

What's Up

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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

****August 29 (First day of classes) to September 9 (Last day to add classes)**

OUR CHANGING CLIMATE: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE is an online asynchronous class offered through the University of Alaska Fairbanks during the fall 2022 semester. Study from anywhere and learn and work on your own schedule in this interactive, introductory class that examines the intersecting physical, social, ecological, economic, political, and cultural dimensions of climate change in Alaska and the Arctic. Engage in project-based activities and assignments that will help you understand how to shape the future in a time of unprecedented change. Register for this 3-credit class at <https://www.uaf.edu/reg/Registration> under the Arctic and Northern Studies section (ACNS F125 CRN: 77096) or Natural Resource Management section (NRM F125 CRN: 77069). If you have any questions, please contact instructors: Dr. Katie Spellman (klspellman@alaska.edu) and Dr. Kristin Timm (Kmtimm@alaska.edu).

September 7 – 9

HAINES - 7TH ANNUAL CONFLUENCE: SUMMIT on the OUTDOOR RECREATION ECONOMY will be held in Haines. This year's Confluence theme is "**Regenerative Outdoors.**" Topics include the future of tourism and the outdoors, recreation infrastructure financing and active transportation. Learn the Basics and Help Shape the Conversation at Confluence 22. If you've never been to Confluence, be sure to read [Confluence Explained in 60 Seconds](#) that quickly answers key questions. For more information, go to <https://www.alaskaoutdooralliance.org/confluence-ak>.

****September 14 – December 10**

WRITING ACROS CONTEXT: READING CLIMATE – WRITING CHANGE using your own cultural perspective, this class will ask you to take a closer look at who you are and who you will be, through the lens of climate change. We will explore how the tests educate us about ecological and climate crisis, including: extreme weather, natural disasters, threatened species, cultural and biological diversity, and geographic displacement. This is an online class with no set meeting times. WRTG F111X 3 credits. Instructor: Kathy Kysar. Cost of tuition is **COVERED** in full by USDA grants for students in the Bristol Bay, Aleutian, and Pribilof Region. For more information go to register, contact the Bristol Bay Campus at uaf-bbcinfo@alaska.edu or call 907-842-5109.

September 17 – October 9

WRITE about YOUR LOCAL ALASKAN ENVIRONMENT will be presented at the Bristol Bay Campus. Cost of tuition is **COVERED** in full by USDA grants for students in the Bristol Bay, Aleutian, and Pribilof Region. **Envi 150: Viewpoints in Environmental Studies – Documenting and Using Indigenous & Academic Knowledge Systems** course presents the basics of writing for environmental studies, with topics relevant to the geographic “home” of the students. The material emphasizes the Environmental Protection Agency Writing Guide alongside indigenous knowledge systems. Topics include: Food Security & Sovereignty; Social-Ecological Systems; Climate Change; Species Extinction; Sustainable Resource Management. Flexible online class, Only 3-weeks long. **Register today before the class fills up!** For more information go to register, contact the Bristol Bay Campus at uaf-bbcinfo@alaska.edu or call 907-842-5109.

WEBINARS, PODCASTS & VIDEOS

September 12 (Webinar)

ALASKA FARMERS MARKET MANAGEMENT & FOOD ACCESS TOOLKITS will be held from 5:30 to 7pm. Do you have questions on how to start a market? How to set up a SNAP redemption program? Concerns about setting market policy? Join us for the answers to all this and more as the Alaska Farmers Market Association reviews two new awesome resources: The AK Farmers Market Management and Food Access Toolkits! This is for farmers markets, farm stands, CSAs, food hubs, and interested groups and individuals! Registration is free, but required at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkc-mgpzMrG9XQSg6KluPzqhellZHZI8II>.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS/OPEN HOUSES

August 25

ANCHORAGE – AMATS POLICY COMMITTEE will meet in-person and online from 1:30 to 3:30pm in the Mayor's Conference Room #830 City Hall or via [Microsoft Teams Link](#). Agenda includes: **Action Items:** * Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave - Project Close-out Letter; * 2023-2026 TIP Air Quality Conformity Determination; * 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). **Informational Items:** ** 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan VisionEval Introduction; ** Ocean Dock Road Reconnaissance Study; ** Transportation Systems Management & Operations (TSMO) Update. To see the full agenda with supporting information, go to [Agenda Packet](#).

Now to September 22

An online Open House is being held until September 22 for the **STERLING HIGHWAY – MP 45 – 60 PROJECT UPDATE** at

www.SterlingHighwayOnline.net. If you have questions about construction, please contact Shaun Combs, Project Engineer, at 907-595-2217 or email Shaun.Combs@alaska.gov. For more information, go to www.SterlingHighway.net.

August 23, 25, 29, 31

Four live virtual open house meetings will be held on the **PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR THE 2023-2028 NATIONAL OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM** and the **DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT** on the following dates

August 23 - 4 - 7 pm (Noon – 3pm AKDT)

August 25 - 5 - 8pm (1 – 4pm AKDT)

August 29 – 7 - 10 pm (3 – 6pm AKDT)

August 31 - 8 - 11pm (4 – 7pm AKDT)

To register for the public meetings, go to: <https://forms.gle/WqTN6z9YFTRUSsbH8>. The Proposed Program includes no more than ten potential lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) and an option for one potential lease sale in the northern portion of the Cook Inlet of Alaska. No lease sales are proposed for the other Alaska planning areas, nor for the Atlantic or Pacific planning areas during the five-year period. Inclusion of an area in the Proposed Program is not a final indication that it will be included in the approved National OCS Program or offered in a lease sale. However, any area or sale not included in the Proposed Program will not be considered for inclusion in the 2023–2028 National OCS Program. For more information, go to [Notice of Availability of the 2023-2028 National OCS Program and Draft PEIS](#), [Proposed Program for 2023-2028](#), Draft PEIS for 2023-2028 [Volume 1](#) & [Volume 2](#) – Appendix; [U.S. OCS GOM Region Oil and Gas Production Forecast 2022-2031](#) and [Draft Economic Analysis Methodology for the 2023-2028 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program](#). To submit comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and under the Search tab, in the space provided, type in Docket ID: **BOEM-2022-0031** to submit comments and to view other comments already submitted.

August 24

The **SUSITNA BASIN RECREATION RIVERS ADVISORY BOARD** will meet virtually using Microsoft Teams from 10am to Noon. [Click here to join the meeting](#).

August 27

GAKONA - An Open House will be held at **HAARP (HIGH-FREQUENCY ACTIVE AURORAL RESEARCH PROGRAM)** from 9am to 3pm. The public will have that opportunity to see this world-class research facility firsthand and to learn about the science questions the facility seeks to answer. HAARP attracts scientists from universities, government, and the private sector. A 90-minute self-guided, timed-entry tour will highlight the following: • HAARP's control room, • Science and history displays, • Power plant, with the five generators used during research, • Transmitters and the 33-acre antenna array, • Aircraft surveillance radar, • Ionosonde, a radar that checks the status of the ionosphere, • Riometer, which measures cosmic radio noise, • Optical equipment domes. The University of Alaska Fairbanks acquired HAARP's research equipment from the Air Force in August 2015 under an education partnership agreement. The UAF Geophysical Institute operates HAARP under a cooperative research and development agreement. In 2021, the National Science Foundation awarded the Geophysical Institute a five-year \$9.3 million grant for a new research observatory at HAARP. The Subauroral Geophysical Observatory for Space Physics and Radio Science will explore Earth's upper atmosphere and geospace environment. Space for the open house is limited. **To obtain a free ticket, find the [ticketing page](#) on HAARP's [website](https://haarp.gi.alaska.edu/) at <https://haarp.gi.alaska.edu/>.** Parking is limited.

Vehicles are restricted to a maximum length of 36 feet, maximum width of 9 feet and maximum height of 10 feet.

EVENTS & MEETINGS in ANCHORAGE, EAGLE RIVER & GIRDWOOD

August

POTTER MARSH BIRD WALKS: Join us for a guided leisurely walk on the Potter Marsh boardwalk and nearby trails to identify and learn about the area's bird life. **Saturdays** from 9-11am, and **Tuesdays** from 7-9pm. This family-friendly event is free and is for the beginning birder as well as those that know their way around a bird's wing. Binoculars are available for loan (no charge) and spotting scopes and guidebooks will be available. Walks will take place rain-or-shine, so dress accordingly. Meet your guide at the boardwalk entrance kiosk at Potter Marsh (mile 117 of the Seward Highway, ½ mile south of the Rabbit Creek Road exit). Sponsored by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Kids encouraged; wheelchair accessible. For information, contact Joe Meehan at (907) 267-2281 or email joe.meehan@alaska.gov.

August 26

The **UAA PLANETARIUM** will hold the following programs:

August 26 at 6:30pm- **A PLACE LIKE NO OTHER** - Alaska is a place like no other. For many people a trip to Alaska is a life-long dream. For the people who live here, they depend on and protect an enduring way of life. But there are places in our state so remote, so wild, that few Alaskans have ever gone. Here in the planetarium, we're going to take you to these places, to remote wilderness to see iconic animals and landscapes that define the Last Frontier, places that make Alaska...Alaska.

August 26 at 8pm – **COLORING the UNIVERSE** - Everyone loves astronomy pictures, but have you ever wondered if they are real? Do they show objects as they really look and how they are made? In a special all-live presentation, UAA Astronomer **TRAVIS RECTOR** answers all these questions and more. Over the last 20 years, Dr. Rector has been privileged to make more than 200 color pictures with some of the world's largest and most powerful telescopes, including those at Kitt Peak National Observatory, Gemini Observatory, and even the Hubble Space Telescope. He will share a behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to use these telescopes, and how pictures are made from the images they collect. He will use the Planetarium to share with your stories from his new book.

For more information about the UAA planetarium including ticket costs, go to <https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/depts/planetarium/>.

August 20

INVASIVE WEED SMACKDOWN will be held from 10am to 1:30pm at Tikishla Park, [3018 E 20th Avenue](#). Come volunteer at our biggest invasive species pull of the year! All gloves and bags will be provided, as well as free lunch. Volunteers will receive special T-shirts and a chance to win amazing prizes! Join us for a day of fun and help clear part of the Chester Creek Trail of dangerous, invasive species. For more information about Anchorage's invasive species, [click here](#). Please RSVP to [Diana](#) if you plan on coming.

August 31

BEARS, BIRDS, & BEERS will be held from 6 to 7pm at Rainbow Trailhead, Seward Highway ([map](#)). Join the folks from Alaska Wildlife Alliance for a FREE guided wildlife walk! Why we are doing this: Alaska is a magnificent place with some incredible wildlife, and we want to get folks out to enjoy it all! What to bring: water, adequate walking/hiking shoes, weather-appropriate gear, \$5 for potential parking fees, bear spray, photo ID (for beer!), binoculars (helpful, but not required), wildlife ID guides (helpful, but not required), and a sense of adventure. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to sign a safety waiver. From 7 to 8pm, we will be spending time at the [King St. Brewing Company](#) to casually gather and chat about all things "wild." You can attend the walk, the brewery, or both.

September 8

TRUSTEES for ALASKA present **TENDER GRAVITY: A READING and CONVERSATION** with **MARYBETH HOOEMAN** from 6 to 8pm at Organic Oasis. Marybeth's poems chart a course of love, loss and connection to Alaska's remote land and seascapes This conversation about the environment and eco-anxiety will help raise funds for Trustees to continue their important work. You will also have the opportunity to meet Trustees for Alaska's board & staff members and learn more about their work to protect Alaska's lands, waters, wildlife and people. Drinks & light appetizers served. Books will be available for purchase and proceeds go to support Trustees. Please R.S.V.P., to Tracy Lohman at tlohman@trustees.org or (907) 433-2006. For more information, go to www.trustees.org or www.marybethholleman.com.

****September 10**

ALASKA TRAILS GREAT ALASKA DUCK RACE will be held from 11am to 1pm. Ducks race from the Ship Creek Overlook Park Bridge to the Bait Shack just below the Bridge Restaurant on lower Ship Creek. Look for the big yellow duck! WIN \$10,000 or \$5,000 if your duck swims the fastest! Tickets are \$20 and 50% of the ticket sales (from our team) will go to Alaska Trails. BUY \$100 worth of tickets (at one time) and receive a muck in the mail! What is a muck? The muck is a mythical animal, part moose and part duck. The little duck with moose antlers makes a great souvenir and bath time so much fun! For more information or to purchase tickets, go to <https://tickets.greatalaskaduckrace.org/akduckrace/t/alaskatrails>.

****September 21 (Virtual)**

ARCHAEOLOGY in the FAR NORTH will be held from 7 to 8pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Archaeologists try to find materials left by people from long ago to get a better understanding of how they lived, the technologies they used, and how and why their lifeways changed over time. Archaeological work in the Arctic is challenging due to the vast landscapes that are difficult to access and the short summer field seasons. Joe Keeney, an archaeologist for the Bureau of Land Management, will share how archaeologists work in the Arctic, what they find, and the current understanding of the last 12,000 years in Arctic Alaska. To register for this virtual event go to https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN__5x1E6XZQCiHKodWamM52w.

September 23 - 30

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the [2022 MOOSE LOOP VIRTUAL RACE](#) held on **September 23 to 30!** Join us in celebrating the world-class urban trails that loop around the city of Anchorage, in the shape of a moose! Participants of all ages and abilities can choose to run, walk, or bike on the Moose Loop trails in Anchorage (or anywhere). Every dollar raised through this family-friendly event supports Anchorage parks and trails through the Anchorage Park Foundation. [Register Now.](#)

****September 24**

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY 2022 will be held from 8:30am to 1pm at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive. Come lend a hand on your public lands for National Public Lands! Spend the morning on volunteer projects at the BLM Campbell Tract, including trail maintenance on the P-38 dog mushing trail, steel post removal, and putting the native plant gardens to bed for the winter. Wear

warm clothes and sturdy boots/shoes; bring gloves if you have them. BLM will provide tools, extra gloves, and all other needed equipment. Schedule: 8:30am - Registration begins at the Campbell Creek Science Center; 9am - Service work; Noon Free & delicious lunch.

EVENTS & MEETINGS OUTSIDE of ANCHORAGE

August 25

GOLDSTREAM - SAVE OUR DOMES COMMUNITY MEETING will be held at the Ken Kunkel Community Center, the time to be announced. The community conservation group Save Our Domes is hosting a **hybrid in-person/online informational meeting**. Get updates about mineral exploration on the domes and ridges surrounding Fairbanks, learn about next steps to combat mineral development in local neighborhoods and recreational areas, and get involved with the effort to conserve these important community spaces! For more information go to [email info@saveourdomes.org](mailto:info@saveourdomes.org).

August 19-21

FAIRBANKS - The TANANA VALLEY SANDHILL CRANE FESTIVAL will be held at Cramer's Field. There will be guided walks, live music, and more as the Sandhill Cranes begin their fall migration. More information and festival schedule [available here](#)..

August 26

JUNEAU – JUNEAU AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS invite members and folks interested in learning more about the Society to a potluck barbecue from 4:30 to 7:39pm at Savikko #2 (Log Cabin) at Sandy Beach. Board members will share a brief overview of recent activities and some ideas that they will discuss for the coming year. For more information, contact Deborah Hart at hartdebbi@gmail.com or at call 907-723-0258.

September 2 – 30

FAIRBANKS - ARCTIC FEST will be an annual festival designed to engage the local and global communities, focused on the topic of climate change in the circumpolar

North. Integrative art-science performances, films, and exhibits by locally and internationally recognized artists. Multiple locations in Fairbanks. <https://itoc.alaska.edu/events/>

In **A TIME of CHANGE: BOREAL FOREST STORIES** is part of the Arctic Fest. Premiere Exhibit • Bear Gallery, Monday -Saturday from Noon to 6 pm; Alaska Centennial Center for the Arts, Pioneer Park, **September 2**, Noon to 8pm • Exhibit Opening Day • Bear Gallery; **September 2** from 4 to 6pm • Reception with ITOC participants • Bear Gallery; **September 3** at 1pm - Literary Reading at the Centennial Center Theater; **September 3** at 7:30pm, Live Performance at the Centennial Center Theater. Additional ITOC activities: [Outdoor Mindful Movement Workshops: September 2](#) from 10 to 11:30 am and from Noon to 1:30 pm with Molissa Udevitz. Co-hosted by OneTree Alaska. Meet at the University of Alaska Ski Hut. Register in advance (free). [Puppet-Making Workshop and Puppet Parade on August. 27 to September 3](#) with **MAITE AGOPIAN** and **MARIANNE STOLZ**. Co-hosted by The Folk School. Cabin 66, Pioneer Park. Register in advance (pay what you can).

September 24 & 25

UNALASKA – NOAA COAST is presenting two programs at the PR Community Center:

September 24 – EYES on ALEUTIAN WATER: AN ECOSYSTEM MONITORING UPDATE will be presented from 1:30 to 2:30pm. Join marine scientists to discuss ocean health and monitoring in Alaskan waters from sea lions to surf scoters. Presenters will share results from ongoing research into mass seabird mortality events, rising ocean temperatures, and shifting fish populations. Presenters are **JULIA K. PARRISH** – Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team and **IVONNE ORTIZ**, NOAA/Ecosystem Status Reporting Team, Aleutians Region.

September 25 – COASST BEACHED BIRD TRAINING SESSION will be held from 12:30 to 5:30pm. Join the Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team and help monitor the marine environment. CPASST participants collect data on beach-cast carcasses of marine birds on a monthly basis to establish the baseline pattern of bird mortality on Alaskan beaches Data collected helps address important marine conservation issues and monitor marine resources. Beach surveys are best conducted in groups of 7 or more – please come with a survey partner in mind or plan to join a team during training.

For more information or to RSVP to either session, go to coasst@uw.edu or call 206-221-6893.

DEADLINES

August 22

Deadline for comments on the proposal on a **WITHDRAWAL EXTENSION FOR CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST'S RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED RECREATION CORRIDOR** which provides for recreational use and the protection of the Russian River watershed. The U.S. Forest Service has requested a 20-year extension of the withdrawal from the Bureau of Land Management. Submit comments to blm_ak_state_director@blm.gov.

August 25

Deadline for nomination for the **ALASKA YOUTH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION (AYEA'S) YOUTH ORGANIZER SUMMIT** to be held October 14 to 17 in Anchorage. The Summit brings together young Alaskans from across the state to practice grassroots organizing. During the Summit, participants pick and plan a statewide project for 2023. Applicants are expected to attend the summit in full. We're looking for all young adults passionate about environmental justice in Alaska! For more information and a link to the application form, go to <https://akcentereducationfund.org/ayea/youth-organizer-summit/>. Contact Kavaangsaar Afcan at kav@akcenter.org or Marlowe Scully at marlowe@akcenter.org with any questions you may have.

August 25

ANCHORAGE - Notice of Intent to Begin Engineering and Environmental Studies and Floodplain Encroachment: **BETHEL TUNDRA RIDGE ROAD PAVING** to Improve the structure and top Tundra Ridge Road with a crushed aggregate surface course; * Improve drainage, as needed; Replace culverts at Brown's Slough (upgrading to fish passage requirements with head walls), and cross culverts as needed; * Install guardrail on both sides of the road at the Brown's Slough crossing; * Replace signing to current standards; * Widen the embankment to accommodate two 11-foot lanes and 4-foot shoulders; * Relocate utilities (communication, fiber optic, electric), In addition, project activities, such as incidental drainage repairs, may encroach into a potential unmapped base floodplain. The encroachment is expected to be longitudinal and minor, with no net change to the base flood elevation, thus they would not result in significant encroachments. For more information, contact Kelly Summers, Project Manager at 907-269-0546. Submit comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, at Brian.Elliott@alaska.gov.

August 25

NENANA – Comments are due on the proposal for **A MATERIAL SITE DESIGNATIONS and MATERIAL SALES** on **TOTCHAKET ROAD** near Nenana. The first designated material site proposed, the East material site DMLW proposes issuing the requested 5-year material sale contract for 250,000 cy of material from this site at less than FMV (Fair Market Value). The second designated material site proposed, the West material site, DMLW proposed issuing the requested 5-year material sale contract for 200,000 cy of material from this site at less than FMV. This decision will designate the location as a material site for the long-term sale and extraction of materials until closed by the DMLW. Contracts for the sale of material may be issued by DMLW either by negotiated, competitive, limited, or public and charitable material sale methods. Although DMLW may continuously sell materials without further finding or notice once the site is designated, the DMLW must also ensure that state land and natural resources be available for the maximum use consistent with the public interest. To that end, the DMLW will continue to carefully review individual sale requests and operation plans once sites have been designated, to ensure resource consideration and multiple use issues are appropriately evaluated. The public is invited to comment and should submit comments to Chelsea Barnett at chelsea.barnett@alaska.gov. For more information, go to [Attachment A.pdf](#) and [Preliminary Decision - Signed \(ADLs 421855 & 421857\).pdf](#).

August 28

Comments are due of the proposal from Alaska Fish & Game Dept. to reserve water within TALKEETNA RIVER, near Talkeetna, for the purpose of maintaining specified instream flow rates to protect fish and wildlife habitat, migration, and propagation. This reservation of water is from its mouth at the confluence with the Susitna River upstream to the confluence with Sheep River approximately at river mile 16.2. **Objections/comments must state the name and address of the objector/commenter, and any facts tending to show that rights of the objector/commenter or the public interest would be adversely affected by the reservation. For more information or to submit comments, contact Kimberly Sager at (907) 269-2033 or email kimberly.sager@alaska.gov.**

August 29

GLENNALLEN – Comments are due on the proposed **GLENNALLEN FIELD OFFICE CAMPGROUND FEE MODIFICATIONS**. Fees are important for maintenance and

improvements, which are all designed to provide high quality recreation experiences at the campgrounds. The proposal is publicly available, outlined in the [Draft Glennallen Field Office Recreation Fee Site Business Plan](#) information related to the recreation fee sites, proposed fee changes, operation and maintenance costs, planned expenditures, a financial analysis and potential impacts of fee changes. The business plan includes the following modifications: Increase the individual campsite fee at Sourdough Creek, Paxson Lake, Tangle Lakes, and Brushkana Creek campgrounds from \$12.00 to \$15.00 at per night at regular sites. Walk-in sites at Sourdough Creek and Paxson Lake Campgrounds would remain at \$6 per night. Add a \$10.00 fee for the Paxson Lake Campground recreational vehicle (RV) dump station for non-campers. Add an expanded amenity fee for reservation services. For more information for to submit comments contact Alysia Hancock at ahancock@blm.gov.

August 29

Deadline for comments on the **REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS for the**

CONOCOPHILLIPS' PROPOSED WILLOW MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN ALASKA'S NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE (NPR-A). The BLM prepared the draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) to address deficiencies of the previous administration's approval of the Willow Project. ConocoPhillips purchased the Willow Project leases in the 1990s. This draft SEIS presents a range of alternatives, including a "no action" alternative, and does not represent any final decision on the Willow Project. The draft SEIS includes a corrected and expanded analysis of potential climate impacts associated with the Willow Project. This expanded climate analysis, among other things, addresses the court's finding that the original analysis failed to consider downstream foreign emissions resulting from the consumption of oil produced by the project. In order to consider an alternative with modified infrastructure in the Teshekpuk Lake Special Area (TLSA), the draft SEIS also includes a new alternative that would reduce the potential footprint of the proposed Willow Project by removing two of the five proposed drill sites from consideration, including eliminating the northernmost proposed drill site and associated infrastructure in the TLSA. Under this alternative, BLM expects that the company would relinquish significant lease rights in the TLSA, an ecologically important wetland that hosts thousands of birds and the Teshekpuk caribou herd, that are part of the Bear Tooth Unit and the proposed Willow Project. For purposes of providing a complete picture of potential impacts of the Willow Project, this alternative includes analysis of a fourth potential drill site that would be deferred, meaning that it would require an additional review process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and is not being considered for inclusion in the new alternative. As reflected in the draft SEIS, BLM will reinitiate consultation under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) concerning listed species, including polar bear. This consultation will include consideration of mitigation measures and updates to the range of alternatives. BLM plans to hold (public health measures permitting) in-person public

meetings in Utqiagvik, and Nuiqsut, as well as three virtual public meetings. A subsistence-related hearing to receive comments on the proposed Project's potential to impact subsistence resources and activities will also be held in Nuiqsut concurrent with the in-person public meeting. The BLM will continue to consult with potentially affected federally recognized Tribes on a government-to-government basis, and to work with Alaska Native communities to ensure their voices are heard in our decision-making process. The Willow Master Development Plan Draft Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement is available at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/109410/570>. Comments can be submitted to <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/109410/570>.

August 30

HAINES - Comments are due on the Preliminary Written Finding for **SKI HILL TIMBER SALE** in the Mosquito Lake area of the Chilkat Valley east of Mosquito Lake and River View Roads and west of the Chilkat River, approximately 29 miles Northwest of Haines. Before this sale may be held, the Director of the DOF will make a written final decision that the sale is in the best interest of the State. This decision will set out the facts and applicable policies upon which the Director bases his determination that the proposed timber sale will or will not best serve the interest of the State. Access to the sale area is provided by the Mosquito Lake Road on the Haines Highway at mile 27 and then the River View Road to the sale area. The units vary in size and the sale areas encompass a total of approximately 1,500 acres. The DOF would sell timber over a 10-to-20-year period as negotiated sales to local commercial operators selling and manufacturing timber in Alaska and for personal use. The public and agencies are invited to comment on this Preliminary Best Interest Finding. For more information or to submit comments, contact Greg Palmieri at 907.225.3070 or email greg.staunton@alaska.gov. Public notice is available at <http://notice.alaska.gov/207515>. To see the full proposal, go to [PBIF skihill 0725 final gs.pdf](#).

August 31

Comments are due on the Notice of Intent to Begin Engineering and Environmental Studies for the **OLD GLENN HIGHWAY, OUTER SPRINGER LOOP, and INNER SPRINGER LOOP & PAVEMENT PRESERVATION** to improve safety, extend the service life, and reduce maintenance costs of the affected roadways. The proposed project area for the Old Glenn Highway would encroach into the base (100-year) floodplain associated with the Matanuska River. Project actions that may impact the base floodplain could include repaving, bridge repairs, drainage improvements, and vegetation clearing. The project is a longitudinal encroachment of the floodplain. No significant encroachment onto the floodplain or net changes to the base flood elevation are anticipated. Construction for the proposed project is anticipated to begin in spring

2025. For more information, contact Kristina Busch, Project Manager, at 269-0567 or Jenna DiFolco, Environmental Impact Analyst at 269-0536. Submit comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, at Brian.Elliott@alaska.gov.

September 2

Deadline for comments on the proposed **PARKS HIGHWAY MP 206-209 RECONSTRUCTION** from MP 206 to 209. The project includes replacement of the Pass Creek Bridge and will entail minor encroachment in the Pass Creek floodplain. The project anticipates using either the Drashner Pit at MP 132.5 Denali Highway or Panorama Mountain Pit #1 at MP 216.5 Parks Highway for material. This project will provide improvements such as a rehabilitation of the roadway, widening the roadway to add shoulders, and improving drainage (cleaning and reconditioning ditches and repairing or replacing culverts) where necessary. More information can be found on the project website at <https://parks-206-209-reconstruction-akdot.hub.arcgis.com>. We are working on conceptual designs, engineering, and environmental studies. DOT&PF requests information and comments on resources in the project area that may be affected including historic properties, archeological sites, wetlands, and the Pass Creek floodplain encroachment. For more information or to submit comments, contact Jennifer Wright at (907) 371-8949 or email jennifer.wright@alaska.gov.

September 11

KETCHIKAN – Comments are due on the notice to Begin Engineering & Environmental Studies for the proposed **KETCHIKAN WOLFE POINT SLOPE STABILITY IMPROVEMENTS** to repair unstable slopes on Tongass Highway between MP 3.0 and MP 3.2. There may be temporary delays to traffic during blasting activities. Construction is projected to begin in January 2023. DOT&PF is soliciting comments on the proposed project. Your comments would help us evaluate potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of this project, as well as impacts to historic and cultural resources. Please submit your written comments to Christy Gentemann, Environmental Analyst, at (907) 465-4524 or email christy.gentemann@alaska.gov.

**September 15

KENAI BOROUGH - Comments are due on the proposal to **REHABILITATE MULTIPLE BRIDGE DECKS on the STERLING HIGHWAY**. The bridges undergoing construction may include Quartz Creek Bridge at milepost (MP) 41, Cooper Landing Bridge at MP 48, and Schooner's Bridge at MP 53. The proposed project for the Cooper Landing bridge would encroach into the base (100-year) floodplain and regulatory

floodway associated with the Kenai. No data is available for Quartz Creek bridge or Schooner's bridge. Project actions that may impact the base floodplain could include vegetation clearing and hardware installation associated with the bridge structures, which are a functionally dependent use of the floodway. No net changes to the base flood. Construction for the proposed project is anticipated to begin in spring 2023. For more information, contact Galen Jones, Project Manager, at 269-0550 or Jenna DiFolco, Environmental Impact Analyst at 269-0536. Submit comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, at brian.elliott@alaska.gov.

****September 15**

Deadline to participate in the **SURVEY to HELP SHAPE ALASKA SEA GRANT'S STRATEGIC PLAN for the NEXT FOUR YEARS**, from 2024 - 2027. If you use, manage, study, or care about coastal and marine resources in Alaska, your input is vital. To open the survey, click [open the survey here](#). Your responses are anonymous. Once you complete the survey, you are eligible to participate in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate for the [Alaska Sea Grant bookstore](#) and we'll include an Alaska Sea Grant ball cap when we send your order. The survey includes 12 questions and should take no longer than 15 minutes.

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFPs

August 29

Deadline for applications for the **NOAA RESTORING TRIBAL PRIORITY FISH PASSAGE THROUGH BARRIER REMOVAL GRANTS** to support Indian tribes, tribal commissions, and tribal consortia in implementing tribal priority fish passage projects, including organizational capacity building, that benefit migratory fish in coastal ecosystems, including the Great Lakes. In collaboration with NOAA, selected partners will use these funds to implement locally led removals of dams and other in-stream barriers to rebuild sustainable fisheries, contribute to the recovery of threatened and endangered species, enhance watershed health, and improve economic vitality. How to Apply: Funding Opportunity Number: NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2022-2007193. For more information click [here](#) or contact erika.ammann@noaa.gov if you have questions.

September 6

Deadline for applications for the **NOAA TRANSFORMATIONAL HABITAT RESTORATION and COASTAL RESILIENCE GRANTS**. In collaboration with NOAA,

selected partners will use these funds to implement locally led habitat restoration actions that restore marine, estuarine, coastal, or Great Lakes ecosystems, using approaches that enhance the resilience of communities to climate hazards. Funding will prioritize habitat restoration actions that rebuild productive and sustainable fisheries, contribute to the recovery and conservation of threatened and endangered species, use natural infrastructure to reduce damage from flooding and storms, promote resilient ecosystems and communities, and yield socioeconomic benefits. The funding priorities and selection process of this opportunity emphasize support for underserved communities. Proposals may include planning and assessments; feasibility studies; engineering design and permitting; on-the-ground implementation; pre- and/or post-implementation monitoring; or any combination of phases. Proposals may also include capacity-building and stakeholder engagement to support the proposed restoration. Cost sharing and partnerships are encouraged and are considered within the evaluation criterion for selecting projects. Award periods up to 3 years (potential of up to 5 years if necessary). How to Apply: Funding Opportunity Number: [Opportunity](#) #: NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2022-2007195. For more information click [here](#) or contact erika.ammann@noaa.gov if you have questions.

September 20

Deadline for applications for the **BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW GRANT OPPORTUNITY for MARINE DEBRIS REMOVAL GRANT**. The NOAA Marine Debris Program will award up to \$56 million to fund projects that remove marine debris to benefit marine and Great Lakes habitats and communities. This competition focuses on two priorities: removing large marine debris and using proven interception technologies to capture marine debris throughout the coastal United States, Great Lakes, territories, and Freely Associated States. The first priority will support partnerships for the development of large scale and high-value marine debris removal programs. These programs should focus on large marine debris, including abandoned and derelict vessels, derelict fishing gear, and other debris that is generally unable to be collected by hand. The second priority of this competition focuses on implementation of proven marine debris interception technologies in coastal riverine, shoreline, estuarine, and urban environments where trash, plastics, and other persistent, reaccumulating macro-debris can be captured and removed. These two priorities will be reviewed as separate, parallel tracks under this funding opportunity, and they have different application requirements. Applicants wishing to compete under both priorities must submit separate applications for each. For more information, to [MDP Blog](#) - Overall description of opportunity, with links. [Full Funding Opportunity](#) - Full information through the official Grants.Gov website or contact Peter Murphy at 206.526.4661 or email peter.murphy@noaa.gov.

September 30

Deadline for applications for the **NOAA COASTAL HABITAT RESTORATION AND RESILIENCE GRANTS FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES** is focused on building organizational capacity and/or supporting restoration activities that benefit underserved communities and enhance their resilience to climate hazards. Meaningful engagement of underserved

communities are intended to ensure that communities are integral to the visioning, decision-making, and leadership for coastal habitat restoration projects; to ensure that the scope of such projects are inclusive of the priorities and needs of communities; and/or to ensure that the benefits of such projects flow back to underserved communities. Potential activities can include: 1) Capacity building, which may include participation in municipal or regional-scale resilience planning, project planning and feasibility studies, stakeholder engagement, proposal development for future funding, and outreach and education; and/or 2) Restoration project activities, including demonstration projects, which may include engineering and design, permitting, on-the-ground restoration, and pre- and post-project implementation monitoring. There is no non-federal matching requirement for this funding. Award periods up to 3 years (potential of up to 5 years if necessary). How to Apply: Funding Opportunity Number. NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2022-2007354. For more information click [here](#) or contact erika.ammann@noaa.gov if you have questions.

September 30

Deadline for **MIGRATORY BIRD JOINT VENTURES: 2022 ARCTIC GOOSE JOINT VENTURE FUNDING**. Applications are encouraged from nonprofit organizations, public and private educational organizations, federal, state, provincial, local, and tribal governments and organizations, foreign governments, and individual companies. The Arctic Goose Joint Venture (AGJV) is a partnership-based program under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) that provides and improves scientific information to support and promote effective management, monitoring, and conservation of northern-nesting geese. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), a partner in the AGJV, administers financial assistance awards (grants and cooperative agreements) on a competitive basis for projects and studies that advance the general scientific community's understanding of goose ecology and management and is seeking proposals from interested parties. For more information, go to <https://www.agjv.ca/> or contact Joshua Dooley at dooley@fws.gov.

September 30

Deadline for applications for the **U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE COASTAL PROGRAM**, a voluntary, community-based program that provides technical and financial assistance through cooperative agreements to coastal communities,

conservation partners, and landowners to restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat on public and private lands. The Coastal Program staff coordinates with partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation goals and priorities within these focus areas. Projects are developed in collaboration with partners, and with substantial involvement from Service field staff. Coastal Program projects must support the missions of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Coastal Program, and be based on biological principles and the best available science. The Coastal Program takes an adaptive approach to designing and implementing coastal habitat protection and restoration strategies that anticipate and ameliorate the impacts of climate change and other environmental stressors. Coastal Program habitat improvement projects strive to increase coastal resiliency by improving the ability of coastal ecosystems to adapt to environmental changes and supporting natural and nature-based infrastructure projects to protect and enhance coastal habitats. A link to the full announcement and application instructions can be found at <https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/opportunities/instructions/PKG00270830-instructions.pdf>. For more information, contact John Huffman at john_huffman@fws.gov.

ITEMS of INTEREST

[A NEW STORYMAP](#) produced by a University of Alaska Fairbanks master's degree candidate collects reports of warming temperatures, changing wind patterns, eroding coastlines and shifting sea ice across Arctic Alaska. **ROBERTA TUURRAQ GLENN** combined observations from community members across Arctic Alaska with data collected in the same communities as part of the [Alaska Arctic Observatory & Knowledge Hub](#). Glenn, who is from Utqiaġvik, began her studies in geography in 2014 and sees community-based monitoring as both a challenge and an opportunity. Her work connects scientific data points to information collected through years of careful observation, with the intention of better informing planning, mitigation and adaptation in coastal Alaska. For more information, go to <https://uaf.edu/news/uaf-student-work-supports-community-data-and-decision-making.php/>.

DAILY TOURS and ANIMAL FEEDING EXPERIENCES at the ALASKA ZOO bring visitors close to animals with trained staff as guides. Early Bird Tours start at 9am and Browsing Bonanza Tours start at 1pm. Tours must be reserved in advance online. The daily Animal Feeding Experiences allow visitors to go up-close with a guide who will feed animals while visitors photograph. These experiences are 30 minutes at set times for set animals daily and they are purchased same day at the gate. For tour reservations and animal feeding experience schedules, visit <https://www.alaskazoo.org/summer-tours-and-daily-animal-experiences>.

Join us at the **ALASKA ZOO** weekly on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11am for **STORYTIME**. This program is for emerging readers. A zoo educator or volunteer reads animal themed stories to the group with hands-on items included. This program is free for zoo members, non-members pay regular rates at the gate. The program requires no reservations and is open to everyone. It is held inside the greenhouse on zoo grounds. Visit <https://www.alaskazoo.org/zoo-storytime> for more information.

FISHERIES and MARINE SCIENCES DEGREE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE from UAF within its undergraduate degree program that lets students' study remotely and on a flexible schedule. The [Bachelor of Science degree in fisheries and marine sciences](#) now has a fully online asynchronous concentration, making it the first undergraduate program in North America that lets students choose a blend of fisheries, marine biology and oceanography classes that can be completed asynchronously. Asynchronous online learning allows students to view instructional materials at their own pace with preset deadlines. The fully online program does not have set meeting times, a feature that will help students balance college with work and other responsibilities. More information can be found at UAF's [fisheries and marine sciences degree page](#). Please contact CFOS academic recruitment coordinator Kyle Rivera at kwrivera@alaska.edu or 907-474-6312 if you are interested in applying.

YAKUTAT - Tongass National Forest, the Yakutat District Ranger has authorized **STREAM RESTORATION AT TWO SITES** which will include removing abandoned culverts and collapsed bridges, adding large wood to ditched stream channels, and removing fill from the floodplain. These actions will improve fish passage, restore natural channel structure and restore natural flow regimes. This project will be implemented with the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe and other partners. To read the decision and learn more about the project, go to the [Yakutat Salmon Partners: Stream Restoration](#). If you have questions about the decision, contact Nate Catterson at nathaniel.catterson@usda.gov.

SHARE WASTE is a [handy website](#) for seeing where to drop off food waste to be used by neighbors in personal compost piles, fed to flocks, and used at community gardens. For more information, go to <https://sharewaste.com/>.

MIDTOWN GARDEN DEPOT has started accepting fresh 'green' waste to compost on select days and by special arrangement (e.g., pesticide-free grass, yard waste, and

food scraps). Check with garden@akaction.org for more information and to lend a hand & learn about small-scale composting.

BROOKE MERRELL SELECTED AS SUPERINTENDENT at DENALI NATIONAL PARK and PRESERVE. She is currently the deputy superintendent at the park and has been acting superintendent for the past 9 months. Merrell's appointment is significant as she is the first woman to hold the top job at Denali in its 105-year history.

University of Alaska is launching a **NEW MASTER'S DEGREE in MARINE POLICY.** Working on marine issues often requires knowledge of both natural and social sciences, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the University of Alaska Southeast can provide it through their new [Master of Marine Policy degree](#). The demand for science and policy expertise is ever more pressing with the increasing effects of climate change on marine ecosystems. Graduates of the new degree program will be well positioned to compete for marine resource management positions in state and federal agencies, tribes, nongovernmental organizations, and private industry in Alaska, the nation and the world. The program commences in the fall 2022 semester. While the degree is offered via a joint program, admissions are through the UAF Graduate School and the UAF College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences. Students may choose from a wide variety of courses to complete the program, as described in the [UAF catalog](#). Foundational requirements include studies in marine policy and statistics, an internship, and courses drawn from four core areas: management of living marine resources; analytic methods; law and policy; and economics, development and sustainability. For more information, contact Keith R. Criddle, Ted Stevens Distinguished Professor of Marine Policy, at Keith.Criddle@alaska.edu.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

****ALASKA TRAILS** is looking for volunteers to help with **TRAIL CONSTRUCTION and MAINTENANCE PROJECTS.** It is not too late to contribute to the trails you love this summer! The Alaska Trail Stewards program provides a wide variety of trail stewardship opportunities to ensure that our trails are safe and fun for everyone to use. Upcoming events include improving drainage along the Iditarod National Historic Trail on **August 27**, helping to finish the re-route of the Middle Fork Trail on **September 10** and biking out to clear brush on the Eklutna Lakeside Trail on September 17th. No experience is necessary; we will provide tools, safety equipment, and training! For more information and to sign up to volunteer, visit <https://www.alaska-trails.org/current-volunteer-opportunities>.

The **NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD** seeks applications to fill **FOUR SEATS ON ITS SCIENCE PANEL**. The **deadline** for receipt of application materials is **August 22**. Desired qualifications for the open seats on the Science Panel include expertise in one or more of the following categories: (1) marine fish and/or marine invertebrate ecology; (2) stock assessment and fisheries management; (3) salmon life history and ecology; (4) quantitative ecology; (5) climate and earth systems models; (6) genetics, and (7) physiology. Nominations/Self-Nominations Must Include: • A brief resume of not more than two pages; • Full contact information including phone number and email address; and • Three letters of reference. [Read Full Announcement](#) For more information contact NPRB Science Director, Matthew.Baker@nprb.org or NPRB Executive Director, Lynn.Palensky@nprb.org. Please also visit the website at www.nprb.org for more information about the Board and its activities.

The **KENAI MOUNTAINS-TURNAGAIN ARM NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA (KMTA NHA)** is accepting applications for **NEW BOARD MEMBERS**. We are seeking applicants from diverse backgrounds who care deeply about the region, support our mission, and are interested in leveraging their networks and skills to enhance our impact. There are a lot of factors that qualify someone for Board membership, but prior Board experience is not a requisite. What is required is an ability to look strategically at organization growth and direction, thoughtfully question and evaluate, and hold us accountable to our mission, goals, and fiduciary duties. Board members need not live within the KMTA region, though should have a strong connection to one or more of the communities within it. If you have a passion for KMTA's work, about 4 hours per month to dedicate to volunteer service, and an education or life experience you think brings a relevant perspective, we can't wait to hear from you. You can learn more about the opportunity and access the application at www.kmtacorridor.org/board-recruitment-2022/.

INTERN OPPORTUNITIES

SCIENCE COMMUNICATIONS INTERN for the **COLLABORATIVE on HEATH and the ENVIRONMENT (CHE)** to support the planning and delivery of webinars featuring pioneering research in the environmental health sciences, as well as presentations on timely topics from policymakers and advocates in the field. The Intern also helps maintain the CHE website and supports social media engagement. This is a part-time, remote position. **Qualifications:** * Familiarity with environmental health science and research; * Ability to work both independently and in teams; * Strong and versatile writing skills; * Experience with social media platforms. **Benefits:** *Flexible schedule; * Networking, mentoring and professional development opportunities; * Stipend of \$15/hour for 15-20 hours/week for 10 weeks; * Work Environment; * Small, collaborative

and creative team; * Remote within the US. How to Apply: Please send a resume and cover letter using the subject line "Science Communications Intern" to kristin@healthandenvironment.org. The position will remain open until filled.

BLM IN ANCHORAGE is looking for an **INTERN to ASSIST BLM ALASKA'S RECREATION and VISITOR SERVICES PROGRAM** by improving web-based recreation pages, developing improved multi-media materials for recreation outreach, and developing recreation fee business plans, recreation area management plans, and other operational needs. More information at: <https://usaconservation.applicantpool.com/jobs/819528.html>.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

****Research Professional 1, 2, or 3 for ISER (INSTITUTE of SOCIAL and ECONOMIC RESEARCH)** in Anchorage is seeking strong applicants for several full-time Research Professional positions (level to be determined by project needs and applicant qualifications), to work on grant-funded projects. For more information and to APPLY go to <https://careers.alaska.edu/en-us/job/521477/research-professional-1-2-or-3>. For further information regarding the position, please contact Dr. Dayna DeFeo at djdefeo@alaska.edu. **Review of applications begins August 26.**

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND SCIENCE CENTER is looking for an enthusiastic, hardworking EDUCATION SPECIALIST to join our education team in Cordova. The new member of our team will work with staff to implement school and community education programs to audiences of all ages. Our programs are designed to foster a deeper scientific understanding of the bioregion and build personal connections with the natural world around us. Experience teaching in diverse settings and strong communication skills are preferred. Please read the [full position description here](#). To apply email a resume, cover letter, and contact information for three references to Lauren at lbien@pwssc.org. **Applications are accepted until August 26.**

UAA UNDERGRADUATE POSITION to help **ANALYZE the EFFECTS of NATURAL HAZARDS** (i.e., wildfire, permafrost thaw, rain-in-winter) on the ecosystem and society. You will be responsible for working with data related to these hazards for Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Whitehorse, Yukon. Must have experience with ArcGIS Pro. Position open until filled. Pay is \$12/hour. Open until filled. If interested contact Jennifer Schmidt

at jischmidt@alaska.edu and apply at <https://tinyurl.com/ISERUndergradResearch>. To see the full position description, go to <https://careers.alaska.edu/en-us/job/521199/isercbhrs-20222023-student-research-assistant>.

PART-TIME OPERATIONS OFFICER. For the **MAT-SU TRAILS AND PARKS FOUNDATION** to carry out day-to-day operations of the office, and interacting professionally and courteously with our constituents, volunteers, and the public will be vital to this role. We are still a young organization, and the successful applicant will have ample opportunity to grow this position for the future. Your creativity will be valued! [Learn More and Apply!](#)

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS for **The NATURE CONSERVANCY ALASKA CHAPTER** to be in Anchorage (preferred) or Juneau to drive the Alaska Chapter's conservation strategy, public policy leadership, and fundraising functions. They work closely with the Alaska board of trustees to create and implement the Chapter's conservation strategies in alignment with The Nature Conservancy's Shared Conservation Agenda priorities. They will also ensure a work environment that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive. **Minimum Qualifications:** * Bachelor's degree and minimum of 7 years of experience as a leader in the conservation arena, non-profit sector, advocacy, or related for-profit area. * Extensive and proven management experience including ability to motivate, lead, set objectives, and manage performance of a large multi-disciplinary team. * Superb communication and presentation skills required, including experience communicating with and presenting to diverse audiences including donors, board members, employees, outside partners, or equivalent. * Experience in fundraising and budget management. **To Apply:** Please apply to Job ID # 51553 at www.nature.org/careers. Click "submit" to apply for the position or "save for later" to create a draft application for future submission. Once submitted, applications cannot be revised or edited. Failure to complete required fields may result in your application being disqualified from consideration. If you experience technical issues, please refer to our [applicant user guide](#) or contact applyhelp@tnc.org. To see the full position description, go to https://careers.nature.org/psc/tnccareers/APPLICANT/APPL/c/HRS_HRAM_FL.HRS_CG_SEARCH_FL.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_SCHJOB_FL&Action=U_

RURAL ALASKA ELECTRIC UTILITY TRAINING COORDINATOR for the **RENEWABLE ENERGY ALASKA PROJECT (REAP)** to develop and coordinate on-site, on-the-job training and technical assistance opportunities for independent rural Alaska electric utilities. This position will require collaboration with partner utilities in four

training categories: managerial, operational, administrative and governance. Tasks will include workforce needs assessments as well as the delivery, evaluation, and continual maintenance of training programs and workforce programs that address specific needs of utility personnel. Priorities will include securing qualified instructors, needed materials and choosing the mode of training delivery. The successful candidate will schedule and coordinate all training activities in cooperation with partner utilities. In addition, the Electric Utility Training Coordinator will work with REAP staff, Alaska energy champions, community stakeholders and teachers throughout the state to increase energy literacy for all Alaskans. This position requires an individual with initiative and remote Alaska networking skills that allow for independent effectiveness in the field. For more information, contact (907) 947-2736 or email cmccconnell@realaska.org.

SCIENCE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER for the **COLLABORATIVE on HEALTH and the ENVIRONMENT (CHE)** to lead the planning and delivery of frequent webinars featuring pioneering research in the environmental health sciences as well as presentations on timely topics from policymakers and advocates in the field. The Manager also helps coordinate CHE's external communications, including emails to community listservs, website content updates, and social media postings. This is a part-time, remote position. **Qualifications:** * Familiarity with environmental health science; scientific literature research and other experience in the field strongly preferred; * Demonstrated ability to track multiple projects simultaneously, work independently, and pay excellent attention to detail; * Ability to communicate comfortably with people from various cultural and disciplinary backgrounds (academics, scientists, policy makers, government regulators, advocates); * Strong and versatile writing skills; * Experience with social media platforms and communication strategies; * Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience. **Benefits:** Flexible schedule; Generous vacation, sick leave, and holiday schedule; Retirement benefits after one year of employment; Stipend toward health insurance costs Networking, mentoring and professional development opportunities; Part-time (20-24 hours), prorated from 70k FTE. **Work Environment:** Some travel may be required, Occasional evening and weekend activities; Remote within the US. To see the full position description, go to <https://www.healthandenvironment.org/about/career-opportunities>. **To Apply:** Please send a resume and cover letter using the subject line "Science Communications Manager" to kristin@healthandenvironment.org. The position will remain open until filled.

COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE for the **ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION** to assist in coordinating and implementing a diversified fundraising and communications plan that creatively energizes our donor base and connects them with our organization. Full-time, Non-Exempt. Salary: \$55,000 to \$60,000 per year. Benefits: Medical, dental and vision insurance; 403(b) plan; Life, AD&D and LTD insurance; paid holidays and generous PTO. **Qualifications:** • 2-4

years of experience in fundraising, communications, marketing, non-profit management, or closely related field preferred. ● Excellent verbal and written communication skills. ● Ability to work independently, with the ability to problem-solve complex problems, prioritize tasks, meet deadlines and manage multiple projects. ● Demonstrated ability to maintain confidentiality at all times while displaying a professional disposition. ● Solid relationship-building skills; ability to interface with trustees, external constituents, and grantees. ● Demonstrated understanding of traditional and emerging media. To see the full position description, go to <https://alaskaconservation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/2022.04.20-Communications-Development-Associate.docx.pdf>. To apply: send a resume and cover letter to acfjobs@alaskaconservation.org with the subject line “Communications and Development Associate”. Position is open until filled.

ALASKA STATE DIRECTOR for The NATURE CONSERVANCY to lead a team working to achieve transformational outcomes and helping to shape a resilient, viable future for all Alaskans and ensure success in conservation and fundraising programs and contribute intellectual, financial and human resources to priority, cross-boundary initiatives. They support alignment of activities by securing, coordinating and configuring resources, capacity and programs to address the most critical conservation priorities of the organization at multiple scales. They are responsible for collaborating with others across the division and throughout the organization on the procurement and application of resources in Alaska as well as in areas beyond their span of authority. The Alaska State Director oversees fundraising and marketing and works with staff to secure increased private and corporate support for conservation, engaging with major donors, corporations and foundations and supporting staff in donor cultivation. The Director approves budgets and sets priorities that dictate private and public fundraising goals. They serve as the primary statewide spokesperson for TNC to internal and external audiences (including staff, volunteers, the Board of Trustees, public and private donors, government agencies and officials, community leaders and other partners) and cultivate those audiences to support and promote TNC’s mission and vision. The position will drive the Alaska Chapter’s conservation strategy, public policy leadership, and fundraising functions. They work closely with the Alaska board of trustees to create and implement the Chapter’s conservation strategies in alignment with The Nature Conservancy’s Shared Conservation Agenda priorities. They will also ensure a work environment that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive. **Minimum Qualifications:** Bachelor’s degree and minimum of 7 years of experience as a leader in the conservation arena, non-profit sector, advocacy, or related for-profit area. Extensive and proven management experience including ability to motivate, lead, set objectives, and manage performance of a large multi-disciplinary team. Superb communication and presentation skills required, including experience communicating with and presenting to diverse audiences including donors, board members, employees, outside partners, or equivalent. Experience in fundraising and budget management. For more information, contact Kelley Morsman at kmorsman@tnc.org.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for the **KENAI WATERSHED FORUM (KWF)** is a dynamic organization dedicated to our rivers, streams and the surrounding communities of the Kenai Peninsula and the State of Alaska for now and the future. Working together with other nonprofits, government agencies, philanthropic foundations, and corporate entities have immeasurably strengthened the organization's impact for fulfilling its mission for healthy habitats on the Kenai Peninsula. The ED acts as Chief Executive Officer responsible for managing the affairs of the organization. Additional information can be found by reaching Board President, Matt Pyhala at matthew@kenaiwatershed.org. View the job announcement at [KWF Executive Director Announcement](#).

YEAR DIRECTOR and **ACADEMIC & RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR** for **OUTER COAST** will run and culture set for the [Outer Coast Year 2022–23](#), an academic and service program for high school graduates. Outer Coast programs serve as a steppingstone to college for young Alaskans and run on the three pillars of academics, service & labor, and self-governance. Read more about these roles at outercoast.org/careers. Both positions are open until filled.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for **THE ALASKA CENTER** and **THE ALASKA CENTER EDUCATION FUND** in **Anchorage**. For more information, go to [Read Prospectus](#). Our current Executive Director is stepping down and we are excited to offer the opportunity for a new Executive Director to lead a talented team of mission-driven individuals. Our team works tirelessly to engage, empower, and elect Alaskans to stand up for clean air and water, healthy communities, and a strong democracy. The Executive Director will be a champion for our vision and mission internally and externally, and we look forward to welcoming a collaborative leader into this role. The Alaska Center and The Alaska Center Education Fund have partnered with Aspen Leadership Group in the search for an Executive Director. You may view the position prospectus or submit an application via <https://opportunities.aspenleadershipgroup.com/opportunities/1096>.

To **RECEIVE** What's Up, **ADD** items, **CHANGE EMAIL ADDRESS** or **UNSUBSCRIBE**, contact Peg Tileston at pegt@gci.net.