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**CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS**

**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**
CELEBRATE ALASKA AGRICULTURE DAY by seeking out and purchasing products produced in Alaska and educating youth about the vital role that agriculture plays in our economy. In Fairbanks on May 5, an Alaska Agriculture Day 2019 celebration is planned at Georgeson Botanical Gardens from 10am to 2pm. Attendees can enjoy fun activities, booths and more. In Palmer on May 7 the Division of Agriculture will host a Farm Animal Field Day in celebration of Alaska Agriculture Day on Tuesday, May 7 at Birchtree Charter School from 3:30 to 5:30pm. The event will include farm games and animal meet-and-greets, as well as the Happy Bison BBQ food truck. For more information on Alaska Agriculture Day events in your area, contact your local agriculture groups and chapters, such as FFA or the Alaska Farm Bureau. Or, host your own community activity and share it with the Division of Agriculture by sharing it at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/26P52R5. You will be entered in a raffle to receive an Alaska Grown prize and may also be featured on the Alaska Grown Facebook page. For other activity ideas on ways to support local agriculture and celebrate Alaska Agriculture Day, visit http://buyalaskagrown.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Ag-Day-Activity-Ideas.pdf. For more information, contact Janelle Curtis at (907) 761-3874 or email janelle.curtis@alaska.gov.

**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 tide 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 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 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:

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

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.

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). 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 and The Evergreen State College. Get more information at www.wrangells.org/fieldstudies. See a short video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSnbUANCw6Q. For more information, go to sophie@wrangells.org.

**June 21 - 23
DENALI NATIONAL PARK - FIELD COURSE – DENALI’S SMALL MAMMALS will be offered by Alaska Geographic through the Murie Science and Learning Center. What takes up more space in Denali than grizzly bears, yet is less likely to be seen? What forms a foundation of the food chain and plays a vital role in Denali’s ecosystem? Denali’s resident small mammals!
Join National Park Service wildlife biologist MELANIE FLAMME for an in-depth look into Denali’s 26-year study of voles, mice, shrews and other small mammals. We’ll look for signs of these elusive mammals and learn to identify the ones we are lucky enough to see. As citizen scientists, we’ll get hands-on experience with field research tools and collect data to add to the study. We’ll learn why these critters are so significant in Denali, including cutting-edge research on how small mammals influence their predators and what lessons we might learn about the effects of weather and climate in Denali. 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/](http://akgeo.org/field-courses/), email courses@alaskageographic.org or call 907-683-6432.

June 21 – 23

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! 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. 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](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.

** September 4 – 6 (Please note: What’s Up does not include events outside Alaska, but this conference seems of particular import to Alaskans)
WASHINGTON DC - ARCTIC FUTURES 2050 CONFERENCE, hosted by the Study of Environmental Arctic Change (SEARCH) are inviting Indigenous, policy makers, scientists and other various audiences to the conference. The conference will, therefore, explore the opportunities and challenges for deeper dialogue about the changing Arctic and consider: (1) What do we know, what do we need to know, and why does it matter? (2) What challenges confront policy makers in the rapidly changing Arctic? (3) What applied and basic research is needed to inform responses to Arctic change? (4) What tools can facilitate informing policy making with science and Indigenous knowledge? and (5) What partnerships are needed?
REGISTRATION is now open and EARLY BIRD rates are available through July 10.
Applications for poster abstracts are due May 20. Limited Travel Support is available for early-career researchers and Indigenous knowledge holders. The number of awards will be dependent on funding. Applications for travel awards are due May 20 (11:59 pm submitter’s local time). Notification of travel awards is June 17. Please email Dr. Brendan P. Kelly at bpkelly@alaska.edu if you are neither an early-career researcher nor an Indigenous knowledge holder but need help finding travel support. For more information, go to www.searcharcticscience.org/arctic-2050/open-science-2019/.

WEBINARS & TELECONFERENCES

May 9 (WEBINAR)
BUILDING a TIDE, STORM SURGE and WIND WAVE MODEL for COASTAL ALASKA will be held from Noon to 1pm with BRIAN JOYCE, Graduate Student Researcher and PhD Candidate and the University of Notre Dame. Coastal Alaska spans over 54,000 km with highly diverse geography ranging from sharp volcanic relief in the south to low lying deltas and tundra in the west and north. This region’s complex geometry, bathymetry, coastal features, and tides in conjunction with the presence of powerful storms, leaves the Alaskan coast particularly vulnerable to storm surge and storm waves. In the Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort Seas sea ice is present for a significant portion of the year and there is strong inter and intra annual variability in the ice coverage. The effect of ice as it relates to large scale hydrodynamic processes such as tides and storm surges leads to significant uncertainty in coastal water levels during strong storm events which occur during ice covered periods. The exceptionally broad Bering Sea shelf, intricate coastal geometry, low lying topography, and large and energetic winter storms, make western Alaska especially vulnerable to storm surge. Webinar link:
May 15 (WEBINAR)
Enhancing Community Involvement in the Regulatory Process will be held from 10 to 11:30am (AKDT) that will focus on how to enhance community involvement in the regulatory process. It will focus on three things: (1) how to plan and support effective community involvement processes; (2) an advocate’s perspective on key things state agencies can do to ensure meaningful community involvement in the regulatory process; and (3) how to effectively integrate community involvement into the state agency culture and decision-making processes. Speakers: • LAURA MCKELVEY, Group Leader-Community and Tribal Programs Group, Office of Air Quality Policy and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; • KELLY HARAGAN, Clinical Professor and Director, Environmental Clinic, University of Texas School of Law; and • LAWRA BOYCE, Community Engagement Coordinator, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Registration is now open at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enhancing-community-involvement-in-the-regulatory-process-tickets-60400656991. For more information, contact Charles Lee at lee.charles@epa.gov.

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFPs

May 15 (EXTENDED to SEPTEMBER 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

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 9
Comments are due on the proposal to reissuance of NPDES GENERAL PERMIT FOR OFFSHORE SEAFOOD PROCESSORS in ALASKA to authorize discharges of seafood processing waste from facilities (also referred to as “vessels”) that discharge at least 3 nautical miles (NM) or greater from the Alaska shore as delineated by mean lower low water (MLLW) or a closure line and which engage in the processing of fresh, frozen, canned, smoked, salted or pickled seafood, the processing of mince, or the processing of meal, paste and other secondary by-products. Major changes from the 2009 General Permit include the removal of the metals
monitoring requirement and the removal of the requirement to grind effluent except in cases when vessels that discharge more than 10 million pounds per annual reporting year are discharging within Steller Sea Lion critical habitat areas designated by the National Marine Fisheries Service. To see documents, go to https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/draft-npdes-general-permit-offshore-seafood-processors-alaska. For more information or to submit comments, contact Joseph Ziobro at 206-553-2723 or email ziobro.joseph@epa.gov.

May 13
TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST – Deadline for comments on the PROPOSED ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE “OUT-YEAR PLAN” for the PRINCE OF WALES LANDSCAPE LEVEL ANALYSIS PROJECT. The “Out-year Plan” is a living document that allows the public to track activities through the implementation process. The Forest is specifically looking for comments on activity design components, locations, methods, mitigation measures, and integration opportunities for items listed as “draft” in the Out-year Plan. To view the POW LLA Project’s Out-year Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, and Record of Decision, go to http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/tongass/powlla. Upload comments to the project website at https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?project=5033.7. For more information, contact Project Leader Delilah Brigham at 907-828-3232, or email delilah.brigham@usda.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 15
JUNEAU – Deadline for comment on the proposal to REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE INTERSECTION OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND STEPHEN RICHARDS DRIVE in the Mendenhall. As the project proposes a traffic signal in the maintenance area, it is not exempt from air quality conformity. The Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Riverside Drive and Stephen Richards Congestion Mitigation project demonstrates that the provisions have been met as the installation of the proposed traffic signal is not anticipated to contribute to any new localized PM10 violations or delay other milestones in the PM10 maintenance area of the Mendenhall Valley, and therefore does not require hot-spot analysis. The air quality conformity determination is available at http://dot.alaska.gov/sereg/projects/jnu_riverside_stephen_richards/documents.shtml. For more information or to submit comments, contact Megan Daniels, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 907-465-2156 or email jnu.riverside.stephen.richards@alaska.gov.
**May 15**

**KETCHIKAN** – Deadline for comments on the **MARGARET CREEK RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)** that analyzes the effects of restoring watershed health, enhancing fish and wildlife habitat, enhancing recreation opportunities, and maintaining plant communities in the Margaret Creek Watershed and surrounding area connected to the Margaret road system. The preliminary EA and supporting information are available at [https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51782](https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51782). For more information, contact Jon Hyde Team Leader, at (907) 225-2148 or email jon.hyde@usda.gov. Send comments to comments-alaska-tongass-ketchikan-mistyfiord@fs.fed.us. Please include project title in the subject line.

**May 17**

**ANCHORAGE** – Comments are due on the proposal to issue an **AIR QUALITY CONTROL OPERATING PERMIT** for ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL LIGHT & POWER, HANK NIKKELS PLANT ONE. This public notice is for the draft operating permit only. The potential annual emissions of regulated air contaminants at the facility are: 31 tons of particulate matter (PM-10), 1,687 tons of nitrogen oxides (NOX), 920 tons of sulfur dioxide (SO2), 258 tons of carbon monoxide (CO), and 7 tons of volatile organic compounds (VOC). The total potential emissions of regulated air contaminants are 2,903 tons per year. The ADEC’s draft operating permit and statement of basis are available at [http://dec.alaska.gov/applications/air/airtoolsweb](http://dec.alaska.gov/applications/air/airtoolsweb). The administrative record for this permit is available for review at the Anchorage office of ADEC during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The draft operating permit and statement of basis are also available at ADEC’s website at: [http://dec.alaska.gov/applications/air/airtoolsweb](http://dec.alaska.gov/applications/air/airtoolsweb). For more information, contact Scott Faber at (907)269-6883 or email scott.faber@alaska.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.

May 27

**KATMAI NATIONAL PARK** – Deadline has been extended from April 16 on the 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](https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=83425).

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

May 2

The **ANNUAL ANCHORAGE ARCTIC RESEARCH SUMMIT** will be held from 9am to 5pm at the Anchorage Museum in conjunction with the **NORTH by NORTH SUMMIT and FESTIVAL**. This year’s conference theme is “TRANSFORMING RESEARCH and SCHOLARSHIP on ARCTIC ECONOMIC and ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY.” The summit runs from 9 am to 5 pm. Co-hosted by the Arctic Research Consortium of the U.S. (ARCUS), UAA, the Anchorage Museum & the Arctic Doman Awareness Center, the Anchorage Arctic Research Summit brings together members of the Anchorage-area Arctic research community to share information among the diverse research and creative activity being conducted by a broad array of organizations, and to foster new connections and collaborations. Participants come from government, corporate, academic, not-for-profit and Indigenous groups. **Keynote speakers** include LIZA MACK, Aleut International, and ROBIN BRONEN, Alaska Institute for Justice and a keynote presentation by LISA BLOOM, author of Gender on Ice: American Ideologies of Polar Expedition. Additional panelists include JAMES HEMSATH, Fowler Center, ANITA MOORE NALL, UAA, STEVE COLT, ACEP, ARLO NASRUK DAVIS, HERMINIA DIN, UAA, TOM RAVENS, UAA, and VANESSA LEE RAYMOND, Convene North. Coffee, lunch and snacks are included with your registration fee. Registration costs $50 and there are scholarships for students and limited income participants. For more information or to register, go to [https://www.anchoragemuseum.org/the-lab/projects/nxn/anchorage-arctic-research-summit-details/](https://www.anchoragemuseum.org/the-lab/projects/nxn/anchorage-arctic-research-summit-details/).

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 4
SOLARIZE SPENARD - COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #2 will be held from Noon to 1:30pm at The Writers Block. 33956 Spenard Road. Anchorage Solar has been selected for the 2019 Solarize Anchorage installer for the Spenard neighborhood. If you live in the Spenard area you have the opportunity to invest in solar with Anchorage Solar at special pricing exclusive to the Solarize Spenard program.

**May 9, 16, 23, & 30
EARLY MORNING BIRD WALKS will be held at the BLM Campbell Tract from 6:30 to 8:30am. Celebrate springtime and witness the progression of the songbird migration! Join us as we team up with the Anchorage Audubon Society for a series of weekly bird walks. Led by expert birders, these walks provide participants the opportunity to develop and fine tune their birding skills. Meet at 6:30 a.m. in the Campbell Creek Science Center parking lot. Dress appropriately for the weather and for walking on uneven terrain. Enjoy hot drinks at the Science Center when the walks are finished.

**May 7
Public hearing will be held at the Anchorage Assembly meeting no earlier than 6pm on Ordinance No. AO 2019-50, amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 14.70 and Sections 14.60.030 and 25.70.040 to ESTABLISH PROHIBITED TRAPPING ZONES in the MUNICIPALITY and PROHIBIT TRAPPING of GAME ANIMALS on ALL PUBLIC LANDS OWNED by THE MUNICIPALITY for the safety of trail users and their pets; and amending AMC Section 8.55.040 to clarify the crime of trapping of animals does not apply to trapping of game animals as regulated by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game. To see the entire ordinance and map, go to http://publicdocs.muni.org/sirepub/cache/0/1qfyge55vl4hl155sidcarfz/97635205022019041156756.PDF and http://publicdocs.muni.org/sirepub/cache/0/1qfyge55vl4hl155sidcarfz/97635305022019041327474.PDF.

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 e evening. Tickets are $15 and are available at: http://www.alaska-trails.org/trailtales.html.

May 8
EXPLORE the IMPACTS of CLIMATE CHANGE, CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING, and CLIMATE RESILIENCE on INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL, and LOCAL LEVELS will be held at 6:30;m at the Anchorage Museum. This event includes: a screening of the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC’S NEW FILM PARIS to PITTSBURGH, a call to action by Anchorage’s First Lady Mara Kimmel, an overview of Anchorage’s new Climate Action Plan, and a chance to engage in a public dialogue on climate resiliency in Anchorage. This free event is co-sponsored by the Anchorage Museum, UAA/APU Books of the Year, the Anchorage Climate Action Plan Steering Committee, and the UAA Dialogues for Public Life Initiative. For more Information, contact Dr. Shannon Donovan at (907) 786-6052 or smdonovan@alaska.edu.

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.

**May 9**
The AMATS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet from 2:30 to 4:30 at 4700 Elmore Road. The agenda includes: Action Items: Citizens Advisory Committee Appointment and Transportation Improvement Program 2019-2022 Admin Mod #1. General Information: 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update. To see the complete agenda, go to http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Technical_Advisory_Committee/2019/050919/1_Agenda.pdf?utm_source=Public+Involvement&utm_campaign=545b20fb5f-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_05_02_06_26&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6e079a03c1-545b20fb5f-140987233.

May 9
FEEDING YOUR URBAN FARM will be held from 6 to 7:30pm in the Loussac Library 4th Floor Learning Center. Before you feed your family with fresh produce grown on your urban farm, you have to feed your soil. Whether you are growing food in containers or raised beds, you need healthy soil in order for your plants to thrive. In this class, we will cover: Soil testing and soil management; Use of compost and organic fertilizers to amend your soil; and Unique challenges urban gardeners may face when managing garden soil. Registration required: Cost is $25 per person. Register at http://bit.ly/FeedingtheUrbanFarm. For more information or questions about registration, contact Gina Dionne at 786-6313 or email gddionne@alaska.edu.

**May 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, & 17**
Public meetings will be held on the MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE SHORT-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN on the following dates and locations:
**May 9** from 5:30 to 7pm in the City Hall Mayor's Conference Room #830
**May 11** from 10 to 11:30am in the Ocean View Elementary Multipurpose Room
**May 13** from 5:30 to 7pm in the West High School Room C252 (CTE Wing)
**May 14** from 5:30 to 7pm in the Eagle River Town Center Community Rm. #170
**May 15** from 10 to 11:30am at the Dimond Center 2nd Floor Next to Habitat Housewares
**May 15** from 5:30 to 7pm in the Muldoon Library Meeting Room
**May 16** from 11:30am to 1pm in the Fairview Recreation Center Multipurpose Room
**May 17** from 10 to 11:30am in the Mountain View Library Community Room

Now Is The Time To Tell Us Your New Route Ideas? JOIN US to review what we heard at the public meetings held in February and look at project proposals to include in the short-range plan based on that feedback. The meetings will focus on developing a project list for the plan. We'll present proposals based on what we've already heard and be ready to hear new ideas: Should we add a new route? If so, where? Should we change an existing route alignment? We'll have proposals drafted for you to review and blank maps to draw on if you have new or different ideas. Do you have an idea on how to improve AnchorRides or RideShare? Deadline for comments, June 9. For more information, call 343-6543, Option 5, email transitonthemove@muni.org or go to TransitOnTheMove. Click Here for a flyer with more information.

May 12
MORGAN MILLER and GAVIN TRIPLETT, WINNERS of the ANCHORAGE ASSOCIATION for ENERGY ECONOMICS (AAEE) 2019 SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES for the best research project in energy economic will presenting their research results at Noon in the Institute for Social & Economic Research (ISER) conference room, 2910 Bragaw Street. Ms. Miller’s research is titled “Is Renewable Energy a First-World Luxury,” and examines whether renewable energy is an economic option for developing countries. Mr. Triplett’s is titled “A Comparison of Simulated and Surveyed Data: End-Use Demand in Alaska,” and models end-use service demands for various energy resources in Alaska. The public is encouraged to attend the presentations and support the students. For more information contact Roger Marks at 907-250-1197 or rogmarks@gmail.com.

**May 14**
Open house meeting will be held from 5:30 to 8pm at the Spenard Recreation Center to discuss ANCHORAGE 2040 PLAN PROGRESS. Join the Anchorage Planning department to get updates on all the projects and initiatives focused on achieving the goals of Anchorage's 2040 Plan for housing, neighborhoods, and more. The evening will feature a dozen city planning projects and initiatives and includes presentations on two proposed Title 21 Zoning Ordinance amendments: R-2 zones building height and bulk standards; and private streets and residential driveways. To see the Open House Flyer, go to Open House Flyer and to see the Anchorage 2040 Implementation Projects Home Page, go to Anchorage 2040 Implementation Projects Home Page. For more information, contact 343-7921 or email anchorage2040@muni.org.

**May 15**
USING DRONES TO MONITOR MARINE WILDLIFE in ALASKA is the topic for the Alaska Wildlife Alliance meeting from 7 to 8 at the BP Energy Center. Drones are becoming increasingly popular for a variety of uses, including wildlife research. Learn how small
unmanned aerial systems (sUAS) are being used as a tool for studying marine wildlife in Alaska from RYAN MARLOW, CMS, will be presenting some of his experience using drones to monitor Alaskan wildlife, with an emphasis on marine species. Ryan Marlow is the Co-Founder of Alaska Aerial Media, an Alaskan based unmanned aerial systems (sUAS) service provider specializing in unmanned survey, infrastructure inspection and heavy lift payloads. Free and open to all ages. For more information, go to www.akwildlife.org.

May 15
ALASKA WILDLIFE ALLIANCE presents COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES to COLLECTION of ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH DATA in the ARCTIC with CARYN REA, Retired Senior Science Advisor at ConocoPhillips Alaska, from 7 to 8pm at the BP Energy Center. Free donuts will be provided courtesy of Dipper Donuts and families are welcome! Go to https://www.akwildlife.org/programs-overview for more information.

**May 16
ALASKA ON THE ELEVATOR OF CLIMATE CHANGE will be presented by RICK THOMAN, Alaska Climate Specialist, from 5:30 to 8pm at the Church of Love, 3502 Spenard Road. Light refreshments. $10 donation requested.

MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE

May 2
JUNEAU – The new film, ROCK PAPER FISH will be shown at 6pm in the Centennial Hall Egan Room. The film is set in Klukwan and Haines and looks at the potential impact of the Proposed Palmer project on the Chilkat Valley. The film will be followed by a panel discussion of local experts.

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 2 & 3
VALDEZ - The PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL BOARD will meet in the Valdez Civic Center from 8:30am to 4:30pm on Thursday and from 8:30am to 12:15pm on Friday. In conjunction with the board meeting, the board of directors for the Alaska Tanker Company and the council will be co-sponsoring a public reception on May 1 from 5:30 to 8:30pm at the Valdez Civic Center. The public is welcome to attend. The meeting is open to the public, except for executive sessions. Public comments are
scheduled to be taken Thursday starting at 8:55am. Regular business election of new board officers, and adoption of the council budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Other topics include: • An introduction and update by the new commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, JASON BRUNE; • A joint presentation from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the council on the Alaska Regional Contingency Plan and updates that have been implemented; • An activity report by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company on the Valdez Marine Terminal and Ship Escort/Response Vessel System operations; • A review by council staff of Alyeska’s Ship Escort/Response Vessel System transition from Crowley Marine Services to Edison Chouest Offshore, including a summary of the transition timeline, general impression of the training and exercises, and significant events; • An update by council staff on the settlement agreement resulting from the request to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation for an adjudicatory hearing regarding the terminal contingency plan, which was pursued jointly by the council, the City of Valdez, Valdez Fisheries Development Association, and Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation. This will include a presentation on the installation of a buoy at the Valdez Marine Terminal to measure weather and currents; • A report from the council’s legislative monitors and staff on political developments and prospects coming out of Washington, D.C. and Juneau; and • An overview by council staff on community outreach activities from the past year. For more information, go to www.pwsrcac.org.

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.

**May 5
JUNEAU - OPEN HOUSE ON M/V TAZLINA will be held from 3 to 5pm at the Frank Palmer Auke Bay Ferry Terminal to celebrate the Alaska Marine Highway's (AMHS) first Alaska Class ferry revenue voyage and the state's first Made in Alaska ferry. The vessel was designed by Elliott Bay Design Group of Seattle, Washington and constructed at Vigor Shipyards in Ketchikan and built along with its sister ship the M/V Hubbard. The Tazlina is scheduled to begin passenger service on May as a day boat in Lynn Canal between the communities of Juneau, Haines and Skagway. The Tazlina is 280 feet long, seats up to 300 passengers, and carries 53 standard vehicles. The Tazlina's onboard amenities include observation lounges with comfortable chairs, a covered heated solarium, a cafeteria-style restaurant, a children's play area, and a quiet room. For more information, contact Aurah Landau at 907-465-4503 or email aurah.landau@alaska.gov.

**May 16
WASILLA – Open house meeting will be held from 4 to 8pm at the Wasilla Senior Center, 1301 S. Century Circle, to unveil an updated design concept for THE KNIK-GOOSE BAY (KGB) ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT: CENTAUR AVENUE TO VINE ROAD. The design refinement was based on input from the public and stakeholders to address issues, challenges, safety and future needs. This complex project is 6.5 miles long with numerous utility
relocations and around 200 property acquisitions. Total project cost is $125-150 million. The project is among the highest transportation priorities for the Dunleavy administration, and the department is considering options to move the project into construction expeditiously, including advanced utility relocations and breaking the project into several phases. The Centaur Avenue to Vine Road project is the larger of the two Knik-Goose Bay (KGB) Road reconstruction projects that DOT&PF is moving toward construction. KGB Road was designated by the State of Alaska as a Safety Corridor in 2009 due to a higher-than-average rate of fatalities and major injury crashes. This designation allowed a multiple agency approach to reduce crashes, bringing together law enforcement, engineering, emergency services and education to improve the safety of the highway. The Centaur Avenue to Vine Road upgrades are scheduled for construction in 2021. Updated maps and materials are available at www.knikgoosebay.com.

**May 17**

**HOMER - SOLAR ENERGY PRESENTATION** will be hosted by SUSTAINABLE HOMER from 7 to 9pm in the US/Alaska auditorium, 95 Sterling Highway. There will be a solar energy tour on May 18. For more information, contact Kyra Wagner at kyra@sustainablehomer.org or call 907-299-4920 or email kyra@sustainablehomer.org.

**ITEMS of INTEREST**

**NITROUS OXIDE EMISSIONS FROM THAWING ALASKAN PERMAFROST ARE 12 TIMES HIGHER THAN PREVIOUSLY ASSUMED.** A recent paper shows that nitrous oxide emissions from thawing Alaskan permafrost are about twelve times higher than previously assumed.

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 **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**

**ANCHORAGE AUDUBON** needs a **COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN** to assist with Newsletters and the New Audubon Facebook page. If you are a hotshot writer and completely at home with Birds, Facebook, and Online Newsletter production, we’d love to give you the dubious title of Press Secretary. Just contact Keys at cic@anchorageaudubon.org.
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. To apply, email Mushroomchristin@gmail.com.

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. 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](http://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.

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

**PROGRAM and OPERATIONS COORDINATOR** for THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS. A 501(c) nonprofit that serves as a forum for education, promotion, and communication between individual Soil & Water Conservation Districts. The Programs and Operations Coordinator is a permanent part-time (starting at 15 hours per week with potential to grow) that provides program and operational support to districts and the AACD Board of Directors to maintain effective daily operations. Responsibilities include administrative, financial, human resources and some program assistance. **Position Requirements**: Experience or college related coursework in natural resource management, soil science, agronomy, forestry, plant ecology, business administration, education, public administration, or a related field. Human relations, hiring/firing and/or Soil & Water Conservation District experience is a plus. Must pass a Federal background check. **Salary**: Hourly rate DOE. (Estimated at $18-25 per hour). 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 located at the Association’s office in Wasilla. For the full job description or to apply write to nicole@homerswcd.org. **Deadline** for applications, May 13.

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.

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 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@cgi.net or mail to ALPAR at PO Box 200393, Anchorage, AK 99520.

OUTREACH and COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR for the SUSITNA RIVER COALITION to work with the diverse communities 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.

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.


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/96c5d7f7e1ff3cdfdfebb?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/34ee71a4be93f9298fe?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
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](https://interioralaskalandtrust.files.wordpress.com/2019/02/conservation-project-coordinator.pdf). 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-](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/994680696/?recommendedFlavor=IN_NETWORK&refId=a2bd2d72-c88d-4b05-b10d-5310fcf95a0f&trk=eml-jymbii-organic-job-)
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