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

To see the SCHEDULE for the WRANGELL MOUNTAIN CENTER PROGRAMS and WORKSHOPS for the summer, go to [https://www.wrangells.org/program-schedule](https://www.wrangells.org/program-schedule).

**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 [https://www.alaskasealife.org/sewardseabird](https://www.alaskasealife.org/sewardseabird).

**Now 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](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 29**
EAGLE RIVER - BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS will be presented by nature photographer JAMIN HUNTER TAYLOR from 6:30 to 8pm at the Eagle River Nature Center as he shares his tips, tricks and methods to photographing birds, covering field gear, what makes a good composition, and much more. This evening lecture is Session 1 of a weekend workshop but can be attended independently of the whole workshop for $20. 6:30-8pm. Registration required at [https://ernc.worldsecuresystems.com/programs/register.htm?pid=8658928&t=1](https://ernc.worldsecuresystems.com/programs/register.htm?pid=8658928&t=1).

**June 30**
EAGLE RIVER - BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY BOOTCAMP will be taught by nature photographer JAMIN HUNTER TAYLOR from 7am to 1pm at the Eagle River Nature Center. This is a comprehensive workshop equipping you to get better, more stunning images of a variety of species of birds. Following Session 1 on Saturday night, Session 2 starts with an early morning photography walk, followed by Session 3 which will take you into the classroom for an edition workflow walkthrough to help you take your images from good to GREAT! Cost is $75.
and covers all three workshop sessions. Register at
https://ernc.worldsecsuresystems.com/programs/register.htm?pid=8658911&t=1

July 19
ANCHORAGE - ADVANCED NEPA WORKSHOP will be held from 8am to 4:30pm in
the HDR, 2525 C Street, Fourth floor conference room. Alaska Association of Environmental
Professionals (AAEP), in coordination with the National Association of Environmental
Professionals (NAEP), is providing this all-day NEPA training opportunity. The workshop is
designed to inform consultants, regulators, applicants, and industry professionals on the
advanced aspects of NEPA practice, as well as emerging trends and issues in practice, policy,
and case law. If you are interested in attending, Please send your name, organization, and phone
number to info@akaep.org to receive registration instructions as soon as they are available. Cost:
$175 for NAEP members and $250 for non-members.

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

July 26 – 28; August 12 – 14; August 23 - 25
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
  - 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 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 17 – 19
JUNEAU - 2019 ALASKA SECTION OF ALASKA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the Centennial Hall Convention Center. This year’s theme is: WATER RESOURCES in a CHANGING LANDSCAPE. The annual conference is an opportunity for collaboration among physical, biological, and social scientists, engineers, and other professionals concerned with water resource research, planning, development, management, and education. See the list of proposed sessions and topics below include: Weather and water Extremes (including drought); Water rights; Habitat (fish); SE AK hydrography; Landslides; Geospatial data and modeling; Glacier dam outburst floods - workshop or session; Coastal hydrology/processes; Hazards; Applied, impacts, and social sciences; and Other Related Topics. The end of early registration and the deadline to submit abstracts for 15 minute talk or a poster session is August 17. Student Travel Grant: Travel grants up to $500 are available to offset costs for student presenters. Students applying for a 2019 travel grant must be traveling to the conference and be presenting a poster or talk. Please e-mail the conference chair at awra.alaska@gmail.com to be considered for a student travel grant. For more information, go to https://www.ak-awra.org/ameetings/2019am/.

WEBINARS & TELECONFERENCES

**July 11 & 25 (WEBINARS)
The University of Alaska Fairbanks' Alaska Center for Energy and Power is hosting a free webinar series to discuss renewable energy projects. The series will feature Alaskans sharing how such projects have helped communities improve their energy and food security. Participants can learn about advocating for supportive energy policy, working on renewable energy projects and understanding the technical aspects of energy integration. Click on the linked webinar titles below to register. All webinars begin at 9am.

**July 11 - WIND ENERGY IN THE ARCTIC with MATT BERGAN (Kotzebue Electric Association)

**July 25 - MULTICOMMUNITY ENERGY PERSPECTIVES, presented by MEERA KOHLER (Alaska Village Electric Cooperative)

Each webinar will be livestreamed online through registration links. Webinars will include a 15- to 25-minute presentation followed by time for questions and discussion. The presentations will be recorded and posted for access via the ACEP website. For more information on the Arctic Community Energy Webinar Series, contact Amanda Byrd at agbyrd@alaska.edu. Registration information will be available at http://acep.uaf.edu/ the week before each webinar.

**July 23 (WEBINAR)
APPLICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TO STATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT will be held from 10 to 11:30am AKDT. This webinar will provide a basic primer on environmental justice (EJ) methodologies which can be used by state practitioners during National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review and other environmental impact assessments. It will also build on this foundation with presentations regarding the State of Alaska’s efforts to address health issues in environmental impact assessment and the State of Kentucky’s efforts to address transportation-related community impacts. It will feature Elizabeth Poole, US EPA; Sarah Yoder, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services; Stuart Goodpastor, Transportation Engineer formerly with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet; and David Whitworth, US Department of Transportation.


The first three webinars in this series focused on:
• Identifying and Prioritizing Environmentally Impacted and Vulnerable Communities (April 16, 2019) Recording available at: https://youtu.be/1gsI4oIEb0U
• Enhancing Community Involvement in the Regulatory Process (May 15, 2019) Recording available at: https://youtu.be/iz3sc9xSoPg
• Using Comprehensive Area-Wide Planning to Promote Equitable Development (June 18, 2019)

For more information, go to https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice or for questions about the series, contact Charles Lee at lee.charles@epa.gov.

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 15
Deadline for applications for the BLM WILDLIFE PROGRAM GRANTS that helps ensure self-sustaining populations and a natural abundance and diversity of wildlife on public lands for the enjoyment and use of present and future generations. The Program is responsible for maintaining, restoring, and conserving species and their habitats in cooperation with the Federal and State wildlife agencies, and other partner organizations. The BLM will work with partners and maintain close collaboration with States, Tribes, other Federal agencies, and other organizations in conserving and restoring wildlife habitats to support wildlife and wildlife uses under a shared conservation stewardship approach. The Wildlife Program leverages funds with
other BLM programs to address vegetation restoration that not only improves wildlife habitat, but also increases forage for livestock, improves water quality, removes invasive weed species, and reduces the threat for catastrophic wildfires. For more information, go to Click on the full announcement link above to access the Funding Opportunity Document. For additional information, contact Grants Management Officer Brandon Riley at (202) 912-7540 or email briley@blm.gov.

July 16
Deadline for applications for THE CENTER for HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT and JUSTICE: SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM. The Center for Health, Environment and Justice (CHEJ) is a leading resource for grassroots environmental activism, with a vision for clean, green neighborhoods nationwide. CHEJ’s Small Grants Program helps grassroots, community organizing groups build leadership, increase capacity, and provide training and education. The program is designed to especially reach people from low-wealth communities and communities of color who are impacted by environmental harms. Grant activities can include board development, membership outreach, and fundraising efforts. Grant amounts range from $1,000 to $20,000 depending on the size of the applying organization. Visit the CHEJ website to download the Small Grants Program guidelines.

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.

**August 16**
Deadline for applications for THE NATURE CONSERVANCY: NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS ACCELERATOR GRANT PROGRAM that supports projects with potential to substantially increase the use of natural climate solutions throughout the United States. The focus is on helping to kick-start innovative and scalable approaches to capturing greenhouse gas emissions by using natural and working lands. The program strives to support and develop a portfolio of proven approaches and mechanisms to deploying natural solutions that landowners, state and federal governments, corporations, and other climate leaders can efficiently implement on a broad scale. Priority will be given to projects representing novel approaches for scaling climate solutions in a range of natural and working lands (forests, agricultural lands, grasslands, and wetlands) and geographies. Grants will range from $50,000 to $250,000. Online intent to apply forms should be submitted prior to the full proposal application deadline of August 16, 2019. (There will be another request for proposals issued in early 2020.) Visit The Nature Conservancy website to learn more about the grant guidelines and application process.
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.

September 30
Deadline for applications for the **DENALI NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE 2020 ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM** to help share the unique story of Denali through art. The Artist-in-Residence program is dedicated to exploring new ways for visitors to experience the park; from hundreds of competitive applications each year, about a half-dozen accomplished artists, writers and composers are invited by the park superintendent to spend time in one of the park’s historic ranger patrol cabins in the park. Travel to the park is the artist’s responsibility. During their residencies, artists are required to lead a public outreach activity and may be asked to donate a finished work to the program collection. Artists are challenged to create works that convey a fresh and innovative perspective of Denali drawn from direct experience. Artists are also encouraged to provide additional outreach when they return to their homes. Applications are accepted only through an online process hosted by CaFÉ (CallForEntry.org). Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered. Artists unable to apply using the CaFÉ system should contact the program administrator. For more information about the Artist-in-Residence program, application requirements and the selection process, go to [nps.gov/DenaliArt](http://nps.gov/DenaliArt) or contact Cinnamon Dockham at cinnamon_dockham@nps.gov or call 907-683-9581.

**DEADLINES**

June 30
**STATEWIDE** - Deadline for comments on the proposed changes to **FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE HUNTING and TRAPPING REGULATIONS for the 2020-2022 REGULATORY YEARS**. These proposed changes would affect Federal subsistence seasons, harvest limits, and methods and means for the taking of wildlife, and customary and traditional use determinations for the regulatory years July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. In addition, the Board is asking for your comments on existing wildlife closures that will be reviewed by the Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils and the Board during this wildlife cycle. The Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) is reviewing existing wildlife closures to determine whether the original justifications for closure continue to apply. Closure review analyses are being addressed by the Councils and the Board in the same manner as regulatory proposal analyses. The book containing these proposals and wildlife closures is available at
https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/proposal/current Comments should reference the specific proposal number or wildlife closure number, and should be emailed to subsistence@fws.gov.

**June 30**

**PALMER** - Comments are due on the proposal to Begin Engineering and Environmental Studies to CONSTRUCT a SINGLE LANE ROUNDBO UNT at the INTERSECTION of BOGARD ROAD with ENGSTROM ROAD and GREEN FOREST DRIVE. The proposed work would include: Realignment of Engstrom Road and/or Green Forest Drive; Relocation of utilities; Improvements to drainage facilities, including ditches and culverts; Replacement or installation of: Guardrail and guardrail end treatments, Medians, curb ramps, sidewalks, and pedestrian facilities, Lighting, beacons, signs, and striping, and Vegetation clearing and grubbing. Construction for the proposed project is anticipated to begin in summer 2023. Submit comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, at brian.elliott@alaska.gov.

**June 30**

**COOK INLET** – Comments are due on the RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR AN OIL DISCHARGE PREVENTION AND CONTINGENCY PLAN that is required to commit adequate resources to meet all planning requirements for prevention and response for a realistic maximum discharge from the operations of NORTH AMERICAN FUEL CORPORATION (NAFCO). NAFCO will transport refined fuel products via tank vessel within State of Alaska waters for transfer at the Port of Alaska and the Port of Nikiski. The maximum fuel capacity for each vessel is 333,000 barrels or 13,986,000 gallons. Copies of the application package are available at https://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/IPP/CPlansUnderReview. For more information or to submit comments, contact Alyssa Murphy at 907-262-3409 or email alyssa.murphy@alaska.gov.

**July 1**

Deadline to comment on the ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT for the PROPOSED PEBBLE MINE. For more information, go to https://www.pebbleprojecteis.com/.

**July 3**

**COOK INLET** – Comments are due on the renewal application package for an OIL DISCHARGE PREVENTION AND CONTINGENCY PLAN to commit adequate resources to meet all planning requirements for prevention and response for a realistic maximum discharge from the operations of ANDEAVOR, LLC. VESSELS may discharge or load less than 499,999 barrels of crude or non-crude petroleum or other similar products to the Kenai Pipe Line Company dock at Nikiski or the Port of Anchorage. Vessels covered by this plan may also load or discharge products from the KPL, the Port of Anchorage, or the Drift River Christy Lee facility and transport them to other locations within and beyond Cook Inlet. Copies of the application package are available at http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/IPP/CPlansUnderReview. For more information or to submit comments, contact Kristin Worman at 907-269-7687 or email Kristin.Worman@alaska.gov.

**July 8**
Deadline for nominations and applications to the U.S. Forest Service is recruiting to fill positions on the PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PWS RAC) and KENAI PENINSULA-ANCHORAGE BOROUGH RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (KP-AB RAC). The Members of the Resource Advisory Committees review and discuss project proposals submitted by individual citizens, interest groups, tribes, land management agencies and other interested parties within the Kenai Peninsula-ANCHORAGE Borough and Prince William Sound geographic areas. Committees meet once or twice a year to provide recommendations to the Forest Service on the development and implementation of special projects that benefit national forest land. Fifteen new member positions are being recruited on the KP-AB RAC and ten positions on the PWS RAC. Each Resource Advisory Committee has fifteen members who serve a four-year appointment and are approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. By law, members are divided into three groups and each member represents a particular set of interests. Members need to reside within the state of Alaska. In 2016, the committees made recommendations for projects in the Anchorage and Kenai Peninsula Boroughs and communities of Prince William Sound for an estimated value of approximately one million dollars. Committee members are not paid positions, however reimbursement for travel and per diem expenses to meeting locations may be authorized. Individuals may nominate themselves or others. The application form and additional information can be obtained at https://www.ocio.usda.gov/document/ad-755 and https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/pts/specialprojects/racs. Nominations and applications must be submitted electronically to ForestRAC@fs.fed.us. For more information please contact Kenai Peninsula – Anacortage Borough RAC, Louis Roy at (907) 288-7702 or email louis.c.roy@usda.gov; or Prince William Sound RAC, Tanya Zastrow at (907) 424-4722 or email tanya.zastrow@usda.gov.

EVENTS & MEETINGS in ANCHORAGE, EAGLE RIVER & GIRDWOOD

Now to September 14
The ALASKA PUBLIC LANDS INFORMATION CENTER (APLIC) in the old federal building (guests have to go through security upon entrance) at 605 W 4th Avenue will feature discussion on the following topics at 2pm:

   Mondays - “No One Eats Like We Do” with discussions on subsistence uses of plants, fish and mammals in Alaska,
   Tuesdays - “Stories from the Forest” centered around Alaska’s national forests and to celebrate Smoky Bear’s 75th anniversary,
   Wednesdays - “Women of the Wilderness” will showcase the achievements women have made to science, culture, and history in Alaska,
   Thursdays - “Alaska Zoo days” where staff from the Alaska Zoo will come to the center with an animal companion to give programs and presentations,
   Fridays - “Coffee with a Scientist” where a local scientist comes into the theater and gives a presentation on their area of study or expertise while free coffee and cookies are provided to those in attendance,
   Saturdays -“Bird TLC Days” where folks from the Bird Treatment and Learning Center bring a rehabilitated bird to the center and discuss how they rehabilitate and release the treated birds.
   Sundays - “Rangers Choice” when the topic of choice is up to the ranger to decide.
The programs are open and free of charge to all. APLIC is open from 9am-5pm daily. For more information, call 907-644-3661 or contact Mary Kate Repetski, at mary_repetski@nps.gov, James Fess, at james_fess@partner.nps.gov, or go to www.alaskacenters.gov.

June & July (Every Saturday & Monday)
POTTER MARSH BIRD WALKS will be from 8 to 10am on Saturdays and from 7 to 9pm 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 guidebooks 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 29
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 will replace and realign an old, unsustainable stretch of the trail. 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 to leave a lasting positive impact on this beloved trail in Chugach State Park. Bring a lunch, rain gear, work gloves, long work pants and leather boots. Please do not bring pets and/or firearms. Volunteers must be 18 or older and will hike 4 miles roundtrip to the worksite. This is a moderate hike where you will be carrying tools as well. day. To register, go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/middle-fork-trail-work-day-tickets-62743076230.

**July 1
POTTER MARSH BIRD WALK will be held from 7 to 9pm at the Potter Marsh Bird Sanctuary Boardwalk. Meet at the kiosk next to the parking lot. Click here for directions. What’s so special about Anchorage’s coast for birds? To find out, join Audubon Alaska's Arctic Marine Ecologist, MAX GOLDMAN, for Monday evening bird walks at Potter Marsh. Walks will be held at a leisurely pace on easily accessible paths. Bird watchers of all skill levels and ages are welcome. Binoculars will be available to borrow.

**July 3
BEAR AND MOOSE AWARE CLINIC will be held from 6 to 7:30pm at REI. Learn about living and recreating responsibly in moose and bear country. FREE

July 8
Public hearing will be held at the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION at 6:30pm at Loussac Library on the DRAFT PRIVATE STREETS and RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS PLAN that intends to create clarity in the decision-making process when determining whether a driveway or private street is required for new developments. So see the plan, go to http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/4-6PrivateStreetandDriveways.aspx.
**July 9 & 16**

Join us after work for TRAIL WORK PARTIES, to help construct a critical part of the ALL NEW 3/4-mile WEST BLUFF TRAIL in GOVERNMENT HILL. Meet at 6pm at Brown's Point Park, 348 West Harvard Avenue, for safety meeting and wrap up and head back to the parking lot at 8:30. No experience necessary we just ask that you're able to hike in steep terrain and that you are willing to work hard. Wear long pants, sturdy boots, long sleeves and bring water and snacks, Don’t bring firearms, pets, alcohol, drugs. (Must be 18+ years of age to participate.)

**MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE**

**June 29**

FAIRBANKS - WEED SMACKDOWN EVENT will be held by THE FAIRBANKS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT from 11am to 1pm at the South Davis Fairbanks Dog Park. Come out to make the Fairbanks Dog Park a more beautiful and safer place for your pups to play! Learn about different kinds of invasive plant species and how to remove them. Pull a bag of weeds, earn a free hot dog & a chance to win prizes!

**June 29**

BROOKS CAMP KATMAI NATIONAL PARK – The Opening Ceremony for NEW ELEVATED BRIDGE AND BOARDWALK at Brooks Camp will be held beginning at 11am. After years of planning and many months of construction, a new elevated bridge and boardwalk now spans the Brooks River, greatly enhancing the safety and movement of both people and wildlife in the Brooks Camp area. This new installation will help to minimize potential human-wildlife interactions between park visitors and Katmai’s world-famous brown bears by elevating pedestrian traffic away from the bear’s feeding and resting areas. A floating bridge had previously been used since 1982 and was frequently subject to closures due to bear jams. Such incidents are expected to be greatly reduced by the new elevated bridge and boardwalk, resulting in the safer and timelier movement of park visitors across Brooks River. The new bridge also offers additional overlook locations from which park visitors can observe the river and its abundant wildlife. The bridge will close for about an hour during the ribbon-cutting ceremony, reopening as soon as remarks are concluded. Public is urged to attend.

**July 6**

WHITTIER – Help improve SIGHT LINES ON THE WHITTIER CREEK TRAIL and the ADJACENT HORSETAIL FALLS CONNECTOR TRAIL and construct and widen tread from 9am to 3pm. Volunteers should expect to hike in between ½ mile and 1 mile to get in and out of the work site. Meet at 9am at the Whittier Public Safety Building for safety briefing. Picnic BBQ at 3pm. No experience necessary. Work will consist of brushing, moving gravel/rock, and digging. No age restriction. Rain boots are always good if the weather goes that way. Bring: a snacks and lunch. Extra change of clothes to change into is recommended for the drive home.

**July 8**

SITKA - A public meeting will be held from 6 to 7:30pm in the Sitka Public Library to present the DRAFT DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND RESTORATION PLAN and
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (DARP/EA) for the TUG POWHATAN OIL SPILL. The presentation will provide an overview of the Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and instruction for submitting public comments. When released, the draft DARP/EA will be available at: https://darrp.noaa.gov/oil-spills/tug-powhatan. For more information, please contact: Dr. Sarah Allan, sarah.allan@noaa.gov.

**July 10**
QUINHAGAK - Public hearing will be held from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the Qanirtuuq Corporation Red Building to receive public testimony on a Wildlife Temporary Special Action request submitted by Togiak National Wildlife Refuge that the MOOSE HUNT AREA in the PORTION of UNIT 18 SOUTH of and INCLUDING THE KANEKTOK RIVER DRAINAGE to the GOODNEWS RIVER DRAINAGE be EXPANDED to SOUTH of the EEK RIVER DRAINAGE to match the existing State hunt area boundary. Also requested that within this newly described hunt area the Federal public lands closure be rescinded and that a September 1 to September 30 season be opened with a harvest limit of one antlered bull by State registration permit. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting in person or by calling (888) 566-1030 with Passcode: 3344290’

**July 10, 17 & 25**
FAIRBANKS - The Discover Alaska lecture series will be held at 7pm in the Murie Building Auditorium, UAF on the following topic:
The University of Alaska Fairbanks Summer Sessions and Lifelong Learning will host the free 10-part series. Lectures will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Murie Building auditorium at UAF.
**July 10 - CHENA SLOUGH and RIVER CHANGES OVER the PAST 100 YEARS presented by BOB HENSZEY, branch chief, Conservation Planning Assistance, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**
**July 17 - LANDSLIDES and SCIENCE EDUCATION in DENALI NATIONAL PARK and PRESERVE presented by DENNY CAPPS, Denali geologist, and SIERRA MCLANE, director, Murie Science and Learning Center, both with the National Park Service**
**July 24 - ALASKA’S BERRIES and THEIR CHANGING SEASONS with KATIE SPELLMAN, research assistant professor, UAF International Arctic Research Center**

**July 11 (TELECONFENCE AVAILABLE)**
KOTZEBUE - Public hearing will be held from 6 to 8pm in the Northwest Arctic Borough, Assembly Room to receive public testimony on a Temporary Special Action request received by the Federal Subsistence Board (Board) ELIMINATE the COW MOOSE SEASON for the 2019/20 regulatory year (Nov. 1–Dec. 31) to conserve cow moose and to help grow and recover the Unit 23 moose population. This would also align State and Federal hunting seasons and harvests limits. At this hearing, the public will have an opportunity to provide testimony to representatives of the Federal Subsistence Management Program. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting in person or by calling the teleconference number at (888) 566-1030, Passcode: 3344290.

**July 13**
PALMER – 8th ANNUAL INVASIVE WEED SMACKDOWN will be held from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Join Palmer Soil & Water Conservation District for a community weed pull in downtown Palmer! Free meal & door prizes from local businesses after the pull! Registration at 10am at the downtown pavilion across from the Palmer Museum (723 S Valley Way). Meet back at the pavilion at 12:30 for the meal and prize giveaways! For more information, contact: Jesse Godbold at jgbold25@gmail.com or go to https://www.facebook.com/events/670181753394855/.

ITEMS of INTEREST

**KEEPING OUR OCEANS SAFE AND CLEAN** is an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) video showcasing the work conducted by EPA Chief Scientists, who are critical to ensuring that the marine environment is protected, while supporting navigational safety, national security, and a multi-billion-dollar marine transportation economy. Check out the video at https://youtu.be/vmOBI-TB1xk.

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.

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.

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&SI) 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. Travel Stipend; Housing; Weekly Living Allowance Provided. 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.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**ARCTIC DIRECTOR** for the PACIFIC ENVIRONMENT located in Anchorage or possibly San Francisco. Pacific Environment seeks to protect the communities and wildlife of the Pacific Rim by strengthening local leadership and championing social justice in Alaska and the Arctic, China, California, Vietnam, and elsewhere on the Pacific Rim. Learn more at www.pacificenvironment.org. The Arctic Director provides strategic direction, leadership on Arctic issues and campaigns, and staff and campaign management. We are particularly interested in candidates with experience in one or more of the following subjects and geographies: based in San Francisco. The position will require frequent international and domestic travel. **Key Qualifications:** B.A./B.S. degree or equivalent experience. Advanced degrees are a strong plus. Significant, demonstrated experience and achievement in strategic advocacy, policy, and campaign work; in program leadership and implementation; and in managing staff. Demonstrated success as an effective team player and collaborator with allied stakeholders. Experience in one or more of the policy areas or geographies listed above, especially involving matters involving the Arctic, Alaska, and/or Indigenous peoples. Demonstrated success in foundation fundraising. Experience in individual fundraising a plus. Personal commitment to helping communities have a strong voice in decision-making. **Compensation and Benefits:** Pacific Environment provides compensation commensurate with experience and a full benefits package. The employee will enjoy a flexible working environment with a dedicated, diverse group of colleagues. **How to Apply:** Please send an email to hr@pacificenvironment.org with “Arctic Director” in the subject line and attach a cover letter and resume, references, salary expectations, and your answer to the question in #2, below. In a separate document, please answer one of the following questions in 100–250 words: Arctic sea ice is melting, creating new shipping routes and industrial threats to communities and wildlife. What are the key solutions for
Arctic protection? What motivates you? **Timing:** Applications received by early July will definitely be reviewed. However, this position will remain open until filled and we encourage even late applications. Pacific Environment values diversity. Pacific Environment is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from candidates regardless of age, class, sex, creed, ethnicity, race, national origin, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender expression, or veteran status. No phone calls, please.

**FULL-TIME, YEAR-ROUND EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH and VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** for the ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER to teach others to care about and care for Alaska’s wildlife, all while working in beautiful Portage, Alaska. The Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator will serve as developer and coordinator for public programs and volunteers. **Minimum Requirements/Experience** • BA or BS in Education or equivalent work experience. • Must have Valid Alaska Driver's license with an acceptable driving record. • Must be able to pass a background check. • Must work a flexible schedule including nights, weekends, and holidays. To see the complete job description, go to https://www.alaskawildlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Educational-Outreach-Volunteer-Coordinator-Job-Description-.pdf. To apply please send resume, cover letter, and 3 references to Lily@alaskawildlife.org.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** for the COPPER RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT. This is a chance to live and work in one of the last intact salmon strongholds in North America, continuing our 20-year commitment to projects which diversify the region's economy while sustaining its resource base and cultural heritage. The ideal candidate has a background in nonprofit management, demonstrated community convening, a deep understanding of natural ecosystems, and a commitment to watershed sustainability. The Executive Director leads a committed staff, manages the financial health of the organization, cultivates and nurtures stakeholder and partnership relationships, directly participates in fund development, is the public face of the organization and works directly with the Board to fulfill CRWP’s mission to promote a salmon-rich intact watershed and culturally diverse communities by forming partnerships for watershed-scale planning and projects. This is an opportunity for a versatile, highly motivated individual to make a difference at a local level, in a dynamic position with opportunities for creativity, strategic thinking, boots-on-the-ground field work, and community engagement. **Application Process:** The salary range for this position is $60,000 to $80,000 annually commensurate with qualifications and experience. The full Position Profile and more information are available at copperriver.org/news. To apply, send an email with a cover letter detailing qualifications, vitae/resume, and salary requirements to execdir.application@copperriver.org (email applications are required). For questions, contact Robin Mayo, Board Chair, execdir.application@copperriver.org. Communications will be treated with confidence and resumes will be accepted until July 31.

**ARCTIC DIRECTOR** for PACIFIC ENVIRONMENT - Pacific Environment protects the communities and wildlife of the Pacific Rim by strengthening local leadership and championing social justice in Alaska and the Arctic, among other places. We seek an Arctic Director to provide strategic direction, leadership on Arctic issues and campaigns, and staff and campaign management. Current emphasis is on marine and shipping policy, Arctic governance, and collaboration with Alaska Native and other Indigenous communities, and the new Director will
have flexibility to expand Pacific Environment’s range of goals and activities. Read more and apply here: https://www.pacificenvironment.org/jobs/arctic-director/.

FIELD WORK, DATA MANAGEMENT, AND ANALYTICAL WORK to assess ecosystem services in areas affected by recent wildfires or fuel mitigation activities fulltime in June, July, and August. Job duties: Conduct fieldwork that includes identifying vegetation, invasive species, berries, and mushrooms. Navigating and using a GPS. Data management (entering, cleaning, and analyzing data). Using ArcGIS. Statistical analysis with Excel and R. Other duties as assigned. There also is the potential to work with BLM starting in September on a project that uses drones to assess spruce bark beetle killed trees. Pay $12/hr. Deadline for applications is ongoing. Must be a UAA student. Interested students need to apply to the student pool and contact Jen Schmidt at jischmidt@alaska.edu.

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR for GREEN STAR of INTERIOR ALASKA located in Fairbanks to be responsible for overseeing two of Green Star of Interior Alaska’s key programs: Event Recycling and Education. In this newly established role, the Program Director will be responsible for the successful development and implementation of each program, working closely with two Board committees and community volunteers. Salary: $15-$18/hour. This is a part-time position (flexible 20-30 hours per week). Benefits: Mileage/travel reimbursement, flexible schedule, job-crafting, and a dog/kid friendly workplace. View the full job description at: https://www.ziprecruiter.com/jobs/green-star-of-interior-alaska-b1def294//program-director-13e6b9be. To apply, please submit a current resume and cover letter to tait@iagreenstar.org. The position will remain open until filled.
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.

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.

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 workspace, 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.