CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

October 22 – 24
FAIRBANKS – The ALASKA INVASIVE SPECIES WORKSHOP will be held at Pike's Waterfront Lodge. More than 40 presentations and panels at the annual workshop will highlight invasive species science, management and planning, and will identify emerging issues statewide. To see the full agenda, go to https://www.uaf.edu/ces/invasives/conference/2019%20Alaska%20Invasive%20Species%20Workshop%20Agenda.pdf. To register and for more workshop information, go to www.uaf.edu/ces/invasives/conference. The University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service is coordinating the workshop with the Alaska Invasive Species Partnership, an informal group of agencies, organizations and individuals statewide that are concerned about invasive species. For more information, contact workshop coordinator Gino Graziano at 907-786-6315 or email gagraziano@alaska.edu.

October 23 & 24
ANCHORAGE - The ALASKA BOARD of FISHERIES will meet for a two-day Work Session beginning at 8:30am at the Egan Civic and Convention Center, 555 W. 5th Avenue. No regulatory action will be taken at this meeting. Agenda topics may include: election of officers, agenda change requests, petitions, meeting organization and establishment of committees for the 2019/2020 meeting cycle, location and date selection for the 2021/2022 meeting cycle, informational reports, creation of board generated proposals, approval of the 2020/2021 call for proposals, and/or administrative issues that may come before the board. The board may choose to go into executive session. Under miscellaneous business the board will review the location of the February 2020 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting and the board’s Policy Regarding the Location of the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting. This two-day meeting is open to the public. Written comments, due by October 8, may be emailed to dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov. A live audio stream is intended to be available on the board's website at www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov. The agenda and any other meeting documents, including agenda change requests, will be available prior to the meeting on the board’s meeting information webpage at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo.

October 25 & 26
KODIAK - ADAPT KODIAK: A COASTAL RESILIENCE WORKSHOP will be held at the Afognak Center. Adapt Kodiak is a workshop dedicated to the discussion of the challenges and opportunities faced by Kodiak residents in building greater community resilience. The steering committee of Kodiak residents has narrowed this focus to the
following four areas. Fisheries futures (Oct. 24, morning session); Food security and subsistence (Oct. 24, afternoon session); Infrastructure and energy (Oct. 25, morning session); Culture and wellness (Oct. 25, afternoon session). Each section will include key speakers to help inform the conversation, with participants having the opportunity to discuss and share ideas for building resilience in Kodiak. Participants are encouraged to attend any and all sections that meet their interests. Register at https://seagrant.uaf.edu/events/ssl/register.php?id=373. Free.

October 31 – November 3
SITKA – SITKA WHALEFEST will be held at the Harrigan Centennial Hall. The WhaleFest is a unique science festival to celebrate marine life. Attendees gather to hear an international lineup of renowned biologists and researchers share their current research and exciting experiences over the three-day symposium. This innovative science outreach event gives future scientists and lifelong learners opportunities to meet and interact with the passionate and diverse group of speakers. Each afternoon, symposium participants and guest speakers will explore a daily theme connected to the overall theme of the symposium. Surrounded by community and cultural activities, the weekend events include lectures, marine wildlife cruises in beautiful Sitka Sound, a marine-themed artisan market, music, local foods, art show, interactive student sessions, and a fun run/walk. For more information, go to http://sitkawhalefest.org/#events or call 907-747-8878, ext. 2.

November 6 – 9
HAINES – BALD EAGLE FESTIVAL will be held in Haines. More than 3,000 eagles gather along a four-mile stretch of the Chilkat River north of Haines, Alaska each fall to feed on a late run of salmon. This wildlife spectacle is the largest gathering of eagles in the world. The peak of the gathering usually occurs in mid-November. The festival features a full schedule of events catering to birdwatchers, photographers, and nature lovers, including educational programs, guest speakers, and workshops. Events include regular round-trip bus transportation between the American Bald Eagle Foundation Natural History Museum and the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve; outreach activities, arts and crafts, and guided bird walks. For more information, go to https://baldeagles.org/alaska-bald-eagle-festival/about/festival-schedule/ or call (907) 766-3094.

**December 3 - 6**
BETHEL - AIR QUALITY IN ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES (a Level 1 course). This is an entry-level course for environmental staff from Alaska Native Communities who are interested in air quality issues. The content is basic and assumes the participant has no background in science or air quality management. The course provides an understanding of the importance of clean air (outdoors and indoors) for the protection of human health and the total environment. Approximately half of the course will deal with ambient (outdoor) air and half of the course will deal with indoor air. We encourage attendance from environmental, housing, and health departments. Topics include: • Criteria Pollutants and the NAAQS; • Air Toxics; • Bioaccumulation; • Outdoor air quality concerns (road dust, trash burning, etc.) and possible solutions; • Indoor air
concerns in tribal communities; • Building dynamics and weatherization; • Indoor air quality (IAQ) and asthma; • Controlling moisture and mold in the home; • Household hazardous materials and green cleaning; • Home heating safety; • Outreach: prevention of AQ/IAQ problems; and • Purple Air Network (Citizen Science). Instructors and participants will explore ways in which Alaska Native Communities can take action to solve air quality problems, protect human health, and preserve cultural values. This course consists of lectures, demonstrations, small-group activities, and a building walkthrough. There will be hands-on practice with a comprehensive assessment checklist used to identify IAQ problems. For registration go to https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_aq_aknc. For more information, contact Mansel.nelson@nau.edu.

WEBINARS, TELECONFERENCES & VIDEOS

New video that focuses on ALASKA’S ACIDIFYING OCEANS is available at https://alaskaseagrant.org/2019/08/26/new-video-focuses-on-alaskas-acidifying-oceans/. Ocean acidification is how scientists describe the lowering of the oceans’ pH. The oceans today are roughly 30 percent more acidic than they were during the Industrial Revolution some 300 years ago. The rise in ocean acidification (OA) is tied to higher levels of carbon dioxide being released into the atmosphere by fossil fuel burning and deforestation. As carbon dioxide (CO₂) is released, about one-third gets absorbed by the ocean, making it more acidic. Northern waters, like those around Alaska, are particularly susceptible to OA because cold water can absorb more CO₂. That’s why Alaska and other high latitude seas will likely see the effects of OA sooner than areas farther south. The chemistry of OA is well understood, but how this process affects fish and other marine resources is more of a mystery. Given Alaska’s nearly two-billion-dollar seafood industry, and the state’s reliance on fish, marine mammals, shellfish and other ocean products for subsistence and recreation, the risks of OA in Alaska are profound. Follow UAF assistant professor AMANDA KELLEY, a top researcher on ocean acidification’s effects in Alaska, for a couple of days in Seward and in Kachemak Bay to better understand her research, and how tribal members and other citizen scientists are getting involved in monitoring OA.

**October 16 (TELECONFERENCE)**

THREATS to DRINKING WATER and PUBLIC HEALTH in ALASKA: THE SCOPE of the PFAS PROBLEM, CONSEQUENCES of REGULATORY INACTION, and RECOMMENDATIONS will be held from 9 to 10am as part of the Alaska Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE-Alaska) teleconference seminar series. DIANA DEFAZIO, Environmental Health Program Coordinator and primary author of the report will discuss key findings of the first comprehensive look at how decades of use of PFAS-containing firefighting foams has contaminated water in Alaska. To date, more than 100 individual PFAS source areas have been identified at nearly 30 locations across Alaska. Find out about health outcomes associated with exposure to PFAS and get an update on the current status of investigations at airports and military installations in Alaska. Concerns not currently being addressed by the State of Alaska or Department of Defense will also be discussed. Residents of Dillingham and Gustavus,
two of the ten locations where drinking water has been discovered to be contaminated will offer a community perspective, and PAMELA K. MILLER, Co-Chair of the International POP's Review Committee (IPEN) and Executive Director of Alaska Community Action on Toxics will give a brief summary of recommendations recently made by an international scientific panel to eliminate certain PFAS compounds from global production and use. To join this call, please Sign up online or call Alaska Community Action on Toxics at 222-7714.

**October 15 (TELECONFERENCE MEETING)**
FAIRBANKS, HOMER & SOLDOTNA - CHASING EIDERS: MY SUMMERS IN THE HIGH ARCTIC will be available in the following locations:
  - FAIRBANKS at the Noel Wein Library, 4:30pm reception,5pm program
  - HOMER at the Islands & Ocean Visitor Center at 5pm
  - SOLDOTNA at the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge at 5pm; Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges Meeting (For accessing zoom meetings from anywhere go to https://alaskarefugefriends.org/category/meetings/ the day of the meeting for instructions. Want to hear an eider's heartbeat? Go on a journey through sea ice and fog to the barrier islands of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge? Wonder what it is like to camp in polar bear country? ELYSSA WATFORD will share stories and stunning photos and videos at Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuge's monthly meeting. Check out this video of her work https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCa3wtNvy5w&feature=youtu.be Elyssa, a PhD candidate at UAF, has been working with common eiders, North America's largest duck, for three years. The focus of her work has been the potential impacts of climate change on these special birds and their habitats.

October 22 (WEBINAR)
WORKING TOGETHER to ADAPT to a RAPIDLY CHANGING NORTH will be held from 10 to 11am. Speakers: LEANNA HEFFNER (Northwest Boreal LCC), AARON POE (Aleutian and Bering Sea Initiative), DANIELLE STICKMAN (Western Alaska LCC)Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) bring partners together to work on conservation solutions that help communities and decision makers adapt to and thrive in a rapidly changing north. Alaskans face many challenges as the climate warms, erosion accelerates, storms and flooding intensify, sea ice and river ice changes, wildfires increase, and subsistence resources shift. These challenges are too complex for any one entity to address alone. By working together, we are better able to preserve the natural and cultural heritage of current and future generations of Alaskans. Despite recent changes in federal funding, and with new help from private funders, four of the five original Alaskan LCCs are still active: Aleutian and Bering Sea Initiative; Northwest Boreal LCC; North Pacific LCC; Western Alaska LCC. Currently the LCCs are helping to lead projects focused around climate resilience and adaptation, coordinated and community-led monitoring, and collaborative, climate-smart approaches to land use planning. This presentation will give an overview of the four Alaska LCCs. Register.

**October 29**
The ALASKA HISTORICAL COMMISSION will meet by teleconference from 9am to
4:3pm. The agenda includes review of applications for projects from Certified Local Governments, consideration of geographic name proposals, updates on historic preservation programs, and review of the Alaska Historical Commission's policies and procedures. The tentative agenda is posted at http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/.

The meeting center is open to the public at the Atwood Building, 550 W.7th Ave., Room 106. For more information, call 907-269-8700.

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFPs

POSTGRADUATE PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP for TRUSTEES FOR ALASKA seeks a full-time legal fellow to join our team of lawyers working to protect a wild and vibrant Alaska where fish, wildlife, and people thrive. This is a two-year position in Anchorage, Alaska, starting as soon as possible. The ideal candidate will have recently graduated from law school or completed a judicial clerkship and have a proven commitment to public interest environmental law. This position is an opportunity to gain environmental law experience on a variety of legal issues while working to achieve environmental protections for Alaska. **Working Conditions.** We work a 40-hour week, with occasional additional night and weekend hours, in a supportive, dog-friendly office. We occasionally travel, including to remote areas by small plane, boat, or snow machine. **Qualifications.** We seek candidates who have excellent legal skills and are results oriented. Knowledge of Alaska, environmental and administrative law, and a scientific background are ideal qualities. **Compensation and Hiring Commitment.** We offer a competitive non-profit salary, plus medical, dental, life, long-term disability, and retirement benefits, generous leave policy, and supportive co-workers. How to Apply. E-mail cover letter, resume, references, and writing sample to Ashley Boyd, Office Manager, at aboyd@trustees.org. The position is open until filled. Position based in Anchorage. For more information see http://www.trustees.org.

October 17
Deadline for applications for the SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM, an a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. These projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds. Learn how to apply for a U.S. Small NAWCA Grant. View the most recent approved projects. Download the U.S. Small Grants Program Fact Sheet.

November 5
Deadline for submissions of short proposals for the MARINE DEBRIS PREVENTION GRANT that provides funding to support eligible organizations for activities to prevent the introduction of marine debris into the marine and coastal environment and are actively engage and educate a target audience (such as students, teachers, industries, or the public) in hands-on programs designed to raise awareness, provide practical approaches, reduce barriers, and encourage and support changes in behaviors to ensure long-term prevention of marine debris. PLEASE NOTE - The structure for this opportunity is a little different and is a two-part proposal process.
Applicants must first submit a short Letter of Intent (LOI) that is reviewed by NOAA to confirm that projects are a good match for the opportunity. If the LOI is successful, then the applicant is invited to submit a full proposal. MDP Summary located at https://blog.marinedebris.noaa.gov/now-open-fy-2020-grant-opportunity-marine-debris-prevention-projects. To see full grant information, go to https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=320683. For questions on the opportunity, please contact Peter Murphy at peter.murphy@noaa.gov.

**November 13**
Deadline for applications for the **WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GRANTS** from the Department of the Interior. The WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program provides support to develop watershed groups, complete watershed restoration planning activities, and design watershed management projects. The goal is to leverage federal and non-federal funding to support stakeholder efforts to stretch scarce water supplies and avoid conflicts over water. For more information, go to https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=320579.

**November 18**
Deadline for proposal for **FACILITATING LEARNING EXPERIENCES with EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL REGION YOUTH** from the **PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL**. Youth in this case can include students from K-12 formal education, homeschool students, informal education programs, and either formal or informal college-level education. In the past, PWSRCAC has also sponsored projects for teachers that benefit area youth. Working with area youth is vital to fight complacency that can arise if new generations of citizens are not continually reminded of the need for ongoing oil spill prevention. Projects should result in better understanding of such topics as: citizens’ oversight, environmental impacts of the operation of the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company oil terminal in Valdez and the oil tankers that use it, oil spill prevention and response planning and operation, and/or other topics related to the Council’s mission. See details and download the RFP instructions here: http://www.pwsrcac.org/announcements/funds-available-for-educational-projects-related-to-our-mission-2/. For more information, contact Betsi Oliver at 907-273.6235 or email betsi.oliver@pwsrcac.org.

**November 21**
Deadline for proposal for the **ALASKA FISH and WILDLIFE FUND 2020** to further conservation of species and habitats in Alaska. Our conservation strategy for Alaska follows NFWF’s institutional outcome focused approach to species conservation and includes three primary focal geographies: the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region, Cook Inlet/Matanuska-Susitna watershed, and Alaska North Slope. Projects outside of these geographies that support fishery conservation and involve Alaska Natives on National Forest lands may also be considered on a case by case basis, particularly those projects targeting Pacific salmon protection, enhancement and restoration initiatives through the Alaska Fish Habitat Partnerships and/or partnerships that expand access to recreational fishing and wildlife viewing/interpretation. Program funds will be allocated to projects that: Achieve or substantially lead to measurable on-the-ground conservation
outcomes; Fill key information gaps through assessments and strategic monitoring that result in or substantially lead to measurable management actions. For complete information, go to https://www.nfwf.org/afwf/Pages/2020rfp.aspx.

**November 22**
Deadline for applications for the **RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM GRANTS** from the Div. of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR). Eligible applicants include non-profit, educational institutions, state government, local government, federal government and native corporations or tribal governments. The RTP grant program provides up to 90% matching assistance for the cost of a project. DPOR anticipates that $1.2 million may be awarded to eligible Alaska projects. Applications will only be accepted for Stipulation 1 in the FY2020 grant year. The application package will be available at website: [http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/trails.htm](http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/trails.htm).

**November 30**
Deadline for submission for the **NOAA Marine Debris Art Contest** that opens on October 15. All students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade from all U.S. states and territories—recognized public, private, and home schools are eligible to participate. Schools, including home schools, must be in compliance with federal and state civil rights and nondiscrimination statutes are eligible to participate. Students must work individually. **Criteria for Art & Description:** Each entry must be composed of a piece of artwork and a description (on entry form). All must meet the requirements outlined on the NOAA Marine Debris Program Annual Art Contest Entry Form. Students are highly encouraged to check out the rest of the NOAA Marine Debris Program's website for information about marine debris. Entries (entry form and artwork) should be mailed to: Marine Debris Art Contest, NOAA Marine Debris Program, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC4, 10th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Please note that entries will not be returned. If you have any questions, please email marinedebris.web@noaa.gov.

**February 21**
Deadline for submissions to the **FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL ART CONTEST** for ALL STUDENTS IN ALASKA, GRADES K-12. This year, entries may focus on either subsistence wildlife or fish, and two winners will be selected. The winners’ artwork will be published on either the cover of the 2020-2022 Subsistence Management Regulations for the Harvest of Wildlife on Federal Public Lands in Alaska book, or the 2021-2023 Subsistence Management Regulations for the Harvest of Fish and Shellfish on Federal Public Lands in Alaska book, both distributed statewide. The art contest offers an exciting opportunity for students to express their talent and creativity while sharing their knowledge of subsistence resources. Each entry must be 8.5 by 11 inches and have a theme related to subsistence species or activities in Alaska. All artwork must be original. Submit entries to: Office of Subsistence Management Attn: Caron McKee, 1011 E. Tudor Rd., Mail Stop 121, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-6199. The official rules and entry forms are available by contacting the Office of Subsistence Management at (800) 478-1456 or by email at subsistence@fws.gov, or go to [www.doi.gov/subsistence/art-contest](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/art-contest). Scanned student artwork may be retained for use in website or social media posts, brochures,
regulation books, and other publications produced by the Office of Subsistence Management.

DEADLINES

October 16
CHITINA - Comments are due the request to RESERVE WATER within a single reach of TEBAY RIVER by ADF&G for the purpose of maintaining specified instream flow rates to protect fish and wildlife habitat, migration, and propagation from the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of the outer bank (of the outside braid, where braided) of the left bank up to the OHWM of the outer bank (of the outside braid, where braided) of the right bank, including any sloughs, braids, or channels which carry water and are an integral part of Tebay River, beginning at the mouth of Tebay River, at the confluence of Tebay River with Chitina River, and extending upstream for approximately 20 river miles to the confluence of Tebay River with an unnamed stream near the outlet of Tebay Lake. For more information or to submit comments, contact Meghan O’Brien at (907) 269-0899 or email meghan.obrien2@alaska.gov.

October 16
PELICAN - Comments are due on the request by ADF&G to RESERVE WATER within BLACK RIVER for the purpose of maintaining specified instream flow rates to protect fish and wildlife habitat, migration, and propagation. The DNR proposes to establish these from the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of the outer bank (of the outside braid, where braided) of the left bank up to the OHWM of the outer bank (of the outside braid, where braided) of the right bank, including any sloughs, braids, or channels which carry water and are an integral part of Black River. For more information or to submit comments, contact Meghan O’Brien at (907) 269-0899 or email meghan.obrien2@alaska.gov.

October 17
KODIAK – Comments are due on the proposal to issue an AIR QUALITY CONTROL OPERATING PERMIT for the KODIAK GENERATING FACILITY. The potential annual emissions of regulated air contaminants at the facility are: 43 tons of particulate matter (PM-10), 550 tons of nitrogen oxides (NOX), 39 tons of sulfur dioxide (SO2), 81 tons of carbon monoxide (CO), and 77 tons of volatile organic compounds (VOC). The total potential emissions of regulated air contaminants is 790 tons per year. Copies of ADEC’s draft operating permit and statement of basis are available at https://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/AirPermitsApprovalsAndPublicNotices. For more information or to submit comments, contact Brittany Crutchfield at (907)269-7572 or email brittany.crutchfield@alaska.gov.

October 23
MOOSE PASS - Public Open House will be held from 5 to 6:30pm at the Moose Pass Community Hall to learn about changes to planned improvements and the new construction schedule to 10.5 MILES of the SEWARD HIGHWAY BETWEEN the TRAIL RIVER BRIDGE (MP 25.5) and the STERLING WYE (MP 36). Recent safety analysis indicates that the highway performs within standards and many of the proposed
improvements, such as passing lanes and changes to the curvature of the roadway, are not warranted. Shoulder widening is still being evaluated and will be incorporated where practical. Improvements will now focus on repaving the highway and pathway and rebuilding drainage. Project team members will be present to share the current highway design and answer questions. The project will extend the life of the highway. For more information, go to www.sewardhighway25to36.com. For more information, contact Katherine Wood, Public Involvement Lead, at 907-644-2153.

**October 24**
HOPE - Comments are due on the proposed RESERVATION OF WATER on the SIXMILE RIVER for the purpose of maintaining specified instream flow rates to protect fish and wildlife habitat, migration, and from the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of the outer bank (of the outside braid, where braided) of the left bank up to the OHWM of the outer bank (of the outside braid, where braided) of the right bank, including any sloughs, braids, or channels which carry water and are an integral part of Sixmile River, confluence with East Fork Sixmile Creek and Canyon Creek. Said portions of Sixmile River. For more information or to submit comments, contact Meghan O’Brien at (907) 269-0899 or by email at meghan.obrien2@alaska.gov.

**October 24**
PRINCE of WALES ISLANDS - Comments are due on the proposed RESERVATION of WATER WITHIN THE PERKINS CREEK WATERSHED PERKINS CREEK REACH A, B, and C on the South Arm of Moira Sound for the purpose of maintaining specified instream flow rates to protect fish and wildlife habitat, migration, and propagation. Water reservation will be from the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of the outer bank (of the outside braid, where braided) of the left bank up to the OHWM of the outer bank (of the outside braid, where braided) of the right bank, including any sloughs, braids, or channels which carry water and are an integral part of Perkins Creek. Reach A beginning at the mouth of Perkins Creek where it flows into South Arm of Moira Sound, and extending upstream for approximately 1 river; Reach B beginning at the upstream extent of Reach A and continuing upstream to River Mile 1.8; Reach C beginning at the upstream extent of Reach B and continuing upstream 1.1 river which is the upper extent of Anadromous Waters Catalog stream. Further information or to submit comments, contact Meghan O’Brien at (907) 269-0899 or by email at meghan.obrien2@alaska.gov.

October 25
Deadline for IDEAS ON TOPICS, SPEAKERS, or THEMES you’d like to see included in the MARINE DEBRIS SESSIONS or have ideas on a talk you’d like to present yourself at the ALASKA FORUM ON THE ENVIRONMENT 2020 to be held February 10 – 14 in Anchorage. Please send suggestions to Peter Murphy at peter.murphy@noaa.gov and Erika Ammann at erika.ammann@noaa.gov.

October 29 (DEADLINE EXTENDED)
Deadline for the comments on the proposed AMBLER MINING DISTRICT INDUSTRIAL ACCESS ROAD DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
(EIS) from 45 to 60 days. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the environmental review process by attending one of the meetings or submitting comments on the draft analysis for the BLM to consider in preparing the final analysis. Feedback on the Draft EIS will inform the Final EIS and the Record of Decision. Those unable to attend one of the meetings are encouraged to review and comment on the Draft EIS via BLM’s project website at https://www.blm.gov/AmblerRoadEIS. Comments on the draft analysis should be specific to the document itself, referencing sections or pages, and include specific details regarding issues or concerns that also provide rationale for the concern or suggestion. Submit comments to https://parkplanning.nps.gov/Ambler.

**October 31 (DEADLINE EXTENDED)**
Deadline for comments Period for KANTISHNA and WONDER LAKE PLANNING EFFORT that is exploring ways to provide and support additional recreational use in the Kantishna and Wonder Lake areas of Denali National Park. A range of proposals covering infrastructure, management, visitor experience, guided services, and visitor capacity are described in the Kantishna and Wonder Lake Area Plan: Range of Proposals for Public Feedback. A copy of the planning document can be found online at https://www.nps.gov/dena/getinvolved/kantishna-plan.htm. Park staff believe the following points can assist the public in crafting effective input. Are the park’s assumptions and facts correct? Details about why or why not are helpful. • Are there areas of analysis not mentioned that need to be considered in a future compliance document? • Is there a concept/alternative that hasn’t been proposed that should be considered? • Be specific in your reasons on why the park should or should not continue an analysis of proposals. • Have you had any negative experiences walking on the park road or on an informal trail that you can share? • What is your stance on classifying heavily used, informal trails in Kantishna as formal, class 2 trails until the plan is complete? In combination with the public feedback, park staff intend to complete an operating cost analysis, visitor capacity study, cultural and wetland studies, and transportation model to shape alternatives for a future compliance document. Submit comments to http://parkplanning.nps.gov/kantishnaplan. For more information, contact Emily Buhr, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at 907-683-6242.

**November 1**
FAIRBANKS – Comments are due on the DRAFT MINNIE STREET CORRIDOR STUDY (MSCS) that was completed through a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study, a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision making that: * considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the transportation planning process; and * uses information, analysis, and products developed during planning to inform the environmental review process. The MSCS dually focused on and evaluated the segment of Minnie Street between Illinois Street and the Old Steese Highway, and its overall functionality within the wider Fairbanks transportation network. The existing Minnie Street corridor has several transportation deficiencies, including a narrow, crowded right-of-way that results in conflicts between pedestrians, bicyclers, and vehicles. The MSCS recommends improvements to Minnie Street by replacing the Noyes Slough bridge with a wider bridge, replacing the road surface, improving
drainage and water quality, and improving the quality and safety for non-motorized facilities. The MSCS also recommends improving Johansen Expressway connection to Minnie Street by improving capacity, connectivity, and mobility for all modes of transportation. The plan is available at www.minniestreet.com. For more information, contact Alexa Greene, DOWL Public Involvement Lead, at 374-0275.

EVENTS & MEETINGS in ANCHORAGE, EAGLE RIVER & GIRDWOOD

**October 10**
**ELECTRIC VEHICLES** is the topic for the REAP Energy Speakers Series from 5:30 to 7pm with Happy Hour starting at 5. Hear about electricity policies and technical challenges in developing widespread infrastructure for electric vehicles along the Railbelt. Join us as we dive into the subject of electric vehicles, and what needs to happen to ensure Alaska’s infrastructure and policies are ready for this new wave of transportation. Speakers: SHAINA KILCOYNE, Energy & Sustainability Manager, Solid Waste Services; JULIE ESTEY, Dir. of Public Relations, Matanuska Electric Assoc.; BRIAN HICKELY, Chief Operation Officer, Chugach Electric Assoc; DIMITRI SHEIN, Ex. Dir., Alaska Electric Vehicle Assoc.

October 11
**PAVING TUNDRA: FILM + DISCUSSION + ACTION AGAINST AMBLER ROAD** will be presented from 6 to 8pm at the King Street Brewing Co., 9050 King St., 3rd Floor. Join Audubon Alaska, the National Parks Conservation Association, Trustees for Alaska, and The Wilderness Society as we proudly bring you a short documentary by JAYME DITTMAR that takes you inside the communities that will be most impacted by the proposed Ambler Road. The evening will feature the Anchorage premier of the film, conversations with the filmmaker, and a lively discussion on how to best take action against the Ambler Road project. Learn more. The event is FREE. Drinks will be available for purchase throughout the evening.

October 11 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)
The **EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL** will meet at 10am in Ed Rasmuson Hall, 2nd floor of the Atwood Center, Alaska Pacific University Campus, 4455 University Drive. Topics for discussion include the FY 2020 Draft Work Plan. To participate, call: 800.315.6338, code 72241. For more information, call 907.278.8012 or 800.478.7745 or go to www.evostc.state.ak.us.

**October 12**
**ANCHORAGE CHAPTER OF THE CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY** will meet from 8:30 to 10:30am in UAA Rasmuson Hall. Guest speaker this is KIERA O’BRIEN from Ketchikan who will highlight her efforts with Students for Carbon Dividends. Come celebrate S4CD’s accomplishments and contributions toward solving climate change. Find out more details of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act at cclusa.org/bill. If you have any questions, contact George Donart at 907-887-6109.
**October 14**
The CHUGACH STATE PARK CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD will meet at 6pm in the Atwood Building, Suite 102. The Chugach State Park Citizen Advisory Board consists of up to fifteen members appointed by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. Members are selected to ensure representation of a variety of park user groups and interests.

**October 15**
CHASING EIDERS: MY SUMMERS in the HIGH ARCTIC is the program for Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges Meeting from 5 to 6pm at the Fish & Wildlife Regional Office, 1011 E. Tudor Road, enter by west door closest to Old Seward. here will be snacks at 4:30pm. gathering and snacks, ELYSSA WATFORD will share stories and stunning photos and videos. Check out this video of her work at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCa3wtNvy5w&feature=youtube. Elyssa, a PhD candidate at UAF, has been working with common eiders, North America's largest duck, for three years. The focus of her work has been the potential impacts of climate change on these special birds and their habitats.

October 15
ALASKA NATIVE VOICES and ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION MOVEMENTS in ALASKA will be held from 4 to 6pm in the UAA/APU Consortium Library Room 307. In celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day, professors PAUL ONGTOOGUK and JACKIE CASON discuss Alaska Native voices and environmental conservation movements in Alaska. Topics include Alaska Village and Native Corporation jurisdictions, John Muir's legacy, the Sierra Club, and the book The Firecracker Boys by Dan O'Neill. All UAA Campus Bookstore events are free and open to the public. There is free parking for this event in the Library Lot and the Library NE Lot.

October 16
FOSSILS: WINDOWS into the PAST will be held at 7pm at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center, (5600 Science Center Drive. From 500 million-year-old trilobites to 10,000-year-old mammoths, Alaska is loaded with fossils. These relics from the past help scientists piece together the story of Alaska’s ancient environments. National Park Service geologist AMANDA LANIK will highlight Alaska’s natural history perspective of ancient and sometimes alien-seeming creatures as we celebrate National Fossil Day. The program is part of the Center’s Fireside Chat lecture series and is free and open to the public. For more information please call 267-1241.

October 16
WALKING WITH WOLVES will be presented from 7 to 8pm at the BP Energy Center by STEPHANIE HARTMAN, Alaska Zoo Education Director at the Alaska Wildlife Alliance Wildlife Wednesday seminars. FREE and open to the public. Free donuts are provided courtesy of Dino's Donuts! A coloring station is provided for children.

**October 17**
THE THRILLS OF BIRDING; NOME AND UTQIAGVIK in SUMMER will be presented by ANDREW FISHER and ENRIC FERNANDEZ at 6:45 at the BP Energy Center at the Anchorage Audubon Society meeting. Have you ever wanted to be completely overwhelmed by a cacophony of mating and displaying shorebirds? As Alaskans we have the unique opportunity to spend time in places most people can only dream about. Two of these destinations offer unique birding like nowhere else on earth. Birding the Seward Peninsular and Utqiagvik allows you to see almost every breeding shorebird species in Alaska, while enjoying time with some of the range restricted Alaskan species (bluethroat, red-necked and little stints, bristle-thighed curlew, buff-breasted sandpiper, white-rumped sandpiper).

Also:
The World's Greatest Birding Giveaway!
This past summer we lost three great supporters of Anchorage Audubon. The families of Jean Tam, Scott Christy, and Penny Loos wanted their collections of birding books, birding art, travel guides, and more to go to good homes. They have given boxes and boxes of fabulous treats to us so that we can distribute them to those who will appreciate them. At Next Thursday’s meeting, there will be tables full of goodies that are free for the taking. The tables will open promptly at 6:45, so plan to arrive early. Donations to Anchorage Audubon will be accepted.

**October 19**
THE FALL FREEZE-UP BIRD WALK will be held at 8:45am. Meet at the Library Parking Lot NORTH of Cuddy Pond. Come watch waterfowl and other birds at hotspots around town before the lakes freeze. ANDREW FISHER will lead this outing to a number of good waterbird locations around town including Westchester Lagoon and Lake Hood. Enjoy searching for the less usual waterbird species during this exciting time of year or just enjoy the typical species that are still with us. We may also go looking for woodpeckers in the MLK burn area. Bring binoculars and a scope if you have one and dress for the weather, rain or shine. The field trip typically concludes around noon but bring snacks and/or a lunch if you want to keep birding with others afterwards. Scones will be provided!

October 19
FAMILIES AND FLAPJACKS: TRAILSIDE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER will be held from 10am to Noon at the Kincaid Chalet. Trailside Discovery Camp has been working for 37 years to ensure Alaskan kiddos have a chance to explore, enjoy, and learn about the diverse and wild environment around them. Join us for a breakfast fundraiser to make sure the next 37 years are full of salmon, silliness, exploration, education, new activities, positive role models, and as always, discovery! Tickets available online: $25 for adults and $10 for children. Get your tickets today!

October 19
Celebrate INTERNATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY from 10am to 2pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive. Learn all about archaeology with a variety of indoor and outdoor activity stations for kids and adults: learn to hunt using an atlatl and spear, try your hand at prehistoric cave painting techniques, learn how to identify animals from their bones, listen to talks around the fire
pit about the Dena’ina way of life, and more! There'll even be a life-sized mammoth, courtesy of UAF! Interpretive walks highlighting the World War II features on Campbell Tract will start at 10:30 am and 12:30 pm in front of the Science Center. Please dress for the weather – outside activities will happen, rain (or snow!) or shine. Please call 267-1247 for more information.

**October 23**
A presentation on OCEAN ACIDIFICATION and ALASKA will be held at the Egan at 5:30pm following the Board of Fish meeting. Featured speakers will include BOB FOY, director of NOAA's Alaska Fisheries Science Center, DARCY DUGAN of the Alaska Ocean Acidification Network, and TOBY SCHWOERER of UAA's Institute for Social and Economic Research. The presentation will cover what we know so far about ocean acidification in Alaska, current and forecasted conditions, and species response. It will also highlight a new project focused on salmon response and fisheries adaptation. Bring your questions! For more information email dugan@aoos.org.

October 23
KARLIN ITCHOAK J.D. from the Wilderness Society will discuss their commitment to permanently protect the ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE from oil development at the Sierra Club’s October meeting at 7pm at the ARC, 4855 Arctic Blvd. All are welcome and appetizers for all . For more information, go to www.sierraclub.org/alaska.

**October 23**
JOHN RODDA RETIREMENT CELEBRATION and FUNDRAISER will be held from 5 to 7pm in the Williwaw Social Hall, 609 F Street. After 45 years of service to the Municipality of Anchorage, John Rodda, the Director of both Anchorage and Eagle River-Chugiak Parks and Recreation, is retiring. To honor John’s legacy and ensure future investment in Anchorage’s parks and trails, the ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION will be holding a retirement celebration and fundraiser. The Anchorage Park Foundation has worked closely with John since the inception of the Foundation 15 years ago. We are incredibly grateful for his passion and dedication to improving recreation in Anchorage. Enjoy light appetizers and drinks while celebrating John Rodda’s legacy. This event raises support for the Anchorage Park Foundation’s mission of building community through parks and trails. Registration also includes the opportunity to contribute messages and photos that will be compiled into a memory book for John. Get your ticket at https://anchorageparkfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Purchase-Tickets-2-300x46.jpg.

**October 24**
BUILDING a CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY is the topic for the REAP Energy Speakers Series from 5:30 to 7pm (Happy Hour at 5pm) in the Anchorage Museum Atrium (check in at the front desk). Hear how organizations around Alaska are working together to research, develop, and advocate for the expansion of clean energy in Alaska. This discussion will be led by the core members of a newly formed group, ARCTIC. Panelists include GWEN HOLDMAN of ACEP, CHRIS ROSE of REAP, and ISAAC VANDERBURG of Launch AK.
October 26
ALASKA'S BERRIES and their CHANGING SEASONS will be presented at 7pm at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive. UAF Arctic Research Center researcher Dr. KATIE SPELLMAN will discuss the ongoing research on berries by UAF and USGS that spans the life cycle of the berry plants and illustrates how Winterberry Citizen science helps improve our knowledge of how berries are changing in the far North. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 267-1247.

October 28
RICK THOMAN, International Arctic Research Center and the Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy, will give two presentations in the UAA/APU Consortium Library Room 307.

COMMUNICATING CLIMATE SCIENCE will take place from 2:30 to 4pm. Gone are the days when weather and climate science practitioners could do their work without regards to the use or impacts of the implications of their results. Fed by a rapidly changing environment, communications and social expectations, climate science has grown larger than any one person and “good science” now requires a team effort. We’ll discuss this changed paradigm, successes and challenges, and what the future might hold for communicating science-based information in societally meaningful ways.

GOING UP ON the ELEVATOR of CLIMATE CHANGE be held from 5:30 to 7 pm. What does it mean to be on the "Elevator of Climate Change? Join climate specialist RICK THOMAN for a talk and conversation about the changes in the Alaska environment, the short- and medium-term impacts of accelerating climate and environmental change in Alaska and how we can prepare. Rick Thoman is an expert in Alaska climate and weather. He produces reliable Alaska climate change information and graphics describing Alaska’s changing environment. His work spans the bridge between climate modeling, Alaska communities and media. For more information, contact eroderick@alaska.edu. For distance options, please contact lchavezjr@alaska.edu.

**October 29
ALASKA TRAILS FALL FUNDRAISER will be held from 6 to 9pm at the 49th State Brewing Co. This is an opportunity for our supporters to meet and greet the Alaska Trails board and staff. There will be a great silent auction featuring: 2 Alaska Airlines anywhere tickets, an Alaska Wildland Adventures trip, an Alpacka packraft, an E-Bike, cabin stays, outdoor gear and much more. Live music from the Hot Club of Nunaka. Alaska Trails Executive Director STEVE CLEARY will give an update on all the exciting summer projects that the Alaska Trail Stewards have been working on and a look at what's to come this winter and next year for Alaska Trails. Light appetizers provided; drinks will be available for purchase. Tickets are $35 in advance and $50 at the door. Tickets can be purchased HERE.

MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE
October 12
FAIRBANKS - PAVING TUNDRA: FILM AGAINST the AMBLER ROAD will be presented at 5pm at the Firehouse Studios. This premier explores the region that would be most impacted by the proposed Ambler road through stories of the people who live there and a journey through the Brooks Range. Following the film, JAYME DITTMAR and the NORTHERN CENTER STAFF will share information on how to get involved in the decision process about the road. Learn more. The event is FREE.

October 12
FAIRBANKS - 2ND ANNUAL WILD AND SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL will be held from 7 to 9pm at the Firehouse Studios, 656 7th Avenue. The festival brings together educational & energizing films to inspire activism and celebrate the natural world. We’ve chosen 10 films for this Fairbanks fundraising event to benefit the Northern Center. Buy your tickets online at http://bit.ly/wsff19 or at the door. Cost $20.

October 12
HOMER - OPEN SPACES and WILD PLACES: KACHEMAK HERITAGE LAND TRUST’S 18TH ANNUAL GALA will be held at 6pm at Wasabi’s Bistro. Ticket $75 includes pig roast, sumptuous sides and 2 glasses of wine. Featuring The Spit City Slickers, Live and Silent Auctions and KHLT’s 6th Land at Heart award presentations honoring Ed Berg. Get tickets at Homer Saw & Cycle, The Homer Bookstore or at KHLT.

**October 14
FAIRBANKS - Public meeting will be held from 7 to 8pm at the Potter Road Fire Hall to discuss proposed improvements to the ROSIE CREEK RECREATIONAL TRAIL in the TANANA VALLEY STATE. Alaska’s Div. of Forestry and Board of Forestry are applying for a State Parks Recreational Trails Program Grant to improve a seven-mile loop of the Rosie Creek Trail system in the state forest. The grant proposal will include funding for: • add directional signage to improve ease of trail use; • upgrade an existing material site for better trailhead parking; • maintain the existing forestry road; and • install interpretive signs for three themes of fire ecology (the trail goes through the 1983 Rosie Creek Fire); forest research (the trail five plantations of native and non-native species planted as trials;) Interior Alaska forest intersects management. The Rosie Creek area offers an opportunity to combine a working state forest with a well-signed and well-maintained recreational trail. Forestry roads in the area are already used as trails by bikers, skiers, hunters, snowmachiners, dogsledders, runners and other users. The trail signs, maintenance and improved parking would make it easier and safer for trail users, and the interpretative signs highlighting forest management activities in the State Forest would make it more interesting. Those unable to attend the meeting may send comments and questions about the proposed project to Alison Arians no later than noon on November 4 at 907-269-8467 or email alison.arians@alaska.gov.

**October 15
HOMER - The HOMER FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting at the KBRR Building, 2181 Kachemak Drive, at 6pm. Agenda topics will
include current Board of Fish and Board of Game proposals and any other issues that come before the committee. Fish & Game will present details of the 2019 moose season. For more information contact Dave Lyon at 235-9408 or contact ADF&G Boards Support at 907-267-2354. Information on the 2019-2020 Board proposals can be found at Board of Fish Proposal Book and Board of Game Proposal Book. For additional information, contact Charity Lehman at 907-267-2354 or email charity.lehman@alaska.gov.

**October 15 & 16**

Public information meetings on ways to improve the visitor experience in the winter and spring/fall off-seasons in Denali National Park & Preserve will be held in the following locations:

- **FAIRBANKS** from 6 to 8pm, presentation at 6:30, in the Morris Thompson Cultural Center
- **DENALI NATION PARK** from 5:30 to 7:30, presentation at 6, at the Murie Science and Learning Center

Concepts under consideration are described in the WINTER AND SHOULDER SEASON PLAN. The intent of this plan is to describe ideas that address the management of the winter and shoulder seasons in Denali, outline the role that Denali may play in regional tourism and outdoor recreation in these seasons, and increase the quality of the winter and shoulder season visitor experience while protecting park resources and values. Information about this planning effort and a copy of the plan can be found online at [https://www.nps.gov/dena/getinvolved/winter-plan.htm](https://www.nps.gov/dena/getinvolved/winter-plan.htm). Denali receives most of its visitors during the summer, but the park is open year-round and visitation in the off-season is growing. Visitation between October and April has increased approximately 400 percent during the past six years, while annual visitation during the same period increased much less dramatically, by approximately 17 percent. For more information, contact Jennifer Johnston, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at 907-683-6240 or email dena_planning@nps.gov.

**October 15 & 16 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)**

**FAIRBANKS** - The EASTERN INTERIOR ALASKA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet at Pike’s Waterfront Lodge beginning at 9am each day. The Council will discuss proposals to change Federal subsistence hunting and trapping regulations and other issues related to subsistence in the Eastern Interior Region. The public is welcome to attend and participate in this meeting. To teleconference into this meeting, dial toll-free (877) 638-8165 (passcode: 9060609). All meeting materials are available at [https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions](https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions).

**October 23**

**MOOSE PASS** - A Public Open House will be held from 5 to 6:30pm at the Moose Pass Community Hall to discuss the SEWARD HIGHWAY ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT between the TRAIL RIVER BRIDGE and the STERLING WYE (MP 25.5 to 36). As a result of analyzing safety statistics, planned improvements have been changed. Improvements will now focus on repaving the highway and pathway and rebuilding drainage. For more information, go to [www.sewardhighway25to36.com](http://www.sewardhighway25to36.com) or contact Katherine Wood, Public Involvement Lead, at (907) 644-2153 or email info@sewardhighway25to36.com.
NOME - The SEWARD PENINSULA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet at Mini Convention Center beginning at 9am each day. The Council will discuss proposals to change Federal subsistence hunting and trapping regulations and other issues related to subsistence in the Seward Peninsula Region. The public is welcome to attend and participate in this meeting. To teleconference into this meeting, dial toll-free (866) 820-9854 (passcode: 4801802). All meeting materials may be found at https://www.doi.gov/subsistence_regions.

**October 29**

COOPER LANDING - Public Open House will be held from 5 to 7pm with presentation a 5:30 at the Cooper Landing Community Hall regarding STERLING HIGHWAY MP 45-60 PROJECT. The project has moved from the environmental analysis phase to the engineering design phase. Construction is slated to begin in 2020 and last through 2025. For more information go to www.SterlingHighway.net or contact Katherine Wood, Public Involvement Lead, at 907-644-2153.

ITEMS of INTEREST

The Alaska Conservation Foundation’s 2019 ALASKA CONSERVATION DIRECTORY is now available to view or download at 2019 Alaska Conservation Directory.

The FOREST SERVICE has posted a SUMMARY of the ALASKA ROADLESS RULEMAKING PUBLIC SCOPING COMMENTS that can be found at https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/109834_FSPLT3_4616651.pdf.

VOLUNTEER and BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

EXPERIENCE RURAL COMMUNITIES WHILE ASSISTING FELLOW ALASKANS. A unique volunteer opportunity awaits those outgoing individuals located in Alaska interested in experiencing life outside the urban centers. Immerse yourself in the Alaskan Native culture while giving back by providing a valuable service to those in need. ABDC is currently recruiting for tax preparers and team leaders/educators to travel to rural Alaska; experience is helpful but not required as training is provided. Training begins in December and most travel is completed in February, with some travel in March. Recruiting is currently open; weeklong leaders/educators and weekend preparers needed. Interested? Send an email inquiry with your (first and last) name indicating how you heard of the program to ellen@abdc.org.

SITKA - A FULL-TIME AMERICORPS VOLUNTEER for PACIFIC HIGH SCHOOL to run their unique school meal program in which fresh, nutritious, homemade meals are prepared and served by students as part of a service-based culinary arts class. PHS has recently developed a school garden that is adjacent to the kitchen/lunch area, from which culinary herbs, salad greens, and root vegetables are grown and harvested for
use in the breakfast/lunch program. The ideal candidate will have basic food preparation skills and the ability to follow recipes precisely, strong computer literacy, and comfort working with at-risk students in an alternative school setting. The volunteer must be able to problem solve independently and be flexible enough to meet changing school and student needs. This is a full-time position serving 1700 hours over the course of one year. For more information, please contact Mandy Summer, PHS principal, summerm@sitkaschools.org or call 907.966.1375.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ANCHORAGE (HFHA) is recruiting BOARD MEMBERS who are from diverse areas of Anchorage and are passionate about affordable housing in the Anchorage area. Habitat for Humanity Anchorage’s mission is to work in partnership with people throughout the community to build houses, build hope, and change lives. We do this by building and renovating simple, decent, and affordable houses and by using our voice in the community to make adequate housing a matter of conscience and action. For more information email executivedirector@habitatanchorage.org or call (907) 272-0800.

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.

INTERNSHIP

**Organizations in Alaska can APPLY to be a HOST SITE FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM. The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals – Environmental Education Outreach Program at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona is seeking air quality focused offices and programs to HOST a COLLEGE STUDENT for an 8-WEEK SUMMER INTERNSHIP. Tribal environmental offices, EPA offices, and other tribal environmental organizations are encouraged to apply. The interns will be highly motivated undergraduate or graduate students majoring in environmental or related careers from different colleges and universities nationwide. ITEP provides each student intern with a $4,000 stipend, and limited housing and travel allowances. The host site provides a workplace and supervision for the intern. The projects MUST focus on addressing air quality issues in tribal communities. Submit an application online at: [http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/eeop/Internships/ssi_host](http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/eeop/Internships/ssi_host) by January 17. For more information, contact ITEP Intern Coordinator at EEOP-INTERN@nau.edu.

DISCOVERY CENTER INTERNSHIPS for the ANCHORAGE MUSEUM to interact with museum visitors and engage with the public in the Discovery Center. Opportunities and training may include developing and facilitating educational experiences, with a focus on the Discovery Center, Thomas Planetarium, and CoLab. Interns will receive training and support to lead programs independently, including but not limited to large scale public moments such as Planetarium shows, animal presentations, and science
demonstrations. Interns may assist with creating resources and providing overall support to educational programming. Interns are expected to perform basic exhibit upkeep/maintenance, follow opening/closing procedures, and provide general cleaning of the Discovery Center and Thomas Planetarium. Internships run September 2019 - May 2020, start and end dates are flexible. Work schedule will be approximately 16 to 20 hours a week, including afternoons, nights, weekends, and holidays. Interns receive a $5000 stipend. For more information and to apply, visit https://www.anchoragemuseum.org/about-us/employment. Applications are now being accepted on a rolling basis with interviews scheduled in the order applications are received.

CULTURAL RESOURCES INTERN for the NATIONAL PARK SERVICE will work with the Cultural Resource Team at the Alaska Regional Office in Anchorage to input cultural resource data in a newly developed database. Applicants should possess a background in historic preservation, landscape or historic architecture, archeology, or anthropology. Experience with databases, MS Word, ESRI GIS is helpful. To be eligible, applicants must be currently enrolled in an academic program or recently graduated (degree received May 2018 or later). Each applicant will need to submit a detailed resume with specific dates and hours worked per week, including references; a copy of current transcript (web-based PDF is sufficient); a short statement of interest and how this position will further your preservation studies and career goals. This is a 400-hour internship with a stipend of $15 per hour. Please email PDFs of application materials to Dael Devenport at dael_devenport@nps.gov.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY SPECIALIST for SOUTHEAST ALASKA CONSERVATION COUNCIL (SEACC) in Juneau** to enhance and support grassroots organizing efforts to preserve one of the most intact, carbon-dense temperate rainforests left on earth, and help safeguard Southeast Alaska’s productive coastal marine waters. The Environmental Policy Specialist will support our growing team by providing oversight and analysis of all resource management actions affecting federal, state, Tribal and/or private lands in Southeast Alaska. We are looking for someone who is ready to help SEACC hold the “powers that be” accountable and is capable of developing innovative policy and legal solutions that strengthen SEACC’s ability to work alongside communities to protect Southeast Alaska pristine temperate rainforest and glacial waters. For more information or apply, contact Dan Cannon, Tongass Forest Program Manager, at Cell: 440-724-4716 or Office: 907-586-6942.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** for the NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD (NPRB). Applications will be accepted through October 31 and review of applications will take place in November with an anticipated start date of February 1. The Executive Director position is a regular, full-time position equivalent to the GS-15 level in federal service. Applicants should have at least 5 years of experience in research and/or organizational management with a minimum 3 years of program-level supervisory experience. Under the direction of the Board, this position provides organizational leadership while
maintaining and enhancing the organization’s reputation for excellence in marine research. For those interested in applying, visit the link here.

SENIOR SPATIAL ANALYST for AUDUBON ALASKA to support Audubon’s conservation science and policy initiatives in Alaska. They will collect, map, and analyze spatial biological data, social science data, review scientific literature, and prepare maps, reports, community engagement materials, and scientific publications. The emphasis will be on compiling, managing, analyzing, and preparing products using geospatial data on Alaska’s wildlife, habitats, cultural and traditional resources and socio-political uses and boundaries. They will apply advanced skills in data management, landscape analysis, map design, and scientific writing related to a variety of projects across Alaska. Biological or social science background preferred. For full position description and application instructions, please visit https://careers-audubon.icims.com/jobs/4203/senior-spatial-ecologist/job. Position is open until filled. For questions, please email: ndawson@audubon.org.

ALASKA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for the YUKON RIVER INTER-TRIBAL WATERSHED COUNCIL (YRITWC). The YRITWC is a nonprofit tribal organization dedicated to water quality and environmental stewardship in the Yukon River Basin. Successful applicants will have an undergraduate degree (graduate preferred) in Business Administration, Public Administration, Environmental Science and Policy, Environmental Applied Science and Management, or a closely related field. Candidates will be able to demonstrate at least seven years’ experience in comparable leadership positions; a proven track record of grant and unrestricted fund development; the history of sound fiscal management; and experience working closely with Alaska Native tribes and tribal programs. YRITWC Employment policies include a hiring preference for Alaska Native applicants. Compensation consists of a salary range of $70,000-80,000, a generous leave package that includes vacation, sick, and annual subsistence leave; health/dental/vision; and an education allowance. Interested applicants should send a cover letter outlining relevant experience, resume or CV, and list of five references, two of which should be representatives of an Alaska Native tribe to AKEDSearch@yritwc.org. Resumes will be reviewed in mid-October and will continue until the successful candidate is identified. To see the full job description, go to https://www.yritwc.org/. Any questions may be sent to Kelly Donnelly at kdonnelly@yritwc.org.

FULL-TIME ACCOUNTANT for the PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL (PWSRCAC) to be responsible for accounts payable processing, contract records administration, travel and other financial records management, general ledger reconciliations, and other duties as assigned. This position requires college-level accounting, financial experience working in a non-profit environment, and experience using Great Plains Dynamics or similar products. An accounting degree is preferred. Competitive compensation DOE. Applicants will be required to agree to background checks. Please submit a detailed resume including cover letter, education, employment history, and references to jobs@pwsrcac.org by November 1, 2019. A detailed job description may be found at http://www.pwsrcac.org/about/employment-2/.
FULL-TIME STAFF ATTORNEY for TRUSTEES FOR ALASKA in Anchorage to join our team of lawyers working to protect a wild and vibrant Alaska where fish, wildlife, and people thrive. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. The ideal candidate has 4-6 years of litigation experience and a proven ability to foster coordination and cooperation among diverse groups to achieve conservation goals in Alaska. For more information, go to see http://www.trustees.org. Job Responsibilities:
• Managing a diverse case load that may include coalition-based administrative, legislative, and judicial work; • Working with program staff, clients, and partners to develop and implement legal, political, outreach, communications, and other strategies; • Representing Trustees for Alaska and clients in public forums and with the press • Delegating and supervising projects for our paralegal and legal interns; • Assisting with administrative, communications, and fundraising as needed. Working Conditions: We work a 40-hour week, with occasional additional night and weekend hours, in a supportive, dog-friendly office. We occasionally travel, including to remote areas by small plane, boat, or snow machine. The position is based in Anchorage. Qualifications: We seek candidates who have excellent legal, relationship building, and project management skills, and are results oriented. Strong candidates will have: • Excellent writing, research, analytical, and interpersonal skills; • A demonstrated ability to think creatively; • A track record of managing judicial, legislative, or administrative projects; • Admitted to practice law in Alaska, eligible for reciprocity, or willing to sit for the next available bar exam; • The ability to work in a collaborative, team-based environment, including within large and diverse coalitions. Knowledge of Alaska, scientific experience, knowledge of environmental and administrative law are all plusses. Competitive non-profit salary based on experience, plus medical, dental, life, long-term disability, and retirement benefits, generous leave policy, and supportive co-workers. Trustees for Alaska is an equal opportunity employer. How to Apply: E-mail cover letter and resume to Ashley Boyd, Office Manager, at aboyd@trustees.org.

OUTDOOR EDUCATOR SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES in DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE are amazing seasonal summer jobs available for environmental and outdoor educators. Each summer the National Park Service hires up to three Education Technicians who instruct multi-day youth programs and camps. Most of these programs are targeted at high school ages and take place both in the frontcountry and the backcountry. The positions present unparalleled opportunities for professional development in education, interpretation, youth mentoring, risk management, and backcountry travel. The positions usually start in mid-April and last approximately six months, but shorter seasons may be possible. Position Details: Each year we hire two GS-0025-07 seasonals to serve as Education Technicians for Denali NPS. One typically focuses mostly on frontcountry-based programs and the other on backcountry-based programs (see below for details). Programs: Each summer and fall Denali runs approximately 28 multi-day youth programs that are co-instructed by these NPS Education Technicians and a non-profit partner instructor. Here are brief summaries of the main program types: Denali Discovery Camp (7-8 sessions per summer packed into 2 wks.): 5 days with 1-3 overnights (age dependent), campground
based. For 1st - 8th grade students with a focus on locals. **Denali Summer Science Academy** (~5 sessions per summer): 4 days and 3 nights, campground based. For high school students with a focus on underserved populations (Alaska Native, foster children, etc.). **Denali Expeditions** (~6 sessions per summer): 6 days and 5 nights, backcountry based. For high school and college students, some open enrollment and some focused on underserved populations (Alaska Native, first-in-family to university, etc.) **Denali Science School** (~9-10 sessions per fall): three days and 2 nights, classroom-based. For 5th-6th grade classes from across Alaska. Knowledge, skill and ability requirements: Wilderness First Responder certification is required by the start date; Experience and aptitude working as an outdoor educator; Experience practicing and teaching Leave No Trace principles; Ability to supervise youth in areas with dangerous large animals, few trails, and cool/cold wet weather. For the backcountry-focused position, experience with backcountry and wilderness travel and camping, and ideally experience leading youth groups in these settings. Hours/pay: The Education Technicians work up to 15 hours per day for multiple days in a row, earning comp that is spent as extended time off in subsequent weeks. How to apply: Education staff are hired off of the same job application certificates as Denali's Interpretation and Backcountry Rangers, which is why it's hard to know about these positions without having the inside scoop. Here are the links to the FY18 announcements on USAJOBS for reference, and approximate dates for which the advertisements may be open for our summer 2020 positions. Interpretation (will likely be advertised November 18, 2019): [https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/482638700](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/482638700). Backcountry (will likely be advertised in January 2020): [https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/489463000](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/489463000). There is a limit on the number of applications that will be accepted for each position, so it's a good idea to build a resume in USAJobs prior to the application period, and to submit your application within the first two days that the position is open. Contact Sierra McLane at sierra_mclane@nps.gov or call 907-683-6436 if you are interested in receiving additional information and tips on how to apply.

**DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR** for **RENEWABLE ENERGY ALASKA PROJECT (REAP)** to research and develop grant proposals; develop and expand REAP’s organizational membership and corporate support; develop and expand REAP’s major donor program and other individual giving; administer and maintain REAP’s donor database, website, and social media accounts. Prepare newsletters and public relations and marketing efforts. **Required Skills and Experience:** Superb writing skills; excellent organizational skills; understanding of basic fundraising practices, including prospect identification, solicitation, cultivation, acknowledgment, stewardship, reporting, and ethical standards; Bachelor’s degree or five years of experience in a relevant field. **Compensation:** This is a permanent, full time position. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Includes paid personal leave and holidays and retirement benefits but not health care coverage. **Application Deadline:** October 18, **Application Process:** Please send cover letter, résumé, writing sample and four references, including at least one letter of recommendation to Renewable Energy Alaska Project, Attn: Greg Stiegel, 308 G Street, Suite 225, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 or email in PDF format to gstiegel@realaska.org.
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR (VPC) for the ALASKA TRAILS’ ALASKA TRAIL STEWARDS (ATS) PROGRAM. The VPC will be in charge of all aspects of ATS program management, coordination and fund development. This includes recruiting stewards for trail improvement projects, arranging training opportunities, and coordinating with land managers to identify meaningful, safe, and fun projects. In addition, the VPC will head up program development and promotion. The VPC will be responsible for identifying and pursuing new funding sources – including grants, individual donors and corporate giving. For more information on the position and application go to HERE.

CONSERVATION PROJECT MANAGER for the GREAT LAND TRUST to be responsible for due diligence, recordkeeping, and drafting and negotiating legal documents including purchase and sale agreements and conservation easements associated with new projects. The Conservation Project Manager will be fluent in tax benefits associated with land conservation. The Conservation Project Manager will work with GLT staff, landowners, and partners on projects and will be responsible for assuring that all conservation and acquisition projects adhere to GLT’s policies and procedures and the Land Trust Alliance’s Accreditation Standards and Practices. Additionally, the Conservation Project Manager will work with the Executive Director and Conservation Director to continue developing, promoting, and utilizing GLT’s successful In-Lieu Fee Wetland Mitigation program. As part of the GLT team, the Conservation Project Manager will help host and participate in GLT’s events and community outreach activities. All staff on our team embrace public speaking and networking opportunities as we work to develop and sustain relationships with funders and community partners, grow our base of supporters in both size and diversity. For a full job description and application information, go to http://greatlandtrust.org/were-hiring/.

ALASKA FIELD REP for the THEODORE ROOSEVELT CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP tasked with organizing state-based strategic support for the TRCP’s policy objectives. This part-time consulting position will be responsible for advancing the TRCP’s priorities for conserving both undeveloped forests in the Tongass National Forest of Southeast Alaska and BLM lands important for sportsmen and women in Central Alaska. A successful candidate will display communications and strategic abilities to engage, organize, and empower conservation minded hunters and anglers in public lands policy decisions that directly impact our community. This person will also demonstrate an ability to engage constructively with our partners, decision makers, and state and federal agencies. This individual will work closely with TRCP representatives from other Western states and contribute to the overall success of the organization. To apply, email a cover letter and resume with the subject line “Alaska Field Representative” to Joel Webster, TRCP Center for Western Lands Director at jwebster@trcp.org. Position will remain open until filled. Read full job description here: http://www.trcp.org/employment/part-time-alaska-field-representative/.

ACCOUNTING AND GRANTS MANAGER for the KACHEMAK HERITAGE LAND TRUST, of Homer. Qualified candidates must be knowledgeable in accounting,
handling all aspects of the accounting cycle including payroll and payroll taxes, be proficient at Quickbooks and Excel, understand expense allocation as it applies to non-profits, etc. If you would like to help preserve important lands on the Kenai Peninsula for the future and this position interests you, please go to https://www.kachemaklandtrust.org/news.html for the full job description and how to apply.

**LEAD NATURALIST** for the **DISCOVERY SOUTHEAST**, to be responsible enrichment programs (after school, day, or summer) for elementary and middle schoolers, developing curricula, managing programs, fundraising, and outreach. The backgrounds we value most include classroom teaching, group and classroom management, leading groups outdoors, and developing lessons. The position is easiest as part time, but there is potential to make it ¾ time for candidates that also bring experience coordinating programs, an/or administrative work. The core responsibility of leading classroom programs requires daytime availability until 2:30 in the fall, winter, and spring, but requires little commitment over the winter holidays or summer. Pay is dependent on experience, and generally between $20 - $30 with the lower end of that range representing education in the field but limited experience, and the upper end being significant knowledge and experience in the field. We offer health insurance for staff working at least ¾ time. To Apply: For more information or to submit a cover letter and resume to Shawn Eisele, at executivedirector@discoverysoutheast.org. In applications, please specify roughly how many hours a week you would like to work. More information about our programs is at DiscoverySoutheast.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION** for the **PRATT MUSEAUM** in Homer to provide dynamic leadership and to direct innovative programming, planning, organization, staffing, and operations. The Pratt Museum builds relationships between people and place through stories relevant to Kachemak Bay. The Executive Director will work closely with the Board of Directors to refine, develop, and implement strategic fundraising, exhibitions, collections management, educational activities, and community outreach. We Value: Interdependence, Curiosity. Knowledge/Skills/Abilities : Expert skills and demonstrated knowledge of museum or public venue operations. Advanced knowledge of financial, budgeting, and accounting practices, standards, and regulations. Proven ability to manage a diverse team of staff, board and constituents. Working knowledge of Alaska’s natural, cultural, artistic and scientific ecosystems. Proven track record in fundraising skills for earned, charitable and grant income plan. Education or Training : Undergraduate and/or higher degree preferred. At least three years of program management experience in a field relevant to the Pratt Museum’s mission and purview. This is a full-time exempt position (salary dependent on experience). Benefits limited to paid vacation, sick time, holiday pay, and a Simple IRA retirement plan. The Pratt Museum is an equal opportunity employer. To apply, please email, in PDF format, a cover letter, resume and contact information for three professional references to board@prattmuseum.org. This position is open until filled.

**POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH POSITIONS - KNOWLEDGE CO-PRODUCTION**
1. SEEKING CLIMATE CHANGE KNOWLEDGE CO-PRODUCTION and BOUNDARY SPANNING on ALASKA. Climate change is occurring more rapidly in the Arctic than any region on Earth. Its impacts are being felt by Indigenous peoples as well as throughout a range of societal sectors, including wildfire management. Recent scholarship suggests that boundary spanning, translational ecology, and the process of knowledge co-production are effective in bridging the gap between science and decision-making and calls for building capacity by developing processes for effective evaluation and for training boundary spanning professionals. We seek a post-doctoral research fellow to explore one or more of these inter-related research areas of knowledge co-production and boundary spanning assessment related to climate change in Alaska. More information including application details available HERE. Questions about the position should be directed to Sarah.Trainor@alaska.edu.

2. INTERDISCIPLINARY ANALYSIS of ECONOMIC IMPACTS of CLIMATE CHANGE in ALASKA. The Arctic is warming twice as fast as lower latitudes with far-reaching consequences for access to energy and mineral resources, global trade and tourism routes, marine and terrestrial ecosystems, and human health and safety. Impacts of the changing Arctic are particularly salient for the region’s Indigenous peoples. The need for integrated, transdisciplinary research to better understand social and economic impacts and potential opportunities from climate change for Alaska is critically needed. Despite this need, there has been little work done to assess the economic costs and benefits of Arctic change, especially with regard to impacts in Alaska, or the value of existing federal and state services and products. Given that impacts and associated costs arise at scales ranging from the local to the global, there is a spectrum of opportunities for theory building and methods development that can only be accomplished through the deep integration of disciplines. This work is critical for meeting pressing societal needs and to inform decisions and policy. We seek a post-doctoral research fellow to explore the social and economic impacts of climate change in Alaska from an interdisciplinary perspective. More information including application details available HERE. Questions about the position should be directed to Sarah.Trainor@alaska.edu.

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.

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/.

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