

What's Up

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****Marks new items in this issue.**

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

CONCERNED ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE and ENERGY COSTS? LEARN ABOUT CLEAN ENERGY! Check out these ONLINE courses offered this spring through UAF-Bristol Bay

Campus:

Basics of Small Wind Systems, ENVI F173 (1 credit), Feb. 16-Mar. 23, Wednesdays 5:20-8pm

Intro to Biomass Energy Systems, ENVI F175 (1 credit), Feb. 21-Mar. 28, Mondays, 5:20-8pm.

Space is limited, and tuition assistance may be available. For course descriptions and registration information contact Mark Masteller at mamasteller@alaska.edu or 907-414-0198.

****January 18, February 1 & 15, March 1, 15, & 29, April 12 & 26, May 10**

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT GARDENING in RURAL ALASKA will be held from Noon to 1pm.

Join an online panel of local, experienced gardeners to listen, learn, and ask questions about growing your own food. Our focus will be issues faced by rural gardeners, but we welcome one and all.

January. 18 - Building Soil on the Cheap

February 1 - Coordinating a Community Garden

February 15: Composting in Rural Alaska

March 1 - How to Apply for High Tunnel Funding

March - 15: Hosting a Seed-Starting Workshop for your Community

March 29 - Incorporating a Community Garden into Your Food Pantry

April 12 - Forming a Food Security Task Force

April 26 - Pro-tips for Running a Greenhouse

May 10 - Responsible Foraging

Register once and join any or all of the free online sessions

at https://bit.ly/GROW_RurALCAP22. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Call-in options are available.

January 24 – 27

ALASKA MARINE SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM will be held virtually again this year. Oral and poster presentations, keynotes, and more will remain as key elements throughout the three days. By registering, you will receive access to the virtual content when made available during the conference. This includes live sessions with presenters and keynotes, recorded presentations (oral/poster), and the ability to digitally post questions about presentations to each presenter. In many ways, this year's event will be more interactive and allow for multiple ways of communication! Each day of the conference highlights important Alaskan marine ecosystems: Gulf of Alaska (Tuesday), Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands (Wednesday), and the Arctic (Thursday). Research topics discussed range from ocean physics, fishes and invertebrates,

seabirds, marine mammals, to local traditional knowledge. For more information, go to <https://alaskamarinescience.org/home>. **Registration closes January 21.**

February 23 – 25

ADAPTING to ALASKA'S RAPIDLY CHANGING CLIMATE WORKSHOP will be held from 8am to Noon each day. Cosponsored by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance and the USGS Climate Adaptation Science Center, the workshop is open for pre-registration. Alaska's climate is warming at 2-3 times the rate of the lower 48. Alaska's large size and mostly intact ecosystems may not provide resilience to climate-driven ecological transformation. Agency and Tribal land managers have the opportunity to advance adaptation by more actively addressing climate-driven impacts. We believe there is a need for diverse, creative thinking about on-the-ground climate adaptation in Alaska. This free, virtual 3-day workshop will stimulate discussion among key players in Alaska and their transboundary partners on new methods of resisting, accepting, or directing climate change in Alaska. For more information, and to pre-register, go to www.akwildlife.org/workshop.

****February 25 – 27 (CANCELED due to COVID)**

~~**PETERSBURG**—The **SOUTHEAST ALASKA FARMERS SUMMIT** will hold at Holy Cross House to bring together growers, entrepreneurs and local food enthusiasts from around the region to exchange resources, share insights & best practices and to collaborate and work towards localizing our food system. Two Pre-Conference Workshops hosted by partnering organizations will also be offered on the February 23 and 24 before the Summit. Go to our FAQs page at <https://www.seakfarmerssummit.com/faqs> to learn more about these workshops!~~

March 11 & 12

ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN'S ANNUAL SPRING GARDEN CONFERENCE will be held virtually for 2022. They are seeking engaging and knowledgeable presenters to submit proposals. Do you have an area of expertise you would love to share with the larger gardening community? We welcome lecture and workshop style presentations (30-45 minutes), shorter 15-minute sessions or rapid-fire presentations (10 minutes). **Submit proposals by January 17** to ABG's Program Director at stacey.shriner@alaskabg.org. For more information, go to <https://www.alaskabg.org/>.

March 17 – 19

The **6th ANNUAL ALASKA FOOD CONFERENCE & FESTIVAL** will be held virtually and is an opportunity for attendees to learn more about, and engage in, the various issues affecting Alaska's food system. Local, regional, and national speakers will present on a variety of food security, production, business, and community issues, with a special emphasis on rural and indigenous food systems, and food entrepreneurship. The conference will also offer a film screening, chef and food preparation demonstrations, workshops, and virtual farm and processing facility tours. Our virtual platform provides a number of ways for interaction and personal engagement. The conference will have **four focus areas**: • Policy & Education; • Production & Harvest; • Culture & Community; and • Business & Industry. On **March 17 FOOD for the REST OF US** with **CAROLINE COX** (Director) & **TIFFANY AYALIK** (Producer) will be shown. The feature film presents 4 stories of people living life on their own terms, serving as leaders who are lending their voice to the underdog and leading a revolution to a better world, from the ground up! For registration and more information, go

to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-alaska-food-festival-conference-tickets-232976558157>.

April 8

ALASKA FARMERS MARKET SUMMIT will be held from 8am to 5pm. For more information, go to <https://www.alaskafarmersmarkets.org/2022-alaska-farmers-market-summit-april-8th/>.

****May 24 – 26**

ALASKA SUSTAINABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE will be held at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center. The three-day conference will bring together folks to share ideas and information about Alaska's energy future and the intersection of economic development, long-term sustainability, and energy independence. **Early bird tickets are available through January 28.** For more information contact asec@alaska.gov or go to <https://alaskasustainableenergy.com/>.

WEBINARS, PODCASTS & VIDEOS

January 21 (Webinar)

JANUARY 2022 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ALASKA CLIMATE OUTLOOK BRIEFING will be held at Noon with **RICK THOMAN**, ACCAP at the UAF. We will review recent and current climate conditions around Alaska, review some forecast tools and finish up the Climate Prediction Center's forecast for February 2022 and the early spring season. Join the gathering online to learn what's happened and what may be in store with Alaska's seasonal climate. Register [HERE](#).

January 25 (Webinar)

ALASKA'S FIRE WEATHER HOTSPOT and ITS RESPONSE to REGIONAL ATMOSPHERIC CIRCULATION at WEATHER and CLIMATE TIME SCALES will be presented at 10am by **TOM BALLINGER**, International Arctic Research Center (IARC), UAF. Alaska's central and eastern interior (CEI), including the greater Tanana Valley and Yukon Flats, has consistently been the most fire prone area of the state during the last two decades. Toward operational and research applications, several surface fire weather indicators have been developed, such as the Buildup Index (BUI), and linked to CEI fire ignition, size, and spread. Beyond few analyses involving extreme fire years, studies have seldom examined the role of regional atmospheric circulation in modulating the region's fire weather conditions through time. Moreover, modern forecast models' skill in predicting such fire weather conditions is relatively low beyond a lead time of 10-14 days. This shortcoming creates numerous challenges for the fire managers attempting to mobilize resources for potential impacts. More complete understanding of atmospheric patterns and processes and their statistical linkages with fire weather at long-range weather-to-climate scales could thus be broadly useful to the fire community. This webinar will discuss historical relationships between regional atmospheric circulation and peak CEI fire weather conditions (e.g., BUI maxima) through the different fire season phases (i.e., wind, duff, drought, and diurnal periods) during the 1979-2020 period. Register [HERE](#).

January 31 (Webinar)

ARCTIC REPORT CARD 2021: DISRUPTIONS to ENVIRONMENTS and PEOPLES will be presented at 11am by **RICK THOMAN** (ACCAP), **TOM BALLINGER** (IARC), and **WALT MEIER** (National Snow and Ice Data Center). NOAA's 16th annual Arctic Report Card was

released in December, with an overarching theme documenting ongoing and incipient disruptions to Arctic environments and peoples. This year's report card features 14 essays and ACCAP's Rick Thoman will provide a drive-by tour of diverse topics covered this year, ranging from Arctic hydrology to glacial and permafrost hazards to communities to the ongoing changes in underwater soundscape in the Arctic. UAF's Tom Ballinger will provide an overview of air temperatures and Walt Meier with the National Snow and Ice Data Center will review sea ice conditions and drivers during the year. Register [HERE](#).

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS/OPEN HOUSES

**** January 18 & 26**

DENALI NATIONAL PARK - Two virtual public meetings will be held on the **POLYCHROME AREA IMPROVEMENTS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT** from 7 to 8pm each day. The Polychrome Area Improvements EA evaluates the construction of several engineered solutions between miles 44-46 of the Denali Park Road in the Polychrome Area, including a bridge across the Pretty Rocks landslide. The EA can be accessed online at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/polychrome>. Supporting information is also available on Denali National Park and Preserve's website at <https://www.nps.gov/dena/getinvolved/polychrome-plan.htm>. Both meetings will have the same format consisting of a presentation and time for the public to ask questions. **Comments on the EA may be submitted through February 13** through the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/polychrome>. To join on Jan. 18 go to <https://tinyurl.com/January-18-meeting> or to attend the meeting on Jan. 26 go to use <https://tinyurl.com/January-26-meeting>. Visit go.nps.gov/PrettyRocks to learn more.

January 18

Public meeting will be held by the **INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING for COOPER LAKE HYDROPOWER PROJECT** from 8:30 to 10am. The purpose of the meeting is to review the 2021 Biotic Conditions Monitoring Report, discuss the proposal to defer the biotic studies from 2022 to 2023, and discuss the 2021 siphon repairs and current operations as well as the instream flow release schedule for May 2022 to April 2023. The public meeting will be held virtually and is open to all interested parties. Please contact Adam Cross at (907) 288-7715 or adam.cross@usda.gov to request a link and/or phone number to participate in the meeting. For more information, go to fs.usda.gov/goto/chugach/cooper-hydro.

January 18

NINILCHK - CENTRAL PENINSULA FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting at 7pm in the Ninilchik School Library. Agenda items include: • Advisory Committee Elections; • Board of Game Statewide Regulations Proposals. Information on the Board proposals can be found at [Meeting Information: Alaska Board of Game, Alaska Department of Fish and Game](#). For more information, contact Fari Sylvester at 907-267-2354 or fari.sylvester@alaska.gov.

January 18

The **EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL** will meet at 9am via Zoom. To participate in the Council meeting go to <https://evostc.state.ak.us/events/> and follow the participation information provided. The meeting agenda will include continuing discussion on the

FY22 Work Plan and any additional Council business. Proposers whose projects were not approved for full funding at the October 13, 2021, meeting and were notified to present, may give a presentation at this meeting to discuss how their project will be affected. Instructions will be sent to those proposers at a later date. For more information call 907.278.8012 or 800.478.7745 or www.evostc.state.ak.us/events. Meeting agenda and materials will be posted at <https://evostc.state.ak.us/events/>.

****January 18**

STATEWIDE - A public meeting will be held for comments on the **DRAFT 2022 INTEGRATED WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT REPORT** from 4 to 6pm. Instructions for attending the public meeting remotely can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/ADEC-IR>. Every two years, DEC is required to report on the condition of Alaska's waters according to the federal Clean Water Act. This report describes to Alaskans the health of Alaska's waters and includes the list of impaired (polluted) waters. The Integrated Report also helps the State prioritize waters for appropriate action such as data gathering, watershed protections, and restoration of impaired waters. The draft 2022 Integrated Report reflects changes to previous years' reports. DEC is proposing a number of changes to existing waterbody classifications, including identifying healthy waters and removing one water from the impaired list where recent data shows the water to be healthy. Supporting documents, public meeting information, and the full list of waters can be found at the DEC Integrated Report website: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/integrated-report/>. **Deadline for comments is February 6.**

January 21

WASILLA - BOARD of GAME will meet at the Best Western Lake Lucille Inn beginning at 9am. No regulatory action will be taken at the meeting. Meeting topics include: • agency and informational reports, • approval of the 2022/2023 board meeting dates and locations, and • other administrative business. Following the agenda items, the board is expected to hold an executive session to discuss litigation. The meeting is open to the public. Public participants are asked to register online in advance of the meeting. A live audio stream of the meeting will also be available at www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov. The agenda and other meeting documents will be available prior to the meeting at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-20-2022&meeting=wasilla.

January 22

WHITTIER FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting at 1pm Via teleconference at 1800-504-8071; Access Code: 2672354. Agenda items include: • Advisory Committee Elections; • Board of Fisheries Proposals for Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Westward Arctic Shellfish and Shellfish General Provisions; • Prince William Sound Shrimp. Information on the Board proposals can be found at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.proposalbook>. To see the agenda and minutes, go to Whittier Advisory Committee, Alaska Department of Fish and Game. For more information, contact Fari Sylvester at 907-267-2354 or fari.sylvester@alaska.gov.

****January 24**

KODIAK REGION STATE PARKS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD will meet at 6pm via

teleconference. To join the meeting, call [+1 907-202-7104](tel:+19072027104), Conference ID: [122 00 609#](https://alaska.gov/12200609). Alaska State Parks Citizen Advisory Boards provide a forum for public involvement and advise park staff on management and development issues. Meetings are open to the public. The Kodiak Region Advisory Board has nine members and currently has two vacancies. Appointments are made by the Director of Alaska State Parks for three-year terms. If you would like to serve on a board, please fill out the [Alaska State Park Advisory Board Application](https://alaska.gov/alaska-state-park-advisory-board-application) at [AlaskaStateParks.org](https://alaskastateparks.org) and email it to your local office. If you are interested in Kodiak Region State Parks, or have any comments, questions, or concerns – please join us or call: Chief Ranger Ben Shryock at 486-6339.

****January 26**

FAIRBANKS - FAIRBANKS AREA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) PLANNING

POLICY BOARD will meet from Noon to 2pm. To participate, go

to: <https://fastplanning.us/keepup/zoom/> on the day of the meeting. to access via computer, app, or telephone. Agenda Items include: * FFY19-23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #5; * North Pole Streetlight Standardization Project; * Cushman Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project Construction Increase; For more information, contact Jackson Fox, FAST Planning Executive Director, at (907) 205-4276 or email jackson.fox@fastplanning.us or go to www.fastplanning.us.

****January 27**

TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST - Public meeting will be held to discuss the updated **WARD LAKE RECREATION AREA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT** for the **KETCHIKAN MISTY FJORDS RANGER DISTRICT**, from 4 to 7pm at <https://tinyurl.com/WardLakeJan27Meeting>.

There will be quick project introductions at 4 p.m., repeated at 5 p.m., and again at 6 p.m.

Resource specialists will be available throughout the meeting to answer questions. The meeting will be recorded for those unable to attend or who wish to review the meeting at a later time.

The District is interested in hearing about any improvements, changes, or opportunities you may see in the Ward Lake area including concerns and suggestions to address them. Please consider both day use and overnight recreation facilities, trails, site accessibility, roads, and services in your comments. We will be **accepting written comments through February 3**. For more information, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61319>.

January 27 (Virtual)

ANCHORAGE - Virtual Public Meeting will be held on the **SEWARD GLENN MOBILITY PEL STUDY** to identify and evaluate options to improve transportation mobility, safety, access, and connectivity between the Seward Highway, near 20th Avenue and the Glenn Highway, east of Airport Heights. The study will also identify ways to improve access to and from the Port of Alaska to the highway network. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide their input on the most important transportation problems to be solved in the study area. This input will be used to develop the study's Purpose & Need statement and the evaluation criteria for potential solutions during the next phase of the study. This meeting will also include an overview of the study area and discussion of background traffic and environmental information. For more information, go to [project website](#).

****February 3**

Public hearing will be held on the **PROPOSED CHANGES IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT**

AND DISPOSAL REGULATIONS from 4 to 6pm via conference call at 907-315-6338, phone conference ID 76351. Priority will be given to commenters on the line before the beginning of the hearing. The hearing may be extended to accommodate those on the line before 5:30pm who did not have an opportunity to comment. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) is proposing significant revisions to Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Regulations. The wastewater regulations were reorganized, including a major expansion in permit-by-rule processes which allows more wastewater systems to be installed without prior approval from the department. Changes are also proposed dealing with wastewater treatment and disposal to provide better clarity of regulatory requirements by system type. For more information, go to <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=204852>. Submit comments to <https://water.alaskadec.commentinput.com/?id=rtFj>. For more information, contact Tonya Bear at (907) 451-2188 or email tonya.bear@alaska.gov. The comments must be received no later than 11:59 pm on **February 18**.

****February 8**

The **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ALASKA RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL (RAC)** will hold a at 9am. virtual meeting meetings on February 8 and May 17, 2022. The public is welcome to attend. To attend or provide comments, please register at https://blm.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltcu6rrj4iH9m_4eVrtX89DywKTV3o2Lo. Planned agenda items include updates on resource management plans, conveyances, recreation management, and time for public comments. The agendas and other RAC information, such as previous meeting minutes and presentations, are available [atwww.blm.gov/Alaska/RAC](http://www.blm.gov/Alaska/RAC). The public may also attend the meeting by phone at (833) 568-8864, Meeting ID: 161 113 2281, Passcode: 917195.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

****January 18**

BRIDGING THE GAP/USGUCIARAQ will be presented virtually at 5 pm AKT by the Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges by **CHRISTOPHER TULIK**, Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, and **JACQUELINE CLEVELAND**, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, two of the Refuge Information Technicians (RIT)s whose job is ensuring two-way communication between those villages and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Both were village raised and speak Yupiaq. Hear Christopher talk about the adventures and accomplishments of his long career "Bridging the Gap" and from Jacki about subsistence life in Quinagak as seen through her stunning photographs and videography. Zoom link or call-in instructions at <https://alaskarefugefriends.org/bridging-the-gap-usguciarraq-tuesday-january-18-5-6-p-m-akt/>.

January 18

FROM the GROUND UP! will be presented from 6 to 7:30pm each Tuesday. This informative and exciting series is brought to you by a partnership between Kenai Soil and Water Conservation District and UAF Cooperative Extension Service to support Alaska growers. Join experts from all over Alaska for a seven-part series that will dig deeper into getting the most out of your land and improving local food security. Whether you are a home gardener, a small farm, or interested in land development, you don't want to miss this series of free workshops. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. For more information, contact DeShana York at 907-786-6330

or ddyork@alaska.edu or Teri Diamond at 907-283-8732 ext. 5
or kenaiswcd@gmail.com. Register once and join any or all of the free online sessions
at <https://bit.ly/FromGroundUp2022>.

****January 19**

SUSITNA RIVER COALITION WINTER SPEAKER EVENT will feature **Dr. KATHRYN KRASINSKI** who will discuss her research documenting the **OLDEST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES** that scientists currently know of in our watershed at 5:30pm. With 20 years of archaeological field experience in Alaska, Dr. Krasinski will answer your questions as we explore archaeological sites in our watershed and deepen our understanding of this place, we call home. Online on Zoom and FacebookLive
at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_i_HZexxxRgaga8e-NFszhQ?fbclid=IwAR21GXm3uKCjFQ-xGwqHh1mKugG_WXrdx44omOwEQ2nQ2JEvbesMJDArYTU,
and <https://www.facebook.com/events/292302722956862>.

January 19

The **STATUS of ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD in SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA** will be presented by **TODD ESKELIN**, Biologist with the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, from 7 to 8pm via Zoom. Did you know we have multiple species of hummingbirds on the Kenai Peninsula? Join us and hear more about the current and future status of Anna's Hummingbird in Southcentral Alaska. Learn about Eskelin's discoveries over the past four years of hummingbird field work, how you can invite hummingbirds to your home, and what the future may hold in a changing climate. To join, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83290370627>.

January 20

CARIBOU on the MOVE: STUDYING CARIBOU MIGRATION to SUPPORT MANAGEMENT and CONSERVATION will be presented from 7 to 8pm. [Click here to join the presentation](#). Join us for a free virtual presentation with guest speaker, **Dr. TIM FULLMAN** as he shares information about caribou in Alaska and his work studying caribou movement on the North Slope to inform the balance of human development and wildlife conservation. Dr. Fullman is a Senior Ecologist with The Wilderness Society in Anchorage. He investigates caribou responses to energy development and other human activity. In this, and his previous research exploring elephant movement patterns and impacts on vegetation and large herbivores in southern Africa, he strives to develop scientific information that can be applied to positively influence decision making for conservation and management. This event will be recorded for future viewing and will be accessible on our [YouTube page](#).

January 20

UNRAVELING the MYSTERIES of SOUTHEAST ALASKA BATS in WINTER is the topic for the Virtual Winter Wildlife Series from 7 to 8pm. White-nose Syndrome is a fungal disease that attacks and kills hibernating bats. Bats in eastern North America hibernate in caves and mines, often in large groups, which has resulted in high mortality in some species, including the little brown bat. Where western little brown bats hibernate was unknown, but a long-term study in Juneau, Alaska has been slowly unraveling the mystery of what bats in Southeast Alaska do in the winter. In this talk researchers show how they tackled the challenges of finding where bats go in winter, what they found, and how the very different hibernation ecology of Alaska's little

brown bats may help protect them from WNS. [Registration is required.](#)

****January 25**

MIGRATE, HIBERNATE, TOLERATE: HOW MAMMALS SURVIVE WINTER IN ALASKA will be held at 6pm by the Campbell Creek Science Center. Have you ever wondered how mammals manage to survive Alaska's harsh winters? From marmots to musk oxen, explore how mammals big and small find food, avoid predators, and stay warm in a place where winter can last more than half the year. Registration required.

****February 4**

Wise Science Lecture: **MIGRATIONS PATTERNS AND ENERGY USE of RETURNING ADULT SOCKEYE SALMON in the COPPER RIVER** will be presented at 7pm by **PETE RAND**, Prince William Sound Science Center. For information at to register, go to www.wise-edu.org/science-lecture-series.html.

EVENTS & MEETINGS in ANCHORAGE, EAGLE RIVER & GIRDWOOD

January 15

EAGLE RIVER - MUSIC HIKE: CELESTIAL SOUNDS MUSIC HIKE: CELESTIAL SOUNDS will be held at 6pm at the Eagle River Nature Center. Enjoy music celebrating the planets, stars, and other galactic ideas with ERNC Naturalist **SAMANTHA BLUMENKONIG** and local musician & teacher **WOLFGANG BLUMENKONIG**. This is a family-friendly outing. Pack a snack, dress for the weather, and bring a headlamp if you have one (ERNC has headlamp to share, too) and prepare to hike up to 2 miles. Limited to 15 people. Registration required at www.ernc.org/public-programs.

January 19 (Virtual)

DETECTING DENS, REDUCING HUMAN-WILDLIFE is the topic for the Campbell Creek Science Center Fireside Chat at 7pm. What do dogs and infrared technology have to do with polar bears? Turns out both have been used to find polar bear dens! Knowing where polar bear dens are located near human development, such as the North Slope oil and gas fields, is crucial to reducing disturbances to denning bears. CRAIG PERHAM, marine mammal coordinator for the Bureau of Land Management, has spent nearly 20 years managing human-polar bear conflicts and helping identify efficient ways to minimize impacts to polar bears. Learn more about polar bears and how scientists are trying to find dens and reduce human impacts to denning polar bears. Registration required for this virtual program: www.blm.gov/ccsc/activity-calendar.

January 25 (Virtual)

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EVENTS & MEETINGS OUTSIDE of ANCHORAGE

****January 29**

KENNY LAKE -WISE Education Event: TRAP SAFETY for PET OWNERS with **HEIDI HATCHER**, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, will be held at the Kenny Lake Public Library from 10am to Noon. Masks required, please be prepared to be outdoors for part of the time. For more information contact the WISE office (907) 822-3575, contact@wise-edu.org.

February 4, 11, 18, 25, and March 4 & 11

ORGANIC GARDENING COURSE will be held at the Mat Su College. Learn how to get more from your garden this year for more yield, more vigor, more bounty, more beauty! For more information go to [HERE](#) or register at (907) 745-9740.

****February 1**

KENAI/SOLDOTNA FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a public meeting at 6pm at the Soldotna Sports Center. Agenda items include: Advisory Committee • Elections- 2020 Expired Terms; • Board of Fisheries Proposals for Cook inlet, Kodiak, Westward Arctic Shell Fish and Shellfish General provisions & Prince William Sound Shrimp Information on the Board proposals can be found on the Board's web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.proposalbook> For updates to this agenda or to view the minutes following a meeting please go to [Kenai/Soldotna Advisory Committee, Alaska Department of Fish and Game](#). For more information, contact Fari Sylvester at 907-267-2354 or email fari.sylvester@alaska.gov.

DEADLINES

January 20

PALMER - Comments are due on the request for a permit to **APPROPRIATE up to 70,050 GALLONS PER DAY** from April through October each year from three wells for the **GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**. The proposed purpose of use is dust control, aggregate wash, and aggregate laboratory uses. For more information or to submit comments, contact Kim Bustillos at (907) 269-8520 or kim.bustillos@alaska.gov.

January 21

Deadline for nominations for the **OIL SPILL RECOVERY INSTITUTE (OSRI)** for two at-large **BOARD MEMBERS** from among residents of communities in Alaska that were affected by the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill who are knowledgeable about the marine environment and wildlife within Prince William Sound. The at-large members are selected by the Advisory Board and shall serve terms of 2 years. Interested parties should submit a letter of interest. Please see <https://OSRI.us> for more information on the organization and for details on the nomination process.

January 24

Deadline for comments on the **PROPOSAL to RESTORE ROADLESS RULE PROTECTIONS to the TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST**. USDA determined that the underlying goals and purposes of the 2001 Roadless Rule continue to be a critical part of conserving the resources of the Tongass, especially when it comes to the values that roadless areas represent for local communities, Alaska Natives and the economy of Southeast Alaska. The decision to repeal the 2020 Alaska Roadless Rule is based on the multiple ecologic, social, cultural and economic

values supported by roadless areas on the Tongass. More than 95% of commenters opposed exempting the Tongass from the 2001 Roadless Rule during the public comment periods leading up to the 2020 Alaska Roadless Rule. To see the regulations, go to www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60904. For more information, contact Joe Krueger, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, at 202-649-1189 Submit comments to Submit electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FS-2021-0007-0006>.

****January 31**

Deadline for comments on the proposal for **CHANGES to the REGULATIONS to OIL SPILL PREVENTION and RESPONSE REGULATIONS**. the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) proposes to change regulations on Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plans (plans) and Streamlined plans that certain vessels, railroads, pipelines, and oil terminal facilities must obtain to lawfully operate in the state. To see the proposed changes, go to <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=204253>. Submit comments to <https://spar.alaskadec.commentinput.com/?id=uh7DP>.

****February 6**

Deadline for comments on the **DRAFT 2022 INTEGRATED WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT REPORT**. Every two years, DEC is required to report on the condition of Alaska's waters according to the federal Clean Water Act. This report describes to Alaskans the health of Alaska's waters and includes the list of impaired (polluted) waters. The Integrated Report also helps the State prioritize waters for appropriate action such as data gathering, watershed protections, and restoration of impaired waters. The draft 2022 Integrated Report reflects changes to previous years' reports. DEC is proposing a number of changes to existing waterbody classifications, including identifying healthy waters and removing one water from the impaired list where recent data shows the water to be healthy. Supporting documents, public meeting information, and the full list of waters can be found at the DEC Integrated Report website: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/integrated-report/>. Submit comments to <https://water.alaskadec.commentinput.com/?id=usPRA>. For more information, contact Amber Bethe at amber.bethe@alaska.gov.

****February 7**

Comments are due on a **SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TO THE MONITORING PROGRAM FOR THE CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST**. For more information, go to [Chugach plan - proposed administrative change.pdf](#). To see the 2020 LMP, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/chugach/landmanagement/planning>. For more information or to submit comments, go to sm.fs.chugachplan@usda.gov. For more information, [contact david.fitz-enz@usda.gov](#).

****February 14**

Deadline for comments on the **ANCHORAGE METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS (AMATS) 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**. The TIP identifies, prioritizes, and allocates anticipated funding for surface transportation improvements over a 4-year period. Project nominations will be scored based on the adopted Project Scoring Criteria. The score the project receives will be used to help determine the project's eligibility for funding in the TIP. **Nomination Forms:** Choose a nomination form based

on your project or program type. • [Complete Streets / Major Infrastructure](#); • [Bicycle & Pedestrian](#); • [Transportation Alternative Program](#); • [Congestion Mitigation Air Quality](#). To submit a nomination, use the form links above. To see the scoring criteria, go to [AMATS TIP Criteria Acronyms](#), [AMATS TIP Criteria Guidebook](#), Scoring Criteria for: [Roadway & Non-motorized Projects](#), [Transportation Alternatives Program \(TAP\) Projects](#), [Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality \(CMAQ\) Projects](#). For more information, contact Aaron Jongenelen, Acting AMATS Coordinator, at 907.343.8254 or email aaron.jongenelen@anchorageak.gov.

February 21

Deadline for nominations for the **ALASKA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL 5TH ALASKA FOOD HERO AWARD**. The. This award is intended to honor an individual who has made a substantial impact on Alaska's food system. The award will be presented at the Alaska Food Policy Council Conference and Food Festival, in March 2022. The Food Hero Selection committee is comprised of representatives from the folks who work in various capacities throughout the Alaska Food System. Nominations should include details about the nominee and how they fulfill the following criteria: • demonstrated a substantial impact on Alaska's food system, • transformed an aspect of their community's food system, • made a difference for Alaska's prosperity, health, and self-reliance. Nomination form is located at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJaHS_0kDTYOdZojViXm4gC9w7C_v1J4ulpn4D9rVk0q1CyQ/viewform.

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFPs

The **ALASKA FELLOWS PROGRAM (AFP)** is offering the following fellowship: [Sealaska Corporation: Communications Specialist Fellow](#) (Juneau) to will work with the broader communications team to pitch key stories and produce digital content, solicit ideas for content from shareholders and other stakeholders, and further Sealaska's mission. The fall-to-spring residential fellowship program is oriented around communal living and community engagement in Alaska. For more on what makes a successful fellow, see our document "[What to Consider Before Applying](#)." More details and application instructions are available at alaskafellows.org/positions.

January 21

Deadline for **CONSERVATION FUNDING from USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)** for private landowners in Alaska to help restore, enhance, and protect natural resources such as soil, water, wildlife habitat and more. Assistance opportunities are for agricultural producers and private landowners for three programs: the [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) (EQIP), the [Conservation Stewardship Program](#) (CSP), and the new [EQIP Conservation Incentives Contracts](#) (EQIP-CIC) Program. All NRCS programs are voluntary, and producers may apply for NRCS conservation programs at any time. EQIP applications are ranked for funding in batches periodically throughout the year. In Alaska, NRCS is offering four batching periods for EQIP in 2022: All applications determined eligible and high priority by close of business on a given ranking date will be considered in the current funding cycle. For CSP applications and EQIP-CIC applications, there is one application **deadline set for Jan. 21**. Applications for CSP and EQIP-CIC also must include a map of eligible land and ineligible land as determined by the applicant for the application to be considered complete. Farmland and forestland operators and owners who are interested in

applying for assistance should contact their local NRCS office for more information and to begin the conservation planning process. NRCS develops conservation plans which evaluate resource concerns, while considering the land management goals of the operation. For more information, go to [READ FULL ANNOUNCEMENT](#).

****February 1**

Deadline for application for **OPERATING FUNDS for GRASSROOTS GROUPS NATIONWIDE** from the [CLIF FAMILY FOUNDATION](#) that supports nonprofit grassroots organizations that have the ability to engage local groups, positively impact their communities, and focus most of their resources on useful and positive actions. Grants are provided throughout the United States to support innovative groups working to strengthen our food system, enhance equitable community health outcomes, and safeguard our environment and natural resources. Priority is given to organizations that address two or more of the Foundation's funding priorities, demonstrate strong community ties, and operate within viable and clearly defined plans for positive change. Applications are reviewed three times per year; the application deadlines are February 1, June 1, and October 1, annually. Visit the Foundation's website at <https://cliffamilyfoundation.org/> to learn more about the grants program and to take the eligibility quiz.

February 7

Deadline for applications for the **AYEA CIVICS & CONSERVATION SUMMIT** to be held March 4 – 6. This is a youth-driven summit that breaks down barriers between young Alaskans and the legislative process. Together, skills are built in communication, advocacy, and civic engagement. Delegates will learn the 101's of the Alaska State Legislature, choose focus bills to follow, hear from inspiring community leaders, and meet with key legislators to advocate for issues they care about. For more about the Civics & Conservation Summit, contact ayea@akcenter.org. Are you an Alaskan teen between 13 and 18 who is passionate about your community? Apply to the summit today to join a statewide network of other young adults committed to making a difference.

February 15

Deadline for applications for the **NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD 2022 GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS**. These student awards support scientific and scholarly research that informs effective management and sustainable use of marine resources in North Pacific waters. Awards will be \$26,000 each, with a minimum of six students to be selected in May 2022. Funds may be used for graduate student stipend and standard benefits, tuition or required university fees, research-related travel, supplies, and laboratory analyses. Students must be enrolled in a graduate degree program at an accredited U.S. university or college by the time of submission in order to be eligible. For more details on eligibility, proposal requirements, and important dates please visit our [website](#) at [CLICK TO APPLY!](#)

February 18

Deadline for applications for the **JOHN A. KNAUSS MARINE POLICY FELLOWSHIP**, a competitive paid professional opportunity for graduate students who have an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources, and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources. Alaska Sea Grant nominates graduate students from Alaska schools who are interested in the fellowship. The 2023 Knauss fellows will serve from February 1, 2023, through

January 31, 2024, in offices in the U.S. Senate and House, and in departments in the executive branch, such as NOAA and EPA. Sixteen [graduate students](#) from Alaska have served as Knauss fellows throughout the program's history. Applicants should reach out to Alaska Sea Grant director Ginny Eckert at ginny.eckert@alaska.edu one to two months prior to provide notification of an intent to apply and receive application support. For more information, go to <https://alaskaseagrant.org/education/awards-fellowships/knauss/>. For additional information, go to [Visit the National Sea Grant page for prospective fellows](#); Review the [2023 Knauss Fellowship Student Guide](#); and the [National Sea Grant fellowship website](#), which includes biographies of current Knauss fellows, an [informational video](#), and many other resources.

February 28

Deadline for application for the **TWO PETES AWARD** from the **OIL SPILL RECOVERY INSTITUTE**. The one-thousand-dollar award will be awarded to a graduate student and a five-hundred-dollar award to an undergraduate or high school student that demonstrates excellence in improving our understanding of factors important to recovery from oil spills in Alaskan waters. Applicants should go to <https://osri.us/two-petes-award/> or contact Scott Pegau at wspegau@pwssc.org for more information. The new 'Two Petes award, honors the memory of Exxon Valdez oil spill researchers, Pete Hagen and Pete Peterson. Applications and questions should be sent electronically to Scott Pegau at wspegau@pwssc.org. The applications will be evaluated, and awards provided directly to the student.

****March 11**

Deadline for applications for the **KENAI MOUNTAINS-TURNAGAIN ARM (KMTA) NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ANNUAL GRANT CYCLE**. KMTA awards grants to community projects that recognize, preserve, and interpret the historic, scenic, and natural recreational resources and cultural landscapes of the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm historic transportation corridor. Projects promote and facilitate public enjoyment of these resources. For more information and to apply visit <https://kmtacorridor.org/grant-guidelines/>.

****March 14**

Deadline for applications for the Wrangell Mountains Center Meg Hunt Artist in Residence that is held on July 13 - 27 and August 15-29 (two options) at the Wrangell Mountains Center campus in McCarthy. To apply, go to callforentry.org. Application Fee: \$25. The Wrangell Mountains Center (WMC) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is connecting people with wildlands through art, science, and education in the Wrangell Mountains. The Wrangell Mountains Residency Program aims to support artists of all genres, writers, and inquiring minds.

****March 23**

Deadline for the **COOK INLET REGIONAL CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL (CIRCAC) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2022**. Now in the program's 8th year, CIRCAC offers two, \$2,500 scholarships: the Captain Barry Eldridge Scholarship for Maritime Studies and the James Carter Scholarship for Environmental Science. They are targeted at graduating seniors, recent high school graduates, undergraduate students and veterans who are launching or completing a related undergraduate degree program or maritime training program. Scholarships may be used at institutions throughout the U.S. Applicants must be residents of the Cook Inlet and Kodiak Island areas. Applications have been sent to area school districts, home school programs, individual schools for posting, and are available at <https://www.circac.org/circac->

[2500-scholarship-applications-now-open/](#). For more information, contact Jerry Rombach at jerryrombach@circac.org.

ITEMS of INTEREST

The Alaska Department of Transportation has selected a design for the **WESTERN INTERSECTION of the OLD and NEW STERLING HIGHWAYS STERLING HIGHWAY MP 45-60 PROJECT: WESTERN INTERSECTION ALTERNATIVE SELECTION near Sportsman's Landing. The intersection type selected is a tight-diamond interchange configuration to the north of the existing highway. It will have on and off ramps to allow travelers to access the old highway near Sportsman's Landing. We would like to thank the community for their input during this process. To see an enlarged overview graphic of the selected alternative's draft design, go to [Selected Western Intersection Alignment](#). For additional project information, visit www.sterlinghighway.net. If you have questions, please contact Katherine Wood, Public Involvement Lead, at (907) 644-2153 or sterlinghwy@hdrinc.com.

AMATS 2021 4TH QUARTER NEWSLETTER is available at <https://arcg.is/0rf408>. The newsletter covers the 4th quarter of 2021 and includes: • Message from the AMATS Coordinator: Goodbye Craig!; • Committee News; • Spotlight: Jon Cecil, AMATS Senior Planner; • Community: Pedestrian Safety Campaign, Plug-in Campaign; • Plan & Programs: 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Criteria; • Local Planning: Title 21 Parking & Downtown Plan; • Transportation 101: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); • Transit News: Vacancy on the Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB), Face Masks, Fat Tire Bike Racks; • Upcoming Meetings.

ALASKA WILDLIFE ALLIANCE'S 2020-21 MAP THE TRAP REPORT is now available online! Last year, Alaska Wildlife Alliance collected reports of trap encounters across Alaska and sought the opinions of both trappers and non-trapping Alaskans to understand the impacts of traps on recreation. [Click here to view the report](#) and learn about the Map the Trap project or visit www.akwildlife.org/safetrails.

A **documentary** about the proposed **AMBLER ROAD** is available at <https://vimeo.com/646793833/b2615ee867>

A recently launched website on **NATURE JOURNALING** is located at <https://www.sewardnaturejournaling.com/>. Though the website is called **SEWARD NATURE JOURNALING**, it is intended to serve as a statewide resource and event site.

The PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL (PWSRCAC) offers FREE K-12 LESSON PLANS THROUGH THE ALASKA OIL SPILL LESSON BANK. The lesson bank is made up of classroom lessons, outdoor lessons, field trips, experiments, and games. Lessons start with foundational science concepts and build in complexity to include oil science and citizen advocacy. Lessons are aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and Alaska State Science Standards. To see lessons, go to www.pwsrcac.org/lessons. For more information, contact education@pwsrcac.org.

THE BERING STRAIT DEBRIS EVENT REPORT is now completed and available at **NOAA**

MARINE DEBRIS PROGRAM website at <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/reports/bering-strait-marine-debris-event-report>. The focus of the document is the unusual debris event that occurred starting in July of 2020, when unusual quantities and types of debris began arriving on shorelines in the Bering Strait Region. Community members responded to the event, documenting sightings, removing debris, and reporting their findings to and through regional networks to raise awareness. The goal of the report is to collaboratively capture the occurrence, context, actions, challenges, and lessons learned in the event and the efforts in response.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COOK INLET REGIONAL CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL BOARD of DIRECTOR STAKEHOLDER POSITION is open for nominations. The Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC) was formed through the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA90) to provide oversight of oil industry facilities and transportation in Cook Inlet. The Board of Directors of CIRCAC consists of appointed or elected representatives from 13 stakeholder groups in the Cook Inlet and Kodiak Island areas of Alaska. These Directors serve staggered 3-year terms. CIRCAC announces that the terms of the following seats are set to expire in April 2022: Recreation Group, Tourism Group, Municipality of Anchorage, and the City of Seldovia, and that we are initiating the election and appointment processes established in our Policies. Organizations active locally in Tourism or Recreation may become certified members and be eligible to participate in these upcoming elections. Local governments have their own process for making appointments to outside Boards. For more information, contact Jerry Rombach at 907-398-6210, or email jerryrombach@circac.org.

The **MUNICIPALITY of ANCHORAGE** is looking for volunteers for the **WATERSHED AND NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION**. The commission acts in an advisory capacity to Assembly, Mayor, municipal departments, Planning and Zoning Commission, Platting Board, Parks and Recreation Commission, and state and federal resource agencies; serves as technical liaison and point of contact between federal, state, and local agencies; reviews plan and makes project recommendations and responds with professional advice on issues relating to Anchorage's watersheds, stream channels, and fish and wildlife resources. There is a new and easy online application. Have your resume and references ready in a PDF format. [Please click here to apply](#) through the Municipality of Anchorage portal. For more information contact [Holly Kent](#) or [David Nyman](#).

ALASKA WILDLIFE ALLIANCE is seeking **NEW BOARD MEMBERS**. For a strong alliance, we need a diverse Board of Directors who will guide the organization to its highest potential. Regardless of whether you're a seasoned Alaska wildlife advocate or new to serving on a nonprofit board, we want you to apply! We are looking for Alaskan applicants to help us determine the future of AWA and Alaska's wildlife. We encourage applicants from all corners of Alaska- folks living in rural communities are encouraged to apply! Visit our [website](#) to learn more and submit an application.

UNIQUE VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE for those interested in experiencing life outside the urban centers. ABDC is currently **RECRUITING FOR TAX PREPARERS and TEAM LEADERS/EDUCATORS**; experience is helpful but not required as training is provided. Typically, volunteers travel to the villages, however, this year alternative measures will be

implemented in the event travel is not permitted. Training begins in December with outreach provided January to March. Recruiting is currently open. Send an email inquiry with your (first and last) name indicating how you heard of the program to info@abdc.org.

Volunteer on the **MAT-SU/COPPER BASIN AREA STATE PARKS CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD! CAB** members assist parks staff with management and development issues. Size of an advisory board varies between 7 and 15. Appointments are made by the State Director for 3-year terms. If you would like to serve on the Mat-Su CAB, please fill out an application here: <http://www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/misc/boards.htm>. For questions, or to email the completed form, contact Mat-Su Superintendent Stuart Leidner at stuart.leidner@alaska.gov.

INTERNSHIPS

The **USFWS ALASKA REGIONAL office is working with SCA on an exciting internship opportunity with the **NATIONAL WETLANDS INVENTORY (NWI) PROGRAM** in **Anchorage**. The primary focus of this internship will be assisting with an update of the NWI on Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson but will include learning other aspects of the NWI program. There will be a large field component for the Summer 2022 season. For more information, go to <https://www.thesca.org/serve/position/gis-wetland-intern/po-00732710>.

January 17

Deadline for applications for **COLLEGE INTERN POSITIONS** with the **AK DEPT. of FISH & GAME, DIV. of WILDLIFE CONSERVATION** to assist with the development and implementation of education and outreach programs and materials for the Division's Wildlife Education Program in **Palmer**. The intern will be expected to work approximately 10 to 15 hours per week until the end of May. This position has the potential to be extended into the summer. This position provides an excellent training opportunity for communications, education, wildlife, biology or natural resource management students seeking experience in public speaking, graphic design/layout, video production, and program coordination. We are looking to hire an undergraduate or graduate student who demonstrates a high level of initiative, enthusiasm, creativity, and good interpersonal skills. check out the job description on Workplace Alaska, under "student jobs." Positions begins in February 2022. View the posting or apply online at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/Alaska/transferjobs>. Apply online at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/Alaska/transferjobs>. For more information, contact Kristen Romanoff at 465-8547 or email kristen.romanoff@alaska.gov or go to <http://doa.alaska.gov/dop/workplace/internship/>.

February 1

Deadline for applications for the **INSTITUTE FOR TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS 2022 STUDENT SUMMER INTERNSHIPS**, a paid 8-week summer internship. Spend your summer working with tribal organizations to address tribal environmental issues. The internships have a research, technical, educational or policy focus. We are offering at least 8 positions in air quality. You can apply for up to 8 positions with one application. The internship program provides each student intern with a \$4,800 stipend. We also have travel and housing stipends for those that relocate for the internship. We anticipate some internships may be virtual, with the intern telecommuting from their home location. Host sites are selected from tribal environmental organizations, government offices, the US Environmental Protection

Agency (USEPA) and others. Please register at [the](#) following website for more information: nau.edu/itepinterns. Questions? Contact EEOP-INTERN@nau.edu.

****February 17**

Deadline for applications for the **ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATIONS** for the **2022 TED SMITH CONSERVATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM!** This summer, 14 internship positions are being offered at organizations across Alaska. Apply at <https://alaskaconservation.org/.../application-eligibility/>.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

****The NORTHERN ALASKA ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER** in **FAIRBANKS** is hiring the following positions:

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & OPERATIONS to plan, direct, or coordinate the administrative services of the organization, including records and information management, bookkeeping and payroll, transportation, facilities planning and maintenance, procurement, human resources, information technology, risk management, and other office support services. This position is based in **Fairbanks**, with some limited opportunities to work from home. \$60,000/year, DOE. Health plan, vision plan, paid holidays, personal days, and vacation and sick leave.

CLEAN WATER and MINING PROGRAM COORDINATOR for the **NORTHERN ALASKA ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER** to implement educational and grassroots advocacy strategies to prevent or mitigate clean water violations and keep priority wildlands free of industrial intrusion. Regular full time, \$23+/hour DOE, paid holidays, personal leave, sick leave, and health & vision insurance.

FAIRBANKS CLEAN WATER AND MINING COMMUNITY ORGANIZER (CONTRACT POSITION) will work closely with the Fairbanks community groups that have formed to watchdog Millrock Resources and Felix Gold, aiding in building awareness of the ongoing mining issue, engaging with stakeholders like the Borough Assembly, and developing long term strategies in collaboration with the community groups. \$20.00 per hour up to a maximum of 500 hours with the potential to increase maximum hours depending on funding.

[Full job descriptions and how to apply here.](#) **Applications will be reviewed on January 21, 2022.** Positions are open until filled, but applicants are encouraged to apply prior to January 21, 2022, to ensure consideration. For more information, go [to https://northern.org/news/work-with-us/](https://northern.org/news/work-with-us/).

****SEASONAL EDUCATOR & NATURALIST** for the **ALASKAN COASTAL STUDIES** positions are available in **Homer** for Summer 2022 (May 30-September 5, 2022). As an Environmental Educator, Naturalist, or Intern, you'll have the opportunity to share your energy and enthusiasm by leading educational programs and tours. You'll have a chance to work at one of our five locations in and around Homer! Responsibilities will vary by position. Benefits include compensation of \$2,000 - \$2,480 per month depending on experience (DOE) and responsibilities, plus shared housing. **Deadline for applications is January 24, [Apply Today!](#)**

****DEPUTY DIRECTOR** for the **UNITED TRIBES OF BRISTOL BAY (UTBB)**, a Tribal government consortium working to protect the Yup'ik, Dena'ina and Alutiiq ways of life in Bristol Bay in located **Dillingham**, but candidates interested in working remotely from elsewhere in Alaska will also be considered. The Deputy should have proven organizational skills, analytic

ability, good judgment, and strong operational focus, with a demonstrated implementation and detail-oriented perspective. The candidate should be a strong team leader and motivator, with excellent communication skills (both written and oral) and demonstrated ability to work with a wide range of stakeholders but particularly Bristol Bay communities and people. The Deputy should be comfortable with frequent travel to urban and remote locations and working a flexible yet fast-paced schedule. The position is open until filled. Pay is DOE. The full job description and qualifications are available at utbb.org/apply-now. Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume and three references to UTBB Executive Director Alannah [Hurley at ahurley@utbb.org](mailto:ahurley@utbb.org).

****FINANCE MANAGER and LENDING OUTREACH MANAGER for SPRUCE ROOT.** Interested in joining a dynamic team working to build strong, localized economies and resilient communities in Southeast Alaska? Spruce Root is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) creating a sustainable future for Southeast Alaska's people, communities, and environment. The organization also serves as the backbone administrative organization for the Sustainable Southeast Partnership (SSP). Join us as we shift the paradigms of power to support localized economies grounded in Indigenous values and ways of living. Learn more at www.spruceroot.org/careers.

INVASIVE SPECIES TECHNICIAN with the **KENAI WATERSHED FORUM** in **Soldotna** to assist the Kenai Watershed Forum's Invasive Species Specialist with a variety of tasks related to invasive species management and will be assisted in the field by an Invasive Species Intern. Field work will include surveying and monitoring for novel aquatic and terrestrial invasive species; treating known infestations of non-native species with a variety of tactics including the use of herbicide; engaging in community outreach/education activities as it relates to invasive species and ecosystem health; and assisting with assorted biological field work pertaining to other KWF projects and programming. The Invasive Species Technician will be expected to work independently and to become a Certified Pesticide Applicator through the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Appropriate training and resources will be provided by KWF during this certification process. Employment type: Full-time, temporary/seasonal (April-Sept 2022). Compensation: \$15-17 DOE. Start Date: April 4th. Read the full job description and view application criteria at <https://kenaiwatershed.org/event/job-opening/>. To submit application materials, send an email to maura@kenaiwatershed.org with a cover letter, resume, and three references. **Deadline for application is January 28.**

OPERATIONS ASSOCIATE for the **ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION** to maintain effective finance, grant, and administrative processes of the organization. The position is full time, non-exempt, 40 hours/week; salary \$50,000-\$60,000/year, DOE; Benefits: Health, dental and vision plan; retirement plan; paid holidays, PTO. For the full job description, go to <https://alaskaconservation.org/about/jobs>. To apply for this position, send a resume and cover letter to acfjobs@alaskaconservation.org with the subject line "Operations Associate". The position is open until filled.

SEASONAL EDUCATOR & NATURALIST positions are available with **CENTER FOR ALASKAN COASTAL STUDIES** in **Homer** for summer 2022 (May 30-September 5, 2022). Seeking Environmental Educators, Naturalists, and Interns to lead educational programs for children, youth groups, local families, and visitors to Alaska. Full job descriptions and

information on applying can be found at: <https://www.akcoastalstudies.org/about-us/jobs-volunteers.html>. Benefits include compensation of \$2,00 - \$2,480 per month depending on experience and responsibilities, plus shared housing. **Deadline for applications is January 24.**

CAMP COUNSELOR/FARM EDUCATION INTERN at CALYPSO FARM & ECOLOGY CENTER in Fairbanks for summer 2022. Apply now to be a Camp Counselor at Calypso's summer Farm Camps! Develop your leadership skills, learn techniques for working with children and youth, and learn all about (and practice!) principles of hands-on, outdoor education. No experience is necessary - you just need a strong interest in learning to work with children of all ages in an outdoor setting. Throughout the summer, Farm Education Interns will receive training on working with youth, hands-on education, farming and boreal forest ecology, and more. Based on your own interests, there may also be the opportunity to work with Calypso's Field Trips and other farm-based education programs! \$15/hour. Dates of Position: May 23 - August 12. Start and end dates are somewhat flexible, and the opportunity may exist to extend the position through September 30th. **Application Deadline: March 1.** Applications reviewed as received so it is better to apply early! For more information, contact Leila at leila@calypsofarm.org Details and Application Instructions are at <https://calypsofarm.org/employment/>.

FARM EDUCATOR/ASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR at CALYPSO FARM & ECOLOGY CENTER in Fairbanks for summer 2022. Apply now to be a Farm Educator at Calypso Farm, and the Assistant Director for our summer Farm Camps! Spend your summer working outdoors, inspiring children to explore the wonders of nature, cook their own food from the garden, learn about farm animals, and more! Prior experience working with children is required - preferably in an outdoor or other hands-on setting. In order to deliver high-quality, place-based programs, Farm Educators will receive training throughout the season on aspects of farming and gardening as well as boreal forest ecology. \$16-\$17/hour DOE, plus optional Room & Board at Calypso Farm. Dates of Position: May 2 - August 19. Start and end dates are somewhat flexible, and the opportunity may exist to extend the position through September 30th. **Application Deadline: February 1.** Applications reviewed as received so it is better to apply early! Contact Leila at leila@calypsofarm.org with questions. Details and Application Instructions are at <https://calypsofarm.org/employment/>.

EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR for the **ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER** to develop, coordinate, and reinforce programs offered by the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center (AWCC). The position is full-time, year-round, paid, and with benefits. Please read the [full position description here](#). To apply email a resume, cover letter, and three professional references with phone and email contacts using the subject line "2021 Education Program Coordinator _ [Name]" to lily@alaskawildlife.org. With any questions, please email or call (907) 783-0058 x 8 and ask to speak with Lily in the Education Department. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

To see **TRAILSIDE DISCOVERY CAMP POSITIONS** for staff training begins May 16 to 20, and Camp that runs from May 23 to August 12, go to <https://akcentereducationfund.org/work-with-us/>. Trailside Discovery Camp is an award-winning camp program in Alaska that provides a broad range of outdoor environmental education experiences for students ages 4 to 16 from all economic, social, and cultural backgrounds. We provide summer camps at a variety of locations in Anchorage, Chugiak/Eagle River, and Palmer. We also offer special year-round programming

during In-Service Days and other school breaks. Applicants must be at least 16 years old.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for **VALLEY COMMUNITY for RECYCLING SOLUTIONS (VCRS)** to lead the organization in innovating recycling solutions that are financially and environmentally sound for our community, while building and maintaining collaborative relationships within the Mat-Su Valley and the State of Alaska. Strong candidates will have demonstrated nonprofit leadership experience, excellent verbal and written communication skills, ability to work collaboratively with a variety of local and statewide leaders, and a basic knowledge of waste diversion and recycling. This position is full-time exempt with a salary range of \$50,000 - \$55,000 per year, commensurate with qualifications and experience. Paid holidays and personal leave, Simple IRA-1 retirement plan, fast-paced but relaxed, dog-friendly environment. For full position description, visit <https://valleyrecycling.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/>. To apply, send electronic pdf resume with cover letter and three professional references to vcrsresume@gmail.com. This position will remain open until filled.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for the **ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER (AWCC)** to oversee and direct the basic operations of the (AWCC), including animal welfare and site maintenance, ensuring the organization has effective operational controls while ensuring financial strength, operating efficiency and the protection of AWCC's assets, operations and reputation. : *Full time, year-round*. Under the direction of the AWCC Board of Directors, the Executive Director The Executive Director is the principal representative of AWCC in communicating and promoting its mission through public relations, as well as professional and community activities. [Click here to view a complete job description](#). To apply, send resume to info@alaskawildlife.org.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT for **The GWICH'IN STEERING COMMITTEE** to support their team in **Fairbanks**. **Qualifications** We seek candidates who have knowledge of general office practices and procedures. Strong candidates will have: • Proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite—Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint. • Ability to meet deadlines in a fast-paced, quickly changing environment. • Proactive approach to problem-solving. • Excellent verbal and written communications skills. • Attention to detail and accuracy. • Ability to make appropriate decisions quickly and under pressure. • Quick and enthusiastic learner. • Humility, good humor, and ability to foster and work within an environment of kindness and respect. Hourly wage of \$17 - \$20 per hour, depending on experience. How to Apply Email cover letter, resume, and references to Ashley Boyd at aboyd@trustees.org. Include the subject line: GSC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

ALASKA SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE for **DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE** to be responsible for developing, overseeing, and implementing assigned Defenders' Alaska strategic work plan conservation policy objectives that help implement Defenders' National Strategic Plan. Working closely with the Alaska Program Director and Alaska Policy Advisor, the position focus is to conserve threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), ensure the protection of important wildlife habitat and conservation of Alaska federal public lands and waters, and, where possible, advance climate solutions. This is a full-time position with potential supervisory opportunities to oversee contracts, interns, and volunteers. To see the full job description, go to <https://defenders.org/jobs?p=job%2Fo0Pxefwk>.

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