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

Take care and keep well!

**Marks new items in this issue

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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 (NAT GEO WILD - GCI 114)**
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. The series will give viewers a unique behind the scenes look at wildlife response in action as animal care teams experience both the rewards and challenges of rescuing wildlife in various regions of Alaska. To see a preview, go to https://www.nationalgeographic.com/tv/shows/alaska-animal-rescue.

**April 22
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY

**April 23 & 24 (VIRTUAL MEETING)**
2020 TRAILS CONFERENCE is being hosted in Anchorage by Alaska State Parks to be delivered through a series of webinars. To REGISTER go to https://www.alaska-trails.org/conference-registration. For session descriptions, go to https://www.alaska-trails.org/conference-sessions.

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 (CANCELLED)
YAKUTAT - The 10th ANNUAL YAKUTAT TERN FESTIVAL

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/, 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/.

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.

TELECONFERENCES – VIRTUAL MEETINGS
**April 11 (WEBCONFERENCE MEETING)**
Anchorage Citizen Climate Lobby will meet from 8:30 to 10:30am online at https://citizensclimate.zoom.us/j/6382303221 Meeting ID: 638 230 3221. For a livestream that you can screen share in your own Zoom chapter mtg, at cclusa.org/livestream. Conference call guest: NATHANIEL STINNETT, Environmental Voter Project. Step one to generate political will for climate solutions is to get people who care about the environment to vote. When Nathaniel Stinnett found out that environmentalists, by and large, were staying home on election day, he saw a problem in need of a solution. That's why in 2015 he launched the Environmental Voter Project which identifies environmentalists who don't vote and reaches out to get them to the polls. On this month's call, Nathaniel will share some of the ways his organization has successfully activated this important bloc of voters.

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, 21, 23, & 29 (VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS)**
Public meetings will be held teleconference by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on the SUPPLEMENT TO THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) for the PROPOSED WILLOW MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN (MDP) in the NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE IN ALASKA (NPR-A) as follows:

April 16 – for the GENERAL PUBLIC at 1 and 6:30pm
1 p.m. Registration link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v9xUiuiaSJCZP7XBqkznWA
6:30 p.m. Registration link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__-PIPJ0KS02CA2V_bf5C0A

April 21 – for the ALASKAN NORTH SLOPE COMMUNITIES (North Slope residents given priority during participation) at 1 and 6:30pm
1 p.m. Registration link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v9xUiuiaSJCZP7XBqkznWA
6:30 p.m. Registration link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__-PIPJ0KS02CA2V_bf5C0A

April 23 – for NUIQSUT (Nuiqsut residents given priority during participation) from 1 to 6:30pm
1 p.m. Registration link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v9xUiuiaSJCZP7XBqkznWA
6:30 p.m. Registration link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__-PIPJ0KS02CA2V_bf5C0A
April 29 – for the GENERAL PUBLIC at 1 and 6:30pm

1 p.m. Registration link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v9xuiaSJCZP7XBqkznWA
6:30 p.m. Registration link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN___PIPJ0KS02CA2V_bf5C0A.

In response to stakeholder concerns and public comments on the Willow Master Development Plan Draft EIS, the applicant (ConocoPhillips) submitted an updated project proposal that includes new project components. The new proposal includes a third module transfer option, construction of a freshwater reservoir, and up to three boat ramps for subsistence use. While there are minor design optimizations across the project area, the three new project components have not been previously analyzed or shared with the public. For more information on the proposed Willow Master Development Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, please go to our website at: http://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-development/alaska/willow-eis. Deadline for comments is May 4. Submit comments to https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=161457.

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 to https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=122027. Link to the WebEx meeting: https://stateofalaska.webex.com/stateofalaska/j.php?MTID=me10e7fbe5863d7182a1baf6628f5c003 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 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 27 (TELECONFERENCE MEETING)**
The ALASKA HISTORICAL COMMISSION will meet by teleconference on Monday, April 27, 2020. The agenda includes review of applications for projects from Certified Local Governments and projects for development and predevelopment grants, consideration of geographic name proposals, and updates on historic preservation programs and upcoming anniversaries of the 19th Amendment (women’s suffrage) and ANCSA 50th anniversary. The tentative agenda is posted at http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/ A printed copy of the agenda can be requested by calling 907-269-8700, emailing dnr.oha@alaska.gov, or writing to the Office of History and Archaeology, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, 550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1310, Anchorage, AK 99501-3565. Go see the agenda, go to https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=122033.

WEBINARS, & VIDEOS

To see the REAP presentation on TIDAL POWER, go to http://alaskarenewableenergy.org/index.php/2020/02/28/spring-energy-speaker-series/.

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 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 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 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 sub seasonal 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**

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/](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](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.

**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/). 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, and Application form, go to 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 to learn more about the Small Grants Program and to take the eligibility quiz.

DEADLINES

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 15
HOONAH – Comments are due on the SEAL CREEK ROCK PIT EXPANSION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) that analyzes the effects of expanding the rock pit, located approximately 29 miles SE of Hoonah. The proposed action would permit production, processing and hauling of up to 100,000 tons of mineral material/year by competitive bid. The responsible official for this project is the Hoonah District Ranger.
The EA and supporting information are located at https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46178 located under the "Project Documents - Analysis" heading. For more information about this project, please contact Chris Budke, at 907-945-1218, Christopher.budke@usda.gov. Submit comments to comments-alaska-tongass-oonah@usda.gov with “Seal Creek” in the subject line.

**April 17**

FAIRBANKS - Comments are due on the PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES for a BICYCLE and PEDESTRIAN FACILITY that CONNECTS FAIRBANKS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT to the NEIGHBORHOODS WEST of the AIRPORT. We are currently working on conceptual designs, engineering and environmental studies. Construction is currently planned for 2021. The Department also requests information and comments on resources in the study area that may be affected, including historic properties, archaeological sites, wetlands, and floodplains of the Chena River. For more information or to submit comments, contact David Fischer at 451-5357 or email david.fischer@alaska.gov. To see map of the area, go to https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=121797.

**April 20**

Deadline for comments for the MARINE MAMMALS; SEISMIC SURVEY DESIGN and IMPACTS to MATERNAL POLAR BEAR DENS. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service announces the availability of a peer-reviewed scientific manuscript and associated model regarding seismic survey design and potential impacts to maternal polar bear dens. This manuscript contains information, including a methodology and model that may be used for evaluating the effects of future seismic survey proposals for their potential impacts to maternal polar bear dens. They are also announcing public webinars that will provide an overview of the manuscript and model and respond to questions. We request public comments on the value of the model and the associated methodology described in the peer-viewed scientific manuscript in assisting in the evaluation of the effects of future seismic survey proposals for their potential impacts to maternal polar bear dens. The publication or to submit comments, go to https://www.fws.gov/alaska/pages/marine-mammals/polar-bear.

**April 20**

Comments are due on the project that would IMPROVE DRAINAGE, REPLACE CULVERTS, REPAIR the ROADWAY SURFACE, and READJUST DRAINAGE to REPLACE and/or REPAIR TWO FAILING CROSS-CULVERTS at MCHUGH CREEK; mitigate annual flooding at Raspberry & Minnesota NB interchange, and repair embankment sloughing along C Street south of 76th Ave where is comes into close proximity with Campbell Creek. The purpose of the proposed project is to repair and replace roadway infrastructure to maintain a safe transit corridor for the public and transportation of goods. For more information, contact Galen Jones, Project Manager, at 269-0550 or Alex Schlegel, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 269-0536. Submit comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, at P.O. Box 196900 Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6900.
**April 20**
Deadline for proposals to the FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD to CHANGE FEDERAL REGULATIONS for the SUBSISTENCE HARVEST of FISH and SHELLFISH on Federal public lands and waters for the 2021-2023 regulatory years (April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023). The Board will consider proposals to change Federal subsistence fish and shellfish seasons, harvest limits, methods, and means related to taking of fish for subsistence uses, as well as customary and traditional use determinations. For more information, contact Theo Matuskowitz at (800) 478-1456 or to submit proposals go to https://www.regulations.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**
KOSCIUSKO ISLAND - Comments are due on an application by SEALASKA TIMBER COMPANY for a 5-YEAR private, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT for a LOG TRANSFER FACILITY, LOG STORAGE AREA, and SHIP MOORING AREA in SHIPLEY BAY. The applicant originally applied for a tideland lease, but changed to a private-nonexclusive easement. The applicant is proposing the following:
Tract A; Log Transfer Facility (22.4 acres); Placement of 378 cubic yards of rock ballast fill below Mean High Water for construction of a 95-foot drive down log transfer ramp; Placement of 144 cubic yards of rock ballast fill below Mean High Water for construction of float bulkhead access, including a 70-foot x 5-foot access walkway comprised of wood spruce logs adjoining a 30-foot x 30-foot float, also comprised of wood spruce logs.; Tract A will also have (3) 850-foot long log booms with (6) 58-inch diameter steel buoys and (12) 6-ton concrete anchors; Tract B; Log Storage Area (24.1 acres); Installation of a 2,000-foot long log-standing boom with (4) 58-inch spherical steel buoys and (8) 6-ton concrete anchors ; Tract C; Ship Mooring Area (17.2 acres); Installation of (2) 13-feet diameter ship mooring buoys. Start: 2020 - End: 2025. For more information or to submit comments, contact Megan Hillgartner at (907) 465-3432 or email megan.hillgartner@alaska.gov.

**April 28**
WASILLA – Comments are due on the DRAFT TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS
(TMDL) for LEAD, ZINC, and POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBON in LAKEBED SEDIMENTS for LAKE LUCILE (waterbody recovery plan). Lake Lucile is included on Alaska’s Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies as polluted for lead, zinc, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) in the lakebed sediments. The majority of the metals and PAH pollutant loading to the lake comes as stormwater runoff from the urban land areas that drain to Lake Lucile through the piped stormwater system. A TMDL is a pollution budget. It sets the maximum amount of a pollutant (or pollutants) that may be discharged into an impaired waterbody while still meeting the state’s allowed limits and suggests ways to achieve this goal. Find the Draft TMDL and Fact Sheet on the DEC website at http://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/impaired-waters/. For more information or to submit comments, contact Laura Eldred at: (907) 376-1855 or email laura.eldred@alaska.gov.

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.

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. 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.

To see SUMMARY of PUBLIC COMMENTS for PROPOSED REPEAL of
PROHIBITION of PERSONAL WATERCRAFT in KACHEMAK BAY CRITICAL HABITAT AREA go

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. 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. 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 is the **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. 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. 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. 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 to https://kenaiwatershed.org/. **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 trial 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 Leader Information: https://www.thesca.org/alaska-corps-project-leader; High School Leader Information: https://www.thesca.org/alaska-high-school-crew-leader.

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.

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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