngest members of our community and the state's future leaders and citizens. Join us as we identify a range of strategies to engage the diverse publics across our city and state. Free. The symposium is sponsored by the UAA Department of Philosophy, National Library of Medicine, Environmental Health Information Partnership (EnHIP) and Oak Ridge Associated Universities.

**April 24**

**LISA MALONEY** presents **DAY HIKING SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA** from 4 to 6pm at in the UAA Bookstore Loft. In the new guidebook *Day Hiking Southcentral Alaska*, Lisa Maloney explores the most rewarding trails in and around the Mat-Su Valley, Chugach State Park, Skilak and Kenai Lakes, Whittier, Seward, Homer, and more. 100 hikes are featured with detailed route descriptions and color photos to help people get out and enjoy Southcentral. In addition, Lisa Maloney shares the oops, ouches, "brrrr"s and thrills of hiking with lessons she has learned over the years. All UAA Campus Bookstore events are free and open to the public. There is free parking for these events in the South Lot, West Campus Central Lot, and Sports Complex NW Lot.

**April 24**

Meet **AUDUBON ALASKA’S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATALIE DAWSON**, from 6 to 8pm at The Writer’s Block Bookstore & Café, 3956 Spenard Road. Drinks and hors d’oeuvres will be served. For more information email audubonalaska@audubon.org.

**April 24**

Free presentation on **ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY** will be held from 7 to 9pm at the Arctic Recreation Center, 4855 Arctic Blvd., just south of Tudor Road. One of the obvious ways to protect our environment is through increased energy efficiency and renewable energy in all aspects of our lives. However, many of us aren’t fluent in our energy landscape. Where are we at in Alaska? What work is being done to promote clean energy in the state? Join us to hear from **COLLEEN FISK**, Energy Education Director at REAP (Renewable Energy Alaska Project - [http://alaskarenewableenergy.org/](http://alaskarenewableenergy.org/)), to learn about this non-profit’s work and a snap shot of our current energy use in the state. Questions and discussion are encouraged. All are welcome! Appetizers for all.
**April 25**

**AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE** will meet from 1:30 to 3:30pm in the City Hall, 8th Floor Conference Room. Action Items: Citizens Advisory Committee Appointments; Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Appointment; Operating Agreement Update for TAC Air Quality Seat. Project and Plan Updates: 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update. To see the full agenda with supporting documents, go to http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Policy_Committee/2019/042519/1_Agenda.pdf?utm_source=Public+Involvement&utm_campaign=25c4de6c8b-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_04_18_04_39&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6e079a03c1-25c4de6c8b-140987233.

**April 25**

**RAILBELT ELECTRIC GRID REFORM** is the topic for the REAP Energy Speakers Series from 5 to 7pm (5 to 5:30 free appetizers & cash bar) Listen to an update from Railbelt energy experts about the creation of a new regional entity that will create efficiencies and plan for our clean energy future. Speakers include: **DAN CHAY**, current President of Homer Electric Assoc. Board of Directors; **ED JENKIN**, Dir. of Power & Delivery for Matanuska Electric Assoc.; **CATHY WALLING**, member of the Governing Council for the Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition; **CHRIS ROSE**, Executive Director, REAP; **ANTONY SCOTT**, Commissioner, Regulatory Commission of Alaska; and **JOEL GROVES**, Project Engineer for Polarconsult Alaska, Inc. Moderator: **BILL STRAMM**, Manager of Engineering, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative. For more information call 929-7770, email info@REalaska.org or go to www.REalaska.org.

**May 3**

**THE ALASKA CENTER ANNUAL AUCTION** will be held from 5:30 to 9:30pm at the Anchorage Marriott Downtown. We are excited to announce **JENNIFER ALLEN ARROZ** as our keynote speaker this year! Jennifer is SVP of Civic & Community Engagement at the League of Conservation Voters and founded the national Chispa latinx organizing program. Her work on voter rights, immigrant and climate justice will ignite and inspire us as we work to achieve our priorities for 2019 and beyond. Incredible items available at the silent and live auction including trips, boats, a home solar package and much more. Tickets are $50 for General Admission and $35 for Young Professionals. Child Care Available for an added $10. Get Your Tickets here.

**May 7**

**TRAIL TALES** will showcase the **ALASKA TRAIL STEWARDS PROGRAM** at 7pm (doors open at 6:30) at the 49th State Brewing Co. In the spirit of Arctic Entries, storytellers will share seven-minute stories about their trail experiences, adventures and life in general. Come enjoy this fun event and support Alaska Trails and its volunteer work this summer. 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.

**May 8**

**NICOLE JONES-VOGEL and THEDE TOBISH** will discuss the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) efforts to identify and address Brownfield pollution from 11:45am to 1pm at the BP Energy Center. The MOA received a **2017 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant** to carry out this work as part of 2040 Land Use Plan, a supplement to the municipality’s comprehensive plan.
The Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan identifies Reinvestment Focus Areas to spur infrastructure investments, create incentives, and encourage infill and redevelopment. Through a robust Brownfield Advisory Committee, cross-department collaboration, and high community interest, the MOA laid the ground work, through implementing the $300K Assessment Grant, completing Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, for a wave of redevelopment opportunities in priority areas in the Anchorage Bowl. Presentation, Municipality of Anchorage. Sponsored by the Alaska Association of Environmental Professionals (AAEP). Free and the public is invited.

MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE

April 20
HAINES – CELEBRATE EARTH DAY – PLASTIC POLLUTION & SOLUTIONS from 10am to Noon at the Senior Center. Guest speakers include: HELEN DANGEL, Sitka Tribes of Alaska; JOSH SANKO, American Bald Eagle Foundation; NICOLE BAKER, NetYourProblem, Seattle; SHAE BOWMAN, Copper River Watershed Project, Cordova; and STUART ASHTON, Juneau Recycleworks. School Poster Awards will take place at 12:10. Sponsored by Friends of Recycling and Earth Day Ad Hoc Committee. For more information, call 907-766-2185.

**April 22
JUNEAU - Celebrate Earth Day at the CHILI FEED & CLIMATE CHAT at 5:30pm at Northern Light United Church, upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. As the planet warms, we 3 Climate Action groups have been working to mitigate and educate. We want to share our successes, our plans, and hear from you. And come help us decorate a Climate Ribbon Tree (see http://www.theclimateribbon.org/). Sponsored by Renewable Juneau, 350Juneau, and Interfaith Power and Light.

**April 22
HOMER - IMPERILED ARCTIC will be presented by Dr. RICHARD STEINER from 5 to 7pm at the Islands and Ocean Visitor Center. Free Food and Drinks.

April 22 – 23 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)
KODIAK – The KODIAK/ALEUTIANS SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL will be held at Best Western Kodiak and Convention Center beginning at 9am each day. All meeting materials are posted approximately two weeks prior to the meeting and may be found at https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions. For more information, contact Zachary Stevenson at zachary_stevenson@fws.gov. Individual teleconference numbers will be provided on meeting agendas when distributed.

**April 23
CORDOVA - ICEBERGS, PENGUINS, SEALS...OH MY! will be presented at 7pm by Anne Schaefer on the 3rd Floor conference room, US Forest Service Building. Anne spent 6 weeks this past winter working on the seabird field crew for the Palmer Station Antarctica Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) Network annual survey. Come and hear about some of the research being conducted for the LTER and enjoy photos documenting the fieldwork, wildlife, and landscapes of the western Antarctic Peninsula. For more information, go to pwssc.org.
April 24

PALMER - Open house meeting will be held from 4 to 7pm at the Palmer Community Center (Depot) on the PROPOSED GLENN HIGHWAY MP 34 TO 42 RECONSTRUCTION. This is a meeting to kick off construction of the Glenn Highway MP 34-42 Phase I construction. The project team will be available to answer your questions about the scope and schedule of work to be completed in the 2019 construction season. For more information, contact Anne Brooks, Public Involvement Coordinator, at 1-866-535-1877, email comments.brooksalaska@gmail.com or go to www.brooks-alaska.com/glennhighway.

April 24

WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK - WISE Science Lecture, “THE LAST (UN-INVENTORIED) FRONTIER” will be held at 7pm in the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Visitor Center Theater. KATE LEGNER and KATIE BAER of the US Forest Service will give a presentation on the Interior Alaska Forest Inventory and Analysis which will be surveying Copper Basin forests this summer. For more information call WISE at 822-3575.

April 24

WASILLA - The MAT VALLEY FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will have an election meeting at Wasilla High School, 701 E Bogard Road, at 7pm. Also, on the agenda will be discussion of Board of Game proposals to submit and any other business that may properly come before the committee. For more information contact Herb Mansavage at 841-8928.

April 24

KETCHIKAN - The KETCHIKAN FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting in the AK Dept. of Fish & Game Office Conference Room at 5:30pm. A teleconference may available for those not able to attend in person. Agenda items include: Herring fishery; AC business including subcommittees, seats, youth involvement; Other fish & game topics as needed. For more information, contact Chair John Scoblic at jsacoblic@TridentSeafoods.com or Jessalynn Rintala at 907-465-6097 or email jessalynn.rintala@alaska.gov.

**April 24

HOMER & ANCHORAGE - KACHEMAK BAY FOX RIVER FLATS CRITICAL HABITAT AREAS MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION- PLANNING TEAM will meet from 9:30 am to 12:30pm at the KBNERR office in Homer and the ADF&G Aerie Conference Room in Anchorage. The tentative agenda for this meeting is to continue discussing draft policies on utility lines, timber harvest related activities, water quality or shore fishery leases as time allows. This is an agency staff working meeting, but the public is invited to observe. A limited period of time will be available at the end of meeting for the public to ask questions. A public review draft of the revised plan will be available for comment at the end of the revision process. For more information, contact Tammy Massie at 907-267-2122 or email tammy.massie@alaska.gov prior to the day of the meeting.

**April 25
KENAI - The COOK INLET REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM (CIRPT) will meet at 10am at the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association conference room. The primary topic of the meeting will be overview and discussion of the 2019 Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association Annual Management Plans. The meeting is open to public attendance and participation. For additional information please email ethan.ford@alaska.gov.

April 25 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)
FAIRBANKS – The TANANA VALLEY STATE FOREST CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at 6pm in Large Conference Room in DNR Building, 3700 Airport Way. This committee advises the Division on plans and proposals for managing the 1.8 million-acre Tanana Valley State Forest, along with other forested state-owned lands within the Tanana Valley. Public testimony will be accepted during the meeting. Topics for the CAC meeting include: Update on CAC participation in a NASA-funded research project: ‘Investigating; Changes in Forests Across Alaska and Canada”; Carbon Credit Purchases in the Tanana Valley; Update on the status of forest management on military lands in the Tanana Valley; Update on the Society of American Foresters meeting; Presentation on a salmon habitat improvement project in the Lower Tanana Valley; Fairbanks/Delta Area Update; Tok Area Update, including review of Tok Five Year Schedule of Timber Sales; and Statewide Forestry update. To see the full agenda, go to https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=116832. Please see the attached agenda for more details. If you are unable to attend in person and would like to participate by teleconference, contact Alison Arians at 907-269-8467 or email alison.arians@alaska.gov before April 23. For additional information about the TVSF CAC, go to http://forestry.alaska.gov/tvsf_committee.htm.

April 25
FAIRBANKS - A GREEN NEW DEAL TEACH-IN: A FRAMEWORK for TRANSFORMATION will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 in the Schaible Auditorium, UAF campus. There will be a panel discussion on various aspects of the Green New Deal, including climate change, political and economic realities of passing a Green New Deal, social justice and inequality, regenerative economy, and renewable energy. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers. RSVP on our Facebook event page and for further information please contact Ryan Marsh at 452-5098.

April 25
TALKEETNA - GINO GRAZIANON, Invasive Plants and Forest Health specialist at UAF Cooperative Extension Service will be talking about INVASIVE SPECIES that threaten the resources that you care about at 7pm at The Grove. Do you wonder what invasive species threaten fish, wildlife, personal use harvests, and agriculture in the Susitna Watershed? Join the Susitna River Coalition for our Susitna Watershed Speaker Series to hear the answers. For more information, go to www.SusitnaRiverCoalition.org and their Facebook page.

**April 26
CORDOVA - PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND SCIENCE CENTER ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION will be held from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Enjoy a social hour with staff and board members, meet intertidal-critter touch tank for the young and curious. Appetizers, cake, and
beverages will be provided. Hear remarks from PWSSC President, **KATRINA HOFFMAN** at 5:30. For more information, email **pwsscc@pwssc.org**.

**April 27**

**PALMER** – **INTRODUCING the SUSTAIN CAMPAIGN** will be held by the **VALLEY COMMUNITY for RECYCLING SOLUTIONS (VCRS)** from 5 to 9pm at Klondike Mike’s. Enjoy live music by the Braided River Mountain Waxwings and a silent auction. Only $10. VCRS recently created the Sustain Campaign to raise money to serve as a financial safety net for their operations when markets go down and unexpected events such as equipment failures occur. With its building and new bailer, VCRS staff can handle 5 times the amount it now collects. For more information, contact 907-745-5544 or go to **www.valleyrecycling.org**.

**April 30**

**FAIRBANKS** - **CLEAN POWER HAPPY HOUR** will be held from 5:30 to 7:30pm at Hoarfrost Distilling, 3501 Lathrop St, Unit F. This gathering is an opportunity for Alaska communities to learn about and celebrate the wonderful renewable energy projects going on in our state. The Alaska Center is teaming up with Golden Valley Electric Association and the Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition to learn about the different renewable projects happening in the Interior, how they affect your electric bill, and ways we can get more involved with GVEA. Join us for a night of food, drinks, and clean energy!

**May 2**

**JUNEAU** - Public meeting will be held on the **BARTLETT COVE – GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE DRAFT PLANNING VISION & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT** from 4 to 6pm at the Juneau Downtown Public Library. The draft planning vision and EA are related to visitor experiences, services, and general operations in a frontcountry area of the park that encompasses 7,120 acres of scenic rainforest and coastal waters in Southeast Alaska, including Bartlett Cove. The Frontcountry Management Plan is available on the National Park Service Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website, where comments can be submitted: **https://go.nps.gov/BartlettCove**. For more information, please contact Sara Doyle, Outdoor Recreation Planner by phone (907) 607-2675 or email **glba_public_comments@nps.gov**.

**May 4**

**SEWARD** - An exclusive **WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER** at the **ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER** from 6:30 to 10pm. The evening will showcase various wines paired with delicious bites prepared by local chefs in an intimate setting after hours at the Alaska SeaLife Center. All proceeds go towards mission activities at the Center including wildlife response, education, and marine research. Tickets are selling quickly. Make sure to get yours [here](#).

**ITEMS of INTEREST**

The **PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL** has released the **LATEST EDITION of “THEN and NOW: 30 YEARS AFTER the EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL.”** This publication, updated by the council every five years, documents improvements to the oil spill prevention and response system in Prince William Sound, current

To see the VIDEO “CLIMATE CHANGE: BETHEL PAYS the PRICE” go to https://www.alaskapublic.org/2019/02/22/can-bethel-afford-the-costs-climate-change/ a collaboration between Alaska Public Media and KYUK, in Bethel, that tells the story of the costs of climate change in a region of the state that is warming rapidly. Featuring interviews from YUP'IK ELDER EULA DAVID and Bethel Search and Rescue volunteer MARK LEARY, this story and its video segments profile people in Bethel on the front lines of climate change.

VOLUNTEER and BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

Two or three positions for the YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA NEST PLOT SURVEY, a cooperative project between Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Bird Management, and the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge are available. This survey serves as the primary monitoring tool to measure recovery of the threatened Spectacled Eider in western Alaska and provides data for many waterbirds, including Emperor and Brant Geese, Common Eiders and two loon species. This long-term survey has been possible only by keeping costs to a minimum; thus, we cannot cover salary. We will cover travel costs from Anchorage to the field; crews will get to field sites via float plane or skiff from the Yupik village of Chevak. We provide all food and equipment and all training costs. The survey, travel and prep time takes approximately 3 weeks and starts during the second week of nesting. On average, we begin data collection on June 1, but we have started as early as May 27 and as late as June 11 so some flexibility in your schedule is required. This is an exciting project to be on, but it puts you into the outdoors that not everyone is familiar with; it’s a real exposure to isolated living and working conditions and is not for everyone. This said, it is an incredible place to camp and boat; the days are long, and the birds are thick. Before we know it the flood of waterbirds will be on nests along the coast of the Bering Sea and we’ll be there with them. To send a resume or inquire further, contact Dennis Marks at dennis_marks@fws.gov or Julian Fischer at julian_fischer@fws.gov.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR for the SIERRA CLUB ALASKA CHAPTER to help strengthen efforts on environmental and social justice issues. This work is done in coordination with community-based organizations so that Sierra Club can use its institutional resources to add capacity to existing community based environmental and social justice work. Qualifications: Familiarity with and commitment to the Jemez Principles (see below). Deep concern about environmental and social justice (E&SJ) issues, and the ability to articulate them. Experience in building and sustaining relationships with community members. For information and resources, contact: Sierra Club’s Environmental Justice Home Page at https://www.sierraclub.org/environmental-justice or https://www.sierraclub.org/policy/environmental-justice.

OUTINGS COORDINATOR for the SIERRA CLUB ALASKA CHAPTER for a six-months to a year volunteer commitment. Required Wilderness First Aid class ($260). SC will pay for class after 6 months. Previous experience with volunteer organizing is recommended. Must be a
Sierra Club member or willing to become a Sierra Club member ($15 annual dues) and take the leader 101 course online. Duties include planning and leading 2 outings a month, advertise outings on ADN, Press, etc. and recruit and train at least 4 new outings volunteers. Apply by sending a resume and short letter of interest to Christin Swearingen by May 20. Email to Mushroomchristin@gmail.com.

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.

INTERNSHIP

**VISITOR SERVICES/INTERPRETER at the EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER. We are seeking 2 intern positions from July 24 through September 15 (or longer) to provide visitor services and interpretive information. Applicants should be outgoing, personable, and in good
physical condition. The following will be provided: training, weekly stipend, housing, and use of a vehicle. For more information and to apply contact Laura Kruger, Operations Manager, at admin@ernc.org, call 907-694-2108 or go to www.ernc.org.

**INTERPRETATION/DIVE FELLOW** for the ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER. Must be an active scientific diver. We hope to enhance the Fellow participant’s current education and background with new practical knowledge and skills, which may prove useful in a career in a public aquarium. Under the guidance of Interpretation and Dive staff, the Fellow will be trained and expected to perform the following duties: Interpret all the Alaska SeaLife Center’s static and live animal exhibits housing marine mammals, birds, fish, and invertebrates. Help maintain the physical appearance of manned exhibits and deliver announcements over the public address system. Present briefings, lectures, presentations, multi-media shows, structured and impromptu talks, and guided tours on all the Alaska SeaLife Center’s static and live animal exhibits by learning to employ appropriate interpretive techniques and devices geared to the characteristics and interest of particular audiences. Assist in staff diving functions, which may include training in exhibit maintenance, dive tending, dive cylinder filling, planning and logistical support of dives, diving safety, and emergency procedures. Manage dive gear and assist in the logistics of group dives. Maintain and repair dive equipment and maintaining logs of equipment maintenance and repair. Deliver diving-related information to visitors in our galleries and on behind the scenes tours. Apply at https://www.alaskasealife.org/employment_opportunities.

**WRANGELL INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT (WISE)** is accepting applications for:

**OUTDOOR AND WILDERNESS LEADERSHIP SKILLS (OWLS)** for High School students to earn credit from Copper River School District in College and Career Readiness while preparing for jobs in the outdoors on this unique program. Wilderness expeditions, leadership opportunities, and job shadows. More information and Application for OWLS Here!.

**COPPER RIVER STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM** for youth to explore the Copper River Watershed from the headwaters to the delta, while connecting with youth from communities throughout the area. Science, adventure, service projects, and humanities lessons make this an amazing chance to become a true steward of the region. WISE partners with Copper River Watershed Project, BLM, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, and Prince William Sound Science Center to make this program possible. More information and Application for Stewardship Program Here! For more information, contact the WISE office at (907) 822-3575.

**INTERPRETATION/NATIONAL PARK SERVICE INTERN** for the ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER in Seward. This position is a shared effort between Kenai Fjords National Park (KFNP) 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 KFNP 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.alas.org/employment_opportunities. To apply, go to START YOUR APPLICATION.
**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, weekly 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.thesca.org/serve/position/2019-ak-corps-teams/po-00726989](https://www.thesca.org/serve/position/2019-ak-corps-teams/po-00726989).

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** for the **COPPER RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT** to successfully support and build upon the organization’s current operations, fulfill CRWP’s strategic priorities, and strengthen the organization’s relationships with its stakeholders. The ideal candidate has a background in nonprofit management, demonstrated community convening, and a commitment to watershed sustainability. This is an opportunity to lead a team of four staff committed to sustainable development in one of the last intact salmon strongholds in North America. The salary range for this position is $60,000 to $80,000 annually commensurate with qualifications and experience. To apply, send an email with a cover letter detailing qualifications, vitae/resume, and salary requirements to execdir.application@copperriver.org (email applications are required). For questions, contact Robin Mayo, Board Chair, at execdir.application@copperriver.org. Communications will be treated with confidence and resumes will be accepted until April 30. Resume reviews begin immediately. To see the full job description, go to [https://copperriver.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/20190401-crwp-position-profile.pdf](https://copperriver.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/20190401-crwp-position-profile.pdf).

**AYEA 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COORDINATOR** for **ALASKA YOUTH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION** to closely with AYEA alumni and Alaska Center staff to implement both a Gala on Friday, September 27 and a Reunion on September 28. AYEA is a program of the Alaska Center Education Fund in that has inspired and trained rural and urban youth leaders to impact environmental issues through youth-led campaigns since 1998. This Coordinator will plan and implement AYEA's 20th Anniversary Celebration that was rescheduled due to the earthquake and will work from mid-May to mid-Oct, approximately 5 hours per week. Compensation Depends On Experience. Ideally, the person will be based in Anchorage. Please send a letter of interest and resume to margi@akcenter.org. Applications will be reviewed in the order received, with interviews starting May 6.

**CORPS CREW LEADERS and HIGH SCHOOL CREW LEADERS** for the **STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION** for the summer. Length of positions range from 4 to 20 weeks. Applications are received on a rolling basis and positions will be filled as soon as possible. **Qualifications:** Must be a minimum of 21 years of age; Must have ability to legally work in the US; Must be able to attend mandatory training; Current First Aid certification & CPR required by the start of the training, WFR preferred; Experience working with high schoolers or young adults preferred; Preferred experience with conservation work skills or
related skills, i.e. trail maintenance, trail construction, chainsaw, carpentry, landscaping, and gardening; Ability to perform manual, physical labor for up to 8 hours per day, exposed to the elements and must occasionally lift and/or move 40 pounds or more; Valid driver’s license and MVR that meets SCA standards required; Ability to meet SCA’s criminal background check standards; and Experience in Alaskan environment preferred. **Compensation:** $600/week (including training weeks), paid travel to/from training and site, food provided during programs, access to group gear. **To Apply:** In order to be considered, you must complete an application through our online portal called MySCA, and email ceversman@thesca.org when your application is complete. Full instructions are found at https://www.thesca.org/alaska-high-school-crew-leader and https://www.thesca.org/alaska-corps-teams-project-leader. For more information, contact Chris Eversman at ceversman@thesca.org.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST III (EPS III) for the AK Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Div. of Water who has experience in water quality monitoring for grant proposal writing, performing, and reviewing water quality monitoring assessments to evaluate any existing or potential threats to public health and the environment for the Alaska Monitoring and Assessment Program (AKMAP). AKMAP is a complex statewide environmental monitoring program that implements large-scale, multi-year aquatic resources surveys that assess the condition of Alaska's waters. AKMAP is critical to DEC's mission to protect and improve the environmental quality and meet state reporting requirements under the Clean Water Act. Find out how to apply https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alaska/jobs/2377756/environmental-program-specialist-iii-pcn-18-7293. Contact Terri Lomax at 269-7635 or email terri.lomax@alaska.gov for more information.

**INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY LIAISON** for the SOUTHEAST ALASKA CONSERVATION COUNCIL in Juneau as an independent contractor for a six-month term, to work part-time with SEACC and interested Indigenous communities on transboundary mining, and related water quality and natural resource development issues. The focus of this contract will be to work with communities along the transboundary rivers of the Unuk and the Stikine; Petersburg, Wrangell, Metlakatla, Ketchikan, and Saxman. For full description, please visit www.seacc.org/employment. Applications accepted until position is filled, with preference given to applications arriving before April 22. **Desired position start date is May 15.** SEACC recognizes, supports, and values all forms of diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

**RENEWABLE ENERGY CAMPAIGNER** for the FAIRBANKS CLIMATE ACTION COALITIONS (FCAC) to increasing renewable energy opportunities and creating space for community leadership and volunteer opportunities in the Interior of Alaska. The Renewable Energy Campaigner will focus on the areas of GVEA carbon reduction policies, railbelt unification and support FCAC’s Renewable Energy Working Group. The ideal candidate will have proven experience in most or all of the following areas: grassroots organizing, renewable energy systems, communications, local government, advocacy, popular education theory, volunteer management, and social equity. **Applications due May 6.** For more information, go to www.fairbanksclimateaction.org.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for the COPPER RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT to support and build upon the organization’s current operations, fulfill CRWP’s strategic priorities, and strengthen the organization’s relationships with its stakeholders. The ideal candidate has a background in nonprofit management, demonstrated community convening, and a commitment to watershed sustainability. This is an opportunity to lead a team of four staff committed to sustainable development in one of the last intact salmon strongholds in North America.

**Application Process:** The salary range for this position is $60,000 to $80,000 annually commensurate with qualifications and experience. For an electronic version of the full Position Profile, go to copperriver.org/news to download. To apply, send an email with a cover letter detailing qualifications, vitae/resume, and salary requirements to execdir.application@copperriver.org (email applications are required). For questions, contact Robin Mayo, Board Chair, execdir.application@copperriver.org. Communications will be treated with confidence and resumes will be accepted until April 30. Resume reviews begin immediately.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for ALPAR (ALASKANS for LITTER PREVENTION and RECYCLING) to continue to build cooperative business relationships and communicate effectively with diverse audiences throughout the state to promote the mission of this important nonprofit to eliminating litter and increasing economically viable recycling in Alaska.

**Qualifications:** Our ideal candidate is an experienced business or non-profit leader with knowledge of public relations, program management, event planning, fiscal management, and a passion for the positive impact of responsible and effective community programs. **Specific qualifications include:** Commitment to the cause of economically feasible recycling and litter prevention. Outstanding written and oral communication skills. Ability to create and implement effective publicity and educational campaigns. 4-year degree in public relations, marketing, business management, strategic communication or comparable professional experience. Knowledge of the Alaskan business community. Ability to work effectively with a wide range of businesses and organizations. Ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously and to juggle diverse tasks. Basic accounting skills with a working knowledge of QuickBooks. Successful experience working with rural communities is a plus. ALPAR offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, salary requirements and references to alpar@gci.net or mail to ALPAR at PO Box 200393, Anchorage, AK 99520.

FIELD WORK, DATA MANAGEMENT, AND ANALYTICAL WORK to assess ecosystem services in areas affected by recent wildfires or fuel mitigation activities, part time in April or fulltime in May, June, and July. **Job duties:** Conduct fieldwork that includes identifying vegetation, invasive species, berries, and mushrooms. Navigating and using a GPS. Data management (entering, cleaning, and analyzing data). Using ArcGIS. Statistical analysis with Excel and R. Other duties as assigned. Pay $12/hr. Deadline for applications is April 30. Interested students need to apply to the student pool and contact Jen Schmidt at jischmidt@alaska.edu.

OUTREACH and COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR for the SUSITNA RIVER COALITION to work with the diverse communities of the Susitna Valley to engage stewards of the Susitna Watershed. The Coordinator will work on a part-time basis with preference given to applicants living or working in the Mat-Su. Successful applicants should be self-starters with the
ability to work independently and possess strong time management skills. The Coordinator will work closely with other SRC members, independently, and with partner organizations. Position description and details can be found at https://susitnarivercoalition.org/employment/.

**CLIMATE RESILIENCE COORDINATOR** for the ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM (ANTHC) in Anchorage for an AmeriCorps VISTA to serve as the in the Center for Environmentally Threatened Communities (CETC) starting June 2019. This position is an opportunity to join a small team that assists communities on the front lines of climate change to locate financial and technical resources for their adaptation efforts. The position will increase communities’ capacity to develop and implement solutions to climate change by implementing a strategic communications plan designed to have lasting impact from the local to global level. Apply via the AmeriCorps website at https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=79476. For more information, contact Max Neale at mdneale@anthc.org.

**PROGRAM AND OPERATIONS COORDINATOR** for the ALASKA ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION DISTRICTS to provide a forum for education, promotion, and communication between the individual districts and serves as a 501(c) “non-profit business entity” providing administrative, financial, human resources, and some limited program support to the individual Districts. A 12-member Board of Directors (one representative of each of the 12 Districts) operates the 501(c) Corporation. The Programs and Operations Coordinator is a permanent part-time (approximately an average of 15 hours per week) that provides the necessary program and operational support to the Association necessary to maintain effective daily operations and assists the individual districts with the same. **Position Requirements:** A combination of related college course work, continuing education or proven professional management experience required. A B.S. or B.A. degree in natural resource management, soil science, agronomy, forestry, plant ecology, business administration, education, public administration, or a related field, and at least 3-years management experience is a plus. Experience in HR management, including hiring, discipline, grievance procedures, training and termination required. Must pass a Federal background check. Salary: Hourly rate DOE. (Estimated at $18-25 per hour DOE). Paid time off accrued per pay period. 10 paid federally recognized holidays. Voluntary health benefits are available from the Association through Colonial Life. A deferred compensation (retirement) package is available through Lincoln Financial. This is a permanent part-time position (approximately 16-hours per week, Monday – Thursday 9 am – 1 pm) located at the Association’s office in Wasilla. To apply send cover letter and resume to aacadasst@mtaonline.net.

**4 FISHERIES TECHNICIANS** for the APPLIED ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER for April 15 through October 15. This is a temporary position where the incumbents will likely be required to work long hours, weekends, and occasionally holidays. This work is primarily performed outdoors and requires lifting, pulling, and hauling in all types of weather conditions on variable terrain and flashy rivers. This work will be performed on a military base (JBER) so certain rules will apply. **Duties and Responsibilities:** This position will primarily maintain a weir and DIDSON sonars on Eagle River to enumerate adult salmon return. You will also process the data for total abundance, diurnal patterns and compare previous years runs. There will also be a stream-walk conducted every 7-10 days. Work history must reflect excellent
Please contact Misty Libby at 907-786-4192 or send a resume to mslibby@alaska.edu.

**GRANT WRITER I/II/III** for the CENTER for ENVIRONMENTALLY THREATENED COMMUNITIES (CETC) with the ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM who will act as a community catalyst in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region to work with people in communities to increase their capacity to adapt to the impacts of climate change! Our ideal candidate: Lies in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region, ideally Bethel, and has established relationships with community members across the region; Will bring their experience in grant writing and project management skills to the position; And, has worked on community infrastructure projects in the past. Apply online here under the Grant Writer title as soon as possible.

**TEMPORARY COMMUNICATIONS and DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT** for the KACHEMAK HERITAGE LAND TRUST (KHLT) to help achieve its fundraising and outreach goals. This part-time position runs May 1-September 23 with a possible extension to October 31. A successful candidate will be a friendly and outgoing self-starter with experience in donor database software, creating promotional materials, organizing and hosting events, and working with the public. Desired qualifications include strong writing skills, attention to detail, ability to work independently and as a team, intermediate proficiency level with MS Office, Adobe InDesign, and donor database programs such as Little Green Light. To apply, please email a cover letter and resume to marie@kachemaklandtrust.org by April 8. Please type “Communications and Development Assistant” in the email subject line. For a detailed job description, visit [www.KachemakLandTrust.org](http://www.KachemakLandTrust.org) or click [here](http://www.KachemakLandTrust.org). Please, no phone inquiries.


**ALASKA REPRESENTATIVE** for DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE, ANCHORAGE OFFICE to be responsible for contributing to the development and implementation of Defenders’ Alaska strategic conservation work plan, with a focus on at risk marine areas, public lands, and listed and imperiled species and their habitats. Conservation priorities include to: 1) ensure that Alaska’s federal waters and lands remain intact and well-managed by federal land and marine management agencies; 2) protect, restore, improve and expand habitats for at-risk species within priority public waters and lands, such as coastal and marine environments, and national wildlife refuges and forests; 3) integrate best available science, including climate science and wildlife adaptation considerations, into landscape-scale planning and project-level decision-making in Defenders’ priority areas; 4) improve conservation and management of public waters and lands in priority marine areas and conservation system units established by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. The representative will work collaboratively with other Alaska program staff and throughout Defenders in implementing the overall mission.
and goals of Defenders. For a full job description and to apply, please visit https://www.indeedjobs.com/jobs/96c5d7f7e1ff3cfdfebeb?from=snippet.

OUTREACH COORDINATOR for DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE, ANCHORAGE OFFICE to have the lead responsibility for the design and implementation of a robust public outreach program in support of Defenders of Wildlife’s conservation priorities in Alaska. The position also provides administrative support to the office and staff. While the focus is on Alaska’s lands, waters and wildlife the Alaska Outreach Coordinator will also interact with Defenders’ headquarters staff when Alaska outreach work aligns with and supports Defenders’ national conservation work. This position requires substantial discretion in determining how to meet assigned goals and competing deadlines. Priority conservation areas include the Arctic, Izembek and Kenai National Wildlife Refuges, Arctic Ocean, Bering Strait, Cook Inlet, Gulf of Alaska, Tongass and Chugach National Forests, and other federal lands. Species of special interest include polar bears, Pacific walrus, Cook Inlet beluga whales, Northern Sea Otters, Kenai brown bears, wolverines, caribou and wolves including the Alexander Archipelago wolf. For a full job description and to apply, please visit https://www.indeedjobs.com/jobs/34ee71a4be93ff9298fe?from=snippet.

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.fswed@gmail.com and mel.fswed@gmail.com or hand-delivered to 590 University Avenue, Ste 2, Fairbanks Alaska 99709.

ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN has the following positions available
EDUCATION INTERNSHIP, Deadline to Apply: May 24, Position Details
SHUTTLE DRIVER + FACILITIES ASSISTANT, Deadline to Apply: May 12, Position Details

CONSERVATION PROJECT COORDINATOR for the INTERIOR ALASKA LAND TRUST to work with the public, landowners, and government groups to conserve open space in the Fairbanks area. The Conservation Coordinator will work on a part-time contract basis, providing his/her own work space, computer and internet access, and be supervised by the Interior Alaska Land Trust Board of Directors. Requirements: • Self-motivated: figures out what needs to be done & does it; • Excellent organizational skills; • Excellent written and oral communication skills; • Experience and skill with computer word processing, e-mail, and social media; • Experience working as a member of a team to develop and complete projects; • Computer and access to internet. Part-time (approx. 20-30 hours/week) $15 – 25/hour DOE. To see the full job description, go to https://interioralaskalandtrust.files.wordpress.com/2019/02/conservation-project-coordinator.pdf. How to Apply: Please email a resume/CV and cover letter detailing your qualifications to interioraklandtrust@gmail.com.
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/).

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%7Eview](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%7Eview).

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