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**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 6**
ANCHORAGE - ALASKA MASTER GARDENERS STATEWIDE CONFERENCE will be held from 8am to 5:30pm at the UAA Lucy Cuddy Center. One day conference includes lunch, Silent Auction and Garden Market. Late Registration After April 2 - dependent on Space Available. To see agenda and registration information, go to [https://alaskamastergardeners.org/conference.html](https://alaskamastergardeners.org/conference.html).

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 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.

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. • FMI, or to register, contact Zach Brown at zwbrown@inianislandsinstitute.org or 907-697-2210. For more information, go to climate change adult course.

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://wetlandtraining.com/course/ahs-with-field/)). Based in the historic town of McCarthy, in the heart of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. Our **interdisciplinary curriculum** 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://foodanthro.com/2018/10/10/asfs-afhvs-2019-cfp-finding-home-in-the-wilderness/). Get more information at [www.wrangells.org/fieldstudies](https://www.wrangells.org/fieldstudies). 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 4 (TELECONFERENCE MEETING)**

**BOARD of FORESTRY** teleconference meeting will be held from 8am to 4:15pm to discuss statewide forestry issues. Topics on the agenda include: • Annual resource agency and Board of Forestry reports on the effectiveness of the Forest Resources and Practices Act • Results of 2018’s compliance monitoring and road condition survey • Forestry and forest practices budgets for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2019 • Proposed state regulations and bail schedule for new wildland fire prevention statutes • Coastal forest management issues including reports on Tongass Roadless Rule litigation, the Mental Health Trust land exchange, timber sales under the state-federal Good Neighbor Agreement, and salvage harvest potential of beetle-killed spruce in the Matanuska Susitna Borough • Statewide forest management issues including reports on Division of Forestry timber sales and Forest Resources and Practices Act implementation • Presentations on blowdown prediction/reduction modeling and a trails/outdoor recreation initiative The Board meeting will be accessible via teleconference and webinar. available in the following communities: • Juneau: DNR 4th floor conference room A, 400 Willoughby Ave. • Anchorage: DNR 550 W. Seventh Ave., Suite 1450 • Fairbanks: 3700 Airport Way, DNR large conference room • Ketchikan: Legislative Information Office, 1900 First Ave, Suite 310 Those outside of Anchorage, Fairbanks, Ketchikan or Juneau seeking to participate in the teleconference should contact Alison Arians at the Division of Forestry in Anchorage at alison.arians@alaska.gov or at 907-269-8467 no later than noon on Monday, April 1. For a copy of the agenda, go to http://forestry.alaska.gov/whatsnew.htm.

**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](#).

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

**April 16**
Deadline for application for the $6 million in COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION PROGRAM FUNDING available for coastal and marine habitat restoration in 2019. Funding Opportunity Number NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2019-2005889. Award amounts range from $75,000 to $3 million over one to three years. For more information contact erika.ammann@noaa.gov.

**April 19**
Deadline for applications for the ALASKA SONGBIRD INSTITUTE, SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM: - 2019 NORTH FOR SCIENCE! expedition for 7th and 8th grade youth. North for Science! is an eight-day science education program along the Dalton Highway corridor for youth from the Fairbanks North Star Borough and rural Alaska. The program takes place from June 5 to 12. It is offered in collaboration with the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service, and there is no program fee. For more information and application materials, visit the North for Science! page of the Alaska Songbird Institute’s at: www.aksongbird.org or north4science@aksongbird.org.

**April 15**
Deadline for applications for The WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY CLIMATE ADAPTATION FUND GRANTS that fund one to two-year projects that implement science-driven, on-the-ground actions that assist wildlife and ecosystems to adapt to climate change at a landscape scale. *Project proposals must:* Focus on the functionality of ecosystems, rather than conserving individual species. Be designed for long-term conservation impact. Create the potential for impact at a landscape scale. Use strategic, targeted communications activities to amplify adaptation outcomes. Be designed with climate adaptation for wildlife and ecosystems as a core goal or outcome of the work. Propose conservation goals and actions that are grounded in the best available science. Conduct on-the-ground implementation, not research, planning or tool development. To apply, review the 2019 RFP and Applicant Guidance Document. Pre-proposals Due April 5th by 5pm EST. Join us for our Applicant Webinar on March 12 at 2pm EST to learn what makes a proposal successful. Create an account for your organization and apply on our [online application system](#), and [Sign up for our mailing list](#) to be among the first to receive the next RFP announcement.

**April 25**
Deadline for proposals for the FISHING FOR ENERGY - GEAR REMOVAL & INNOVATION GRANTS. Grants will target areas in U.S. coastal waters with a priority for areas that have been identified and prioritized for derelict fishing gear prevention, reduction, and gear technology innovation in state or regional plans, such as state marine debris action plans or
as part of species or habitat conservation plans. Go to https://www.nfwf.org/fishingforenergy/Pages/2019rfp.aspx for a full version of the RFP, which includes specific priorities, eligibility requirements and application instructions. Applicant Webinar will be held April 10 from, 8:30 to 9:30am AK. For more information, please contact Kaitlin Goldsmith: kaitlin.goldsmith@nfwf.org.

May 1
Deadline for nominations for the ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION 2019 AWARDS for individuals and organizations that are making a significant difference in their efforts to protect Alaska's natural environment. Awardees will be celebrated at an awards reception on October 3 in Anchorage. This year’s award categories include:
- Lifetime Achievement
- Outstanding Volunteer Contributions
- Outstanding Professional Contributions
- Award for Young Environmental Activists
- Outstanding Achievements by a Conservation Organization
- Excellence in Environmental Education
- Excellence in Still Photography, Film or Video
- Outstanding Achievements by an Alaska Native Organization or Individual
For more information or to nominate someone, go to our website. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Sadie Kurtz at skurtz@alaskaconservation.org call or 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 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.
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 8
KODIAK – Comments are due on the proposal to reissue the Alaska Pollutant Elimination System General Permit to the KODIAK SEAFOOD PROCESSING to DISCHARGE PROCESS WASTE AND WASTEWATER. The pollutants of concern associated with seafood processing and screened fish waste discharges include residues, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), and non-petroleum oil and grease (polar). These pollutants result from the waste solids (shell, bones, skin, scales, flesh, and organs), blood, body fluids, slime, stickwater, and oils and fats from cooking and rendering operations. Ammonia or chlorine may also be present intermittently. Other regulated parameters include color, turbidity, pH, and temperature. The permit also authorizes the discharge of cooling water, boiler water, freshwater pressure relief water, refrigeration condensate, refrigerated seawater, cooking water, scrubber water, catch transfer water and live tank water. Pollutants in these discharge streams may include TSS, BOD, non-petroleum oil and grease (polar), pH, and temperature.: DEC does not propose to authorize a mixing zone with this permit. DEC does not propose to authorize a Zone of Deposit with this permit. A Fact Sheet and associated documents are available for review at http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/public-notices#AKG523020. For additional supporting technical documents or to submit comments, contact Clynda A. Case at (907) 376-1865 or email clynda.case@alaska.gov.

April 8
Deadline for comments on the application from PEBBLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (PLP) for a land use permit to CROSS STATE-OWNED TIDELANDS from WHISKEY GULCH and the STERLING HIGHWAY, as well as one of two borehole sites, Site B, for geotechnical
data collection operations. To see that full application, including supporting documents and maps, go to https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=116487. For more information, contact Christopher Minguez at (907) 269-6874 or email christopher.minguez@alaska.gov. Submit comments to spco.records@alaska.gov. Please reference LAS 32690 when commenting.

April 10
Deadline for PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SUBSISTENCE, PERSONAL USE, SPORT, GUIDED SPORT, and COMMERCIAL FISHING REGULATIONS for the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet finfish, Kodiak finfish, and Statewide (except Southeast and Yakutat) King and Tanner crab management areas to the Board of Game. Finfish includes salmon, herring, trout, other freshwater finfishes, and groundfish, including Pacific cod, for consideration by the board in its 2019-2020 meeting cycle. The board may also consider subsistence proposals for other topics (including other areas) under the subsistence proposal policy if proposals are submitted within this deadline and the board determines they meet the criteria. Submit proposed changes to http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.forms or email dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov.

April 15
SITKA - Notice of Proposal for an OIL DISCHARGE PREVENTION AND CONTINGENCY PLAN AND FACILITY RESPONSE PLAN for the SITKA BULK PLANT, SOUTH PLANT and NORTH PLANT. The combined capacity of the Sitka Bulk Plants is 1,725,082 gallons and petroleum products include Diesel, Gasoline, Jet-A, and Avgas. Copies of the application package are at http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/IPP/CPlansUnderReview. For more information or to submit comments, contact Curtis Kiesel at, 907-465-5367 or email curtis.kiesel@alaska.gov.

April 15
Deadline on the proposed rule REVISING the DEFINITION of “WATERS of the UNITED STATES,” which would establish the SCOPE of FEDERAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY UNDER the CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA). The proposed revised definition outlines six categories of waters that would be considered “waters of the United States” in section (a), including: traditional navigable waters, including the territorial seas; tributaries that contribute perennial or intermittent flow to such waters; certain ditches; certain lakes and ponds; impoundments of otherwise jurisdictional waters; and wetlands adjacent to other jurisdictional waters. The proposed revised definition also outlines what would not be considered “waters of the United States” in section (b), including: waters not identified in section (a); groundwater; ephemeral features; ditches not included in section (a); prior converted cropland, as defined; certain artificially irrigated areas; certain artificial lakes and ponds; certain water-filled depressions; certain stormwater control features; certain wastewater recycling structures; and waste treatment systems, as defined. Additionally, the proposed rule provides definitions for key terms used in the regulation in section (c). Some of these are unchanged from the current regulations, including the definitions for “wetlands”, “ordinary high-water mark”, and “high tide line”. Some of these have been redefined, including definitions for “tributary” and “ditch”. The rule also defines several key terms, that while used colloquially, are added to the regulation for
the first time, including definitions for “ephemeral”, “intermittent”, “perennial”, “prior converted cropland”, “snowpack”, “typical year”, “upland”, and “waste treatment system”. The EPA and the Army are seeking comments on the specifics of the proposed “waters of the United States” definition and are requesting comment on the discussion and definition of terms within it. In addition, the EPA and the Army are seeking comments on a multitude of items such as underlying legal interpretations, rule implementation, and the associated Economic Analysis and Resource and Programmatic Assessment (and their data). Finally, in response to requests from some states, the EPA and the Army are exploring and seeking comments on the development, and feasibility, of creating geospatial datasets or a mapping system for jurisdictional waters in an effort to improve administration of CWA programs and provide clarity for federal, state, and tribal agencies and the general public. More information regarding this proposed rule can be found at https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule/step-two-revise. Additionally, the Federal Register Notice can be found at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/02/14/2019-00791/revised-definition-of-waters-of-the-united-states. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0149 at http://www.regulations.gov/. Follow the on the instructions for submitting comments or email OW-Docket@epa.gov. Include Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0149 in the subject line of the message.

April 15
ANCHORAGE - Comments are due on the ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) DRAFT GENERAL PERMIT for the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, LAKES SPENARD AND HOOD, KNIK ARM, AND TURNAGAIN ARM. Permit documents can be accessed from the ADEC Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program website (http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater.aspx) under the Public Notice section. For more information or to submit a comment, contact William Ashton at 907-269-6383 or email William.Ashton@alaska.gov.

**April 16
KATMAI – Deadline for comments on Katmai National Park & Preserve an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the environmental impacts associated with the issuance of a RIGHT-OF-WAY CERTIFICATE of ACCESS for a PRIVATE INHOLDING in the OLGA LAKE and HEADWATERS CREEK AREA of the PARK, southwest of Brooks Lake. The area where this right-of-way would be issued is located within designated wilderness. The issuance of a right-of-way to access inholdings is required by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and NPS regulation and policy. The right-of-way includes the following components: 1) Construction of a 3.5 mile long off-road vehicle (ORV) trail connecting two privately owned inholdings within the park; 2) The total right-of-way would be 7 feet wide and would result in impacts to approximately 3 acres of park lands; and, 3) Six (6) pullouts would be required at roughly ½ mile intervals along the length of the trail to preserve the trail corridor and allow for passing vehicles. For more information, go to https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=83425.

**April 16
Comments are due on the project update for the HAINES HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 2. The proposed revisions would be in, and adjacent to, the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve in the milepost 17 area of the Haines Highway Acquisition of 3.0 acres of land from the
Preserve was approved in a Section 4(f) de Minimis finding between FHWA and the Preserve in 2016 with 6.2 acres of DOT&PF land relinquished to the Preserve. Advanced design in Phase 2 of the project determined that less acreage was needed from the Preserve. See attached graphic and table below. Use of a Section 4(f) property requires the notification of the public and the opportunity to comment. Currently proposed as proposed in the August 2016 FREA acquisition from the Preserve: 2.2 acres, 3.0 acres; Relinquishment to the Preserve: 6.7 acres, 6.2 acres. The work in the MP 17 area is expected to begin as early as spring 2020 and may finish as late as fall 2021. The duration of construction is uncertain but may take as long as two months. Development of this proposed project has followed a process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). For more information or to submit comments, contact Jim Scholl, Project Environmental Coordinator, at 907-465-4498 or email jim.scholl@alaska.gov.

**April 18**

**COOK INLET** - Comments are due on the proposal to issue Air Quality Control Operating Permit for PLATFORM A, an OFFSHORE CRUDE OIL and GAS PRODUCTION PLATFORM located 5 miles from the East Forelands. This public notice is for the draft operating permit only. The potential annual emissions of regulated air contaminants at the facility are: 13 tons of particulate matter (PM-10), 535 tons of nitrogen oxides (NOX), 45 tons of sulfur dioxide (SO2), 128 tons of carbon monoxide (CO), and 39 tons of volatile organic compounds (VOC). The total potential emissions of regulated air contaminants is 760 tons per year. The draft operating permit and statement of basis are available at [http://dec.alaska.gov/air/airtoolsweb](http://dec.alaska.gov/air/airtoolsweb). For more information or to submit comments, contact Scott Faber at 907-269-6883 or email scot.faber@alaska.gov.

**April 19**

**JUNEAU** – Comments are due on the proposed updates on the GLACIER HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS (LEMON CREEK AREA) PROJECT. The original (2016) project would: • Resurface the entire length of the roadway; • Convert the Renninger St intersection to a roundabout; • Add a traffic signal at the Davis Ave. intersection; • Add a sidewalk on the seaward water side of Glacier Hwy and lighting as needed; • Add pedestrian crossings at various locations along the corridor; • Relocate and improve bus pullouts; • Add a bicycle crossing at the intersection with Vanderbilt Rd and Glacier Hwy heading to Twin Lakes; • Address drainage needs; • Consolidate driveway access where appropriate; • Replace City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) sanitary sewer force main between Anka St and Davis Ave.; • Relocate CBJ sanitary lift station near the Renninger Street intersection. The updated project would additionally: • Add, remove, or relocate guardrail as needed; • Add, repair, and slipline culverts as needed; • Improve and add American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant facilities; • Provide illumination along both sides of Glacier Highway as needed; • Relocate and improve bus pullouts and/or shelters; Add, remove, or relocate culverts and/or other drainage features. Construction is projected to begin as early as summer 2020 and is anticipated to continue through two construction seasons. For more information and submit comments, contact Emily Haynes, Environmental Analyst, at (907) 465-1826 or email emily.haynes@alaska.gov.

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

**April 8**
The **CHUGACH STATE PARK CITIZENS’ ADVISORY BOARD** will meet at 6pm at the Atwood Building in Suite 102, 550 West 7th Avenue. The Chugach State Park Citizen Advisory Board consists of up to fifteen members appointed by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. Members are selected to ensure representation of a variety of park user groups and interests. For more information, contact Kurt Hensel, Superintendent, at (907) 345-5014 or email kurt.hensel@alaska.gov.

**April 11**

**CARBON CREDITS** is the subject for the REAP (Renewable Energy Alaska Project) Energy Speakers Series from 5 to 7pm (5 to 5:30pm Happy Hour) in the Anchorage Museum Auditorium. Learn about how carbon sequestration works, what carbon credit programs are, and what is going on in Alaska. For more information, call 929-7770, email info@REalaska.org or [www.REalaska.org](http://www.REalaska.org).

**April 11**

**COMMUNITY MEETING ON ARCHIVES SITE REZONE R-3 TO R-4A** will be held in the Loussac Library Learning Commons Room from 5:30 to 6:30. The undeveloped nine-acre "Archives" Site sits at the corner of Denali Street and 40th Avenue. The site is adjacent to Cuddy Family Midtown Park, the Loussac Library, within walking distance to offices and services, and just minutes from Downtown and the University Medical District. The Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan and the 2040 Land Use Plan designates this site for Mixed Use Development - a mix of housing and commercial uses. The site is zoned as R-3-Mixed Residential District. The R-3 district is a multi-family residential district, but it does not allow commercial uses including retail, restaurants, offices, etc. A rezone to R-4A- Multifamily Residential Mixed-Use is being requested. The R-4A district is "a primarily residential district intended for high-density multifamily dwellings." Commercial retail, services, restaurants and office uses are also allowed to create a truly mixed-use neighborhood. To see a map of the area, go to [click here](http://www.REalaska.org). For more information contact Wende Wilber, AICP PTP, Kittelson & Associates at 433-8103 or email [wwilber@kittelson.com](mailto:wwilber@kittelson.com).

April 13

**SCOOP THE POOP DAY** will be held from 11am to 3pm University Lake and Connors Bog. For the past several years, volunteers have devoted part of a Saturday during April's "Earth Month" to show their care and appreciation for the privilege of having dog parks in Anchorage. Buckets, bags, gloves, and gardening tools will be provided. Let's not forget that every day is a Scoop the Poop day, because approximately 20 TONS of pet waste are deposited in Anchorage daily! If it is not cleaned up, it eventually washes down into our creeks and lakes and pollutes them with fecal coliform bacteria. This impairs water quality and can make pets and humans ill. Show your support and come on out and demonstrate that you care for your dog parks.

April 14

**LIVING with BEARS** will be held at 2pm at the Eagle River Nature Center. Nature writer and author **BILL SHERWONIT** will discuss how humans can safely and respectfully coexist with black and brown bears, from the city to remote backcountry. Bill is the author of "Alaska's Bears" and many other writings about our ursine neighbors. Bill also explores some of the myths.
about the dangers bears present to humans and will answer questions about the natural history and behavior of Alaska’s bears. Free; $5 parking for non-members. Eagle River Visitors Center.

**April 15**

**A FLANNEL AFFAIR** will be held at the 49th State Brewing Company. Celebrate all things Huts with a silent auction, raffle prizes, and music from Blackwater Railroad Company. Come ready to have a good time. Get your tickets [here](#) Alaska Huts.

**April 15 – 18**

The **FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD** will meet from 1:30 to 5pm on Monday then daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or until the Board calls a recess for the day or completes its work at the Egan Civic and Convention Center to consider proposed changes to Federal subsistence fish and shellfish regulations for the 2019-2021 regulatory years, proposed changes to customary and traditional use determinations, and other subsistence issues. The Board may also consider companion Temporary Special Actions in order to immediately implement regulatory changes adopted by the Board. A meeting agenda and associated meeting materials are available for download at [www.doi.gov/subsistence/board](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/board). The public is encouraged to participate either in person or by teleconference. Throughout the meeting, there will be opportunities for the public to testify on both agenda and non-agenda items. At the start of each day, public comments on general subsistence issues are welcome. Public comments that relate to specific agenda items will be sought during the period in which the relevant agenda item is addressed. To participate in this meeting by teleconference, dial toll-free (888) 455-5897; the passcode is 3344290.

**April 16**

Public hearing will be held from Noon to 8pm at the Dena’ina Center on the **PEBBLE MINE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS)** for the proposed copper, gold and molybdenum mine in the Iliamna Lake region of Bristol Bay. The Draft EIS is intended to disclose the likely impacts from the proposed project and to offer a chance to review and comment. The Draft EIS is available for download [here](#). Deadline for comment is **May 30**. Submit comments to drafteis@comments.pebbleprojecteis.com.

**April 17**

**ALASKA WILDLIFE ALLIANCE** presents **POLAR BEARS** with JIM WILDER, Supervisory Biologist at USFWS from 7 to 8pm at the BP Energy Center. Free donuts will be provided courtesy of Dipper Donuts and families are welcome! Visit our website for more information.

**April 17**

The **EXOTIC FOSSILS OF KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK** will be presented at 7pm at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center at 7pm. During the summer of 2016 National Park Service scientists found the first Paleozoic fossils within Kenai Fjords National Park. These fossils are the remains of ocean-dwelling creatures that lived about 250 million years ago. They are also unlike any other fossils of this age found in North America. So, where did these exotic fossils come from and how did they end up in southcentral Alaska? Join geologist **AMANDA LANIK** of the National Park Service to find out. For more information, please call 267-1241.

**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.

MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE

**April 6**
KLAWOCK - Public workshop will be held from 9am to 4pm at the Prince of Wales Vocational and Technical Education Center on the PRINCE of WALES LANDSCAPE LEVEL ANALYSIS PROJECT (POW LLA). This is the first of many workshops over the span of the comprehensive, 15-year integrated resource management plan. The workshop comes on the heels of a final project decision that was signed earlier this month and is being held to present draft activities that are proposed for implementation in the near future. A wide array of activities for all resource areas will be presented so that the public can provide input on locations, activity design components, methods, mitigation measures, and integration
https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tongass/landmanagement/projects/?cid=fseprd529245 or contact Project Leader Delilah Brigham at 907-828-3232. To submit comments, to dbrigham@fs.fed.us.

April 9 & 10
KOTZEBUE – The NORTHWEST ARCTIC SUBSISTENCE 786REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL will be held at 9am each day in the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Room. For more information, contact Zach Stevenson at (907) -3674 or email zachary_stevenson@fws.gov.

April 10
JUNEAU - SOUTHERN, NORTHERN, AND JOINT SOUTHEAST REGIONAL ENHANCED SALMON PLANNING TEAM will meet at 9am in the Aspen Hotel Glacier Room to review five Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association permit alteration requests (PARs): increase Burnett Inlet Hatchery capacity by 4 million fall and 10 million summer chum salmon eggs for release at Burnett Inlet; increase Whitman Lake Hatchery capacity by 500 thousand coho salmon eggs for release at Nakat Inlet; increase Klawock River Hatchery capacity by 500 thousand coho salmon eggs for release at Port Asuncion; and add 100 thousand rainbow trout eggs to the Deer Mountain Hatchery permit for release in Ketchikan area lakes. The Northern RPT will review three Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association PARs: add Southeast Cove as a release site for 700 thousand Chinook salmon currently released at Hidden Falls; add Port Malmesbury as a release site for 2 million coho salmon currently released at Deer Lake; and increase capacity of Sawmill Creek Hatchery by 2 million Chinook salmon eggs and 20 million chum salmon eggs for release at Crawfish Inlet. The Joint RPT will discuss allocation of hatchery-produced salmon and possibly other related topics. For more information, go to http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingHatcheriesPlanning.regional or contact Flip Pryor 907-465-4222 or email garold.pryor@alaska.gov.

**April 11**
HOMER - Public hearing will be held from 3:30 to 9pm at Homer High on the PEBBLE MINE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) for the proposed copper, gold and molybdenum mine in the Iliamna Lake region of Bristol Bay. The Draft EIS is intended to disclose the likely impacts from the proposed project and to offer the public a chance to review and comment. The Draft EIS is available for download here. Deadline for comment is May 30. Submit comments to drafteis@comments.pebbleprojecteis.com.

**April 13**

PALMER - ALASKANS FOR PALMER HAYFLATS CHILLI FUNDRAISER will be held from 5 to 8pm at The Annex. Enjoy a relaxing family-friendly evening with food, fun and presentations! Hear MOLLIE BOYER (VCRS) and Dr. DON SPALINGER (UAA) on BAGGING OUR MOOSE—RECYCLING and WILDLIFE. Tickets $15 adult, $25 family, $10 student and includes a membership! Go to www.palmerhayflats.org or palmerhayflats@gmail.com or call 907-357-8711 for more information or to purchase tickets!

April 13

FAIRBANKS - TIM EASTON will hold a BENEFIT CONCERT for the NORTHERN CENTER at The Pub at UAF. After last summer's backyard benefit concert, he wrote on Instagram, "Let's not pave (Alaska) and destroy life just to get oil when we have so many renewable energy choices." We're big fans of Tim's commitment to using his music to uplift the causes he believes in. Learn more about Tim and his music at https://www.timeaston.com. Tickets are $25 ($15 for students) and are available online here. Parking will be available on the street as well as the lot at Sadler's Home Furnishings.

**April 17**

KENAI - KEEP ALASKA WILD & FREE FROM INVASIVE SPECIES WORKSHOP will be held from 3 to 7pm at the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association Building. Learn how to prevent the spread of invasive plants by properly cleaning boats/ATVs/bikes/boots; Learn about monitoring for European Green Crabs, the status of invasive Northern Pike, and successful eradication efforts of Elodea on the Kenai. Join us for free food, presentations from local organizations, and community discussion. Don’t be a vector of invasive species! Keep Alaska Wild and Pristine! Please Register ahead of time here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNGPJ95cae2Dc29a940Ad0mWsp4KGDsf1-BbK_g9WNfaNxcA/viewform?usp=sf_link.

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 and ongoing concerns, and ways the council is planning for the future. Copies are available at http://www.pwsrCAC.org/wp-content/uploads/filebase/resources/thennow/Then-and-Now_web.pdf.
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 YUPIK 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.

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

VOLUNTEER and BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

**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
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.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**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/.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR** for the SOUTHEAST ALASKA CONSERVATION COUNCIL (SEACC) to create, implement, and track online engagement components of our work, manage our digital platforms and our supporter database, lead our communications and media work, and coordinate and implement events. Full-time permanent non-exempt position; salary range between $40,000-$45,000 DOE. Benefits include healthcare, three weeks of paid leave annually for new hires and four weeks after the first year, twelve days of paid sick leave annually, and a 401K plan with employer match contributions after the first year. Visit www.seacc.org/employment for full job description and how to apply. Applications accepted until position is filled, with preference given to applications arriving before April 11. Desired position start date is May 6.

**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.

**CIENTIFIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM MANAGER** for the PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL (PWSRCAC) to coordinate a variety of science and environmental monitoring research projects that are consistent with PWSRCAC’s mission. This position is responsible for coordinating the work of a team of scientists on the Scientific Advisory Committee, managing the contracts and activities of research consultants and scientists, developing research programs and projects, applying research results to oil spill contingency planning, policy positions, and scientific reviews, and disseminating research information to the public, industry and regulators. Experience working with volunteers, the Exxon Valdez oil spill impacted region, cross cultural communication, and the Alyeska marine terminal and oil shipping in Prince William Sound are a plus. For more information, including how to apply, go to [http://www.bit.ly/ScienceProjectManager](http://www.bit.ly/ScienceProjectManager). **First review of applicants takes place April 12.**

**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 attendance.** 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 or click here. Please, no phone inquiries.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST III (EPS III) for the ADEC, DIV. of WATER for a position in the Alaska Monitoring and Assessment Program, mostly working on freshwater and aquatic habitat monitoring projects throughout Alaska. The key responsibilities of the position include but are not limited to: Grant and budget development; Scientific background research; Project and contract management; Plan development, and Logistical coordination. For more information on the Alaska Monitoring and Assessment Program, please review our website: http://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/monitoring/. This position requires travel in remote areas for periods of time that may exceed two weeks. This travel may also require operation of state vehicles, either on/off road, by water, or being a passenger small aircraft and helicopters. To see job description and apply, go to https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alaska/jobs/2377756/environmental-program-specialist-iii-pcn-18-7293.


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/96c5d7f7e1ff3cdfdbeb?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.fswcd@gmail.com and mel.fswcd@gmail.com or hand-delivered to 590 University Avenue, Ste 2, Fairbanks Alaska 99709.

ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN has the following positions available

CAMP COUNSELOR LEAD INSTRUCTOR, Open until position is filled, Position Details

CAMP COUNSELOR CO-INSTRUCTOR, Open until position is filled, Position Details

EDUCATION INTERNSHIP, Deadline to Apply: May 24, Position Details

SHUTTLE DRIVER + FACILITIES ASSISTANT, Deadline to Apply: May 12, Position Details

HORTICULTURE + FACILITIES, Deadline to Apply: April 8, Position Details

HORTICULTURE + FACILITIES ASSISTANT, Deadline to Apply: April 22, Position Details

VISITOR SERVICES (3 POSITIONS), Deadline to Apply: April 15, Position Details

MORE SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES
DENALI EDUCATION CENTER, located in DENALI NATIONA PARK & PRESERVE has the following position available:-

**HOSPITALITY STAFF**, Seasonal Full-time Non-Exempt (hourly) Employee, May – September; date will be mutually agreed upon. Work Schedule: Generally, 40 hours per week; includes evening work. Our hospitality staff plays an important role in maintaining a clean, attractive, and comfortable campus environment. [Click here for a full position description. ]

**Compensation**: Starting wage is $13.00 per hour; negotiable based on experience. Program tips are pooled and dispersed upon completion of summer contract. **To Apply**: Qualified candidates should send a resume, letter of interest, and references to Jake Hill at jake@denali.org.

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

**TRIBAL LIAISON DIRECTOR** for the ALASKA INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE'S RESEARCH AND POLICY INSTITUTE to forge meaningful, sustainable relationships with Alaska Native communities. Full time position. **Required qualifications**: Bachelor’s degree in ethnic studies, environmental studies, social psychology, or a related field that includes coursework and/or experience communicating and working with Alaska Native communities. Strong written and oral communication skills, and ability to build lasting relationships. Strong knowledge of Alaska Native policy, cultures, histories and government relations, including concepts of sovereignty and self-determination. Minimum two years of experience working with Alaska Native communities. Ability to communicate across cultural lines to include interpretation of policy between tribal and federal and Alaska state governments. Self-starter, strong time management skills, must be able to work well independently and as a team member. To see the complete job description and to apply, go to [http://www.akijp.org/jobs/](http://www.akijp.org/jobs/).

The ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN is currently hiring **SEVERAL SEASONAL FULL-TIME and PART-TIME SUMMER CAMP POSITIONS** for 2019. Come and be a part of a dynamic team of gardeners and naturalists. We run day camps on 110 acres of Boral Forest where camp instructors will be teaching kids ages 5-13 about gardening, the arts and refining...
their culinary skills. Position descriptions can be found at https://www.alaskabg.org/employment.html. Please send a cover letter and resume to Camp Director, Stacey Shriner, at education@alaskabg.org (indicate which position you are applying for in your cover letter and subject line of the email).

**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=AQGuhGKAp8WYQ&trkEmail=eml-jobs_jymbii_digest-null-3-null-null-az7sg%7Ejp9xvcf9%7E40-null-jobs%7Evie.

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