CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

**December 2 – 10**

ANCHORAGE - The NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL will meet at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W. 3rd Avenue. The full agenda is available at https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1063. The Council meeting is broadcast will be broadcast at https://npfmc.adobeconnect.com/december2019.

December 3

BETHEL - AIR QUALITY IN ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES 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 walk-through. 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.

December 16

ANCHORAGE - ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING: GPS/GIS BASICS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL WORKERS will be held at the APU Campus from 8am to 5pm. This class introduces students to basic GPS and GIS principles through hands-on exercises. Hand-held Garmin GPS receivers are used as part of a field mapping exercise and collected data are imported into GIS to allow calculation of basic spatial statistics and produce a map. Taught by instructors from Alaska Pacific University. Part of this class will take place outside regardless of weather conditions. Please wear appropriate clothing and bring your own water bottle. Training provided at no cost to qualified
applicants. Minimum Qualifications: Must be at least 18 years old. Must have HS diploma or GED. Must be an Alaskan Resident. Must have contributed to Unemployment Insurance sometime during the last 5 years through current or previous job. Space is limited and preference given. To register for this class, go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ETAP_GPS_GIS_Class_Registration or contact Meg Burgett at 907-202-9612 or email mburgett@akforum.org. Registration deadline: December 6.

February 10 – 14, ANCHORAGE - ALASKA CHAPTER of the WILDLIFE SOCIETY 2020 ANNUAL MEETING and WORKSHOPS will be held at Alaska Pacific University. The theme this year is WILDLIFE AND ADVANCING TECHNOLOGIES. Keynote speakers: DICK SHIDELER will highlight methods to detect bear dens using recent and historic technology, MATT WOOLLER will share his expertise on applications of advanced isotope technologies to wildlife research, and BRITTA SCHROEDER will discuss current and potential drone capabilities for habitat and wildlife surveys. They are looking for participants interested in sharing their experiences using technology for wildlife research, management, or monitoring at the “Technology Show and Tell” segment. To complement our theme, Wildlife and Advancing Technologies, our poster session will include displays of technologies used in the wildlife field. Participants will have the opportunity to get hands-on experience or view demonstrations or hardware associated with these technologies. This could include information technology, sensors, equipment, or any tool used for research, data collection, or data processing. Our goal for this session is to show conference participants what type of technology is out there and give them inspiration for the future. If you have experience with technology you would like to share, then please submit an abstract for consideration. Additionally, we will offer Remote Participation this year. There are registration costs for both, online and in-person participation. This will be a trial year to test the feasibility of remote participation to our meeting. Remote participation will be limited to listening to sessions and presenting during select sessions from 11 through 13 February. You are able to choose remote participation as an option when registering on the website. To sign up for workshops, field trips or the Technology Show and Tell, you need to register for the conference at twsalaskameeting.com. For more information, go to http://twsalaskameeting.com/?post=678.

WEBINARS, TELECONFERENCES & VIDEOS

December 3 (TELECONFERENCE MEETING) BOARD OF FORESTRY will hold a teleconference meeting from 8am. to 3:45pm to discuss: • Forestry and forest practices budgets for fiscal year 2020, which began July 1, 2019; • Education campaign on new wildland fire prevention laws, and a Board of Forestry update about wildland fire issues; • Coastal forest management issues, including reports on Tongass Roadless Rule litigation, the Mental Health Trust land exchange, timber sales under the state-federal Good Neighbor Agreement, and salvage harvest potential of beetle-killed spruce in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; • Statewide forest management issues, including reports on Division of Forestry timber sales and
Forest Resources and Practices Act implementation and effectiveness monitoring, and progress on the Alaska State Forest Action Plan; • Update on the Tongass Roadless Rule process • Proposed partnership between forest roads and outdoor recreation in the Rosie Creek unit of the Tanana Valley State Forest, near Fairbanks; Other forestry matters may be included on the agenda. Public comment is scheduled for 10am. The board meeting will be accessible via both teleconference and webinar. Teleconference call-in locations: • Juneau, at DNR fourth floor Conference Room; • Anchorage at DNR’s offices at 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 1450; • Fairbanks at DNR’s large conference room. Those outside of Anchorage, Fairbanks or Juneau seeking to participate in the teleconference should contact Alison Arians at alison.arians@alaska.gov or at 907-269-8467 no later than Noon. on December 2. For a copy of the agenda, go to http://forestry.alaska.gov/whatsnew.htm. Contact Arians for additional information.

December 3 (WEBINAR)
RAPID CHANGE: 2019 in NORTHWEST ALASKA’S OCEANS and IMPACTS to ECOSYSTEMS and PEOPLE will be presented at 10am by GAY SHEFFIELD (Sea Grant), DONNA HAUSER (IARC), and RICK THOMAN (ACCAP). Summer 2019 was another remarkable year for the Bering and Chukchi Sea regions, with record early sea ice loss in the spring, very warm oceans and late freeze-up producing wide ranging impacts, from the ocean food web to individual and community activities. This webinar will provide an overview of the climate and ocean extremes, the biological ramifications and societal repercussions of another unusual summer around northwest Alaska. Registration at http://accap.adobeconnect.com/bering_sea/event/registration.html.

December 4 (TELECONFERENCE)
THE PERILOUS STATE of FEDERAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH: HOW SIDELINING SCIENCE THREATENS PUBLIC HEALTH will be presented at 9am AKST by Dr. LINDA BIRNBAUM. Join this call to hear Dr. Birnbaum’s perspective on the current state of federal scientific research, the public health consequences of sidelining science, and what we can do to restore the role of science in policy. Dr. Birnbaum has been particularly effective at bringing forward the mounting scientific evidence of harm of exposures to certain chemicals that are now ubiquitous in our products and environment. Her discussion of the current science has helped to shift our understanding of exposures to include the dangers of chronic low dose exposures and the long-term effects of early lifetime exposures. Register for this call.

December 4 (WEBINAR)
ICE, WATER and PEOPLE – A LOOK into HOW GLACIAL LAKE OUTBURST FLOODS IMPACT ALASKAN COMMUNITIES will be presented by DINA ABDEL-FATTAH at 11am. Glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs) are a natural phenomenon that result in the release of a significant amount of water via a glacial system, which has the potential to negatively and severely impact downstream communities. This webinar will look into two GLOF glaciers in Alaska – Suicide Basin in Juneau and Snow Glacier in the Kenai Peninsula. Both glaciers have recurring GLOFs that affect the downstream areas in Juneau and the Kenai Peninsula in a variety of ways. From homeowners, to
tour operators, to electric companies, to emergency responders, these are but a few of the impacted stakeholder groups impacted by GLOFs. During the webinar, you’ll learn about how GLOFs happen, their presence in Alaska, how stakeholders have been affected by these events, what are the available resources to understand and monitor these events, and what is the potential outlook for continued GLOFs in Alaska in the years to come. Registration.

To WATCH the presentation on ALASKA COMMON GROUND’S FORUM on the ANCHORAGE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, go to http://akcommonground.org/climate-change-events/ or on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_ev2_r-h4c&feature=youtu.be.

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.

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFPs

November 30
Deadline for submission for the NOAA MARINE DEBRIS ART CONTEST. 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.

December 3
Deadline for applications for the **NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION COMMUNITY CAPACITY and LAND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CCLS)** that provides funding to increase the capacity of organizations implementing large scale restoration projects that benefit National Forests and Grasslands. Funding for CCLS is currently provided by the US Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region and **Alaska Region**, and coordinated with multiple additional regional leadership partners. **Applicant Eligibility:** 501(c)3 nonprofits, universities, and federally recognized Native American tribes are eligible to receive CCLS grants. If an organization does not meet this eligibility requirement, it must utilize an eligible fiscal sponsor, in compliance with the NFF Policy on Fiscal Sponsorship. **Webinar about Southeast Alaska CCLS Program will be held on November 14 at 11am AKST.** To register for the webinar, go to [Register]. Full program details and application instructions are available in the Request for Proposals (RFP) document at [Download the RFP Here] Informational Webinar: An informational webinar for the Southeast Alaska CCLS Program will be held on November 14, 2019 at 11:00 am AKST.

December 10
Deadline for nominations for the **2020 ALASKA OCEAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS** to the **ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER (ASLC)**. ASLC established the Awards to recognize those who have made significant contributions to ocean sciences, education, and resource management in Alaska. Awards will be presented at the **Alaska Marine Gala on February 8.** To see the award categories and other information, go to [https://www.alaskasealife.org/news_item/103](https://www.alaskasealife.org/news_item/103).

December 16
Deadline for applications for the **TEMPER of the TIMES FOUNDATION ENVIRONMENTAL ADVERTISING GRANTS** to promote the use of standard marketing concepts for increasing awareness about wildland conservation and restoration initiatives. Recognizing that organizations working to protect the environment have limited access to paid media in general, the foundation provides funds to underwrite advertising designed to promote the conservation and restoration of native wildlife, plants, and ecosystems in the United States. The foundation also supports earned media campaigns and other efforts to communicate about conservation and restoration initiatives and actions. The foundation awards grants of between $5,000 and $15,000 to help underwrite advertising that will lead to measurable outcomes for wildland ecosystem conservation and restoration in the United States. Grants may be used to fund the production of print, radio, or television ads; to pay for advertising space or airtime; and/or to produce or distribute pamphlets, books, videos, or press packets. Because grants are for wildland ecosystem advertising campaigns (not for general organizational support), they may not be used to cover costs associated with the production of organizational newsletters, membership campaigns, or for staff salaries. In addition, the foundation does not fund lobbying efforts or candidates for political office. To be eligible, applicants must be a nonprofit organization classified as tax exempt
under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. To see complete program guidelines and application instructions, go to Link to Complete RFP.

January 8
Deadline for pre-proposals for the COASTAL AND MARINE HABITAT RESTORATION GRANTS, the $4 million in Community-based Restoration Program funding available for coastal and marine habitat restoration in 2020. Award amounts range from $75,000 to $3 million over one to three years. The pre-proposal process will help determine if proposed projects are well-suited for this specific funding competition and if a full application is warranted. The full application deadline, which will be in April 2020, will be sent to eligible applicants that were successful in the pre-proposal process. For more information go to https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/grant/coastal-and-marine-habitat-restoration-grants. A webinar will also be held December 5 at 9 am AKST. Login information here. Contact Erika Ammann at erika.ammann@noaa.gov or call (907)271-5118 if you have any questions.

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. 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.

March 15
Deadline for submissions for the 2020 ALASKA JUNIOR DUCK STAMP CONTEST from K-12 students. Participants select a species of North American waterfowl, do research on this species and its habitat, and then depict their findings through art and writing. Prizes, cash awards, and national recognition await the winners. Get to know North America’s waterfowl and enter the contest! Visit the Jr. Duck webpage or contact Tamara_Zeller@fws.gov/ (907) 786-3517.

DEADLINES
**November 30 (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)**
Deadline to respond to an Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) *6-QUESTION SURVEY ABOUT NONPOINT SOURCE (NPS) WATER POLLUTION* in Alaska. The responses to these questions will help guide DEC’s priority focus over the next 5 years for addressing nonpoint source pollution. Responses are anonymous. Feel free to share the survey link with others. To respond to the survey, go to [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPG7B2W](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPG7B2W). For more information, contact Laura Eldred at (907) 376-1855 or email [laura.eldred@alaska.gov](mailto:laura.eldred@alaska.gov).

**December 2**

**December 5**
Deadline for comments at the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) on a docket regarding **FULL or PARTIAL REGULATION (OR DEREGULATION) of RESIDENTIAL and COMMERCIAL REFUSE (TRASH COLLECTION) SERVICE**, which includes an investigation into the practices and pricing models used within the industry. An order has been released opening Docket I-19-001 and issuing a list of questions for response from refuse utilities and other interested persons. For more information or to comment, please click on Docket I-19-001 through this [link](mailto:rca.mail@alaska.gov) or email to [rca.mail@alaska.gov](mailto:rca.mail@alaska.gov).

**December 6**
Comments are due on the **APDES Draft Permit** for an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) permit for the **KETCHIKAN PULP COMPANY WARD COVE LANDFILL**. Permit documents are available at [https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/public-notices#AK0053392](https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/public-notices#AK0053392). For more information or to submit comments, contact Marie Klingman at 907-451-2101 or email [marie.klingman@alaska.gov](mailto:marie.klingman@alaska.gov).

**December 9**
Comments are due on the **HUMPBACK WHALE CRITICAL HABITAT PROPOSED RULE**. NOAA Fisheries is holding hearings related to our proposed rule to designate critical habitat for humpback whales. This is one of five hearings. The hearings will begin with a brief presentation by NOAA Fisheries that gives an overview of critical habitat under the ESA and a summary of the relevant proposed critical habitat designation. Following the presentation, members of the public will have the opportunity to provide oral comments on the record regarding the proposed designation. To submit comment, go to [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and search on “NOAA-NMFS-2019-0066” for the humpback whale proposed rule.

**December 13 (EXTENDED)**
Deadline extended for comments on the **PROPOSED BP-HILCORP DOCKETS P-19-015, P-19-016, and P-19-017** applications, for **REQUEST for WAIVER**, and the **PETITIONS for CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**. On September 27, 2019, three applications were filed jointly by BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc. (BPPA) and Harvest Alaska, LLC (Harvest Alaska), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hilcorp Alaska, LLC (Hilcorp). In Docket No. **P-19-015**, the application requests approval of Harvest Alaska to acquire BPPA's indirect 32.0% ownership interest in PTE Pipeline, LLC. In Docket No. **P-19-016**, the application requests approval of Harvest Alaska to acquire BPPA's indirect controlling interest in Milne Point Pipeline, LLC, the operator of the Milne Point Oil Pipeline under CPCN No. 329 and the Milne Point Natural Gas Liquids Pipeline under CPCN No. 638. In Docket **P-19-017**, the application requests approval of Harvest Alaska to acquire BPPA's entire interest in the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (including its interest in the Valdez Marine Terminal) operated under CPCN No. 311. With each application, Harvest Alaska filed a motion requesting waiver of the requirement under 3 AAC 48.625 that Harvest Alaska file audited financial statements. Harvest Alaska, Hilcorp, and Harvest Midstream I, L.P., filed into each docket a petition requesting confidential treatment of their audited and unaudited financial statements submitted in support of the applications. To access the applicants’ filings, click on the "Documents" tab in each docket: Docket No. **P-19-015**, Docket No. **P-19-016**, Docket No. **P-19-017**. To submit comments, click [here](http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=FS-2019-0023-0001). Note: While submitting a comment, please make sure you enter a valid email address and follow each step all the way through the "Finished" button. Please do not use your browser's "Back" button as this may cause errors in your submission. If you do not wish to use the online comment portal, you may send your comments along with the docket number via email to rca.mail@alaska.gov.

**December 16**
Deadline for comments on the **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, ALTERNATIVES to a PROPOSED ALASKA ROADLESS RULE**. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is proposing to exempt the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule, which prohibits tree harvest and road construction/reconstruction within inventoried roadless areas with certain limited exceptions. In addition, the proposed rule would provide an administrative procedure for correcting and modifying inventoried roadless area boundaries on the Chugach National Forest. For more information, go to [https://www.fs.usda.gov/roadmain/roadless/alaskaroadlessrule](https://www.fs.usda.gov/roadmain/roadless/alaskaroadlessrule). Submit comments at [http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=FS-2019-0023-0001](http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=FS-2019-0023-0001).

**December 20**
Deadline for **CALL for PRESENTERS** at the **SPRING GARDEN CONFERENCE** to be held on **February 22**. Do you have an area of expertise you would love to share with the larger gardening community? We welcome lecture and workshop style presentations (60 minutes) and shorter 15-minute sessions that can be included in "downtime" during or after the Conference. The conference reaches a wide audience of long-time garden enthusiasts to the first-time gardeners. For more information or to submit, contact ABG's Program Director at stacey.shriner@alaskabg.org. For presenter form, go to [Presenter Form](http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=FS-2019-0023-0001).
**December 20**
Comments are due on a wide array of proposed activities included in the “OUT-YEAR PLAN” for the PRINCE OF WALES LANDSCAPE LEVEL ANALYSIS PROJECT. The POW LLA Project “Out-year Plan” is a living document that allows the public to track activities through the implementation process. The Forest is specifically looking for comments on activity design components, locations, methods, mitigation measures, and integration opportunities for items listed as “draft” in the Out-year Plan. The updated project implementation information is available at [http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/tongass/powlla](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/tongass/powlla). Upload comments to the project website at [https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?project=50337](https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?project=50337). A Record of Decision was signed for the POW LLA Project on March 16. To view the Final Environmental Impact Statement, and Record of Decision, or to sign up for electronic notifications, go to [http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/tongass/powlla](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/tongass/powlla). For more information, contact Project Leader Delilah Brigham at 907-828-3232, or email delilah.brigham@usda.gov.

**December 27**
ANCHORAGE – Deadline for comment on the UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM NARRATIVE PROGRAM (UPWP) that is required when federal funds are used for transportation planning. The Draft 2020-21 UPWP defines the transportation planning activities and products to be developed by AMATS and other transportation planning agencies during the fiscal year (January 1 to December 31). It is the basis for allocating federal, state, and local funds for short- and long-range transportation planning activities within the AMATS area. Go to [Draft UPWP Narrative](https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/tongass/powlla) to see the narrative. Submit comments to AMATSSInfo@ci.anchorage.ak.us. For more information, contact Craig Lyon at 907.343.7996.

**January 5**
Deadline for a design for a DIGITAL LOGO DESIGN for the ALASKA INVASIVE SPECIES PARTNERSHIP In 2018, the Committee for Noxious and Invasive Plant Management officially changed its name to the AKISP to reflect an all-taxa approach to invasive species management in Alaska. We’re now looking for a new, creative, digital professional design that incorporates our name (or acronym or both), outline of the state, and represents all-taxa (marine, freshwater, and terrestrial species). A high resolution, color PDF is required. Please contact Danielle Verna at dverna@pdx.edu with questions and to submit your logo design. The winning design will be featured on letterhead, future communications, and outreach materials of the AKISP. The winner will receive free registration to the Annual Invasive Species Workshop to be held in Anchorage in fall 2020. For more information, go to [https://www.uaf.edu/ces/invasives/aisp/](https://www.uaf.edu/ces/invasives/aisp/),

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

**November 29**
YOUNG PEOPLE are calling a CLIMATE STRIKE from 1 to 3pm at the Delaney Park
Strip. If you know of youth who’d like to take part, ask them to go to the link to connect them. You are encouraged to show up to support the young people as they work to create greater political will for climate action. RSVP. For more information, contact margi@akcenter.org.

**December 3**

ANCHORAGE FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting at 6:30p, at the William Hernandez Fish Hatchery at 941 N Reeve Avenue. Agenda topics include Board of Game proposals 1-94 and 155-166. For more information contact Kevin Taylor at 244-7437 or contact ADF&G Boards Support at 907-267-2354. Information on the Board proposals can be found at https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposalbook. For further information contact Charity Lehman at 907-267-2354 or email charity.lehman@alaska.gov.

December 3

Public Hearing for will be held from 4 to 7pm in the Wilda Marston Theater, Loussac Library, on the HUMPBACK WHALE CRITICAL HABITAT PROPOSED RULE. The hearings will begin with a brief presentation by NOAA Fisheries that gives an overview of critical habitat under the ESA and a summary of the relevant proposed critical habitat designation(s). This proposed rule summarizes relevant information regarding the biology and habitat use of humpback whales, the methods used to develop the three proposed critical habitat designations, and the proposed critical habitats for the Central America (CAM), Mexico (MX), and Western North Pacific (WNP) DPSs of humpback whales. Following the presentation, members of the public will have the opportunity to provide oral comments on the record regarding the proposed designation(s). Members of the public will also have the opportunity to submit written comments at the hearing. Written comments may also be submitted until December 9. Electronic copies of the proposed rule and supporting documents are available at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/10/09/2019-21186/endangered-and-threatened-wildlife-and-plants-proposed-rule-to-designate-critical-habitat-for-the and https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/proposed-rule-designate-critical-habitat-central-america-mexico-and-western-north-pacific. Deadline for comments is December 9.

December 5

GREAT LAND TRUST WINTER PARTY will be held from 5:30 to 8:30pm at the Williawaw, 609 F Street. Help kick off GLT’s 25th anniversary and congratulations for protecting the special natural places that are so important to our quality of life. Free admission. RSVP to lkugel@greatlandtrust.org or call 907-278-4998.

December 8

SIERRA CLUB’S HOLIDAY PARTY will be held at Kincaid Chalet at 4pm. Sixteen CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS will be present to DISCUSS THEIR WORK on increasing Alaska’s overall environmental health. This is a potluck so bring food to share. For more information, contact alaska.chapter@sierraclub.org or go
to https://www.sierraclub.org/alaska.

**December 11**
Public meeting will be held on the **DRAFT NPR-A INTEGRATED ACTIVITY PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS)** from 6 to 9pm, presentation at 7pm at the Loussac Library. To see the DEIS, go to https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageld=174096. The Draft EIS outlines four alternatives providing a range of options for leasing and development. The Final EIS will be informed by public comments received and identify a preferred alternative that can be a combination of different aspects of the range of alternatives. The BLM is required to include the status quo as an alternative, ● Alternative A, which maintains the 11.8 million acres for development under the 2013 record of decision. ● Alternative B, which decreases the land available for leasing and new infrastructure to 11.4 million acres and designates all special areas as unavailable. ● Alternative C, which increases the land available for leasing and new infrastructure to 17.1 million acres and keeps a core area around Teshekpuk Lake as unavailable. ● Alternative D which increases the land available for leasing and new infrastructure to 18.3 million acres allowing for the entire Teshekpuk Lake special area, as well as parts of the Utukok River Uplands special area, to be available for development. The EIS identifies new management alternatives that consider different land allocation combinations, opening new areas to leasing, new or revised lease stipulations and best management practices and examining current special area boundaries.

**December 11 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)**
The **COOPER LAKE HYDROPOWER PROJECT INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** is holding a public meeting from 10am until 4:30pm at the Chugach National Forest Supervisor’s Office, 161 E. 1st Avenue, Door 8. The purpose of the meeting is to review the 2019 Biotic Conditions Monitoring Report, develop the study program for 2020, and to determine the instream flow release schedule for May 2020 to April 2021. The meeting is open to all persons, but subject to the capacity of the meeting room and phone line availability for those participating via teleconference. Participants are requested to register by emailing their name, organization, email address, and whether they’re attending in-person or participating via teleconference to ronald.l.britton@usda.gov. Teleconference connection information will be provided to those who register. The Interagency Advisory Committee is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. For more information, go to fs.usda.gov/goto/chugach/cooper-hydro.

December 11
**TRAIL TALES** will be held at 7pm (doors open at 6:30) at the Anchorage Museum. *(Note New Venue).* Alaska Trails is excited to team up with the Chugach Park Fund for the 17th installment of the Trail Tales storytelling series. In the spirit of Arctic Entries, storytellers will share seven-minute stories about their trail experiences, adventures and life in general. Come enjoy this fun event and support Alaska Trails and the Chugach Park Fund. Beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages and small take-away food for
purchase. The Muse Restaurant is open for dinner and drinks starting at 5 pm! Tickets are $15 and are available at: http://www.alaska-trails.org/trailtales.html.

**December 12**
The AMATS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet from 2:30 to 4:30pm at 4700 Elmore Road. Action items include: 2040 MTP Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination; 2040 MTP TAC Review Draft; and Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Charter. For the full agenda, go to https://muni.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a8a5ad585806a117c96a1e2d4&id=ec453ccea1&ec=ec453ccea1&b00623e16.

**December 13**
The HOLIDAY HO-HO-HOEDOWN will be held from 4 to 8pm at the Flattop Pizza & Pool, 600 W 6th Avenue. Celebrate all the hard work and accomplishments this year of The Alaska Center, Wild Salmon Center, SalmonState, and the Mobilization Center. Happy hour food will be available in addition to one drink coupon. Please RSVP to ryan_a@akcenter.org so we can get a headcount.

**December 18**
ALASKA WATER RECOURSES ASSOCIATION BROWN BAG LUNCH will feature CRANE JOHNSON, National Weather Service, discussing HISTORY AND HYDROLOGY OF THE LOWELL CREEK TUNNEL at Noon at the USGS in Glen Olds building, APU campus. Parking: is limited; additional parking is available at the Moseley Sports Center or the lot between Carrs-Gottstein and Atwood buildings. If you would like to participate via web conferencing, please contact Garrett Yager at garrett.yager@mbakerintl.com to obtain meeting call in information. For more AAWRA information, go to https://ak-awra.org/.

**December 18**
NOMADS of the NORTH with LAYNE ADAMS will be held at 7pm at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive Caribou are iconic residents of Alaska and Canada. Throughout the year, caribou must contend with large carnivores and harsh weather in order to survive and reproduce. Join US Geological Service wildlife researcher Layne Adams to explore population dynamics and predator/prey relationships of caribou in Denali National Park and Preserve. For more information, please call 267-1241.

**December 26, 27, 30 & 31**
BLM CAMPELL CREEK SCIENCE CENTER, 5600 Science Center Drive, is holding the following special programs:

**December 26: LIFE UNDER the SNOW** will be held from Noon to 1pm. A lot goes on under the snow in winter. Learn more about this subnivean environment during the Noontime Naturalist program. Participants should dress for being outdoors in a place consistently at least 10 degrees colder than the rest of Anchorage. For more information, please call 267-1247.
**December 27: NATURE AWARENESS HIKE** will be held from 1 to 2pm. Take a naturalist-led interpretive walk and become more aware of the connections between living things in our woods. It is free and will take place entirely outdoors. Participants should dress for being outdoors in a place consistently 10 degrees colder than the rest of Anchorage. For more information, please call 267-1247.

**December 30: WINTER OUTDOOR SKILLS** will be held from Noon to 3pm. Increase your basic outdoor knowledge so that you feel more confident on your next winter adventure. This program is free and will be conducted mostly outside. Participants should dress for being outside for an extended period of time in a place consistently 10 degrees colder than the rest of Anchorage. For more information, please call 267-1247.

**December 31: Presence In Nature** will be held from 10 to 11:30. Cast off holiday stress and start to build a deeper awareness of your natural surroundings. Come stop, listen, and feel your innate connection to the beautiful world around us using a variety of mindfulness activities, including nature sketching and journaling. The program is designed for all ages and will be held outside regardless of the weather so participants should dress for being outdoors in a place consistently 10 degrees colder than the rest of Anchorage. Writing paper and pencils will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring their own journals, notebooks, or sketchpads and drawing pencils if they have them. For more information, please call 267-1247.

**MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE**

**December 3**  
PALMER - The MATANUSKA VALLEY FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting at 7pm in the Wasilla at Screaming Eagle Archery at 210 Park Avenue. Agenda items include: Board of Game - Western Region proposals #1-6, 11, 18, 19, 23, 27-30; Create and establish Subcommittees for Game and Fish. For more information contact Herb Mansavage at 907-841-8928 or contact ADF&G Boards Support at 907-267-2354. Information on the Board proposals is available at https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposalbook.

**December 4 (TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE)**  
FAIRBANKS - FAIRBANKS AREA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) PLANNING will hold a TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING from Noon to 2pm in the Fairbanks City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor City Hall. Main Agenda Items include: * Minnie Street Corridor Study; * PM2.5 Non-Attainment Area CMAQ Funding Call for Project Nominations; * College Road Bus Pullouts Project Update; * Highway Safety Improvement Program Guest Presentation This meeting is open to the public. To participate via telephone please call (907) 459-6769. For more information, contact: Jackson Fox, FAST Planning Executive Director, at 205-4276 or email jackson.fox@fastplanning.us.

**December 4**  
JUNEAU - Juneau Wildlife Wednesday presents YEARLING BLACK BEARS IN TRANSITION to INDEPENDENCE by RYAN SCOTT, ADF&G from 7 to 8pm in the
UAS Egan Lecture Hall. The program is sponsored by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance, Southeast Chapter. For more information, go to www.alaskawildlife.org.

**December 5

NINILCHIK - The CENTRAL PENINSULA FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting at 7pm in the Ninilchik School Library to continue discussion from the previous meeting. Agenda topics include Kodiak Finfish proposals and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish proposals. For more information contact Dave Martin at 567-3306 or contact ADF&G Boards Support at 907-267-2354. Information on the 2019-2020 Board proposals can be found at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.proposalbook.

**December 10, 12, 16, 17, 18, January 7, 9

Public meetings will be held on the DRAFT NPR-A INTEGRATED ACTIVITY PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) in the following locations:

**December 10 – POINT LAY from 6:30 to 9pm, presentation at 7pm at the Community Center

**December 12 – WAINWRIGHT from 6:30 to 9pm, presentation at 7pm at the Community Center

**December 16 – UTQIAGVIK from 6:30 to 9pm, presentation at 7pm, at the Inupiat Heritage Center

**December 17 - ATQASUK from 6:30 to 9pm, presentation at 7pm, at the Community Center

**December 18 – FAIRBANKS from 6 to 9pm, presentation at 7pm, at the Morris Thompson Center

**January 7 – NUIQSUT from 6:30 to 9pm, presentation at 7pm at the Kisik Community Center

**January 9 - ANAKTUVUK PASS from 6:30 to 9pm, presentation at 7pm at the Community Center

Please note that these days and times may be subject to change based on weather or other external factors

To see the DEIS, go to https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=174096. The Draft EIS outlines four alternatives providing a range of options for leasing and development. The Final EIS will be informed by public comments received and identify a preferred alternative that can be a combination of different aspects of the range of alternatives. The BLM is required to include the status quo as an alternative, ● Alternative A, which maintains the 11.8 million acres for development under the 2013 record of decision. ● Alternative B, which decreases the land available for leasing and new infrastructure to 11.4 million acres and designates all special areas as unavailable. ● Alternative C, which increases the land available for leasing and new infrastructure to 17.1 million acres and keeps a core area around Teshekpuk Lake as unavailable. ● Alternative D which increases the land available for leasing and new infrastructure to 18.3 million acres allowing for the entire Teshekpuk Lake special area, as well as parts of the Utukok River Uplands special area, to be available for development. The EIS identifies new management alternatives that consider different
land allocation combinations, opening new areas to leasing, new or revised lease stipulations and best management practices and examining current special area boundaries.

**December 11**
CORDOVA - Public Meeting will be held from 5 to 7pm in The Cordova Center to discuss the proposed PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ALONG WHITSHED ROAD BETWEEN the COPPER RIVER HIGHWAY and ORCA INLET DRIVE INTERSECTIONS. The purpose of this meeting is to update the public on proposed project improvements and probable impacts. Comment forms will be available for the public to provide input on the project. For more information about the meeting or project or if you would like to submit comments outside the public meeting, please contact Russell Johnson, Project Manager, at (907) 451-5059 or email russell.johnson@alaska.gov.

December 11
FAIRBANKS - The FAIRBANKS FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting in the Tanana Valley Fisheries Center at the Ruth Burnett Sport Fish Hatchery at 6:30pm. Agenda includes: Finalize Comments for Arctic Western Board of Game Meeting and Airport Trapping Comments. For further information contact Nissa Pilcher at 907.459.7263 or email nissa.pilcher@alaska.gov.

December 11
HAINES - The CHILKAT BALD EAGLE PRESERVE (CBEP) ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet at 10am in the Haines Assembly Chambers. The Alaska State Park CBEP Advisory Council is a legislatively designated 12 member panel delegated to recommend and assist the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for the planning, management, and resource and environmental protection of the Eagle Preserve with the goal to preserve eagle and salmon habitat and still maintain a balance of recreational opportunities, commercial operations and resolve user conflicts while fulfilling the Alaska State Park mission and Preserve management plan. The Advisory Council meetings are open to the public, to provide an opportunity to share your opinions about how best to manage and preserve the unique natural, cultural and historic features of the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, while enhancing the enjoyment for all visitors and future generations.

December 12
HOMER - Enjoy stories of yesteryear from children of Homer’s original homesteaders. “Homestead Kids: Tales from Diamond Ridge and Stariski Creek” featuring LAURA LOFGREN BARTON and STEVE WALLI will take place following KACHEMAK HERITAGE LAND TRUST’S ANNUAL MEETING at 6pm at the Islands and Ocean Visitor Center. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

ITEMS of INTEREST
THREATS to DRINKING WATER and PUBLIC HEALTH IN ALASKA: THE SCOPE of the PFAS PROBLEM, CONSEQUENCES of REGULATORY INACTION, and RECOMMENDATIONS. DIANA DEFAZIO, Environmental Health Program Coordinator with Alaska Community Action on Toxics, is the primary author of the report. TIMOTHY TYNAN, graduate student intern with Alaska Community Action on Toxics, wrote the health effects section. Tim is a dual degree master’s student at Emory University in the PA Program at the medical school and the Rollins School of Public Health. The report is available at https://www.akaction.org/.

It was a shock to learn of RICHARD NELSON’s death! For those who have enjoyed the wonderful nature stories told in his quiet voice that expressed his abiding appreciation for everything he experienced, it is a great loss. To HEAR RICHARD’S STORIES again, go to https://www.encountersnorth.org/, sit back and enjoy.

ALASKA’S CHANGING ENVIRONMENT is a newly released publication that compiles observations of physical and biological change in and around Alaska. The publication, which is intended for a general audience, focuses on the time period 2014 – August 2019, but often provides information from earlier decades for historical context. Using mostly visualizations and photos, Alaska’s Changing Environment demonstrates monumental shifts in temperature, sea ice, glaciers, permafrost, plants, animals, the ocean, and other areas. The International Arctic Research Center intends to update this product every three years with the most current information available. To see the web version with downloadable graphics go to Download the print publication.

The EVERY KID OUTDOORS PROGRAM provides ALL CURRENT FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS and THEIR FAMILIES with FREE ACCESS to NATIONAL PARKS and more than 2,000 other federal public lands for a year from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. To obtain their free pass, fourth grade students go to the Every Kid Outdoors website. Educators can print paper vouchers for each of their students and access educational activities related to federal lands and waters.

VOLUNTEER and BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

December 5
Deadline for applications for NEW BOARD MEMBERS for the ALASKA WILDLIFE ALLIANCE. Regardless of whether you’re a seasoned Alaska wildlife advocate, or new to serving on a nonprofit board, we want you to apply! We are looking for qualified, diverse applicants to help us determine the future of Alaska Wildlife Alliance and our important programs. Learn more and submit your application online today!

The SIERRA CLUB ALASKA CHAPTER is recruiting a CHAIR and SECRETARY VOLUNTEER POSITIONS. To inquire, please email Alaska.chapter@sierraclub.org.

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**

**2020 ALASKA CENTER FOR ENERGY & POWER (ACEP) UTILITY STUDENT INTERNSHIPS** - Are you a junior or senior engineering, computer science, math, economics student with a 3.0+ GPA and an interest in working on energy projects to benefit Alaskan communities? Are you interested in gaining hands-on experience in the utility industry across the state, on the railbelt or in remote communities? Join UAF’s **ALASKA CENTER for ENERGY and POWER’S PROGRAM** connecting UA
students with utilities in communities across the state. Join our team for Spring/Summer 2020! Go to http://ausi.alaska.edu for more information or contact Heike Merkel at 970.718.2817 or email hmerkel@alaska.edu. Interns will be partnered with one of Alaska’s utilities for a 12-week summer assignment. Interns can anticipate working with technical staff and field personnel on assignments that could include effective system management, asset deployment and integration, equipment performance analysis, and stakeholder consultation.

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 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

**SUMMER 2020 SCIENCE EDUCATOR POSITIONS** with ALASKA GEOGRAPHIC in DENALI NATIONAL PARK. Would you like to spend the summer living and working amidst spectacular mountain scenery with unparalleled wildlife viewing opportunities? Apply to join the Alaska Geographic science education team at the Murie Science and Learning Center in Denali National Park and Preserve for a summer of learning, exploration, sharing, and fun. We offer competitive pay rates and are committed to continuous learning. Learn more at http://akgeo.org/about-alaska-geographic/employment/. Applications due January 12.

YOUTH SUMMIT COORDINATOR for ALASKA YOUTH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION (AYEA) in Anchorage to plan and implement AYEA's annual Civics and Conservation Summit. AYEA inspires and trains rural and urban youth leaders to impact environmental issues through youth-led campaigns. The Civics and Conservation Summit brings 20 youth organizers from around Alaska to Juneau for a week of youth-driven engagement with state policymakers. Pre-Summit Logistics Support and Coordination includes: recruit and select teen participants as well as adult and youth members of Training Team, fundraise airline miles and book flights, organize meetings, process registrations, prepare supplies. If you are passionate about supporting youth leadership please send a letter of interest and resume to margi@akcenter.org. Flexible start and end dates: December-March, 10-20 hours per week, compensation $5,000. To see full job description, go to AYEA Summit Coordinator Position full job description.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR for the CENTER FOR ALASKAN COASTAL STUDIES in Homer to lead educational programs for children, school groups, and visitors to Alaska. Seasonal staff are employed at the Wynn Nature Center (a 140-acre boreal forest preserve), Peterson Bay Field Station (a semi-rustic facility across Kachemak Bay and accessible only by boat), and Yurt on the Spit (exploration of invertebrate life living on and around the Homer Harbor Docks). For more information, check out the webpage at https://akcoastalstudies.org/about-us/jobs-volunteers.html.

DIRECTOR for BIKE ANCHORAGE to advance our organization’s commitment to making Anchorage more bicycle friendly. The Director will be responsible for program management, communications, policy development, research, partnership building, fundraising, volunteer management, and administration. This position has the potential for growth within the organization and would be a part of a Job Posting: Senior Campaign Representative, Our Wild America (Alaska). For more information, go to https://www.bikeanchorage.org/get_involved.
SENIOR CAMPAIGN REPRESENTATIVE, ALASKA for THE SIERRA CLUB’S OUR WILD AMERICA CAMPAIGN to lead the Arctic Refuge Campaign in planning and implementing the strategies and activities to protect the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; foster partnerships with Indigenous led organizations and individuals at the frontlines of the fight to defend the Arctic; elevate innovative strategies to protect the Arctic Refuge within the broader coalition of organizations; and ensure equity, justice, and inclusion are centered throughout the campaign work. For full description, go to https://environmentalcareer.com/job/35283/senior-campaign-representative-our-wild-america-alaska/.

OFFICE COORDINATOR/MANAGER for the SOUTHEAST ALASKA CONSERVATION COUNCIL to work together to protect the Tongass and the Inside Passage Waters. By owning everything administrative and operational, the Office Coordinator/Manager will ensure that our office runs smoothly and efficiently. The Office Coordinator/Manager is a full-time permanent nonexempt position. The salary range will be between $37,000-$43,000 depending on experience and skills. This position will be structured as a coordinator or a manager based on the skills and experience of the selected candidate, and the salary range will reflect that responsibility level. SEACC offers healthcare, three weeks of paid leave annually for new hires and four weeks after the first year, twelve days of paid sick leave annually, and a 401K plan with employer match contributions after the first year. See below for a full job description including pay, benefits, and experience at or go here to see the full job description on our website. Instructions for applying are at the bottom and the preference will be given to applicants who apply by November 22 with a desired start date of as soon as possible, but no later than January 6.

FULL-TIME LEGAL ASSISTANT for TRUSTEES for ALASKA in Anchorage to support our team of lawyers working to protect a wild and vibrant Alaska where fish, wildlife, and people thrive. The ideal candidate has excellent office and computer skills and a proven ability to work well with others while managing diverse tasks. For more information about Trustees go to http://www.trustees.org. Competitive non-profit salary based on experience, plus medical, dental, life, long-term disability, retirement benefits, and generous leave policy. Trustees for Alaska is an equal opportunity employer. To Apply: e-mail cover letter, resume, and references to Ashley Boyd, Office Manager, at aboyd@trustees.org. To see the full job description, go to https://www.trustees.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Legal-Assistant-Announcement.pdf.

DIRECTOR for BIKE ANCHORAGE to advance our organization’s commitment to making Anchorage more bicycle friendly. The director will be responsible for program management, communications, policy development, research, partnership building, fundraising, volunteer management, and administration. The ideal candidate will have experience in most of the following areas: education, policy development, communications, transportation planning, local government, public health, advocacy, grassroots organizing, volunteer management, and social equity. This position has the potential for growth within the organization and would be a part of a supportive,
passionate, and dynamic team. Bike Anchorage is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The position is for 12 months and contingent on funding availability. Full job description at www.bikeanchorage.org/opportunities.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR for MAT-SU TRAILS AND PARKS FOUNDATION. MSTPF works within the community to build a wild, accessible, and world-class trails and parks system in the Mat-Su Valley. Come join a small but mighty team to plan and implement our fund development program. This is a full-time position based in the Valley with offices in Palmer. Starting salary range is $50 to 55k/year, DOE. To read more and apply, go to https://matsutrails.org/news-and-events/.

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.

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/.

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.

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