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FISCAL YEAR 2023

ANNUAL REPORT





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Through supporting grassroots advocacy, facilitating collaborative conservation, and strengthening Alaska's conservation movement, the Alaska Conservation Foundation works to ensure Alaska's unparalleled natural heritage will remain one of America's most significant legacies for generations to come. Founded in 1980, the Alaska Conservation Foundation is the only public 501(c)(3) foundation solely dedicated to conservation in Alaska, connecting thousands of committed donors and businesses worldwide with more than a hundred grassroots conservation organizations in Alaska. We are very thankful for our generous supporters who make our work possible. If you haven't made your donation to the Alaska Conservation Foundation, now is the time to join us in protecting Alaska by becoming a supporter!

OUR MISSION

We protect Alaska's unique landscapes and ways of life by supporting conservation leaders, organizations, and initiatives.

OUR VISION

We envision a future where Alaska's lands, waters, wildlife, and ways of life are sustained by and for countless generations.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I'm thrilled to share our FY2023 Annual Report with you—a testament to your ongoing commitment that fuels our collaborations, creating a monumental impact on Alaska's landscapes and communities. Your generous support makes our work possible. Thank you.

Together, we've focused on monitoring complex economic, political, and cultural landscapes across the state, supporting grassroots advocacy, and prioritizing where to direct funds to achieve meaningful conservation success — guiding Alaska's expansive terrains into a sustainable future.

Our partnerships have never been more robust. These alliances bring together a diverse range of stakeholders, from government bodies to Alaska's private sector and our local communities. Each passing year unveils the growing collective impact of these collaborations.

The creation of the Alaska Mining Impacts Network in January 2023 stands as a testament to our collaborative efforts. This statewide network unites people engaged in hard-rock mining issues across the state. With 80 participants representing 45 entities, this network embodies diverse representation, including Indigenous communities, conservation advocates, and organizations. This is another testament to the power of collective action and collaboration, paving the way for deeper relationships resulting in stronger advocacy efforts regarding mining impacts in Alaska.

And much more work lies ahead. Success requires unity—donors, academia, government bodies, grassroots organizations—all deeply passionate about safeguarding Alaska's wild lands.

Alaska Conservation Foundation serves as a funder, convener, facilitator, and coordinator for Alaska's conservation community. We bridge financial gaps through grants, foster collaborations, and amplify the collective voices advocating for Alaska's natural heritage.

Your unwavering support has been instrumental to our work. Our important role continues to make positive changes felt across our singular and irreplaceable state.

Thank you,

Michael Barber
Executive Director
Alaska Conservation Foundation



LANDSCAPE UPDATES

ALASKA PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERS

Alaska Conservation Foundation works to protect Alaska’s public lands and waters by providing grant awards for grassroots advocacy, coordinating collaborative conservation initiatives, and strengthening the Alaska conservation movement. In 2023, we remained dedicated to key Alaska landscapes.

BRISTOL BAY / PEBBLE MINE

Pebble Mine, a proposed open-pit copper and gold mine along with other mineral exploration in the Bristol Bay watershed, would threaten the largest wild salmon fishery remaining on the planet. The Bristol Bay fishery provides over 15,000 jobs while sustaining numerous Indigenous communities and their ways of life.

In an historic victory, on January 31, 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued 404c Clean Water Act protections, ending the threat of the Pebble Mine due to the adverse risk it posed to Bristol Bay’s water and surrounding ecosystem. United Tribes of Bristol Bay Executive Director Alannah Hurley said it best:

“Under President Biden, the EPA has not only restored its commitment to science and law but truly listened to the original stewards and first peoples of this land. Today, these Clean Water Act protections provide certainty that Pebble cannot be built in Bristol Bay. EPA’s action today helps us build the future where our people can remain Yup’ik, Dena’ina, and Alutiiq for generations to come.”

In May 2023, celebrations continued as Bristol Bay advocates were invited to the Rose Garden at the White House, and Alannah spoke alongside President Biden.

Mining threats for the Bristol Bay region remain. In February of 2023, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources issued a public notice of an application from Stuy Mines LLC for mineral exploration activities along Kaskanak Creek in the Bristol Bay watershed. Bristol Bay advocates are staying vigilant, monitoring, and responding as needed to this new potential mineral exploration. Additionally, in May 2023, Bristol Bay Advocates launched “Bristol Bay Forever” to begin a campaign for legislation that would create permanent full watershed protections for Bristol Bay.

Alaska Conservation Foundation has supported efforts to stop the Pebble Mine and protect Bristol Bay since 2009 and provided conservation groups and their efforts with more than \$4.2 million in grant awards since then. Moving forward, Alaska Conservation Foundation remains committed to supporting permanent protections for Bristol Bay.

TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

At 17 million acres, the Tongass is the largest national forest in the country. Spanning over 80% of Southeast Alaska, the forest is home to the largest, densest concentrations of black bears and bald eagles on the planet.

On January 25, 2023, the Biden Administration’s U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reinstated Roadless Rule protections by repealing the 2020 Alaska Roadless Rule (instituted under the Trump Administration, which removed 2001 Roadless Area protections from the Tongass National Forest). The reinstatement of Roadless Rule protections on the Tongass was a well-earned victory.

Once again, over 9 million acres of roadless areas that support the ecological, economic, and cultural values of Southeast Alaska were protected from road construction, reconstruction, and timber harvest (with limited



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80%

of Southeast Alaska and contains approximately



44%

of all carbon in U.S. National Forests

exceptions). Tribes, conservationists, recreation small-business owners, and commercial fishing operators submitted roughly 112,000 comments and worked diligently for months to engage with the federal administration.

Tongass advocates continue to work towards permanent roadless protections for the Tongass National Forest. In June 2023, members of Congress, Reps. Gallego and DeGette, as well as Sen. Cantwell, reintroduced the Roadless Area Conservation Act. The bill would permanently protect millions of acres of America's national forests by codifying the Roadless Rule and making it the law of the land.

In April 2023, the U.S. Forest Service issued a rulemaking proposal to improve climate resilience in federally managed forests. By July 2023, Tongass advocates joined more than 500,000 people in calling on the U.S. Forest Service to protect mature and old-growth trees and forests from logging on federal lands as a cornerstone of climate policy. The Tongass would play a critical role in this effort with approximately 44% of the carbon contained in U.S. National Forests, and recognized as a globally significant carbon storage reserve.

ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

At nearly 20 million acres, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is home to Indigenous communities that have relied on the Refuge coastal plain since time immemorial, and to the 200,000-member Porcupine Caribou Herd that depends on this critical habitat. In December of 2022, the Biden Administration announced it would delay the release of the

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. At the time of publication, we are awaiting the release of this document.

Not waiting for the Administration, congressional champions reintroduced the Arctic Refuge Protection Act in February 2023. The bill would designate the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness area and protect it from oil and gas leasing and development.

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge advocates continued their efforts to ensure oil and gas companies no longer view the Refuge as a worthwhile investment by pressuring insurance companies such as Travelers and Chubb to adopt a policy against insuring oil and gas projects in the Arctic Refuge. In April 2023, Chubb Insurance became the first American insurance company to sign the policy, joining 17 international insurers and every major U.S. bank in limiting financing for oil development in the Arctic Refuge.

In June of 2023, Alaska Conservation Foundation also continued our support (with a \$30,000 grant) for the Imago Initiative, an innovative process of creating a new model for Indigenous-led conservation intended to make land protections in the Arctic Refuge more durable while recognizing the rights of Indigenous inhabitants and providing fair and equitable benefits for Iñupiat and Gwich'in peoples alike. The Imago Initiative is already working to heal historical trauma and invest in equity and inclusivity by engaging in place-based dialogue in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

In 2023, Alaska Conservation Foundation awarded 146 grants to 61 organizations for a total of \$1,603,557.

By monitoring complex economic, political, and cultural landscapes across Alaska, we identify opportunities and prioritize where to direct funding to achieve conservation outcomes. As the only foundation in Alaska that focuses on conservation, we are proud of the many investments we make in the work of our grantee partners. Since 1980, that amount totals over \$57 million.

GRANTMAKING PROGRAMS

Alaska Defense Fund

Supports advocacy efforts to protect public lands and waters.

Discovery Grants

Focuses on strategic opportunities for small grassroots organizations.

Donor Advised & Agency Funds

Grants based on donor recommendations to specific organizations that are aligned with our mission and values.

Indigenous Voices Fund

Awards support Indigenous voices in the fight to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Bristol Bay, the Tongass National Forest, and mining impacts across Alaska.

Watchable Wildlife Conservation Trust

Grants to support wildlife viewing, promote wildlife education, and conserve biological diversity.

Northern Latitudes Partnerships

Develop solutions to problems caused by climate change through collaborative efforts with Tribes, organizations, and government agencies.

Rapid Response

Responds quickly to unforeseen environmental threats or opportunities with statewide significance.

GRANT RECIPIENTS

Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission
Alaska Climate Alliance
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Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association
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ALASKA MINING IMPACTS NETWORK

As the country takes the necessary steps to combat the climate crisis and transition to a clean energy future, Alaska Conservation Foundation is grappling with the significant and expanding environmental threat that hard rock mining poses in our state.

Alaska's public lands include minerals such as gold, silver, cobalt, rare earth elements, copper, and graphite, yet Alaska's public lands also provide the natural abundance that Indigenous people rely on for survival above ground. Proposed new and expanded mines, with their accompanying roads, pipelines, and leaching tailings ponds across Alaska, pose direct threats to intact watersheds with thriving fisheries, caribou migration, calving areas, and vast wetlands critical to migratory birds.

In response to this growing issue, Alaska Conservation Foundation was asked by community leaders to take on a coordinating role and have worked carefully and intentionally to create the Alaska Mining Impacts Network, a statewide network of people working on hard-rock mining issues in their home communities and at a statewide level.

The Alaska Mining Impacts Network establishes a convening space for conservation, tribal, and community leaders to create and share resources, build relationships, foster collaboration, and strengthen advocacy efforts focused on the impacts of industrial-scale hardrock mining in Alaska. There are currently over 80 participants representing more than 45 entities. The Network is coordinated

by Alaska Conservation Foundation and led by a Council with representation from two Tribal organizations, two frontline community members, and two conservation organization representatives.

Goals of the Network include:

- Building power through information, support and collaboration
- Championing standards and innovation
- Prioritizing consent and the right to say no
- Unifying participants' voices and narrative

The goals of the Network are comprehensive and aim to include all perspectives, including those that call for mining reform and the prioritization of Tribal consent as a required step in any project. Alaska Conservation Foundation is proud to coordinate this Network, as well as to host the Alaska Mining Impacts and Prevention Fund that provides grant awards to key efforts within the Network.



NORTHERN LATITUDES PARTNERSHIPS

Alaska Conservation Foundation hosts the Northern Latitudes Partnerships, which are three regional partnerships led by agencies, Tribes, Canadian First Nations, Indigenous organizations, academic institutions, and nonprofits.

The Northern Latitudes Partnerships have been hosted by Alaska Conservation Foundation since 2019 and, in that time, have launched over 60 conservation and climate adaptation efforts – most of which center on the needs and perspectives of Tribes.

A key focus of the work is organizing large gatherings that are thoughtfully designed to facilitate shared learning around connecting

Indigenous and Western perspectives on the stewardship of lands and waters. The Northwest Boreal Partnership held a 3-day gathering in Whitehorse that drew 90 folks in person and featured an additional public event on Land and Water Relationship Planning in Carcross, Yukon that attracted over 200 attendees from Alaska and Canada. Drawing on the connections of these partnerships, Alaska Conservation Foundation

also helped host the 2023 Alaska Native Relations Training event organized annually by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This year the training attracted 109 employees from six agencies who spent a week with a cadre of Indigenous Elders and other instructors who helped participants understand Indigenous worldviews and perspectives on conservation with the aim of helping federal employees become better partners to Tribes.

A longtime focus of the Northern Latitudes Partnerships has been on promoting coastal resilience to rapid and accelerating climate change. We've received a \$1.4M grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to support four workshops hosted by five Alaska Native Regional Associations. These convenings will bring 80 leaders from over 60 coastal communities across Southeast Alaska to Bristol Bay so they

can share their perspectives on culturally and technically appropriate nature-based solutions that promote coastal resilience.

Vital for adapting to climate change are investments in community-based monitoring. We are proud to be part of the Skipper Science program led by the Aleut Community of St. Paul, which has moved into its third year and a growing portfolio of projects. This program allows skippers to systematically collect data and report important observations throughout Alaska marine waters to inform decision-making by federal and state managers. Expansions this year include developing a marine heat wave warning system and improving marine weather and storm warning forecasts. More at www.SkipperScience.org.



Participants at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's annual Alaska Native Relations training hosted at the Southcentral Foundation's Nuka Training Center in Anchorage.

TED SMITH CONSERVATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Ted Smith Conservation Internship Program was founded 24 years ago in memory of Alaska conservation pioneer Celia Hunter and named in memory of former Alaska Conservation Foundation Trustee and major supporter of the internship program, Ted Smith.

The Conservation Internship Program strives to inspire and empower the next generation of Alaska conservation leaders by working with host organizations to provide meaningful learning opportunities for successful candidates. In 2023, the program received 113 applications for 16 positions across the state at 15 different host organizations. Over this last summer, interns worked on a variety of projects, ranging from managing websites to creating outreach materials and organizing events.



2023 INTERNS

Adaylah Ley

Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies
Peterson Bay Field Station Naturalist Intern

Amy Patterson

Environmental Conservation Intern
Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council

Arianna Suárez

Audubon Alaska
Public Lands and Climate Change Advocate

Ellen Christensen

The Alaska Center Education Fund
Youth Leadership Intern

Emily Jones

Catch 49
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Discovery Southeast

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Kenai Watershed Forum
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Skipper Science Intern

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Jessica Anaruk

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Program and Outreach Assistant

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Skipper Science Intern



ARCTIC YOUTH AMBASSADORS

2023-2024 COHORT OF ARCTIC YOUTH AMBASSADORS

In January, the fourth cohort of Arctic Youth Ambassadors (AYAs) was launched with an in-person orientation summit in Anchorage. Since then, they have been elevating stories from their communities and working with regional initiatives, policymakers, and community-led projects to better understand and address the impacts of a rapidly changing Arctic. Priorities emerging for this cohort focus broadly on climate change, Indigenous leadership, and social justice, including the salmon crisis, bridging Indigenous and Western knowledge, community and ecological health and resilience, traditional ways of life, food security, and sustainable, culturally-centered development. The importance of addressing the growing mental health crisis is a thread through it all.

In their first six months, AYAs have presented at multiple conferences and meetings, helped with media projects to share first-hand stories from Alaska, and met with Senators, White House advisors, and leadership from the U.S. Department of the Interior and the State Department. People listen when youth from Alaska share their personal experiences and highlight problems they want to change. Increasingly, people recognize their valuable expertise.

Started by the US Fish and Wildlife Service in 2015 and sustained with core partners Alaska Conservation Foundation and World Wildlife Fund, this program helps overcome barriers to youth joining critical dialogues and decision-making that will directly impact their communities and futures. 15 Arctic Youth Ambassadors from across Alaska are serving in the 18-month program. Learn more about Arctic Youth Ambassadors and the program at www.arcticyouthambassadors.org.



“There is a stigma that youth don’t care about these issues. We care immensely. But we’re not invited to the spaces where decisions are made. I want to see action to bring us to these spaces. And be listened to.”

ZOE OKLEASIK, ARCTIC YOUTH AMBASSADOR FROM NOME

2023/2024 COHORT

- Charitie Ropati
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St. Paul Island
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Rampart
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Bethel
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While we cannot acknowledge everyone individually in this report, please know we are thankful for your generosity, which enables our work and that of our partners around the state.

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Each year, Alaska Conservation Foundation recognizes the remarkable achievements of individuals and organizations committed to protecting Alaska.

The 2022 Conservation Achievement Awards Celebration was held on Thursday, October 6, 2022. The event celebrated eight individuals and one organization doing exceptional conservation work across Alaska.

2022 CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Lifetime Achievement Award

JOHN SCHOEN

Olaus Murie Award for Outstanding Professional Contributions

VICKI CLARK

Celia Hunter Award for Outstanding Volunteer Contributions

SUSAN GRACE

Denny Wilcher Award for Young Environmental Activists

IRIS MONTESANO

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THE IMAGO INITIATIVE TEAM AT THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY

Jerry S. Dixon Award for Excellence in Environmental Education

JOANNA YOUNG

Daniel Housberg Wilderness Image Award for Excellence in Still Photography, Film, or Video

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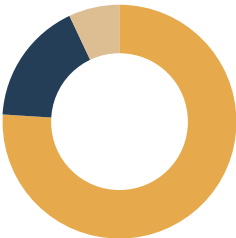
Total \$4,871,639



- Public Support (16%)
\$757,858
- Grants to ACF (59%)
\$2,896,319
- Investment Income (25%)
\$1,217,462

EXPENSES

Total \$4,402,874



- Grantmaking and Other Strategic Support (76%)
\$3,334,340
- Administrative (17%)
\$753,882
- Fundraising (7%)
\$314,652



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

November, 2023

ASSETS

Current assets	\$1,374,645
Investments and other long-term assets	\$13,165,864
Operating lease assets	\$183,409

TOTAL ASSETS **\$14,723,918**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities	
Grants and accounts payable	\$524,022
Other Liabilities	\$323,539

TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$847,561**

Net Assets	
Without donor restrictions	\$2,898,649
With donor restrictions	\$10,977,708

TOTAL NET ASSETS **\$ 13,876,357**

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS **\$14,723,917**



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