Please note: Since the “hunker down” edict has been extended, all events will be online and will be listed under the “Webinars, Teleconferences & Videos” section.

Take care and keep well!

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April 1, 2020
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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

SPRING 2020 SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ONLINE CLASSES, UAF-BRISTOL BAY is May 8 – 10 - ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING DESIGN AND SIMULATION, ENVI F122, 1-cr 3 days, CRN TBD
For more info contact Mark Masteller, Asst. Prof. Sustainable Energy, at 907-414-0198 or email mamasteller@alaska.edu.

April 11 (On PBS)
Nat Geo WILD has announced that the Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC), the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center (AWCC) and the Alaska Raptor Center (ARC) will be highlighted in a new series, ALASKA ANIMAL RESCUE produced by Symbio premiers at 5pm AKST. To see a preview, go to https://www.nationalgeographic.com/tv/shows/alaska-animal-rescue.

April 27 – 30, May 4 – 7, May 18 – 21, June 1 - 5
ANCHORAGE - ARCTIC ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLER WORKSHOP is a 4-day hands-on workshop on surface water, groundwater, and soil sampling of contaminated sites, packing, shipping and legal forms such as Chain of Custody Form. The workshop is recognized by ADEC as part of the Environmental Sampler Qualification. The workshop is held in Anchorage at the APU campus. Instructor: BIRGIT HAGEDORN, PhD. Sustainable Earth Research LLC. Veterans and full-time students will receive a 30% rebate. To sign up and for more information go to http://www.environmentalsampler.com/

**May 7 – 10 (CANCELLED)
HOMER – The 28th ANNUAL KACHEMAK BAY SHOREBIRD FESTIVAL

**May 28 – 31 (CHECK WEBSITE for STATUS)
YAKUTAT - The 10th ANNUAL YAKUTAT TERN FESTIVAL is a celebration of the natural and cultural resources of Yakutat. Yakutat hosts one of the largest and southernmost known nesting colonies of Aleutian Terns, as well as Arctic Terns and up to 200 other bird species that nest in or migrate through the area. Other area activities include sight-seeing, hiking, fishing, surfing, canoeing and kayaking, wildlife viewing, and beachcombing. The Yakutat Tern Festival is family friendly, and offers activities for
birders as well as non-birders, including field trips, seminars, kid’s activities, evening banquets and other programs, the Wildman foot race, music, and art. **Keynote speaker HOB OSTERLUND**, is an award-winning writer, photographer, and conservationist living on the island of Kauai. Her work included monitoring of Laysan albatross, assisting with predator control and serving as a link between private landowners and state and federal wildlife agencies. She will discuss the albatross and its role in Hawaiian culture. **Featured artist is RAY TROLL**, an iconic figure in Southeast AK. From his studio on a hill above Tongass Narrows in Ketchikan, Ray Troll creates fishy images that swim into museums, books and magazines, and onto t-shirts worn around the world. He draws his inspiration from extensive field work and the latest scientific discoveries, bringing a street-smart sensibility to the worlds of ichthyology and paleontology For more information and to register, go to [www.YakutatTernFestival.org](http://www.YakutatTernFestival.org) or call (907) 784-3359.

**June 8 – August 21**

**SUMMER FIELD COURSES IN DENALI NATIONAL PARK** are now open for registration. Courses are active learning vacations and are led by Denali’s best scientists and naturalists. Courses include transportation, overnight accommodations and hearty meals. Professional development credit is also available. Some courses are already sold out, however the following **field courses** still have space:

- **June 8 – 10:** BIRDS of DENALI
- **June 23 – 25:** WILDFLOWERS of DENALI
- **June 26 – 28:** PALEONTOLOGY in DENALI
- **July 8 – 10:** WOLVES of DENALI
- **July 29 – 31:** DENALI LARGE MAMMALS
- **August 5 – 7:** DENALI’S MOSSES and LICHENS
- **August 7 – 9:** DENALI’S ALPINE WILDLIFE and CLIMATE CHANGE
- **August 19 – 21:** BEARS of DENALI

For more information or to register, go to [https://www.akgeo.org/field-courses/](https://www.akgeo.org/field-courses/), email courses@alaskageographic.org, or call 907-683-6432.

**June 9 -13**

**SITKA - SECOND ANNUAL ALASKA WALK, BIKE and ROLL, EQUITY for ALL CONFERENCE** with events happening at various locations around Sitka, with presentations at the Aspen Suites Hotel. The timing is set so participants also can attend Sitka Summer Music Festival events. For more information, go to [https://walksitka.wordpress.com/2020/02/05/sitka-to-host-second-annual-alaska-walk-and-bike-conference-on-june-9-13/](https://walksitka.wordpress.com/2020/02/05/sitka-to-host-second-annual-alaska-walk-and-bike-conference-on-june-9-13/).

**June 22 - August 9**

**McCARTHY - WRANGELL MOUNTAINS FIELD STUDIES PROGRAM** - Learn about the natural and human forces that come together to shape one of the most spectacular, unique, and wild landscapes in North America. Explore cutting-edge research questions in a remote field setting as you work, while earning semester’s worth of credits with our world-class faculty. Develop new skills, from collecting and analyzing field data on glaciers and alpine tundra organisms, to solar panel maintenance, gardening, and
cooking at our sustainable off-grid campus, to backpacking through the wilderness of the largest national park in the United States. Our field studies program is a collaboration between the Wrangell Mountains Center and The Evergreen State College. For more information, go to The Academics and The Experience.

WEBINARS, TELECONFERENCES & VIDEOS

**To see the REAP presentation on TIDAL POWER, go to**


April 7 (WEBINAR)

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS for ALASKA hosted by the UAF will live streamed and recorded beginning at 5pm. Panel discussion from 5:10 to 6pm with TERRY CHAPLIN, Professor Emeritus, Institute of Arctic Biology, UAF; NANIEEZH BEGAYE, Native movement and ENEI BEGAYE, Executive Director, Native Movement; BRUNO GRUNAU, President, Cold Climate Housing Research Center. Moderated Community Discussion from 6 to 7pm addressing; What can individuals do to help “move the needle” on climate change? How do we translate the solutions identified by the state experts in the panel discussion, to actionable items on the Ground? To register to watch the webinar live or if you would like to be emailed a link to the recording, go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gSBGN3aUx7JJS-vag9GrhL6EFPHBmLu4dUH7irkmnOc/viewform?edit_requested=true. For more information, contact seeuskirchen@alaska.edu.

April 8 (TELEPHONIC MEETING)

The ANCHORAGE FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a telephonic meeting at 10am. To participate in the teleconference please call 1-800-504-8071. When prompted, enter Access Code 2672354#. Agenda topics include discussion of drafting a letter concerning Board of Fisheries nominees, and any other topics that are brought before the committee. For more information contact Kevin Taylor at 244-7437 or contact ADF&G Boards Support at 907-267-2354.

April 8 (TELECONFERENCE MEETING)

FAIRBANKS – The FAIRBANKS FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at 6pm via teleconference. Please dial 1-800-504-8071 and enter access code 4597263 when prompted. Discussion of proposals to submit to the 2020/2021 BOG & BOF Meeting Cycle; BOG; Central/Southwest Region and Statewide Cycle A&B; BOF; PWS/Upper Copper Upper Susitna Meeting. For further information contact Nissa Pilcher at 907-459-7263 or email nissa.pilcher@alaska.gov.

April 15 (WEBINAR)

FUTURE CHANGES in ALASKA SNOW CONDITIONS from STATISTICALLY DOWNSCALED CLIMATE PROJECTIONS will be held from 11am to Noon. In this presentation JEREMY LITTELL will describe snowpack projections from statistically
downscaled precipitation and snow day fraction developed for Alaska. Changes in the
cryosphere represent one of the major climate impacts pathways in Alaska. Until
recently, projections of future snowpack responses to climate change were
depth geographically coarse scale and poorly tailored to the needs of decision makers and
stakeholders. In this presentation, I describe snowpack projections from statistically
downscaled precipitation and snow day fraction developed for Alaska. I focus on
snowfall water equivalent and a hydrologically relevant indicator of seasonal streamflow.
I also present some sub-regional examples developed for specific stakeholder needs in
Alaska. Please register at http://accap.adobeconnect.com/alaska-
snow/event/registration.html.

April 15 (TELECONFERENCE MEETING)
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE’S GATES of the ARCTIC NATIONAL PARK
SUBSISTENCE RESOURCE COMMISSION will be holding a teleconference meeting
from 8:30am to 5pm. Topics to be covered include reports from the nine-member
commission on subsistence issues/concerns and updates from National Park Service
staff on management issues, wildlife research, and monitoring activities. The
teleconference call is free of charge and the number is 1-866-810-1272, using the
participant code of 5366629. For more information on the Commission meeting, or to
receive a copy of the proposed agenda, please contact Marcy Okada, Subsistence
Coordinator, at (907) 455-0639 or marcy_okada@nps.gov.

**April 16 (TELECONFERENCE MEETING)
TANANA VALLEY STATE FOREST CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at
6pm via teleconference on WebEx (see link, below). Topics for the CAC meeting
include: • Update on CAC participation in a NASA-funded research project:
‘Investigating Changes in Forests Across Alaska and Canada;’ • Rosie Creek
Recreation & Forestry Partnership; • Long Trail proposal from Fairbanks to Nenana; •
Fairbanks/Delta Area Update; • Tok Area Update, including review of Tok Five Year
Schedule of Timber Sales; • Statewide Forestry update. Please see the attached
DRAFT agenda for more details. Public testimony will be accepted around
8:45pm during the meeting To see the full agenda, go
Link to the WebEx
meeting: https://stateofalaska.webex.com/stateofalaska/j.php?MTID=me10e7fbe5863d7
182a1baf6628f5c003 Meeting number: 807 797 502 Password: Forestry. For additional
information about the TVSF CAC, visit the committee’s webpage
at http://forestry.alaska.gov/tvsf_committee.htm.

**April 17 (WEBINAR)
APRIL 2020 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ALASKA CLIMATE OUTLOOK
BRIEFING with RICK THOMAN, ACCAP, will be held from Noon to 1pm. The tools and
techniques for making monthly and season scale climate forecasts are rapidly changing,
with the potential to provide useful forecasts at the month and longer range. We will
review recent climate conditions around Alaska, review some forecast tools and finish
up the Climate Prediction Center's forecast for the coming months. Register HERE.
**April 21 (WEBINAR)**

2020 ALASKA RIVER BREAK-UP PREVIEW will be held from 10 to 11am with CRANE JOHNSON, NWS Alaska-Pacific River Forecast Center, who will review break-up basics and an overview of current conditions. ACCAP Alaska Climate Specialist Rick Thoman will provide the latest subseasonal outlooks that help inform the outlook.

April 20 -23 (TELECONFERENCE MEETING)

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD will meet via teleconference only, to consider proposed changes to Federal subsistence hunting and trapping regulations for the 2020-2022 regulatory years, and to discuss other subsistence related topics. The Federal Subsistence Board encourages the public to participate by teleconference. Throughout the meeting, there will be opportunities for the public to testify on both agenda and non-agenda items. At the start of each day, public comments on general subsistence issues will be welcomed. The public will be provided the opportunity to comment on specific hunting and trapping proposals while each proposal is considered by the Board. The regulatory proposals may be viewed at www.doi.gov/subsistence/proposal/current. To participate in this meeting by teleconference, dial toll-free (888) 566-1030 (passcode 3344290). The full agenda and any available meeting materials will be posted at www.doi.gov/subsistence/board.

April 21 (WEBINAR)

2020 ALASKA RIVER BREAK-UP PREVIEW will be held from 10 to 11am. CRANE JOHNSON with the NWS Alaska-Pacific River Forecast Center will review break-up basics and an overview of current conditions. ACCAP Alaska Climate Specialist RICK THOMAN will provide the latest subseasonal outlooks that help inform the outlook. Most of Alaska has just come off of a colder or snowier (or both) winter than in recent years. Register HERE.

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFPs

The ALASKA FELLOWS PROGRAM has open applications for **fall-to-spring fellowships** with dynamic non-profit and public sector organizations across the state. Fellows are given significant responsibilities at their host organizations while supported by experienced mentors. Away from work, fellows live together in warm households that provide a supportive social foundation. Learn more or apply online at alaskafellows.org. Applications for most positions are accepted on a rolling basis, and more positions will be posted in the coming months.

April 8

Deadline for PRE-PROPOSALS for the WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY’S CLIMATE ADAPTATION FUND that provides a total of $2.5 million in grant awards between $50,000 and $250,000 to conservation non-profit organizations each year. One to two-year projects that implement science-driven, on-the-ground actions that assist wildlife and ecosystems to adapt to climate change at a landscape scale. Project
proposals must: • Focus on the functionality of ecosystems, rather than conserving individual species. • Be designed for long-term conservation impact. • Create the potential for impact at a landscape scale. • Use strategic, targeted communications activities to amplify adaptation outcomes. • Be designed with climate adaptation for wildlife and ecosystems as a core goal or outcome of the work. • Propose conservation goals and actions that are grounded in the best available science. Conduct on-the-ground implementation, not research, planning or tool development. Learn more by reading the most recent Applicant Guidance Document. To apply, 1. Review the 2020 RFP and Applicant Guidance Document. 2. Create an account for your organization and apply on our online application system. 3. Sign up for our mailing list to be among the first to receive the next RFP announcement. Learn more about funding requirements and eligibility by reading the most recent RFP.

April 8
Deadline for the NORTH FACE EXPLORE FUND to support PROGRAMS to ENHANCE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES for nonprofit organizations in the U.S. that are working in innovative ways to increase participation in the outdoors and to protect our environment. Competitive grants are made in the following categories: The Creating a Community of New Explorers category focuses on programs that introduce underrepresented communities to outdoor adventures in potentially new and interesting ways. The Protecting Our Wild Places category focuses on programs that work to protect our natural ecosystems and our ability to continue to enjoy them. Across both categories, programs with strong outdoor engagement in activities such as skiing, kayaking, backpacking, etc. are preferred. Grants range from $5,000 to $25,000. Go to The North Face Explore Fund for more information.

April 8
Deadline pre-proposals for GRANTS THAT PROMOTE WILDLIFE ADAPTATION to CLIMATE CHANGE from the WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY: CLIMATE ADAPTATION FUND that supports projects that implement effective interventions for wildlife adaptation to climate change. Grants of $50,000 to $250,000 are provided to nonprofit conservation organizations for applied, on-the-ground projects focused on implementing priority conservation actions for climate adaptation at a landscape scale. The Fund prioritizes projects that manage dynamic ecological processes, landscape functionality, and species assemblages, as opposed to single-species or historical conditions that may not be possible in an altered climate. Grants are provided to U.S.-based nonprofit conservation organizations for projects within the United States and its territories. Go to https://www.wcsclimateadaptationfund.org/program-information for more information and download the 2020 Request for Proposals.

April 15
Deadline for pre-proposal application for grant to SUPPORT for LAND ACQUISITIONS to PROTECT CRITICAL HABITATS from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Acres for America. Preference will be given to projects that achieve more than one of the following program priorities: conserve critical habitats for birds, fish, plants, and wildlife; connect existing protected lands to unify wild places and protect critical migration
routes; provide access for people to enjoy the outdoors; and ensure the future of local economies that depend on forestry, ranching, and wildlife. All grant awards require a minimum 1:1 match of cash or contributed goods and services. Nonprofit organizations, state and local government agencies, Indian tribes, and educational institutions are eligible to apply. Applicants are encouraged to contact the appropriate NFWF regional office to discuss project ideas prior to applying. Invited full proposals must be submitted by June 24. For more information go to the website above.

**April 21 (DEADLINE EXTENDED)**
Deadline for responses to the PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL request for PROPOSALS TO DOCUMENT the HISTORY of OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLANNING for the TANKERS that SERVE ALYESKA PIPELINE SERVICE COMPANY’S VALDEZ MARINE TERMINAL over the past 30 years. Information on the Request For Proposals can be found at http://www.pwsrcac.org/announcements/request-for-proposals-history-of-contingency-planning/. For more information, contact Linda Swiss at (907) 273-6226 or email swiss@pwsrcac.org.

**April 30**
Deadline for applications for the 2020 NFWF FISHING FOR ENERGY - BIN PROGRAM. This opportunity, a partnership between the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Covanta Energy, Schnitzer Steel and NOAA, is focused on supporting DISPOSAL OF RETIRED AND DERELICT COMMERCIAL FISHING GEAR. The opportunity allows for proposals to place new bins for gear collection, augment existing efforts, or place a short term “event bin” for focused collection. An applicant webinar will be held on April 7 from 11am to Noon AKDT. You can find more information on the NFWF website at https://www.nfwf.org/programs/fishing-energy/fishing-energy-bin-program-2020-request-proposals.

May 4
Deadline for applications for the ALASKA MARINE CONSERVATION COUNCIL’S YOUNG FISHING FELLOWS PROGRAM 2020-2021 that provides young Alaskan fishermen with valuable learning, leadership and career-building opportunities in the following arenas: fisheries management and policy, seafood business, seafood markets, fisheries and ocean science, marine conservation, and fishing community culture, sustainability and well-being. The program works with a broad group of community partners to match the goals and needs of young fishermen today with host organizations across coastal Alaska engaged in fishery-related issues and projects. The Young Fishing Fellows Program is designed to be flexible in nature in terms of duration and scope of work. We have identified 4-12 months as a target for fellowship length. AMCC works in collaboration with host organizations and fellows to define the scope of work, goals and expectations for each individual fellowship. For more information and to apply, go to https://www.akyoungfishermen.org/young-fishing-fellows-faqs.

May 15
Deadline for applications for **ALASKA COASTAL SUMMER INSTITUTE (Summer 2020) FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENTS** that is built around core experiences (each about a week in duration) hosted by local research agencies and community-organizations in the Kachemak Bay area. Each core experience determined by the partner agencies offers students insight into their most interesting and important research, community-based monitoring, and science communication work. Students will also attain job-related skills in research design, data collection, analysis, and scientific communication. A 2-Credit Science Communication Course (ENGL 278: Sharing Science with Diverse Audiences) is woven into each week of AK-CSI. **New This Year**, all students successfully completing the core experiences and required reflection activities will also receive 3 internship credits (BIOL 495A: Internship in the Biological Sciences) through the Kachemak Bay Campus-Kenai Peninsula College. The cost is approximately $4000; some scholarship assistance may be available, especially for residents of Alaska or students with the goal of working long-term in Alaska. For more information, go to [https://www.akcoastalstudies.org/education-programs/alaska-coastal-summer-institute.html](https://www.akcoastalstudies.org/education-programs/alaska-coastal-summer-institute.html).

**May 15**
Deadline for the 2020 **AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE** that provides small grants to fund "quick-action" projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. Applications are being accepted for projects to improve housing, transportation, public space, technology ("smart cities"), civic engagement and more. Learn about the details and deadlines for this year's "quick-action" grant program at [AARP Livable Communities](https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/index.cfm). Questions? Please email CommunityChallenge@AARP.org.

**May 31 (DEADLINE EXTENDED)**
Deadline for nominations for the **ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION’S CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**. There are so many unsung hero doing outstanding work to protect Alaska’s environment and culture. This is opportunity to recognize them and express a heartfelt thank you for all they do. The categories are

- **Lifetime Achievement Award**
- Celia Hunter Award for Outstanding Volunteer Contributions
- Olaus Murie Award for Outstanding Professional Contributions
- Denny Wilcher Award for Young Environmental Activists
- Lowell Thomas, Jr. Award for Outstanding Achievements by a Conservation Organization
- Jerry S. Dixon Award for Excellence in Environmental Education
- Daniel Housberg Image Award for Excellence in Still Photography, Film, or Video
- Caleb Punagowiyi Award for Outstanding Achievements by an Alaska Native Organization or Individual

All nominations must be consistent with Alaska Conservation Foundation’s mission: The Alaska Conservation Foundation protects Alaska’s natural environment and the diverse cultures and ways of life it sustains. To see the [Selection Criteria, General Eligibility Requirements](https://alaskaconservation.org/community-resources/achievement-awards/overview-application-eligibility-requirements/), and [Application form](https://alaskaconservation.org/community-resources/achievement-awards/overview-application-eligibility-requirements/), go to [https://alaskaconservation.org/community-resources/achievement-awards/overview-application-eligibility-requirements/](https://alaskaconservation.org/community-resources/achievement-awards/overview-application-eligibility-requirements/).
**June 1**

Deadlines for the **CLIFF BAR FAMILY FOUNDATION: SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM to FUND COMMUNITY GRASSROOTS GROUPS** that have the ability to engage local groups, positively impact their communities, and focus most of their resources on useful and positive actions. Through the Small Grants Program, the Foundation supports innovative small and mid-sized groups working to protect the Earth’s beauty and bounty, create a healthy food system, increase opportunities for outdoor activity, reduce environmental health hazards, and build stronger communities. Visit the Foundation’s website at [http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs/Small-Grants](http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs/Small-Grants) to learn more about the Small Grants Program and to take the eligibility quiz.

**DEADLINES**

**April 5**

**HOMER** – Comments are due on an application for an **OIL DISCHARGE PREVENTION AND CONTINGENCY PLAN** for the **PETRO MARINE HOMER BULK PLANT**. Review of a major amendment application package for an Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan that is required to commit adequate resources to meet all planning requirements for prevention and response for a realistic maximum discharge from the operations. This facility consists of a tank farm, tank truck loading rack, pipeline to the Pioneer Dock, and five marine headers. The tank farm consists of nine vertical aboveground storage tanks containing gasoline, Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD), heating fuel, and Avgas. The combined total capacity of all regulated tanks is 38,290 barrels (1,608,200 gallons). Copies of the application package are available at [http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/IPP/CPlansUnderReview](http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/IPP/CPlansUnderReview). For more information or to submit comments, contact Alyssa Murphy at 907-262-3409 or email Alyssa.Murphy@alaska.gov.

**April 6**

**SUTTON** - Deadline for **COMMENTS for RENEWAL for the WISHBONE HILL MINE PERMITS (#S 01-89-796 & 02-89-796) by USIBELLI COAL MINE, INC. (UCM)**. The Wishbone Hill Mine is on State, Mental Health Trust, and Private Land approximately 5 miles west of Sutton. This renewal request is for an additional five-year term and includes the permit areas previously approved in the existing permits. No additional mining areas or revisions to the existing boundaries are proposed. Parts of the permit application have been revised to provide current information as required by 11 AAC 90.021 through 11 AAC 90.065. No changes or modifications to the operation or reclamation plan are being proposed. Copies of the application and preliminary decision are available at [www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/index.htm](http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/index.htm). For more information, contact Russell Kirkham at coalprogram@alaska.gov with the subject, “Wishbone Hill Mine Permit Renewal”.

**April 8**

**SITKA** – Comments are due on the **STARRIGAVAN WATERSHED & RECREATION ENHANCEMENT PROPOSAL** to restore and enhance aquatic and recreational
resources impacted by previous extreme weather events, as well as, provide additional recreational opportunities to forest users accessible from the Sitka road system in the Starrigavan valley. This Proposed Action is different than the pre-scoping proposal sent out in January 2020. The project includes reconstruction of stream channels and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) trails, construction of parking lots, and construction of trails for foot traffic, bikes, motorcycles/electric bikes and OHVs. Please pay close attention to those differences and feel free to comment on any changes that were made. To see the proposal with revised maps, go to https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/112997_FSPLT3_5228026.pdf. Your input and ideas are important in designing, analyzing, and implementing the Starrigavan Watershed and Recreation Enhancement project. They will help the project interdisciplinary team identify concerns, questions, and information needs related to the Proposed Action and potentially help the team design alternatives to address concerns. When writing comments, please explain why you have a concern or a suggestion. Submit comments to comments-alaska-tongass-sitka@usda.gov with “Starrigavan” in the subject line. For more information, contact Michelle Putz, Team Leader, at 907-747-4278 or email michelle.putz@usda.gov.

April 10
Deadline for project and proposals ideas to the ALASKA OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM (AOOS) to include in our NEXT 5-YEAR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT with NOAA’s Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS). They are looking for ideas to expand ocean observations in Alaska that may include: • New observing assets (moorings, radars, ship surveys, community-based monitoring); • Equipment purchases or upgrades; • Modeling and forecasts; • Data product development; • Education and outreach programs. Please review the full announcement for more details and contact Carol Janzen with any questions or concerns.

**April 10**
Comments due on the proposal to change concerning the CONVEYANCE of BEDS of CERTAIN WATERBODIES defined as navigable; specifically, to amend the regulation concerning easements retained by the state for access to and along navigable and public waters, in order to allow the conveyance of certain beds of waterbodies that are not navigable in fact. To see the Q & A document, go to http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/hottopics/pdf/2020-03-24-Public-questions-and-answers-v2.pdf. For more information or to submit comments, contact Joe Joyner at 907-269-8511, email dnr.easements.regulation@alaska.gov or go the http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/hottopics.

**April 10**
Deadline for ALASKA BOARD of FISHERIES CALL for PROPOSALS 2020-2021 for subsistence, personal use, sport, guided sport, and commercial fishing regulations for southeast and Yakutat finfish and shellfish, Prince William Sound finfish and shellfish, and statewide other shellfish (excluding Southeast, Yakutat, and Prince William Sound). The board may also consider subsistence proposals for other topics (including other areas) under the subsistence proposal policy, if proposals are submitted within this
Deadline and the board determines they meet the criteria. Proposals may be submitted at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.forms or email dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov.

**April 14**
Deadline for comments on the proposal to REVISE REGULATING the use of USE of STATE PARK LAND and WATER; specifically in order to enhance public safety, provide public clarity, and update existing regulations to define electric bikes, which trails are open to biking, how snowmachine trails are posted, and management of regular seasonal closures. DNR is asking the public for their ideas and suggestions for possible changes and improvements in 11 AAC 12, 11 AAC 18, 11 AAC 20, and 11 AAC 21 before the department undertakes the task of drafting any specific proposed revisions of these regulations for public review. These ideas and suggestions can be as broad or as narrow, or as general or as specific, as a submitter may wish. The department is not currently proposing any specific changes at this time. There are no draft regulations to review. The department is soliciting feedback and comments from the public on how they would improve regulations regarding the use of state park land and water before the formal process of drafting any proposed changes begins. Text for existing regulations governing the use of state park land and water is online at: http://www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp#11.12.010. Suggestions and other input may be submitted to dpor.regulations@alaska.gov.

**April 27 (DEADLINE EXTENDED from March 27)**
Deadline for comments on THE PROPOSED COMMISSIONER’S FINDING on the WINDY CORNER MP 105-107 SEWARD HIGHWAY REALIGNMENT to authorize the following ACTIVITIES THROUGH CHUGACH STATE PARK: • Grant of a highway easement to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADL 232839) ; • Convey a property interest to the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ADL 232892); • Authorize use of materials for this project; • Closure of a section line easement(ADL 233527) ; • Acceptance of relinquished right-of-way from ARRC (OSL 1632) ; • Authorize construction of park facilities. When commenting, please reference the applicable file number as noted in the bullet list above. For more information, go to https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=121517. Additional information can be found at http://www.windycorner.info/ or contact Chugach State Park Superintendent Kurt Hensel at DNR.Windycorner@alaska.gov or (907) 345-5014.

**April 27 (DEADLINE EXTENDED from April 6)**
SEWARD HIGHWAY - Deadline for comments on the ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) on the PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE SEWARD HIGHWAY FROM MP 105 TO MP 107 PROJECT (WINDY CORNER). The Preferred Alternative proposes to extract 1.5 to 2.0 million cubic yards of aggregate, riprap, and armor stone from material locations within Chugach State Park near MP 109 and 104 (if needed). New recreational facilities and parking areas will be constructed near MP 106.5. The proposed highway includes two 12-foot lanes in each direction separated by a median and paved shoulders. The Alaska Railroad Corporation tracks will be
realigned to make space for the highway improvements. The modifications require right-of-way (ROW) in the form of a land exchange including the use of 26.30 acres of intertidal mudflats within Chugach State Park. DOT&PF will mitigate impacts to the Park by relinquishing 14.7 acres of land within the existing ROW. To see the Public Notice, go to [https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=197310](https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=197310). For more information, go to [http://www.windycorner.info/](http://www.windycorner.info/). Submit comments to windycorner@dowl.com and include "Seward Highway MP 105-107 EA Comment" in the subject line.

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

**MEETINGS & EVENTS OUT OF ANCHORAGE**

**ITEMS of INTEREST**

**The AMBLER MINING DISTRICT INDUSTRIAL ACCESS ROAD FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) is in the Federal Register on March 27. The EIS addresses federal authorizations related to a right-of-way (ROW) application from the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) for an industrial access road connecting the Dalton Highway to the Ambler mineral belt in the Kobuk Valley. The purpose of the proposed road is to facilitate resource development and economic opportunities for Alaska. The BLM has identified a preferred alternative in the EIS that aligns with the route proposed by AIDEA. The Final EIS includes a suite of mitigation measures that could be adopted in the Record of Decision and subsequent Right of Way. The BLM will prepare a Record of Decision which may be published no earlier than 30 days after this notice of availability. The Final EIS will be available at [https://go.usa.gov/xdhHJ](https://go.usa.gov/xdhHJ).**

**RICK STEINER’s long-awaited book, OASIS EARTH: PLANET IN PERIL based on the presentation he has been giving for over 25 years all over the world, most recently in Nairobi at the UN Environment Assembly. Oasis Earth confirms that we are destroying the biosphere of our Home Planet. With insights from those who have viewed our planet from space and evocative images from the U.N. Environment Program’s international photographic competitions, NASA, Greenpeace and others, Oasis Earth weaves a journey through the extraordinary diversity of life on Earth, the interrelated causes of global ecological collapse, and the path to a livable future. The intent of this project is singular: to motivate change. Oasis Earth is available as a FREE PFD download at [https://www.oasis-earth.com/oasis-earth-planet-in-peril](https://www.oasis-earth.com/oasis-earth-planet-in-peril). The print version (with the high res photos) is available on Amazon, and Kindle ebook should be available on Amazon any day now at near minimal allowable price.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NORTHERN AREA ALASKA STATE PARKS is recruiting VOLUNTEER PARK ASSISTANTS AND CAMPGROUND HOSTS for the 2020 summer season. Alaska State Parks depends on volunteers to help manage and maintain our parks. Volunteer Campground Hosts and Park Assistants are needed this summer at state parks in the Fairbanks area. Training, housing and food stipend are provided. College internship credit is available. For more information visit http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/vip/index.htm or call 907-451-2695.

The ALASKA QUIET RIGHTS COALITION (AQRC) invites NEW BOARD MEMBERS. AQRC is a non-profit organization that has worked with land management agencies for 25 years to protect the natural soundscape. The soundscape is a critical resource that needs to be fully recognized and protected for the value it contributes to Alaska’s wildlands, residents, visitors and wildlife. Please consider joining the AQRC board of directors. For more information go to www.alaskaquietrights.org and contact Brian Okonek at president@alaskaquietrights.org.

COMPLIANCE OFFICER for the SIERRA CLUB ALASKA CHAPTER to serve as Election Law Compliance Officer to the Chapter, advising those involved in the chapter’s political program about how to conduct political activities to ensure compliance with the provisions of its own state and local election laws, as well as Sierra Club policies and restrictions. No state or local political activity may be undertaken by a sierra club entity without a compliance officer. Responsibilities: Ensure that the political campaign activities of the chapter adhere to all applicable state and local election regulation and reporting requirements. This includes responsibility for compliance with the laws and regulations pertaining to direct and in-kind contribution limits, public and member communications, fundraising restrictions, and the reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures. Serve as a compliance resource for the Chapter’s political program. Keep informed of any changes in regulations and reporting changes in filing dates and requirements for various state and local elections types, the application of 501(c)(4), and independent expenditures, and other information relating to the Chapter’s state and local campaign-related activities. Maintain a permanent file of campaign reports and correspondence and pass the file on to compliance officer’s successor. If interested in applying, please send an email to alaska.chapter@sierraclub.org.

BIRD TREATMENT AND LEARNING CENTER is recruiting for BOARD MEMBERS who have an interest in serving our nonprofit mission to present living science education that instills understanding and appreciation for wild birds and their habitats, and to provide primary medical treatment, rehabilitative care, and potential release for sick and injured wild birds. For more information email taramshea@gmail.com.
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.

INTERNSHIPS

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.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**SUMMER ASSISTANT for the GREAT LAND TRUST in Anchorage to help implement land management activities to protect conserved properties, such as assisting with mailings and the installation of signage and access control devices, invasive weed management, planting and restoration activities. Participate in and assist with GLT’s events including volunteer activities on GLT conserved properties, hosting information booths with GLT staff, and representing GLT in other activities. Dates: Mid-May – Early September, with flexibility to start earlier if schedule permits. Compensation:$15 per hour, payable bi-weekly. Benefits: Three paid holidays (depending on length of employment) To see the full job description, go to http://greatlandtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/GLT-Summer-Assistant-Job-Description-2020.pdf. The position is open until filled, with a first review of applications to begin on April 6. To apply: Email a cover letter, resume, and contact information for at least two references to info@greatlandtrust.org with ‘Summer Assistant’ in the subject line. Given the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak, GLT will be tracking the latest public health advisories and following recommendations
in order to operate a safe work environment. Plans for GLT’s summer field work and the Summer Assistant position are subject to change.

ALASKA YOUTH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION (AYEA) PROGRAM COORDINATOR for The ALASKA CENTER EDUCATION FUND to lead the award-winning (AYEA) program, supporting passionate and diverse youth from across the state. This position will coordinate exciting and transformative training and youth-led campaigns to build advocacy, organizing, and leadership skills for young Alaskans. The Coordinator will help facilitate our vision of a statewide movement of diverse young Alaskans who have the skills, connections, and inspiration to effectively advocate for our communities and environment. There are opportunities for advancement in this position. To apply, email your resume and cover letter to jobs@akcenter.org. Position open until filled. First review of applications will be April 6. No phone calls, please. See the full job description at Full Job Description.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** for the SOUTHEAST ALASKA LAND TRUST (DEADLINE EXTENDED) to provide strategic leadership for a growing nonprofit and to advance land conservation throughout Southeast Alaska. The Executive Director is responsible for building and managing an annual budget, supervising staff, building and implementing an annual Development Plan, and overseeing the organization’s Land Conservation Program, In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program, Stewardship Program, and Community Outreach and Engagement Program. This full-time, permanent (exempt) position is located in Juneau, Alaska, but requires work and travel throughout Southeast Alaska. View the complete position and application instructions at https://www.southeastalaskalandtrust.org/about/staff/career-opportunities/. To apply, please send cover letter, resume, and three references by April 30 to Jay Nelson, Board of Directors President Southeast Alaska Land Trust, 119 Seward Street, Suite 2, Juneau, AK 99801 or email info@setrust.net.

ALASKA SeaLife CENTER in Seward has a number of positions available. To see the list that includes employment, internships and volunteer opportunities, go to https://www.alaskasealife.org/employment_opportunities.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN PARKS (YEP) is hiring ADULT CREW LEADERS and YOUTH CREW MEMBERS for the summer of 2020! YEP is a 10-week summer work program for Anchorage teens that complete park and trail improvement projects throughout the Municipality. Learn more about Youth Employment in Parks positions and how to apply. Please direct questions to yep@anchorageparkfoundation.org or (907) 343-4720.

SEASONAL FIELD EDUCATOR for the DENALI EDUCATION CENTER to help inform and inspire hundreds of visitors to Alaska and Denali. They are responsible for providing engaging and informative guided hikes to learning vacation participants on Denali’s front-country trail systems. Additionally, educators work to develop and present natural history classes and programs for residential programs, tour groups, and local hotel guests. This position is based in the Denali area, at Mile 231 Parks Highway, 6 miles
south of the park entrance. To see a full job description CLICK HERE! To apply, email a letter of interest, resume, and references to hannah@denali.org.

**BIOGEOCHEMICAL MODELING IN THE GULF OF ALASKA** in the in the **INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC RESEARCH CENTER, UAF.** This an **OCEAN ACIDIFICATION POST DOCTORATE** to study the influence of freshwater and large-scale climate drivers in the inorganic carbon and nutrient dynamics for the Gulf of Alaska. The position will involve analyzing a 40-year hindcast simulation to improve a biogeochemical model based on new field observations, data-model comparison, and recent publications. Join our Ocean Acidification and Inorganic carbon Dynamics Team to study the influence of freshwater and large-scale climate drivers on the Gulf of Alaska inorganic carbon and nutrient dynamics. The collaborative and inclusive environment at the International Arctic Research Center and within Alaska’s EPSCoR project “Fire and Ice”, which funds this position, will create opportunities to establish a career building and interdisciplinary science network. To read the full description go to [Read the full description](https://www.denali.org). For more information, contact Claudine Hauri at chauri@alaska.edu.

**HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER** for the **ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER** to oversee human resource services and will be responsible (with oversight from the COO) for organizational development, policies/programs pertaining to employment, compensation, benefits, performance management, employee relations, recruiting/retention, and compliance with all federal, state and local laws. **Education/Training Requirements**: Bachelor’s degree and five years’ experience in similar field with a minimum of three years of supervisory experience or the equivalent. Experience in non-profit organizations preferred. PHR/SPHR certification preferred and success. This is a full-time position. ASLC offers a competitive wage (DOE) and benefits package. Open Until Filled. Please complete the online application and include a resume, 1-page cover letter, and three professional references. To see the full job description, go to [https://www.alaskasealife.org/employment_opportunities](https://www.alaskasealife.org/employment_opportunities). For any questions regarding this position, including salary information, contact Human Resources at hr@alaskasealife.org.

**STREAM WATCH COORDINATOR** for the **KENAI WATERSHED FORUM**, full-time position to administer the organization’s Stream Watch program and to further KWF’s overall mission and vision. The Stream Watch Coordinator facilitates the protection of the natural and cultural resources of Alaska’s Kenai Peninsula, including both freshwater and marine environments, through the promotion of program volunteerism at 10+ riverine/estuarine outdoor sites managed by state, federal and local municipal partners. This will include but is not limited to: supporting all logistical needs of volunteers, recruitment of new volunteers, training of volunteers and implementation of on-the-ground activities (e.g. river protection fence installation and maintenance, litter pick-ups, fishing line collection, outreach/education events, etc.). Pay DOE. This position will include non-traditional work hours, including weekend and evening work. **Recruitment Dates**: This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found; applications will be reviewed on a rolling-basis. For more information, go
How to Apply: To apply by mail, please submit a cover letter, resume, and no more than three professional references to: Kenai Watershed Forum, Attn: Executive Director, 44129 Sterling Highway, Soldotna, Alaska 99669. Or, you may apply by submitting an email with the subject line “Application: Stream Watch Coordinator” to: Branden Bornemann, Executive Director, branden@kenaiwatershed.org.

INTERPRETIVE GUIDE for the MUSK OX FARM for the summer 2020 season. We will train the proper individuals in interpretive education techniques, the history of the project, natural history of musk oxen, and the history of our Colony Farm. The strongest applicants will have studied education, wildlife, ecology or biology. Due to the nature of our business, gracious customer service skills in a busy environment are a necessity. The position runs from May through the end of September 2020, with possible options to continue through the winter part time. For more information. Go to https://www.muskoxfarm.org/current-job-openings. Interested parties should email a resume to Dani Biersteker at dani@muskoxfarm.org.

INSTRUCTOR 2020 for BELL: AK to be part of a 5-person staff team that develops and implements a set of experiential lessons to create a transformative learning opportunity. The staff team consists of one On Site Director and 3 – 4 instructors. The staff team is responsible for teaching and traveling with approximately 30 students as they visit Anchorage and the Kenai Peninsula to learn about pressing environmental issues. As a team, the BELL staff support students’ personal growth, intellectual curiosity, and social responsibility while fostering a welcoming and inclusive community. Because BELL students and staff live and learn together, instructors have a unique opportunity to bridge and cultivate learning in and outside of a conventional classroom. For complete job description and application information, go to https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VbaJgZKMksOv83Yc22HgTI7Sr0dzBSjC/view.

The STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION is hiring field leaders for the summer. Our leaders are comfortable living and working in backcountry settings across the state, supporting crews of 5 to 8 people. Crews typically work on trail maintenance, construction, or exotic plant management. The Project leader position works with young adults for 20 weeks, starting mid-April. The HS Leader position works alongside a co-leader with high school students from Alaska for a month at a time, starting mid-May. Training is provided to all leaders. Applications are received on a rolling basis and positions will be filled as soon as possible. Qualifications: Must be a minimum of 21 years of age; Current WFR & CPR certification; Valid driver’s license required; Compensation: $725/week (including training weeks), paid travel to/from training and site, food provided during programs, access to group gear. To Apply: Go to https://www.thesca.org/ and click Login or Apply. Create a profile, complete the basic application and then select the Leader Application when prompted. Please be sure to upload a cover letter, resume and 3 references. In order to be considered, you must complete an application and email mwood@thesca.org when your application is complete. For more information, contact Mary Wood at mwood@thesca.org or 907-538-3024. More information on the two positions, go to Project
SUMMER FIELD LEADERS for 2020 for the ALASKA GEOGRAPHIC and its partners for a series of 1 - 2-week programs that engage young people from all over Alaska. We are looking for people who are passionate about the outdoors and have experience leading backcountry trips, including: • **Sea Kayak Field Leader** - Our Kayak Expeditions take Alaskan high school students and teachers into remote Prince William Sound to learn leadership and wilderness skills and complete work projects. Sea kayak guiding experience required. • **Trail Crew Field Leader** - Our trail crews camp in remote areas and complete trail work and conservation projects on the Chugach National Forest. As a leader, you are responsible for participant safety and the daily logistics of the project. • **Documentarian Positions** and **Assistant Field Leader Positions** available for several of the youth expeditions. Document the program through photographs, videos, and participant interviews. Photo and video equipment provided by Alaska Geographic.

FULL-TIME ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN for the PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL 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, although recent college graduates in accounting or related fields will be considered. Competitive compensation - $23 - $26+ DOE. To apply, please submit a detailed application packet including cover letter, resume and three professional references to jobs@pwsrcac.org. Position open until filled. A detailed job description may be found at [www.pwsrcac.org](http://www.pwsrcac.org).

FULL-TIME DONOR RELATIONS OFFICER the MAT-SU TRAILS AND PARKS FOUNDATION to build relationships with MSTPF donors, manage direct mail, grow monthly giving, and communicate with the public. Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation needs someone who will effectively promote our values and create a philanthropic powerhouse out of a young fundraising program bristling with potential. This position has flexibility depending on the candidate's skills and experience. We will provide training and professional development for the right person. For more information please visit the job advertisement here. Questions? Please contact Wes Hoskins at whoskins@matsutrails.org.

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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