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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

**June 1**
DENALI NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE - Celebrate NATIONAL TRAILS DAY VOLUNTEER DAY at Denali National Park from 9am to 2pm. Want to know what it takes to provide trails for visitors in Denali National Park? Come join the Denali trail crew and celebrate National Trails Day by helping with maintenance activities on the park’s trail system. Volunteers will help the trail crew lop, cut and haul brush and perform routine maintenance. Volunteers may choose from a variety of projects ranging from easy to difficult, depending on their skill and comfort levels. This year’s project is limited to 20 people; please contact the Volunteer Office at 907-683-9504 to register.

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/](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/](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](http://akgeo.org/field-courses/)). Based in the historic town of McCarthy, in the heart of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. Our [interdisciplinary curriculum](http://akgeo.org/field-courses/) 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](http://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 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/, email courses@alaskageographic.org or call 907-683-6432.

June 21 – 23
SEWARD - The SEWARD SEABIRD FESTIVAL, celebrating Alaska's seabirds, will be held at the Alaska SeaLife Center. For more information, go to http://www.alaskasealife.org/uploads/seabird_festival_final_draft.pdf.

June 26- 29
ANCHORAGE - 2019 CONFERENCE: FINDING HOME in the "WILDERNESS": EXPLORATIONS IN BELONGING IN CIRCUMPOLAR FOOD SYSTEMS is the theme for the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society and the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society. For more information, go to https://foodanthro.com/2018/10/10/asfs.afhvs-2019-cfp-finding-home-in-the-wilderness/.

July – 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.

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.

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
**June 4 (WEBINAR)**
The WMO ARCTIC REGIONAL CLIMATE CENTER (ARCRCC) and PAN ARCTIC REGIONAL CLIMATE OUTLOOK FORUM (PARCOF) will be present by RENEE TATUSKO, NWS at 10am. Based on the World Meteorological Organization’s (WMO) Regional Climate Center's (RCCs) concept and as a legacy of the 2007-2008 International Polar Year, the Arctic Regional Climate Center (ArcRCC) network has been established. In support of the ArcRCC initiative, Pan-Arctic Regional Climate Outlook Forums (PARCOFs) occur every May (a face-to-face meeting) and October (virtually). This presentation will provide an overview of the ArcRCC and the latest information from the Third PARCOF held in Rovaniemi, Finland, May 8-9. Registration [HERE](#).

**June 21 (WEBINAR)**
JUNE 2019 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ALASKA CLIMATE OUTLOOK will be presented at Noon by RICK THOMAN, Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy (ACCAP). The tools and techniques for making monthly and season scale climate forecasts are rapidly changing, with the potential to provide useful forecasts at the month and longer range. We will review recent climate conditions around Alaska, review some forecast tools and finish up the Climate Prediction Center's forecast for July and the remaining summer season. More information and registration, go to [http://accap.adobeconnect.com/june2019/event/registration.html](http://accap.adobeconnect.com/june2019/event/registration.html).

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

**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](#).

**July 26**
Deadline for applications for the PEOPLEFORBIKES COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM that offers funding for important and influential projects that leverage federal funding and build momentum for bicycling in communities across the United States. Grants of up to $10,000 are provided for bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride. As part of PeopleForBikes’ efforts to get more children and youth on bikes, the fall 2019 grant cycle is dedicated to supporting bike park and pump track projects only. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development; city or county agencies or
departments; and state or federal agencies working locally. Letters of interest for the fall 2019 grant cycle will be accepted starting June 17; full applications will be due October 18. For more information, go to PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program.

**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](http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdplng/cip/stip/projects/2023_ctp_peb.shtml) or call (907) 465-4070 or email dot.stip@alaska.gov.

**DEADLINES**

**May 27**
KATMAI NATIONALPARK – 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).

**May 27**
COOK INLET - Comments are due on the proposal to reissue AN ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM INDIVIDUAL PERMIT to COOK INLET ENERGY LLC - OSPREY PLATFORM to authorize certain discharges and mixing zones to state waters in Cook Inlet. The Osprey Platform (Platform) is an active oil and gas production facility, is operated by the Cook Inlet Energy, LLC, a subsidiary of Glacier Oil & Gas Corporation. The Platform is located west-southwest of Anchorage and southeast of West Foreland in the Cook Inlet. The Permit includes discharges of deck drainage, graywater, various miscellaneous discharges, and produced water. This reissuance of the Permit includes the discharge of produced water for the first time by the facility. The Permit and Fact Sheet provide details regarding the pollutants of concern, mixing zones (where applicable), and specific monitoring requirements for each discharge and are available at
http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/. For more information or to submit comments, contact Anita Erickson at (907) 269-7616 or email Anita.Erickson@alaska.gov.

May 28

COOK INLET – Deadline for comments on the application by HILCORP ALASKA, LLC to authorize GRANITE POINT PLATFORM SUPPLEMENTAL PRODUCTION DRILLING for certain discharges and mixing zones to state waters in Cook Inlet. The Granite Point Platform (GPP) is an offshore platform associated with oil and gas development and is located at the west side of Cook Inlet and in proximity to Granite Point. The proposed discharges will be for a mobile offshore drilling unit to conduct production drilling at the GPP. The proposed Permit is a new and will expire five years from the effective date. The Permit and Fact Sheet provide details regarding pollutants of concern, mixing zones (where applicable) and specific monitoring requirements for each discharge are available at http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater. For more information or to submit comments, contact Gerry Brown at (907) 269-4874 or email Gerry.Brown@alaska.gov.

**May 30 (DEADLINE EXTENDED)**

HAINES – Because the State of Alaska provided the wrong mailing address for public comments the deadline for a application for a State of Alaska INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT for the CONSTANTINE-PALMER PROJECT in the CHILKAT VALLEY located 35 miles northwest of Haines on the eastern margin of the Saint Elias mountain range in the Glacier Creek drainage. The Palmer Project is undertaking advanced exploration for copper, zinc, gold, and silver. The DEC Waste Management Permit regulates containment and land application of non-domestic wastewater from exploration activities and containment and disposal of potentially acid generating rock. Constantine North, Inc. is applying for a Waste Management Permit and Amendment to Reclamation Plan Approval for their Phase II exploration activities in the Chilkat Watershed. Much of the activity will be on Mental Health Trust land. For more information or to submit comments, contact Kyle Moselle at 907-465-6849 or email kyle.moselle@alaska.gov.

May 30

SITKA - TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST - Comments are due on the COMMERCIAL USE ALLOCATION ON SITKA AREA TRAILS AND ROAD ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) that 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. The EA and supporting information are located on the project website at http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=52033. The EA is located under the "Project Documents - Analysis" heading. For more information go to submit comments, contact Mike Mullin, Natural Resource Specialist, at (907) 747-4274 or email michael.mullin@usda.gov.

**May 31 (DEADLINE EXTENDED)**

COOK INLET – Comments are now due on the proposal to issue Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) Draft Permit for the COOK INLET ENERGY, LLC, OSPREY
PLATFORM. Mixing zone in Essential Fish Habitat: Yes. The permit documents can be accessed at [http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/](http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/) under the Public Notice section. For more information or to submit comments contact Anita Erickson at 907-269-7616 Anita.Erickson@alaska.gov.

**May 31**

**STATEWIDE** – Deadline for comments on the 2018-2021 STIP (STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS) AMENDMENT 3. Amendment 3 include only those projects which have been modified for scope, funding, and scheduling issues, as well as new projects. A complete list of all 2018-2021 STIP projects can be found on the STIP Plans page at [http://www.dot.alaska.gov/stip](http://www.dot.alaska.gov/stip). For more information, call (907) 465-4070 or email dot.stip@alaska.gov.

**June 11**

**POINT THOMPSON** - Comments are due on the proposal to reissuance of ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES to EXXON MOBILE ALASKA PRODUCTION INC. for the production and recovery of natural gas and liquid condensate from the Thomson Sand reservoir, the re-injection of residual gas back into the reservoir and transporting the condensate to the Trans Alaska Pipeline System. At the southeast corner of the PTU is the Qiruk Camp (Camp) that includes housing, operation facilities and drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities to support the operations. The reissuance of the Permit will provide continued coverage for the following wastewater discharge from the Camp to Lion Bay: Outfall 004AB: A comingle discharge that is comprised of treated effluent from the wastewater treatment plant (Outfall 004A) and reject water from the water treatment plant (Outfall 004B). Pollutant parameters for Outfall 004A include total suspended solids (TSS), bacteria and metals. Pollutant parameters for Outfall 004B include TSS and copper. The combined discharge of Outfall 004A and Outfall 004B includes the authorization with an acute mixing zone with a dilution factor of 31 for copper and zinc and a chronic mixing zone with a dilution factor of 51.5 for copper, zinc, manganese, temperature and dissolved oxygen. Copper is the driving parameter for both zones. A Draft Permit, The permit is for five (5) years. Fact Sheet and associated documents are available [http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/](http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/). For more information or to submit comments Monica Boyer at Monica.Boyer@alaska.gov.

**June 13**

Deadline to comment on the BERING SEA-WESTERN INTERIOR REGIONAL MANAGEMENT PLAN & EIS on a draft plan for future public land management actions in the Bering Sea-Western Interior region of Alaska. The planning area consists of about 62.3 million acres of land, including almost 13.5 million acres of public lands managed by the BLM Anchorage Field Office. When complete, the revised plan will replace the 1981 Southwest Management Framework Plan and a small portion of the 1986 Central Yukon Resource Management Plan for BLM-managed public lands in the planning area. The draft plan outlines the goals, objectives, and actions being considered to guide the management of these public lands, including management of subsistence resources, mineral exploration and development, and recreation. The Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) and supporting information are available on the BLM at [www.blm.gov/alaska/BSWI](http://www.blm.gov/alaska/BSWI). Submit comment to the BLM ePlanning website at [www.blm.gov/alaska/BSWI](http://www.blm.gov/alaska/BSWI) (Once on
ePlanning, click on the “comment” button next to the Draft RMP/EIS document) or email to BSWI_RMP_Comment@blm.gov.

**June 14**
Deadline for application for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM for 5 Alaska positions on Resource Advisory Councils (RACs). These citizen-based committees assist in the development of recommendations that address public land management issues. RACs are critical in assisting the BLM in continuing to be a good neighbor in communities served by the Bureau, providing advice and recommendations on issues including land use planning, fire management, off-highway vehicle use, recreation, oil and gas exploration, mining, and noxious weed management. Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on a RAC. Nominees, who must be residents of Alaska where the RAC has jurisdiction, will be reviewed based on their training, education, and knowledge of the RAC’s geographic area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision-making. Letters of reference must accompany all nominations from any represented interests or organizations, a completed RAC application, and any other information that speaks to the nominee’s qualifications. Position are open the following categories: **Category One** – Representatives of organizations associated with energy/mineral development; federal grazing permit holders; the timber industry; transportation or rights-of-way; off-highway vehicles users; and commercial and developed outdoor recreation. **Category Two** – Representatives of archeological and historic organizations; dispersed recreation users; wild horse and burros organizations; and nationally or regionally-recognized environmental organizations. **Category Three** – Representatives of state, county, or local elected office; Indian tribes located within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; academicians employed in natural resource management or natural sciences; employees of a state agency responsible for management of natural resources; and the public at large. The Advisory Panel represents stakeholders, user groups, and other interested parties from regions within the Board’s purview: The Gulf of Alaska, the Bering Sea, and the Arctic, and one at-large seat. Appointments are for three-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. The seat currently vacant and advertised here represents the Arctic region. Advisory Panel members advise the Board on accomplishing its overall mission of fielding a high caliber, comprehensive research program that will: 1) improve our understanding of the Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, and Arctic Ocean ecosystems and their fisheries, and 2) help to sustain and enhance marine resources. For more information, please contact Jim Hart at (907) 271-3130 or jehart@blm.gov or go to http://www.nprb.org/nprb/about-us/advisory-panel.

**June 20**
Deadline for nominations/applications for the ARCTIC REGION ADVISORY PANEL of the NPRB ADVISORY & SCIENCE BOARD. The Advisory Panel represents stakeholders, user groups, and other interested parties from regions within the Board’s purview: The Gulf of Alaska, the Bering Sea, and the Arctic, and one at-large seat. Appointments are for three-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. The seat currently vacant and advertised here represents the Arctic region. Advisory Panel members advise the Board on accomplishing its overall mission of fielding a high caliber, comprehensive research program that will: 1) improve our understanding of the Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, and Arctic Ocean ecosystems and their fisheries, and 2) help to sustain and enhance marine resources. For more information see http://www.nprb.org/nprb/about-us/advisory-panel.
EVENTS & MEETINGS in ANCHORAGE, EAGLE RIVER & GIRDWOOD

May 29
BIRDING 101 will be held at 7pm at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive. The birds are back! Improve your birding skills as we review basic bird identification, binocular use, and how to share your sightings using eBird. We’ll start the evening indoors and end with a bird walk outside to practice our new skills. Bring your own binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. No previous birding experience necessary. It is part of the Midsummer Night's Science Series and is free and open to the public. Please call 267-1247 for more information.

May 30
EARLY MORNING BIRD WALK 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.

**June & July (Every Saturday & Monday)
POTTER MARSH BIRD WALKS will be from 8 to 10am on Saturdays and from 7 to 9am on Mondays. Meet your guide at the boardwalk entrance kiosk at Potter Marsh. Join us for a guided leisurely walk on the Potter Marsh boardwalk and nearby trails to identify and learn about the area’s wildlife. This family-friendly event is free and is for the beginning birder as well as those that know their way around a bird’s wing. Binoculars are available for loan (no charge) and spotting scopes and guide books will also be available. Walks will take place rain-or-shine, so dress accordingly. Kids are encouraged to attend and wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by Audubon Alaska and the Alaska Department of Fish & Game. Free. For more information, contact Joe Meehan at (907) 267-2281.

**June 1
POTTER MARSH DISCOVERY DAY will be held from 11am to 4pm at the Potter Marsh boardwalk. Help celebrate Anchorage's most popular wildlife viewing area at this free annual event. This family-friendly nature festival brings you birding stations along the boardwalk, captive birds from Bird TLC, educational animals from the Alaska Zoo, archery and spin casting practice, hands-on nature activities for kids, release of a rehabilitated wild bird, and more. A food vendor will be on site; parking available nearby; restrooms and entire facility are accessible to those in wheelchairs. For information, contact Joe Meehan at (907) 267-2281 or email joe.meehan@alaska.gov.

**June 1
CELEBRATE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY by working on CHUGACH STATE PARK TRAILS. Give back to the trails you love. Join Chugach State Park and the Alaska Trail Volunteers working to construct a new one-mile section of the Middle Fork of Campbell Creek
Trail. This new section will replace and realign an old, unsustainable stretch. Chugach State Park has been working for over a decade to complete the Middle Fork Trail and this is the last section to be completed. This is an extremely rewarding and engaging way for volunteers to leave a lasting positive impact on this beloved trail in Chugach State Park. Registration and other details at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/middle-fork-trail-work-day-tickets-61450428887.

**June 7**

THE AK FLYWAY- GRAND OPENING AND FIRST FRIDAY EVENT will be held from 6 to 8pm at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive. This is a festive evening to rejoice in the return of summer and Alaska's migratory birds. Featuring the installation of our NEW BIRD MIGRATION EXHIBIT: THE AK FLYWAY. The event includes a guided bird walk, scavenger hunts for the kids, and information about birding apps like eBird. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 267-1241.

**June 8**

Help CONSTRUCT A NEW ONE-MILE SECTION of the MIDDLE FORK of CAMPBELL CREEK TRAIL from 10am to 5pm. Meet at the Prospect Heights Trailhead. This new section will replace and realign an old, unsustainable stretch. Chugach State Park has been working for over a decade to complete the Middle Fork Trail and this is the last section to be completed. This is an extremely rewarding and engaging way for volunteers to leave a lasting positive impact on this beloved trail in Chugach State Park. Bring: Lunch, rain gear, work gloves, long work pants and leather boots. To register, go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/middle-fork-trail-work-day-tickets-61450428887.

**June 9**

Celebrate the NEW NATURE VIEWING PLATFORM at WESTCHESTER LAGOON at 10am. The platform is located across the little island by the boat ramp at the North Parking Lot. Wildlife Biologist/ Naturalist, JOHN WENGER, has donated the platform to the people of Alaska and “all those who help save our natural world”. At noon and during high tide, there will be a nature walk on the Coastal Trail so bring your field guides and binoculars.

**June 13**

Public hearing will be held on the TOWN SQUARE MASTER PLAN DRAFT at 7pm before the Parks and Recreation Commission, at the Spenard Recreation Center, 2020 W. 48th Avenue. The master plan provides a 20-year vision that seeks to address issues, prioritize improvements, and identify strategies to ensure that Town Square Park is a safe and thriving public space for all. Following approval of the master plan, the Parks and Recreation Department will begin prioritizing implementation items and investments in Town Square Park. For more information and to view the Town Square Park Master Plan, go to http://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/TownsquareParkMasterPlan.aspx or download a copy here.

**June 15**

Help IMPROVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT to the POPULAR WINNER CREEK TRAIL from 10am to 3pm. Meet at the Winner Creek Gorge Trailhead (Lower Winner Creek Trail), 601 Crow Creek Road. The primary focus will be on cleaning out, maintaining and
improving a number of drainage ditches. There is also potential to install new drainage features, harden wet spots with gravel, and do some nearby brushing work. To register, go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/winner-creek-trail-work-day-tickets-61502207759.

MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE

May 23 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)
KETCHIKAN - The KETCHIKAN FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting at 5:30pm in the Alaska Department of Fish & Game Office Conference Room. A teleconference may be available for those not able to attend in person. Please contact Jessalynn at 907-465-6097 for teleconference information. Agenda items will include: Potential Board of Game proposals, including trapping; Potential Board of Fisheries proposals; Advisory committee bylaws including membership, seat designation; Other fish and game issues as needed; Other Advisory Committee business. For further information contact Chair John Scoblic at jscoblic@TridentSeafoods.com.

May 25, & June 1
KENAI - KENAI PENINSULA BIRDING FESTIVAL will follow a new format this year. Rather than following the previous four-day format, there will be three events on three successive weekends.

May 25 - Kenai Wildlife Refuge Walk will be held from 8 to 11am. Enjoy a walk in the woods near the Kenai Wildlife Refuge Headquarters near Soldotna. This easy to moderate two-mile walk is through a boreal forest and marsh habitats. Meet at the New Kenai Refuge Visitor Center. American Three-toed Woodpecker, Brown Creeper, and Golden-crowned Kinglet are possible. The first part of the walk will be on the Keen-Eye Trail followed by other trails as time permits. Led by George and Bev Kirsch. A Walk in the Woods – 1:30 to 3pm on the Funny River Road: A major fire in 2014 created ideal habitat for woodpeckers and flycatchers. Local birder Cyndie Avery will lead an easy walk on a closed to vehicles dirt road to look for boreal species.

June 1 - Stormy Lake Walk will be held from 7:30 to 9:30am - approximately 22 miles N of Kenai on North Kenai Rd. Park. Meet at gate on road to the Boat Ramp. Easy 0.5-mile round trip walk on gravel road through brushy forest to Stormy Lake lakeshore. Blackpoll and Yellow Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Brown creepers and Swainson’s Thrush possible. Recognition of bird songs and calls emphasized. Led by George and Bev Kirsch. More information is posted at http://kenaipeninsula.org/kenai-peninsula-birding-festival or call Ken Tarbox at 907-262-7767 or go to https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wildlifenews.view_article&articles_id=903.

May 25
FAIRBANKS – Fairbanks Soil & Water Conservation District will hold their 2019 TREE AND SHRUB SALE from 11am to 4pm at 590 University Avenue. Beautify your yard or landscape with some plants (while supporting Natural Resource Education in the Fairbanks area!). We primarily focus on small, bare-root, local trees and shrubs that do well in our cold Alaskan soils. We emphasize plants that support wildlife habitat, landscape improvements, revegetation projects, soil and water conservation, and our local economy and community. Our new 2019 selection includes ornamental flowering trees, trees native to Alaska, improved berry producing
plants, flowering perennials and landscape plants. As always, all proceeds support Natural Resource Education!

**May 28**

JUNEAU - The ALASKA STATE PARK JUNEAU AREA CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD will hold a SPECIAL POTLUCK MEETING, location TBD, please bring something to share Everyone is welcome! We are recruiting for new additional members - The board has a few vacant seats, this is your opportunity to share your opinions about how best to manage and preserve the unique natural, cultural and historic Juneau community state parks, while enhancing the recreational opportunities and enjoyment for all visitors and future generations. For more information, contact the Juneau State Park office at 465-4563 for additional information.

**May 29**

HOMER - KBRR HOSTS OCEAN ACIDIFICATION PUBLIC LECTURE from 7 to 8 pm in the US/Alaska Auditorium. For more information, contact Dana Nelson at 907-235-1504 or 907-235-1504 or email ddnelson4@alaska.edu.

**May 30**

HAINES - UPPER LYNN CANAL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at 5 pm in the Haines City Council Chambers. Agenda: - Request for information regarding impacts to wildlife of the Palmer Project. - Highway reconstruction and proactive measures for enhanced rearing habitat. - DEC application and fish habitat concerns. - Borough Hazardous Aqueous storage ordinance discussion. - other actions regarding king salmon enhancement. For more information, contact AC chair Tim McDonough at 766-2584 or Jessalynn Rintala at the 907.465.6097 or email jessalynn.rintala@alaska.gov.

**June 1, 8 & 22**

Celebrate National Trails by improving trails at the following locations:

**June 1 – WHITTIER** – Project will be brushing to improving sight lines on the WHITTIER CREEK TRAIL and the adjacent HORSETAIL FALLS CONNECTOR TRAIL and constructing and widening tread from 9am to 4pm. Meet at the Whittier Public Safety Building.

To register, go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/whittier-national-trails-day-tickets-61245752695.

**June 8 – MOOSE PASS** – The project is constructing a NEW SECTION of the IDITAROD NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL BEGINNING at ROCKY CREEK where and working SOUTH TOWARD VICTOR CREEK from 8:30am to 4:30 pm. Meet at the Kenai Lake Work Center, 33599 Ranger Station Spur. The work will be strenuous and the terrain steep. Volunteers should be aware of their own abilities. The trail crew will have the trail corridor cleared of downed logs and partnering youth crews will be working on constructing trail tread the week leading up to the event. Volunteers will work alongside two youth crews and Forest Service employees. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rocky-creek-iditarod-national-historic-trail-volunteer-event-tickets-61445530235.

**June 22 – PALMER** - Join us to REHABILITATE SOME of the MAT-SU'S FINEST TRAILS from 9am to 4pm. Meet at the Lazy Mountain Trailhead, 2851 N Mountain Trail Circle. Participants will use hand tools to help stop switchback cutting and rogue social trails by transplanting vegetation and placing obstructions such as tree trunks and limbs to direct traffic on
the trail. No previous experience needed. There will be some physical labor involved so the ability to hike and use various hand tools is important. Bring: Lunch, snacks, water, bug dope, rain gear, backpack, and gloves. To register, go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lazy-moose-trail-day-mat-su-borough-tickets-61894688680.

**June 3 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)**

COPPER CENTER - A public hearing will be held from 6 to 9pm at the Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve Visitor to receive testimony on a TEMPORARY SPECIAL ACTION REQUEST submitted to the Federal Subsistence Board (Board). Temporary Special Action request WSA19-03, submitted by Paul Rude, requests that the BOARD CLOSE FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS IN UNIT 13 TO THE HUNTING OF CARIBOU AND MOOSE EXCEPT by FEDERALLY QUALIFIED SUBSISTENCE USERS for the 2019–2020 SEASON. At this meeting, the public will have an opportunity to provide testimony to representatives of the Federal Subsistence Management Program. To participate by telephone, call 888-566-1030, passcode 3344290.

**June 5 & 6**

PORTAGE - NEW HOME on the RANGE: WOOD BISON RESTORATION FIELD-TRIP will be held from 9am to 5pm at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. The Alaska Wood Bison is North America’s largest land animal and once had a thriving population in Alaska. Wood Bison left the Alaska landscape years ago, until a small herd was discovered in Canada. In this workshop learn the natural history of these behemoth cousins of the Plains Bison and the effort to repopulate Alaska with wood bison through a reintroduction project. We’ll learn about the natural history of wood bison, why this project became important and how the initiative began to make it happen. We’ll use science, civics, social studies and math to demonstrate how educators can engage students in a place-based themed series of lessons for the classroom and beyond and then meet these mighty mammals up close with biologist Tom Seaton. Both days will take place at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, one of the major partners of this project. For more information, go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-home-on-the-range-wood-bison-restoration-field-trip-for-teachers-tickets-58606690188.

**June 5, 12, 19, & 26**

FAIRBANKS – The DISCOVER ALASKA LECTURE SERIES will be held at 7pm in the Murie Building auditorium, UAF presenting the following:

**June 5 - CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON INSECTS in ALASKA and GLOBALLY** with DEREK SIKES, insects, biology and wildlife curator, University of Alaska Museum of the North, and professor of entomology, UAF Department of Biology and Wildlife.

**June 12 - UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS: THEIR CAPABILITIES, POTENTIAL, and CURRENT RESEARCH USES** with PETER WEBLEY, associate director of research, UAF Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration.

**June 19 - READING NATURE’S STORY: INTERPRETING TRACKS and SIGNS of ALASKA’S WILDLIFE** with MIKE TARAS, wildlife education and outreach specialist, Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

**June 26 - RESPONSES, RISKS and RESILIENCE of ARCTIC MARINE MAMMALS in a CHANGING CLIMATE** with DONNA HAUSER, research assistant professor, UAF International Arctic Research Center.
**June 7**
FAIRBANKS: NORTHERN ALASKA ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER will hold its DONOR APPRECIATION PICNIC from 5:30 to 8:30pm at 830 College Road. We invite our donors and supporters to join us for a backyard picnic to catch up on our work, celebrate our community, and share a meal. Main course provided. Side dish and pie potluck. Lawn games if the weather is nice.

**June 8**
PALMER - FUN on the FLATS - REFLECTIONS LAKE DISCOVERY DAY will be held from 11am to 3pm at Reflections Lake, Mile 30 Glenn Highway at the Knik River Access exit. Get outdoors and explore the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge; Family-friendly events including nature walks, booths, activities and art; Learn to identify birds on the refuge; Live educational bird presentation; Bear spray demonstrations; Trap release demonstrations; Learn to cast a fly rod; Help stock lake with fish; Food truck on-site.

**June 8**
COOPER LANDING - Join DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE on the Kenai Peninsula when we partner with the U.S. Forest Service for a STEWARDSHIP DAY AT THE RUSSIAN RIVER. We will help prepare the Russian River for a STEWARDSHIP DAY AT THE RUSSIAN RIVER. We will be volunteering to help the Forest Service put up seasonal fencing and informational signs on the Chugach National Forest that will keep humans and bears safe and protect salmon habitat. Volunteers will get a Defenders T-shirt, pizza, and FREE CAMPING at the Russian River Campground. Please RSVP to register and get more information to nwhittington-evans@defenders.org or call 907-272-0306. Campsites will fill up fast!! Also, go to the following link to see a short video and learn more about last year’s Stewardship Day and what it was like for volunteers at https://medium.com/wild-without-end/stewardship-for-the-russian-river-7af993206d4d.

**ITEMS of INTEREST**

Episode 1 of the new AKCC podcast - CARBON PRICING is available. Earlier this winter BRETWOOD HIGMAN was interviewed for this episode by BJORN OLSON who worked with Seward musician, MARK TECKENBROCK, on an original score. SKYLER KLINE did the graphics and web layout. We would be honored if you gave it a listen and let us know what you think. We are also open to suggestions for future episodes. Go to https://www.alaskansknowclimatechange.com/podcast to see it.

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.

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.

INTERNSHIP

**ALASKA MARITIME NATIONAL WILDLIFE RESERVE is seeking A YEAR-LONG INTERN team member to join our education & outreach team starting in September 2019! Seeking an individual enthusiastic about engaging with the public through education work, event programming, volunteer management, communications and marketing, and supporting our
visitor center! To join the team and share stories of amazing wildlife. Apply at https://bit.ly/2HCzJ6P. For more information, contact Marianne Aplin at 907-226-4619 or email Marianne_Aplin@fws.gov; 907-226-4619.

**FARMERS in HOMER** are often seeking part-time to FULL-TIME HELP in the field and around the farm. If you or someone you know would like such work (it’s better if you are looking for experience rather than looking to make lots of money), then please contact the Homer Soil and Water office. They are keeping a list of interested possibilities to match up with farmers. Call 907-235-8177 ext 5 or email Kyra@homerSWCD.org.

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

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

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
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** for the TAKSHANUK WATERSEHD COUNCIL (TWC) in Haines, to strengthen and advance TWC’s programs and services and implement TWC’s strategic plan. The ideal candidate will share TWC’s core values of being science-based, credible, professional, collaborative, invested, and visionary. **Qualifications:** • An advanced degree related to natural resource management and/or professional experience relating to the fields of natural resource management, • 3-5 years’ experience in non-profits and non-profit leadership, grant writing and reporting experience, • Ability to develop and track organizational budgets with Quickbooks experience preferred, • Strong speaking, presentation, writing, and listening skills, organizational leadership experience particularly working with non-profit boards and government agencies, • Proficiency with standard computer software, ability to work under pressure and deadlines, and prior experience in Alaska (preferred but not required). Full-time salary range of $40,000 - $50,000 annually. **To apply,** send an email with a cover letter detailing qualifications, CV/resume, and salary requirements to Meredith@takshanuk.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and accepted until June 15 with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2019.

**OFFICE COORDINATOR/MANAGER** the SOUTHEAST ALASKA CONSERVATION COUNCIL (SEACC) in Juneau to coordinate and oversee SEACC’s daily administrative work. Full-time permanent non-exempt position; salary range between $37,000-$43,000 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#OCM for full job description and how to apply. Applications accepted until position is filled. Desired position start date is June 3.

**AYEA 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COORDINATOR** for the Alaska Center Education Fund in Anchorage will plan and implement AYEA's 20th Anniversary Celebration that was rescheduled due to the earthquake and will work closely with AYEA alumni and Alaska Center staff to implement both a Gala on Friday and a Reunion on Saturday. This person would ideally be based in Anchorage. Dates: mid-May to mid-Oct. 10, ~5 hours per week. Compensation Depends On Experience. Please send a letter of interest and resume to margi@akcenter.org.

**FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR** for the CALYPSO FARM and ECOLOGY CENTER in Fairbanks for 25-30+ hours/week on average, depending on field trip schedule with approximately 40 hours per week during Camp sessions. Compensation: •$15/hour•Farm lunches May –September (Monday thru Fridays) •CSA vegetable share through the growing season (early June through late September) The prime responsibility of the Field Trip Coordinator is to run Calypso's field trips. **Qualifications:** • Environmental education experience; • Ability to work in a team, as well as independently; • Excellent interpersonal communication skills; • Work well under pressure and can troubleshoot on the spot; • Attention to detail and excellent organizational skills; • Must have a reliable vehicle to get to the Farm each day; • A good sense of humor! **To Apply:** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Early applications are encouraged! Please send a resume, 3 work related references and the answers to the following questions to Christie Shell, calypsochristie@gmail.com. We will contact you about an interview. 1. Describe why you are interested in being Calypso’s Farm
2. Describe your most relevant work experience that will aid you in this position. 3. Give a work-related example to demonstrate your organizational skills. 4. Are you available for the dates of the position (Immediately—October 1, 2019)? 5. If you were a vegetable, what would you be and why? 6. How did you hear about this position? For the full position description, go to https://calypsofarm.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2019-Field-Trip-Coordinator-updated.pdf?

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.

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

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. To Apply: Please email a resume/CV and cover letter detailing your qualifications to interioraklandtrust@gmail.com.

To RECEIVE What's Up, ADD items, CHANGE EMAIL ADDRESS or UNSUBSCRIBE, contact Peg Tileston at pegt@gci.net.