

What's Up

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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

July 25 – 27

NEENANA - YUKON RIVER INTER-TRIBAL WATERSHED COUNCIL 12TH

BIANNUAL SUMMIT will be held. In this year's Summit

the Watershed Council will discuss our goals and examine where we are with Climate Change, Water rights, Food Security, and Indicators of a Healthy Watershed. We will also reconfirm the Accord and Watershed Regions between the tribes and First Nations. If you would like a registration form or have any questions, contact Janet Angaiak 258-3337 or email jangaiak@yritwc.org.

July 28 – 30

DILLINGHAM - SOUTHWEST ALASKA GARDENS is a hands-on course presented on the Bristol Bay Campus. Learn about wild gardens in Southwest Alaska! Class schedule: July 28 (Friday) from 5 to 8; July 29 & 30 (Saturday and Sunday) from 10am to 4pm. Instructor is Lisa Strecker with co-instructor Margie Hastings (Elder). Please bring outdoor clothing since this is a mini field course to explore culturally important plants of the area and inform your choices of plants for a future cultural wild garden. There is no cost for the course; space is limited so register soon for ENVI F150 1 credit. If you have any questions or to register, email uaf-bbcinfo@alaska.edu or call 907-842-5109.

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August 1 -3

ANCHORAGE -ANCHORAGE and VIRTUAL - ANTHC and FEMA Region 10 are hosting a **LOCAL AND TRIBAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING WORKSHOP**, hybrid in Anchorage and virtual, August 1, from 9am to 5pm daily at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) Office Building 4000 Ambassador Drive. The workshop will cover the basics of mitigation planning for local and tribal governments. Participants will learn about the planning process, assessing risks and developing and implementing effective mitigation strategies. There may be an opportunity for one-on-one technical assistance. This workshop is for local and tribal governments, emergency managers, planners, environmental managers, and other partners. You may be interested if you are updating or will be updating a local, tribal or multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan within the next year. Registration is required at bit.ly/AKHMPWorkshop23. Zoom Link and call-in information will be distributed once you have registered for the event. For more information, contact Jennifer (Jenn) Adleman at 202-664-0665 or email jennifer.adleman@fema.dhs.gov or James Benzschawel at 907-231-6552 or email jkbenzschawel@anthc.org.

****August 4 -6**

NILILCHIK – SALMONFEST 2023 will be held at the Kenai Peninsula Fairgrounds. For more information, go to <https://salmonfestalaska.org/>.

August 14 – 18

ANCHORAGE - STEWARDSHIP SYMPOSIUM will be held in Dena'ina ełnena (downtown Anchorage). This gathering is intended to build understanding, relationships, and knowledge that advance Indigenous co-stewardship for the health and wellbeing of all Alaskan human and non-human relatives, lands, and waters. It is a gathering by and for Tribal governments, Alaska Native organizations and corporations, government resource management agencies, university partners, and conservation partners. The symposium will feature knowledgeable speakers from around the state, and participants will spend considerable time engaged in meaningful dialogues with one another. Themes will include better understanding of co-stewardship and Indigenous-led stewardship of lands and waters, healing relationships and respectful collaboration, upholding Tribal governance, racial equity, the process of co-stewardship, and imagining a new future together and charting concrete next steps. Participation will be limited to ensure a diverse representation of participants and due to space constraints. A commitment to participate for the full week will be requested of participants. There will be limited travel funds available for participants from Indigenous organizations and communities. Symposium co-organizers include: UAF Tribal Governance, Northern Latitudes Partnerships, Alaska Conservation Foundation, US Fish & Wildlife Service, The Wilderness Society, Tyonek Tribal Conservation District, Prince of Wales Tribal Conservation District, Alaska Venture Fund, and Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

****August 26 & 27**

FUNGI FESTIVAL will be held on Saturday at Noon and on Sunday at [2pm.at](#) the Manitoba Yurt. Total Capacity: We have 8 single bunks and 4 double bunks for a maximum of 16 people! Single Bunk \$75; Double Bunk \$150. Booking includes bunk in a Manitoba Yurt, Fungi Fry on Saturday night and Sunday morning coffee. The Fungi Festival will be led by **Dr. PHILIPPE AMSTISLAVSKI** of UAA, who studied the biology of mushrooms and fungi at Yale School of Forestry. Explore, identify and gather local mushrooms, lichens, and fungi in the Kenai Mountains. Dinner on Saturday night is pot-luck style, so please bring a dish to complement the Fungi Fry and breakfast for Sunday morning. New this year, reserve one of our limited double bunks for yourself and one other. Please note ALL bunks are located in either Spirit Walker or Toba's Yurt (each sleeping 8 people maximum), which are shared with other participants. Youth should be accompanied by a guardian or parent. For more information, go to <https://www.alaskahuts.org/fungi-festival/>.

****September 12 - 14**

ANCHORAGE - The WESTERN STATES WATER COUNCIL FALL (202ND) MEETING will be held at the Aloft Anchorage Hotel. Registration will be posted as it becomes available.

****September 26 – 28 (Additional Information)**

FAIRBANKS - The **8th ANNUAL CONFLUENCE: SUMMIT on the OUTDOORS** heads to Fairbanks where our focus will be on co-creating a vision for a regenerative future and the action steps to make it happen. Confluence Kinetic Breakouts are learning journeys. Confluence taps the wisdom in the room, connecting good ideas with the people who can bring them to life. Confluence attendees enjoy getting to know the special places in a host community like this group did on a private tour of Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center. Confluence attracts innovative thinkers and doers from public and tribal for-profits, governmental organizations, and non-profit allies involved in outdoor businesses, tourism, culture & heritage, economic development, public health, transportation, and land relationship planning. For more information and registration, Go to https://confluenceak.regfox.com/confluence-summit-ak?mc_cid=91c9095af9&mc_eid=4550d04eb6.

****October 24 & 25**

ANCHORAGE - COOK INLET WATER QUALITY SUMMIT will be held. Cook Inlet is the most populated watershed in Alaska, home to a diverse array of people, cultures, wildlife, and economic interests. Join us for this two-day informational summit, where experts across multiple disciplines will share information on Cook Inlet water quality, biodiversity, research, regulations, policy and more. At this Summit, we seek to: * Improve understanding of the status of Cook Inlet waters and ecosystems; * Improve understanding of the regulatory framework regarding water quality issues, and engagement with decision-makers; * Identify data gaps and opportunities for collaboration; * Share data concerning Cook Inlet water quality, for the benefit of people and wildlife. Cook Inlet is the most populated watershed in Alaska, home to a diverse array of people, cultures, wildlife, and economic interests. Join us for this two-day informational summit, where experts across multiple disciplines will share information on Cook Inlet water quality, biodiversity, research, regulations, policy and more/ To pre-register or submit an abstract go to www.akwildlife.org/cook-inlet.

WEBINARS, PODCASTS & VIDEOS

July 18 (Webinar)

MARINE CARBON DIOXIDE REMOVAL will be presented from 11am to Noon by **JESSICA CROSS**, NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory. Human-induced climate changes already affect every inhabited region across the globe, with potentially dire consequences for many ecosystems and human communities. Under current emissions trajectories, global surface temperatures will continue to rise. With further warming of the Earth system, every region is projected to experience increasingly concurrent climate extremes, associated with clear impact drivers. Limiting warming to levels that avoid extreme risk requires immediate and substantial reductions of greenhouse emissions, as well as the removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. While emissions-reduction approaches are the primary component for addressing this challenge, negative emissions strategies will be essential for keeping global temperatures at or below target levels. Many of these techniques are promising in theory, and have garnered significant attention from venture capital, private companies,

and large NGOs interested in offsetting their carbon footprints. This in turn has led to the development of new legislation targeted at developing a US strategy for carbon removal. Despite this emerging interest, all carbon dioxide removal of these techniques is currently in their infancy and require additional research to evaluate their effectiveness and scalability and explore potential co-benefits and environmental risk, as outlined by a recent consensus study from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Mathematics. Here, we will profile marine carbon dioxide removal techniques that are relevant for Alaska and provide an opportunity for discussion. [Register Here](#).

July 20 (Webinar)

CLOSING the EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT GAP: A CASE STUDY of

PHTHALATES will be presented at 9am AKDT by **Dr. BHAVNA SHAMASUNDER** who will address the systematic problems with exposure assessments to protect the public's health. Exposure assessment is a core element of risk assessment, which is used as the basis for regulatory decision making on chemicals in the US. Exposure assessment systematically fails to provide realistic information to policymakers, leading to underestimates of risk and inadequate regulation. Phthalates, a class of chemicals that affect male reproductive development among other adverse effects, provide an example of chemicals that are inadequately regulated, due in part to incomplete assessments of exposure. Phthalates are used widely in plastics, personal care products, fragrances, and other applications. In this webinar, Dr. Shamasunder will explain the problems with current approaches to exposure assessment and will describe ways in which EPA could improve its approach in the short term. She will present the example of phthalates as a case study of the patchwork regulatory environment, the ways in which incomplete exposure assessments contribute to the problem, and the options for improving EPA's approach. She will discuss racial disparities in exposures to phthalates and implications for health, drawing upon the findings of the Taking Stock study on impacts of beauty products on Black and Latina women's health. Her discussion of exposure assessment will draw upon and build on a recent study, Addressing Systemic Problems with Exposure Assessments to Protect the Public's Health. The webinar will be moderated by **JONATHAN KALMUSS-KATZ** of Earthjustice, who will place the discussion in a framework of on-going work to address the cumulative risk of phthalates and other chemicals of high concern under the Toxic Substances Control Act. He will also discuss implications for environmental justice activities at EPA and will highlight opportunities to take action on this issue.

July 21 (Webinar)

JULY 2023 NWS ALASKA CLIMATE OUTLOOK BRIEFING will be presented from Noon to 1pm by Rick Thoman, Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy. We will review recent and current climate conditions around Alaska, discuss some forecasting tools and finish up with the Climate Prediction Center's forecast for August 2023 and the early fall season. Join the gathering online to learn what's happened and what may be in store with Alaska's seasonal climate. [Register Here](#)

July 26 ((Webinar)

EXTREME PRECIPITATION and the BLUE ECONOMY AROUND

CHUGACHMIUT will be presented from 11am to Noon by Jessica Cherry, NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI). Cherry will discuss the history and impacts of extreme precipitation in Seward, Valdez, Cordova, and Kodiak, and connections to the maritime economy and infrastructure. Implications for a changing climate in these communities will also be discussed. This talk serves as a scientific companion piece to an essay forthcoming in the Alaska Humanities Forum Magazine. [Register Here](#).

****July 26 ((Webinar)**

PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST: SAFEGUARDING OUR WATERS with SCIENCE and the CLEAN WATER ACT will be presented at Noon AKDT. [RSVP for This Webinar](#). EPA has not updated the National Contingency Plan (NCP) for oil spills since the 1990s, despite a mandate in the Clean Water Act to regularly update the Plan to reflect modern scientific advancements. Prompted by a lawsuit filed by Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT), Earth Island Institute, the ALERT Project, Cook Inletkeeper, Rosemary Ahtuanguaruak and others, EPA was recently compelled to update its outdated regulations governing the use of chemical products in oil spill responses. The court ordered EPA to revisit its decades-old NCP for oil spills to incorporate new scientific evidence about the toxicity and effectiveness of oil dispersants. Dispersants are petroleum-based chemicals used to break up oil during oil spills. They were used in massive quantities during the Exxon Valdez and BP disasters. These chemicals make oil more toxic and are linked with long term health harms including respiratory, neurological, and cardiovascular effects. In this webinar, CHE-Alaska will be joined by plaintiffs **ROSEMARY AHTUANGARUAK**, **Dr. PAM MILLER**, and **Dr. RIKI OTT** to discuss the newly announced revisions. These include improved testing of the toxicity of dispersants used on spills before being listed in the NCP; public notification when chemical agents are to be used in emergencies; greater disclosure of data relevant to chemical constituents of dispersants, and more.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS/OPEN HOUSE

****July 18 (Teleconference Available)**

YAKUTAT - A public hearing will be held from 7 to 8pm in the Yakutat Kwaan conference room, to provide information and solicit comments to **GUIDE FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE MOUNTAIN GOAT MANAGEMENT in UNIT 5**. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game will also be available to answer any questions. Interested persons may also call in by dialing (202) 650-0123 and entering the passcode 894743396#. For additional information, call Susan Oehlers, wildlife and subsistence biologist, at 907-312-8003 or email susan.oehlers@usda.gov.

****July 19 (Hybrid Meeting)**

DELTA JUNCTION - DELTA FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet at 6:30pm in the Delta Junction City Hall and by web/teleconference. This meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include: * Discussion of the low numbers in Macomb Caribou Herd; * Discuss 2023 fall hunt (Below Management Objectives); Other

business. A copy of the full agenda, minutes from the previous meeting, and other materials will be posted to this Online Public Notice prior to the start of the meeting. Minutes and audio recordings will be posted to archived meeting notices, which can be found on the Delta Advisory Committee's

website: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.acinfo&ac=delta> Join the meeting

online: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86267003745?pwd=ZTdTUG5ja1RzdmdxZnl5Wjg5TGgvUT09>

July 19

CORDOVA – Open house meeting will be held from 5 to 6:45pm at The Cordova Center to discuss the **2ND STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**. The purpose of this meeting is to provide project updates to the community and present the latest concept drawings for proposed sidewalk and parking improvements. Project staff will be in attendance and available to answer your questions. Comments sheet will be provided at the meeting or comments can be made by contacting Russ Johnson., Engineering Manager, at (907) 451-5059 or email russell.johnson@alaska.gov,

****July 20**

The **ALASKA BOARD of GAME** will hold a non-regulatory meeting via web conference at 3:30pm. The special meeting has been called for the purpose of addressing the following administrative topics: * Formation of a board committee with authority to form a working group for the purpose of making recommendations to the Board for future management of Dall sheep in Unit 19C; * Assign Board member to serve on the Big Game Commercial Services Board; and * Letter to the Federal Subsistence Board regarding federal Nelchina caribou hunts. The meeting is accessible by viewing the live video stream at www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov; or listening by phone by calling +1 253-215-8782 and entering meeting 829 1411 7029 . If the board chooses to form a committee, the public will have the opportunity to provide written comments on the topic of sheep management in Unit 19C during the committee process. The meeting agenda, reports, and other meeting materials will available online at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=07-20-2023&meeting=webconference>. For more information about the meeting, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Boards Support Section at (907) 465-6098.

****July 27**

KODIAK - Public Open House meeting will be held from 5 to 7pm at the Kodiak Fisheries Research Center to discuss the **KODIAK CHINIAK HIGHWAY REHABILITATION: MILEPOST 15 TO 31 PROJECT**. Please join us for a public open house to learn about the project and provide your input. If you have any questions or require additional information about the project prior to the meeting, contact Design Project Manager, Lance Mearig, at (907) 465-4490 or Joseph Galgano, Environmental Impact Analyst, at (907) 465-4447. Written comments or questions regarding the project can be submitted electronically via the project website at <https://dot.alaska.gov/sereg/projects/chiniak-hwy>.

**** July 31**

NENANA - Public Meeting will be held at 6pm at the Nenana City Public Library to discuss the **NENANA-TOTCHAKET ROAD PROJECT** to rehabilitate the existing 12.1 miles of Totchaket road and extend the road west an additional 4.7 miles to end near a parking area. When complete, the project will improve the road grade, add drainage and erosion control measures, and provide improved access to the valley west of Nenana for agriculture, hunting, fishing, and other recreational uses. Please join us to discuss project status and what to expect this fall. For additional project information go to: <https://dot.alaska.gov/nreg/nenana-totchaket/>. For more information on the project or to submit a comment, contact Jonathan J. Hutchinson at (907) 451-5479 or email jonathan.hutchinson@alaska.gov.

**** August 1 (Hybrid Meeting)**

KETCHIKAN – The **ALASKA BOARD OF FORESTRY** will meet at 8am at the Landing Hotel, Sunny Point Reception Room to discuss statewide forestry issues. Topics on the boards agenda include: * - Forestry and forest practices related legislation and budget updates; * State and federal forest management issues, including reports on the Tongass Roadless Rule, Mental Health Trust forestry activity; * USFS forestry activity; and * Division of Forestry & Fire Protection timber sales, forest management plan revisions, and other timber related initiatives; * Biomass and wood energy projects and opportunities; * - Public comment/ Other forestry matters may be included on the agenda. The board meeting will be accessible via Zoom as a teleconference and webinar.

Connect via Zoom

at us06web.zoom.us/j/81939339668?pwd=QnJ0QU5zL2JHdjZSWRrZ3NTSETDUT09 with Meeting ID: 819 3933 9668; Passcode: EKz2Cc. For a copy of the agenda and an online link to the meeting, go to www.forestry.alaska.gov/recentnews.

EVENTS & MEETINGS in the ANCHORAGE AREA

YOUTH and ADULT SUMMER EDUCATION PROGRAMS at BIRD TREATMENT and LEARNING CENTER for ages 2 - 92. Interactive and fun classes raise awareness of the birds we share the world with. Programs run from June through the end of July at Bird TLC. See all programs here: <https://www.birdtlc.org/educationprograms>.

July 16

DISCOVERY HIKE: PRESENCE in NATURE will be held from 1:30 to 3pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Cast off your stress and deepen your awareness of your natural surroundings as we explore the trails together. You will use your senses and a variety of mindfulness techniques to stop, listen, and feel your innate connection to the beautiful natural world around us. The program is designed for all ages and will be held outside regardless of the weather so please dress accordingly. Writing paper and pencils will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring your own journals, notebooks, or sketchpads and drawing pencils if you have them. This event is \$5 per person. Registration is required at <https://www.recreation.gov/ticket/facility/10089159>.

****July 17**

ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN'S WHAT'S IN BLOOM WALKING TOUR will be held from 6 to 7 pm. Make the most of our short growing season and learn to identify Alaskan plants and find out what's blooming in our collections with one of our monthly walks in the Garden. Each month will highlight the different flowering plants in the surrounding boreal forest and highlight plants in our collections chosen for hardiness & differing bloom times. For more information and registration, go to https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTc5MjM5.

July 17

Join UFA Outreach Forester **GLEN HOLT** at 5:30pm for a **WALK in SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA'S BOREAL FOREST**. Glen will identify common trees and shrubs, discuss basic boreal forest biology and small woodlot forest management, and outline principles of wildfire defensible space, among other topics.

The walks will be hands-on and interactive. Please wear appropriate outdoor clothing. Rain gear, rubber boots and insect repellent are recommended. Participants must be 12 or older. No dogs, please. Meet at the trail entrance to the Abbott Loop Community Park, [8101 Elmore Road](#). Register at <https://forms.gle/bo6HCazRgpQedrUE7>.

July 18 & 25

Take a **NATURE BREAK** from Noon to 12:45 each Tuesday this month! Join a CCSC naturalist for a noontime dive into wildflowers, trees, creek insects, and more. Topic changes each week. Programs will be conducted partially or entirely outdoors, so be sure to dress for the weather. Group may walk over uneven ground for as much as half a mile. These events are free and open to the public.

July 19

WILDFLOWER DISCOVERY HIKE will be held from 1 to 2:30 pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Each summer the boreal forest transforms into a lush and colorful landscape of plants and flowers. Join naturalist **JULIE** on a wildflower discovery hike. Learn skills to identify common plants, discover plant adaptations, and explore why flowers matter. This event is \$5 per person. Registration is required at <https://www.recreation.gov/ticket/facility/10089159>.

****July 19, 20, 21**

Join the **Anchorage Public Library** and our expert presenter on a **LEARNING WALK** at 3pm at Cheney Lake Park. We will be discussing how to identify common Alaskan plants and weeds and what can be done with them. We will walk the circuit around the lake starting from the park, which is a 1.1 mile walk so please prepare accordingly.

July 20 & 27

WRITING WORKSHOPS IN YOUR PARK SERIES sponsored by the Anchorage Park Foundation in various park locations... Local artist **LAUREN S. H. SCANTLEBURY** will help participants focus on presence and awareness, using the sights and sounds, and smells of the natural surrounds as writing inspiration. Workshops are at a different park each Thursday during the month of July and cost \$10/workshop. [Register here](#).

July 20 from 7to 8:30pm in **Folker Park**

July 27, from Noon to 1pm in **Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park**

For more information, contact Michelle LeBeau at 907.249.6650pr
email michelle@anchorageparkfoundation.org.

July 20

NATURE NERD CONVOS: WHAT'S THAT SMELL? will be held from 6:30to 8:pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Once a month this summer, nerd out on ecological topics and figure out together with fellow audience members the question of the night: What is that smell? This is a fun, interactive event with a 20-minute talk on aromatic chemical compounds found in plants and in the soil, scientific activities, and discussion. This event is \$5 per person. Registration is required at <https://www.recreation.gov/ticket/facility/10089159>.

July 22

Join **ALASKA TRAILS** on the **EKLUTNA LAKESIDE ATV ACCESS TRAIL** from 10 am to 2:30 pm to help improve the trail for all trail users! Volunteers will be hiking to brush out the trail corridor on this ATV access trail in Chugach State Park. Volunteers will meet at the ATV lot on the north (left, as you drive in) side of the road, across from the Eklutna Lake Campground. No experience is necessary, and all tools will be provided. Learn more and RSVP at: [ghttps://bit.ly/EklutnaBrushin](https://bit.ly/EklutnaBrushin)

July 27

BIRCH TREE PAINTINGS will be held from 7to 8:30pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Enjoy a fun evening creating watercolors of birch trees and learning more about Alaska Paper Birch (*Betula neoplasia*). This delightful tree is native to Alaska and northern Canada. The art technique is simple and produces beautiful results no matter your experience level. This event is \$5 per person. Registration is required at <https://www.recreation.gov/ticket/facility/10089159>.

July 28

OUTDOOR WALKS AND LEARNING FOR SENIORS (O.W.L.S.) will be held from 10 to 11am. OWLS, Outdoor Walks and Learning for Seniors, is a program for active, inquisitive seniors. Join a CCSC naturalist for an outdoor walk that emphasizes exercise and includes nuggets of nature learning. These events are free and open to the public.

****July 30**

ANCHORAGE GARDEN CLUB'S ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR will be held. Six to eight gardens will be open for the public to visit. Check back a couple of days before the tour for a list of gardens. We are actively looking for gardens now.

Email anchoragegc@gmail.com to nominate a garden. Event page on Facebook and More info on their faacebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/734114871310215/>.

July 30

THE SECRET LIVES of TREES will be presented from 1:30 to 3pm at the Campbell

Creek Science. Discover the secret lives of trees on this walk in the woods with a CCSC naturalist. Explore different tree species, meet other woody plants, and find out the many ways trees are connected to other living things.

This event is \$5 per person. Registration is required at https://www.recreation.gov/ticket/facility/10089159_

EVENTS & MEETINGS OUTSIDE of ANCHORAGE

July 18 PALMER - A WALK in the WOODS will be held at 6pm for a walk in a Southcentral Alaska boreal forest will be held at 6pm. Join UAF Cooperative Extension Service Outreach Forester *GLEN HOLT* who will identify common trees and shrubs, discuss small woodlot management, basic boreal forest biology and outline the principles of wildfire defensible space, among other topics. The walk is hands-on and interactive. Please wear appropriate outdoor clothing. Rain gear, rubber boots and insect repellent are recommended. Meet at the Mat-Su College Snodgrass Hall parking lot. Register at [_bit.ly/MatSuWalk2023_](https://bit.ly/MatSuWalk2023_) or call 907-745-3360.

**** July 19 (Hybrid: In person & via Zoom)**

FAIRBANKS - FAST PLANNING POLICY BOARD will meet from Noon to 2pm in the FAST Planning Office, Suite 205 KeyBank Building or attend by computer at: www.fastplanning.us/keep/zoom. Main Agenda Items include: * FFY2023-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification #1: * FAST Improvement Program FFY2025I * Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan Scope of Services; * Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Development Update. For more information, contact Jackson Fox, FAST Planning Executive Director, at (907) 205-4276 or email jackson.fox@fastplanning.us.

July 19 (Hybrid: In person & via Zoom)

PALMER - AFTER the SPRUCE BEETLE: WAYS to USE WOOD from a BEETLE-KILLED SPRUCE will be held at 5pm at the UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm, Room 208 Kerttula Hall. In this two-hour free presentation, UAF Cooperative Extension Service Outreach Forester **GLEN HOLT** will discuss wood utilization options for beetle-killed spruce. Local artist **JEREMY FRANKLIN** will describe how he has used beetle-killed spruce wood in his art and projects and some of the possibilities for future use. Register at bit.ly/CESsprucebeetle or call 907-745-3360. Brought to you by the Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) and the Wasilla Soil and Water Conservation District.

July 20 Hybrid: In person & via Zoom)

PALMER - SPLIT, STACK, STORE will be presented at 6pm by UAF Cooperative Extension Service at the UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm, Room 208 Kerttula Hall. In this 1 ½ hour presentation Outreach Forester **GLEN HOLT** focuses on the how and why of using seasoned, dry firewood for wood stoves and cordwood boilers for efficient and

successful home or facility firewood heating. The class is offered in collaboration with the Wasilla Soil and Water Conservation District. This class will be offered as well via Zoom. Register at bit.ly/CESwoodcutting or call 907-745-3360.

July 22

WASILLA - SETTLERS BAY COASTAL PARK EXPLORATION DAY will be held from 11am to 3pm at the West Parking Lot. There will be a ribbon cutting/celebration/photo opportunity with funders, donors, and sponsors at noon. Join Great Land Trust for a free, family-friendly day of exploring Settlers Bay Coastal Park. This nearly 500-acre park offers miles of walking trails, singletrack mountain bike trails, a coastal viewing platform, and access to the Palmer Hay Flats. There will be information booths, food trucks, and a variety of activities for the whole family! Come celebrate the new land that was added to the park this spring. Bring your friends, family, dogs, bikes, binoculars, snacks, and bug spray, and have a good time enjoying this new park! [Event Information](#).

DEADLINES

**July 21

Deadline for comments on **7 APPLICATIONS for WATER RIGHTS for RED DOG MINE** for Main Waste ARD Collection System, Dewatering Wells, Bons Creek Reservoir, DMTS Port (Red Dog Port), Main Dam Seepage Collection System, Diversion Ditch #1 and #4, and Diversion Ditch #2 from Teck Alaska. These water rights are being requested for metal mining and for environmental quality control of water sources within the mine. Water uses requested are for water withdrawals, water diversions, and water impoundment. To see specific information concerning each application request, go to <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=211606>. For further information on the subject, contact Kindra Geis at kindra.geis@alaska.gov or Jenny March at jenny.march@alaska.gov.

July 25

ANCHORAGE - Comments are due Public Draft of the **DESTINATION UMED TDM PLAN & STRATEGY TOOLKIT**. The Strategy Toolkit explains the recommended strategies, providing details on key actions and proven examples from other places. Documents for Review include [Destination UMED TDM Plan – Public Draft](#) and [Destination UMED TDM Strategy Toolkit – Public Draft](#). Email your comments to: [_destination_umed@PublicInput.com](mailto:destination_umed@PublicInput.com). Record a voicemail with your comments at: 855-925-2801, project code 2954.

**July 27

KODIAK -Comments are due on the Notice to Begin Engineering & Environmental Studies and Floodplain Encroachment for the **KODIAK CHINIAC HIGHWAY**

REHABILITATION: MILEPOST 15 TO JUST PAST 31 to improve and preserve the roadway subgrade and surface. The project will be phased over multiple construction projects based on the availability of funding prioritization of improvements, and work type limits. The proposed project may encroach into unmapped base (100 year) floodplains at Frank Creek, West Fork Twin Creek, Myrtle Creek, Roslyn Creek, Kalsin Creek, Deadman Creek, Mayflower Creek, Felton Creek, American River, Salt Creek, Holiday Creek, and several unnamed streams. Project encroachments (water crossings) into unmapped floodplains are considered functionally dependent because the facilities cannot perform their intended purpose unless they are located or carried out in close proximity to the identified waterbodies. The encroachments will not result in a longitudinal or significant encroachment and will not change the base flood elevations. The project does not involve a regulatory floodway. Controlled Blasting will occur within the upland areas shown in the online public notice as well as the project website at dot.alaska.gov/sereg/projects/chiniak-hwy around Milepost 26. Government agencies sometimes need to acquire additional property rights for public projects. Often this is only a temporary easement for access or construction. The U. S. Constitution promises private citizens the right to just compensation for property rights required for public use. The Uniform Act is used to assure equitable treatment to property owners and that just compensation is provided for any additional property rights. The Right of Way (ROW) section will reach out directly to any property owners whose property is necessary for the construction of the project. DOT&PF is soliciting comments on the proposed project regarding floodplains and controlled blasting. Your comments would help us evaluate the potential floodplain impacts of this project. For more information or to submit comments, contact Joseph Galgano, Environmental Impact Analyst, at (907) 465-4447 or email joseph.galgano@alaska.gov or Lance Mearig, Design Project Manager. at (907) 465-4490 or email lance.mearig@alaska.gov

July 31

Comments are due on the National Park Service (NPS) on a **PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA) between the INTERIOR REGION 11 - ALASKA and the ALASKA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (AK SHPO)**. The draft PA was developed per the NPS 2008 Nationwide Programmatic Agreement which encourages NPS parks to develop Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act supplemental agreements as appropriate. The proposed PA, developed in consultation with NPS staff, AK SHPO, Tribes, and other interested parties, will provide parks the ability to streamline Section 106 reviews for certain types of activities that have a low potential to affect historic properties (see draft PA Stipulation IV). To see the Document Content go to [Public Review Draft NPS IR11 Alaska Section 106 PA 6.27.2023 508 accessible.pdf. Comment Now »](#)

August 3

KLAWOCK - Deadline for comments on a **PROPOSED LAND OFFERING: KAIKLI COVE SUBDIVISION** located within DNR's Southeast Region in the community of

Naukati Bay, approximately 24 miles north of Klawock. This proposed project includes offering for sale surveyed parcels in a future offering under the method described in the Preliminary Decision document ([ADL 108216 Preliminary Decision_PN.pdf](#)). The project may be subdivided and offered in multiple offerings over time. Project size: Approximately 165 acres identified for disposal by this proposed action. To obtain a copy of the Preliminary Decision or instructions on submitting comment, go to <http://landsales.alaska.gov/> or <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/>. For more information, go to [Attachment A - Vicinity Map.pdf](#) and [Attachment B - Public Notice.pdf](#). To submit comments or for direct inquiries, contact John King at land.development@alaska.gov or 907-465-3511. A copy of the Final Finding and Decision will be sent to any persons who commented timely on the Preliminary

****August 4**

Deadline for comments on the **COOK INLET REGIONAL CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL (CIRCAC)** of the annual review and **RECERIFICATION** by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) of CIRCAC's activities. The recertification process ensures that CIRCAC is meeting the mandates spelled out in OPA 90 and is representing the interests of the communities within the vicinity of the terminal operations in the Cook Inlet and Kodiak Island areas. A copy of CIRCAC's application to the USCG is available online at www.circac.org/about/recertification. Comments should be submitted through the Federal Decision Making Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov> and reference Docket Number USCG-2023-0392. For more information, visit www.circac.org, call 907-283-7222, or email Maddie Jamora at jamora@circac.org.

****August 6**

KENAI PENINSULA - Deadline for comments for a Water Quality Certification for the JOHNSON RIVER, JT MINING INC. - JOHNSON TRACT... The applicant's stated purpose is to provide safe and practical access to the JT mineral deposit for the purpose of completing underground advanced exploration drilling. The discharge of clean fill to WOTUS is necessary to build a gravel access road and realign and lengthen an airstrip. The project also proposes to construct 2.3 miles of new access road between the airstrip and entrance to the proposed underground exploration ramp, and an additional 0.3 miles to material site JT-06 and the development of up to 6 material sites for fill. And an underground ramp or linear tunnel that will allow access for exploratory drilling to deeper portions of the JT mineral deposit. The road will include single span bridges crossing the Johnson River and another on Double Glacier Creek. Approximately 21 culverts will also be installed. Bridge abutments are designed to be above Ordinary High Water (OHW), so they do not impact Waters of the US. (WOTUS). All activities are on Cook Inlet Region Incorporated (private) surface and subsurface lands. WOTUS impacts include filling 9.0 acres of wetlands and 1,470 ft. of linear impacts to streams resulting from culvert installation. The applicant proposes to discharge a total of 14,872 cubic yards of general embankment fill and 13,000 cubic yards of surfacing material into 9 acres of waters of the U.S. (WOTUS), including

wetlands, to construct a portal access road and airstrip, and to impact 1,470 linear feet of streams by installing culverts. The proposed construction of the 2.3-mile-long portal access road would discharge 2,686 cubic yards of general embankment fill and 4,662 cubic yards of surfacing material into 3.6 acres of wetlands. The road would extend another 0.3 mile to access a material site located in the uplands. The access road would be constructed as a cut/fill road with a top surface that is 12 feet wide and maximum 2:1 side slopes. The road would be designed as a single lane with pullouts where necessary to accommodate two-way traffic. Pullouts (10 feet wide x 200 feet long) would be located for intervisibility and at regular intervals not exceeding one-half mile to allow for safe vehicle passage. The depth of fill would vary depending on the terrain and construction method. Typical fill includes select embankment fill (pit run gravel or rock < 12 inches), topped with surface material fill (pit run gravel or crushed rock < 2 inches). Geotextile fabric would be installed where required for road stability (approximately 1 mile of the 2.3-mile road). Two bridges would be required for the portal access road. A 90-foot clear span bridge would be utilized for crossing the Johnson River (sheet 6). A 60-foot clear span bridge would be utilized for crossing Double Glacier Creek, which is a tributary of the Johnson River. Culverts would be placed at minor drainage crossings including several in fish-bearing streams. Culverts would be large enough to allow fish passage. Bridge and culvert designs would be reviewed by Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and permitted to ensure minimal impacts to fish habitat and protection of fish passage. For the realignment and extension of the existing airstrip, 12,186 cubic yards of general embankment fill and 8,338 cubic yards of surfacing material would be discharged into 5.4 acres of wetlands. The upgraded airstrip would be lengthened to 5,000 feet and would have an approximately 150-foot-wide landing surface. A parking apron would be constructed on the south side of the airstrip and would measure approximately 400 feet by 300 feet. The public notice and related project figures/drawings are accessible at <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/>. To comment or request for a public hearing with respect to water quality, submit comments to <https://water.alaskadec.commentinput.com?id=RH3h75k8i> on or before the public notice expiration date listed above.

August 7

Deadline for comment on the notice of intent to begin engineering and environmental studies AMATS for **HILLSIDE DRIVE RESURFACING – DEARMOUN ROAD TO ABBOTT ROAD**. and an adjacent one-half mile section of **RABBIT CREEK ROAD**. The proposed work may include: *Improvements to existing surfaces (e.g., milling, paving, subgrade rehabilitation as needed); * Pedestrian improvements, including Americans with Disabilities Act compliance; * Replace, repair, or install roadside hardware (e.g., signage, lighting, striping, guardrail). For more information, contact Sean Baski, Project Manager, at 269-0566 or email sean.baski@alaska.gov. Submit comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, at brian.elliott@alaska.gov.

****August 7**

HEALY - Comments are due on the **RENEWAL APPLICATION for a PUBLIC EASEMENT and NEGOTIATED LEASE for an ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH SITE** located on south side of Stampede Road approximately 5.7 miles west of the Parks Highway near Eight Mile Lake, northwest of Battelle Memorial Institute has applied to renew a previously issued negotiated lease and public easement on state land for an ecological research site. The purpose of the research site is to collect scientific data to study the effects of climate change and capture variability in ecological and climatological conditions. This project is part of the long-term National Ecological Observation Network and is one of eight ecological observation sites in Alaska and is one of 20 ecoclimatic domains across the nation. The public easement is 2,130 feet long by 25 feet wide, encompassing 1.2 acres. The public easement consists of a wooden access boardwalk and private utility lines. The negotiated lease is 750 feet long by 200 feet wide, encompassing 3.444 acres. The leased area consists of an instrument hut, ecological monitoring tower, soil array instrumentation, boardwalks, and associated monitoring equipment. The current 10-year term of the lease and easement expires in August of 2023. The requested term is for 10 years. For more information or to submit comments, contact David Hite at 907-451-2729 or email david.hite@alaska.gov

August 22

Deadline for applications for the **EPA' S FIRST-EVER NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (NEYAC)**. The NEYAC will provide independent advice and recommendations to Administrator Michael S. Regan on how to increase EPA's efforts to address a range of environmental issues as they relate to youth communities. The NEYAC will provide a critical perspective on how the impacts of climate change and other environmental harms affect youth communities. The Administrator announced his intent to launch the youth council last June at the Austrian World Summit. EPA is soliciting applications for youth to fill 16 vacancies on the NEYAC... As a first-of-its-kind committee, all members of NEYAC will be between the ages of 16 and 29. As part of the agency's commitment to centering environmental justice communities, at least 50% of the overall membership of NEYAC will come from, reside primarily in, and/or do most of their work in disadvantaged communities as defined by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) as part of Justice40. To apply for appointment to the council, the following information is required: Contact information; Resume OR short biography OR qualification essay; Statement of interest. Visit the EPA NEYAC webpage for more information on the council and to apply [at https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-invites-youth-serve-agencys-first-ever-national-environmental-youth-advisory/](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-invites-youth-serve-agencys-first-ever-national-environmental-youth-advisory/).

July 31

Deadline for comments for an **APPLICATION for a RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASE for the WILLOW SALES OIL PIPELINE** Willow Transportation Company (WTC) proposes to build an above ground 16-inch pipeline to carry sales quality crude oil from the Willow

Central Facility to a tie-in to the Alpine Sales Oil Pipeline, at the Miscible Injectant/Grind and Inject (MIGI) pad near the Colville River Delta 4 (CD4) pad. The Willow Sales Oil Pipeline will have a design flow rate of 200,000 barrels per day. The Willow Sales Oil Pipeline, which is predominantly on federal or Kuukpik lands, will cross approximately 0.25 miles of state submerged lands. WTC requests a 125-foot-wide construction ROW containing approximately 6 acres, which will be reduced following construction to a 50-foot-wide ROW for operations. The application is available at <http://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Newsroom>. For more information or to submit comments, contact Tammis Brown at (907) 269-8800 or email spco.records@alaska.gov.

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFP

August 4

Deadline for applications for the **FY25 HARBOR FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM**. New this year, digital applications for Harbor Facility Grant funding year 2025 will be accepted. Digital versions must be delivered via Alaska ZendTo due to the size of the files (<https://drop.state.ak.us/drop>) use the drop-off option and include the DOT&PF Harbor Grants email, dot.harborgrants@alaska.gov as the recipient. This grant program provides state financial assistance in the form of a 50/50 matching grant for municipally or regional housing authority owned small boat harbor facilities in the State of Alaska. State funding is only for the construction phase of small boat harbor projects. More information about the Harbor Facility Grant program is available at the following DOT&PF website at <https://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/ports> or by contacting DOT&PF Statewide Program Development at (907)465-8769.

****August 21**

Deadline for letters of intent for the **NOAA CLIMATE RESILIENCE REGIONAL CHALLENGE** available through this competitive grant program to help coastal communities increase their resilience to extreme weather events and impacts from climate change. The funds are provided by the Inflation Reduction Act. The program is investing in collaborative approaches to climate resilience using a regional approach, with an emphasis on equity, adaptation, and building enduring capacity. There are two separate, simultaneous tracks: **Track One** – Regional collaborative building and strategy development: \$500,000 to \$2 million, to be spent over five years, for each successful applicant; and **Track Two** – Implementation of resilience and adaptation actions: \$15 million to \$75 million, to be spent over five years, for each successful applicant. Details can be found on the opportunity webpage: coast.noaa.gov/funding/ira/resilience-challenge, including links to the Notice of Funding Opportunity and application through [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov). Questions about the program can be directed to resiliencechallenge@noaa.gov.

September 30

CANDIDATE SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND from the **FISH and WILDLIFE**

SERVICE to provide a means by which the ecosystems upon which endangered and threatened species depend may be conserved, to provide a program for the conservation of such endangered species and threatened species, and to take appropriate steps to achieve the purposes of treaties and conventions set forth in the ESA. Section 2(a)(5) of the ESA authorizes the use of Federal financial assistance to encourage the states and other interested parties to develop and maintain conservation programs to safeguard the Nation's heritage in fish, wildlife and plants for the benefit of all citizens. Applicants are expected to have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the biology of the involved candidate or at-risk species and its ecosystem, including preferably having worked with the species in the field. The principal objective of this Candidate Species Conservation funding opportunity is to accomplish conservation tasks for high priority candidate species (based on our annual Candidate Species Assessments) or other at-risk species in the United States, such that identified threats to the species may be reduced or eliminated. \$500,000 Award Ceiling: \$1,000 Award Floor. For more information, go to <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=345058/>.

****October 31**

Deadline for applications for the **LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF)** reimbursable grant program in partnership with the National Park Service. LWCF can provide up to 50% of costs for eligible outdoor recreation projects. **Eligible Applicants:** State, regional, local and tribal governments with the legal authority to provide park and recreation services on public lands are eligible to apply for LWCF assistance. **Funding Priorities:** High-priority project types for LWCF funding assistance should also reflect one or more of the three specific strategic goals as outlined in the Alaska State Comprehensive Plan for Outdoor Recreation (SCORP), 2023-2027, Goal 1. Support the Alaska Outdoor Recreation Way of Life. Goal 4. Empower & Enable Alaskans to Lead Active, Healthy Lives. Goal 5. Balance Outdoor Recreation Growth and Stewardship. **Applications will be accepted** by DPOR for this grant round **from August 1st through the afternoon to October 31**. For more information, contact Ms. Danette Berkovitz, Grants Section Manager, danette.Berkovitz@alaska.gov or at 907-269-8706. The application package will be made available online by August 1, 2023. For more information, and to learn about the application process, please visit DNR's website.

****October 31**

Deadline for a letter of intent for a new Grant Program **-ALASKA MARITIME HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM** from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the State Libraries, Archives, and Museums (LAM), funded by the National Park Service, and administered by SHPO. This program is designed to protect Alaska's maritime resources and advance public awareness of Alaska's Nationally significant maritime properties, and resources, and advance public awareness of marine collections, traditional skills, and knowledge. The Alaska Maritime Heritage Preservation

Program will offer Alaskans two new grant opportunities for preservation and education projects. Of the total \$342,000 federal award, \$15,000 will support in-house projects for the Alaska State Museum. The remaining \$327,500 will be sub-granted to support preservation and education projects statewide. The new competitive, reimbursable, and matching (1:1 with *non*-federal dollars) grant program, will provide support, expertise, and resources to state governments, cultural and academic institutions, 501(c)(3) nonprofits, local governments, individuals and Tribes. Projects should be ready to commence by February 1, 2024, and be completed by June 30, 2025. Applicants for preservation grants can request from \$10,000 to \$50,000 and applicants for education grants range from \$5,000 to a maximum of \$50,000. SHPO anticipates \$100,000 in available funds for preservation projects and \$227,500 for education projects. For more information, contact State Historian Katie Ringsmuth at katie.ringsmuth@alaska.gov or go to [Office of History & Archaeology](#) for detailed information on the Maritime Heritage Grant Program.

ITEMS of INTEREST

***See the **SAFER SEWARD HIGHWAY WEBSITE** for updates, documents, announcements, and to make comments or suggestions., go to <https://safersewardhighway.com/>.

THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA BIRDING TRAIL is now a MOBIL APPLICATION.. A birding trail is a virtual guide to birding hotspots within a specific geographic region. The Southeast Alaska Birding Trail is a curated list of nearly 200 birding sites found among 18 communities throughout Southeast Alaska. Think Strawberry Point (known for migrating waterfowl and shorebirds) in Yakutat to Bear Paw Lake (where Trumpeter Swan abound) in Hoonah to Ward Lake (spot the different owl species) in Ketchikan. The region, which includes the Tongass National Forest, the Mendenhall Wetlands Important Bird Area, Glacier Bay National Park, and the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, boasts more than 350 bird species. It features the highest density of Marbled Murrelets and Bald Eagles in the world and is a spring stopover for hundreds of thousands of shorebirds on their way to breeding grounds in the Arctic. Birds found nowhere else, like the Queen Charlotte Goshawk and Prince of Wales Spruce Grouse, also inhabit the region's old-growth and mature forests. Feel free to get started at [Download today!](#)

ANCHORAGE - 2024-2025 AMATS UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM - DRAFT defines the transportation planning activities and products to be developed by AMATS and other transportation planning agencies. It is the basis for allocating federal, state, and local funds for short- and long-range transportation planning activities within the AMATS area. Tasks are grouped into 'Work Elements' in the following categories: * 100 Element: Plans and Programs; * 200 Element: Subarea and Special Studies; 300 Element: Air Quality; 400 Element: * Data and Modeling; * 500 Element: Program

Administration and Public Involvement; * 600 Element: Public Transportation; * 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program - Narrative. Email your comments to: upwp_comments@PublicInput.com or record a voicemail with your comments at: 855-925-2801, project code 6355..

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ALASKA TRAILS is looking for volunteers to help with **TRAIL CONSTRUCTION and MAINTENANCE PROJECTS**. Volunteering is a great way 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. 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..>

INTERN OPPORTUNITIES

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

****WATER QUALITY PROTECTION COORDINATOR** for the **ALASKA COMMUNITY ACTION ON TOXICS (ACAT)** seeks a talented and highly motivated person to serve as our Water Quality and Community Health Protection Coordinator. This person will help advance ACAT's mission and achieve environmental health and justice. The coordinator will work statewide to protect water quality and public health from harmful mining, oil and gas, and military activities. The coordinator will work with Alaskans, ACAT's coalition partners, and decision-makers to advocate for policies that strengthen the public's right to know, hold polluters accountable, and uphold environmental protections, health, and human rights. To see the full position description and application information go to [CLICK HERE](#).

****COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER** for **The ALASKA CENTER** and **The ALASKA CENTER EDUCATION FUND** to help advance our vision of a thriving, just, and sustainable Alaska for current and future generations. Our Communications Manager will work with our youth engagement, advocacy, and political programs as well as our development and communications teams to engage, inspire, and galvanize thousands of Alaskans to take action on various issues and support leaders who share our vision. The ideal candidate will be eager to cultivate and grow our communications outreach and organization visibility with volunteers and donors, be skilled at utilizing creative social media and digital communications tools, have a keen eye for written detail and design, and understand the power of storytelling to connect with a diverse array of communities. This is a full-time position. While we have offices available in Anchorage, we are open to considering applicants from across the state. To Apply [CLICK HERE>>](#).

NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST 2/3 (PCN 10-2142) for the ALASKA DEPARTMENT of NATURAL RESOURCE'S (DNR) WATER RESOURCES SECTION.

The position is only open to Alaska residents. This position will adjudicate water rights and temporary water use applications with the goal of efficiently and effectively managing Alaska's water resources. Our team makes decisions that balance domestic and commercial water use with conservation needs, provide customer service and technical assistance that is accurate and responsive, and strive for a transparent and predictable process for all applicants and permittee. We are helping Alaskans to access this vital resource while balancing the needs of multiple users and the environment. The Natural Resource Specialist 2/3 duties will include providing technical assistance; reviewing applications; updating databases; analyzing water, environmental, landownership, and land use records; coordinating with stakeholders on projects; applying statutes, regulations, and policies to make decisions; and writing legally defensible and concise technical documents. You will primarily be working on commercial water right applications throughout Southcentral Alaska and temporary water use applications from the oil and gas industry. To see the full position description, go to <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alaska/jobs/4096275-0/natural-resource-specialist-2-3-pcn-10-2142>. **Deadline for applications is July 31.** For more information, contact Jessie Zimmerman at 907-375-6472 or [email kjessie.zimmerman@alaska.gov](mailto:kjessie.zimmerman@alaska.gov).

FIELD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER at the YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION (YKHC) OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & ENGINEERING

in **Bethel** working with the 58 Alaska Native tribes in the YK Delta. This is an entry-level position with exposure to many aspects of general environmental health and is a perfect fit for a recent graduate with an adventurous spirit. Typical workload includes assignment to approximately 15 communities, with at least annual travel (via small plane, boat, snow mobile, or ice road truck on the river) to complete annual health clinic inspections, water treatment plant sanitary surveys, and providing rabies vaccinations. Other duties include rabies exposure investigations, processing samples in the EPA-certified Water Test Lab, instructing at sponsored water plant operator trainings, general compliance assistance for water systems, special projects and emergency response (i.e., wildfires, flooding, etc.), among other projects and routine tasks. To apply: go to <https://phh.tbe.taleo.net/phh01/ats/careers/v2/viewRequisition?org=YKHC&cws=41&id=14973>. For questions, contact Alyssa Leary at alyssa_leary@ykhc.org or call 907-543-6421.

CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for the FAIRBANKS CLIMATE ACTION COALITION (FCAC)

to organize the WMC summer operations, contributing to a smooth running and financially sustainable organization. For more information, go to <http://fbxclimateaction.org/jobs>.

ARCTIC PROGRAM COORDINATOR for the NORTHERN ALASKA

ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER. (NAEC) will work to honor, respect, and enhance communications between Indigenous and Alaska-based groups on environmental justice campaigns in Arctic Alaska. This position would increase capacity for land and water defense in Arctic Alaska and ensure communication and coordination between Alaska-based partners and national defense campaigns. Requirements: At least (5) years of experience in working with campaigning, program management, and team leadership in one or more contexts (e.g., nonprofit, academic, government, tribal, or private sectors) is required. The Arctic Program Coordinator salary range is \$55,000-\$60,000 + benefits, depending on experience. The Northern Center offers healthcare, vision, paid vacation leave (21 days), twelve (12) days of sick leave per year, two (2) personal days, and eleven (11) paid holidays. To apply, please submit your resume and a cover letter to lois@northern.org and include your last name and "Arctic Program Coordinator" in the subject line of the email. Candidates selected for a second interview will be asked to supply 3 professional references, at least one of which must be a past supervisor of the candidate. The complete job listing is available at <https://northern.org/featured/were-hiring-3/>

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