

What's Up

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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

September 3

Drawing will be held on the **ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER'S HAWAII TRAVEL RAFFLE**. The winner will receive a one-week stay at a Kauai Condo and Alaska Airlines Tickets for two. Click here for details

<https://my.onecause.com/event/organizations/sf-001C000001hFCYXIA4/events/vevt:3559b98d-811d-4ecb-bf5e-286d498036c1/home/story>.

September 21 – 22

HOMER - MUSHROOM ID & MYCOLOGY WORKSHOP will be held at the Carl Wenn Visitor Center. In this special weekend workshop, you'll join mushroom enthusiast and mycologist **CHRISTIN SWEARINGEN** for a deep dive into the different fungi that inhabit this corner of Southcentral Alaska! This workshop is geared toward adult participants, however mature kids and teens are welcome if accompanied by an adult. The cost for this two-day workshop is \$60/person. Saturday, Day One Session runs 9am-Noon followed by a half-hour break, then resumes 12:30 to 3pm. Sunday Day Two Session runs 11am to-1pm, followed by a half-hour break, then resumes from 1:30 to 3pm. [Learn more](#).

January 27 - 31

ANCHORAGE - ALASKA MARINE SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM (AMSS), Alaska's premier marine research conference, will be held at the Hotel Captain Cook. The Symposium will bring together scientists, educators, resource managers, students, and interested public to discuss the latest marine research being conducted in Alaskan waters. Each day of the conference highlights important Alaskan marine ecosystems: Gulf of Alaska, Arctic, and the Bering Sea & Aleutian Islands. Research topics discussed range from ocean physics, fishes and invertebrates, seabirds, marine mammals, to local traditional knowledge. Since its inception, NPRB has been a proud sponsor and one of the leading organizers of AMSS. [Event Link](#)

****February 18 – 20**

SITKA - MARICULTURE CONFERENCE of ALASKA is an opportunity for farmers, researchers, community leaders, and professionals in mariculture-related industries and agencies to present on and discuss the latest mariculture science and activities in Alaska. The conference supports the development of shellfish and seaweed production in Alaska, looking at accomplishments and opportunities in research, education, industry growth, and the vital role of traditional knowledge in advancing sustainable mariculture. The conference will be held in

conjunction with annual meetings for members of the Alaska Mariculture Alliance and Alaska Shellfish Growers Association. For more information, go to [CONFERENCE WEBSITE](#).

WEBINARS

August 21 (Webinar)

DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN IMPACTFUL and NON-IMPACTFUL ATMOSPHERIC RIVER EVENTS in SOUTHEAST ALASKA will be presented from 11am to Noon by **DEANNA NASH**, Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and **(AARON JACOBS**. National Weather Service. Atmospheric rivers (ARs) are known to trigger floods, landslides, and avalanches that threaten lives and livelihoods across Southeast Alaska. ARs are common in this region, occurring 8-15 days per month, yet only about six AR days per year are extreme enough to cause damage. Current research identifies key meteorological conditions that differentiate between high and low impact events. During this webinar, we will discuss the development of a forecasting tool that leverages model ensemble data to visualize the strong relationship between AR intensity, freezing level and extreme precipitation. [Register Here](#).

August 27 (Webinar)

ALASKA'S BERRY FUTURES: WHAT IS HAPPENING in a CHANGING CLIMATE and WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT? Will be presented from 11am to Noon by **KATIE VILLANO SPELLMAN** and **CHRISTA MULDER**, University of Alaska Fairbanks. People throughout Alaska have noticed a range of changes in their beloved berry species, from changing in the timing and abundance of the berries to changes in insect and pathogen damage to changes in the habitat of their berry patches. In this webinar we describe our efforts to compile the data and research on how climate change could or is impacting our berry species and the innovative ideas that Alaskans and others are coming up with to help adapt to the changes. What can your community do to ensure healthy local berries for future generations? [Register Here](#).

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS/OPEN HOUSE

August 14 – 23

An **online open house** will be held on the **WEST SUSITNA ACCESS ROAD PROJECT** at www.westsuaccess.com via the public involvement page. This project proposes to construct an approximately 22-mile public road to open 6 million acres of land for recreation, tourism, and potential future development. This road is proposed to extend from the existing roadway system in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to State lands planned for settlement, public recreation, and resource development. The WestSu Access project team is launching a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Your input during the formal scoping process will help us identify potential environmental, social, cultural/historic, and economic effects and mitigations for this project and identify and refine road the road alignment. View all materials at the in-person meeting at www.westsuaccess.com.

**August 25

CHITINA-KENNICOTT - Online Open House on the **MCCARTHY ROAD PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL) STUDY** closes. The study corridor extends east from Chitina to the southern end of the Kennicott subdivision. This study will evaluate transportation-related needs and opportunities along the McCarthy Road, identify and evaluate potential improvements, and propose recommendations for future implementation. For more information and to access the open house, go to the project website at <http://www.mccarthyroadpel.com>. The PEL study will be completed by summer 2025. For more information, contact Paul Eckman, Project Manager, at (907) 451-5343 or email Paul.eckman@alaska.gov or Seth English-Young, Planning Team Lead, at (360) 619-7803 or email seth.english-young@dot.gov or Joshua Scott, Wrangell-St Elias National Park & Preserve National Park Service at Joshua_Scott@nps.gov or Kim Wetzel, AICP, Public Involvement Lead, at (907) 440-1591 or email kim.wetzel@jacobs.com.

September 3 (Virtual)

The **BYCATCH ADVISORY COUNCIL** will hold a public meeting via Zoom webinar on at 9am at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85610941039>. Agenda items include: * Bycatch research; * Town hall meetings on bycatch; * Reports: Bycatch Review Task Force Research; * Recommendations. NPFMC bycatch-related research priorities; and *Town hall meeting review; *Public comment. Information about the Bycatch Advisory Council and future meetings is available at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=bycatchtaskforce.meetinginfo>. For more information, contact Linda Kozak by email at lindakozak@gmail.com or call 907-539-5585 or contact Kari Winkel at kari.winkel@alaska.gov or call 907-465-6141.

EVENTS & MEETINGS in the ANCHORAGE AREA

****Please take the ANCHORAGE WATERWAYS COUNCIL'S (AWC) WATERSHED PERCEPTION SURVEY** which provides us with a good picture of your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions regarding the state of Anchorage's creeks and lakes. The results are compared to previous surveys that were completed in 2010, 2015, and 2020. We need at least 400 respondents who live WITHIN the Municipality, so please help us by taking the survey (15-20 minutes). All those who respond and leave a contact email will be entered into a "Thank You" drawing for one of ten \$25 gift cards from Alaska Mill and Feed. Your help is greatly appreciated! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GJWSWTK>. For more information, contact Cherie Northon, Ph.D. Executive Director, at (907) 272-7335 or email www.anchoragecreeks.org.

****SURVEY on the NEED for ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING STATIONS** at [Take The Survey!](#). The Anchorage Community Development Authority (ACDA) is excited to announce its application for federal funding aimed at installing electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in publicly accessible locations throughout the Municipality of Anchorage. This initiative focuses particularly on underserved communities to ensure equitable access to EV charging facilities. This project aims to support the transition to cleaner energy by providing the necessary infrastructure to encourage EV adoption. The installation of these charging stations will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and support Anchorage's commitment to sustainability.

FREE OFFICE FURNITURE: Defenders of Wildlife's Anchorage office is transitioning to a remote office. We have office furniture that we are hoping to donate to non-profits. If your organization, or you know of any other organization that would be interested in nice desks, conference tables, chairs and more, please contact: For more information, contact Nicole Whittington-Evans at: nwhittington-evans@defenders.org, or at: (907) 272-0306.

August 22

POTTER MARSH WATERSHED PARK FUNDRAISER will be held from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the 3rd Floor of the King Street Brewing Company. 9050 King Street. Join Great Land Trust (GLT) for a night of fun and support for Potter Marsh. Enjoy drinks and light snacks on the deck with friends, test your knowledge of local birds with some games, win bird-themed door prizes, and help us meet our fundraising goal to open the Potter Marsh Watershed Park! Over the last few years, GLT has worked hard to raise the funding needed to buy the land to create the Potter Marsh Watershed Park. Now we need your help to raise the final funds needed to get the park open! Recreational opportunities of all levels and healthy ecosystems are vital pieces of maintaining a vibrant community where people want to live, work, and play. If you value this vision for Anchorage now and for future generations, consider supporting the Potter Marsh Watershed Park project today! Learn more about the Potter Marsh Watershed Park project [here](#).

August 24

BIRD TRIVIA for the BIRDS will be held from Noon to 2p at the 907 Alehouse & Grill., 8001 Old Seward Highway. Gather a team to play a lively round of bar trivia with Nerdvana Alaska Bar Trivia! Don't worry if your team members aren't all bird lovers - Nerdvana Alaska Bar Trivia will be asking a mix of general trivia questions and bird-related questions. **Teams will be playing for a \$500 cash prize!** [Register your team here!](#)

August 24

CONSERVATION PHOTOGRAPHER LECTURE will be held from 6 to 8pm at the BP Energy Center. The Alaska Society of Outdoor and Nature Photographers invite you to join us for a special evening with **KATHERINE FENG**. Featuring discussions on how to make great images and presentations for your conservation projects. Appetizers and Drinks sponsored by the National Parks Conservation Association and the Alaska Wildlife Alliance will be available. Katherine Feng is a retired veterinarian who devotes her photography to protecting China's endangered species and their habitat. Katherine is a Senior Fellow of the prestigious international League of Conservation Photography. Katherine will present a program on how she approaches conservation photography to educate the public about wildlife, their habitat and people's efforts to protect them.

****August 25**

YARDUCOPIA HARVEST PARTY & ANCHOR GARDENS PICNIC will be held at the Midtown Garden Depot starting from 6 to 8pm. Build and expand your own Alaskan fresh-from-the-garden recipe trove! This is a garden tour sharing garden and recycling wisdom and a potluck sharing our garden dishes and the recipe. The Midtown Garden Depot, once an

empty lot at Cheechako and Benson, is repurposed as an expanding (lusher and lush!) community garden and robust resource (leaf, manure & woodchip stock piles, plastic pots, garden tools, etc.) and compost-generating recycling center. It is managed by Yarducopia's coordinators Nick Riordan and Theresa Brown and the local gardeners. They welcome you to see all that is going on and all the Depot has to offer. Come meet the diverse group of gardeners and Nick, passionate recycling prince of Anchorage, and Theresa, passionate community garden force. Please bring a dish made from your garden (at least 2 garden ingredients) and the recipe on a 3x5. How many ways can we use our produce? Prepare to have your senses delighted! And have fun visiting! The address is 2930 Cheechako St at the corner of Benson Blvd. and Chechako. If you don't have time to prepare a dish to share don't stay home; please bring a freshly picked flower bouquet, wildflowers, weeds, vegetable leaves. Have fun and let your creativity flow! For more information, go to <https://anchorgardens.org/events/picnic-tour-august-25/>.

August 26 (In-person & virtually)

ALASKA COMMUNITY ACTION on TOXICS LUNCH & LEARN SESSION will be held from 11:30am to 12:30pm at the Anchorage Legislative Information Office, 1500 W. Benson Blvd, in the room downstairs next to the Denali Room. Rep. Andy Josephson will host the event that will be about ACAT's newest report, [The Arctic's Plastics Crisis](#). The report synthesizes recent evidence from more than 250 studies on the interconnected threats from plastics, petrochemicals, and climate change that harm Arctic Peoples. Food will be provided! To attend the presentation virtually, [join using this link](#).

August 30

Anchorage Parks & Rec will hold a **TREE PLANTING EVENT** from 10am to 1pm at the Mountain View Boys & Girls Club. Get outside, help your community, and improve your local green space. Plant seedlings and take part in a reforestation effort. Please email ally@anchorageparkfoundation.org to register to volunteer.

September 5

BEER on the GARDEN will be held from 6 to 9pm at the Alaska Botanical Garden. That craft beer and cider from local breweries amongst the late season blooms, autumn foliage, and harvest themed displays. Local food vendors will be onsite with delicious food for purchase. This event also features live music, lawn games, and fire pits. For more information and ticket purchase, go to https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MjEyMjI0.

September 7

EXPLORING OUR WILD KINSHIP will be held from 10am to Noon at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Explore your kinship with nature and the local BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) community. Learn about seasonal changes through mindful observation, practice nature journaling, and hold discussions in the forest in a welcoming environment. Everyone is welcome. This event is free and open to the public.

****September 18 – 21**

The **MOOSE LOOP TRAIL CHALLENGE** will be held featuring multiple distances, including: 5K, 10K, Mini Moose, or Mighty Moose. These can be completed by running, walking, or biking on the Moose Loop trails in Anchorage. This fun, untimed event is an opportunity to hit the trails during challenge week. \$35 registration, kids under 18 are free. [Register for the Moose Loop Challenge](#).

****September 22**

TRUSTEES for ALASKA will hold its **50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISER** from 4 to 6:30pm at the Kincaid Chalet. Help us celebrate 50 years of defending Alaska with an evening of fun, games, music, food, and drinks. ★ Live music by Witty Youngman and tunes by DJ 501(c)(3). ★ Delicious appetizers & beer/wine provided with price of admission. ★ Yard games for all. ★ Childcare with arts and crafts activities provided ★ Silent & live auction of Alaska images by award winning wildlife & landscape photographer **CARL JOHNSON** ★ Anchorage-based singer/songwriter **WITTY YOUNGMAN** will bring soulful blues to an afternoon of outdoor/indoor fun and games, food, drinks, and a brilliant art photo auction! Witty has been performing since 2012. They are a descendant of King Island Inupiat and an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Sioux tribe. Witty Youngman's music features blues and jazz-influenced reflections on social issues, as in this recent original song, [Forget-Her-Not](#), submitted in the NPR Tiny Desk Contest. Carl Johnson is a nature photographer who lives in Anchorage, Alaska, with his wife, Michelle. His greatest photographic passion lies in coming to fully understand a particular location, photographing all its wonders, from small plants to vast landscapes to wildlife. Sneak a peek at some of Carl's amazing Alaska images that will be available for auction at our September event!! BUY TICKETS NOW! \$25.00 – Adults | \$20.00 – Students | Kids 12 and under free. <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/98a4db45-b3bb-4c4d-bbf7-c3f0a120434f>.

****September 26**

WORLD THROUGH SPONTANEOUS WATERCOLORS: WILDFLOWERS will be held from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Calling anyone who loves a little color in their world. Watercolor painting is a fun, creative, and expressive way of portraying the beauty of wildflowers. This program begins with a quick exploration in watercolor and brush techniques, to include splatter, spritz, tilt, and smear techniques to create neat effects for a spontaneous watercolor background. Then, work step-by-step with the instructor to create your own wildflower watercolor. For ages 12 and up. This event is \$25/person; register at [Recreation.gov](#).

****September 28**

CAMPBELL TRACT NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY 2024 will be held from 8:30am to 1pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Spend the morning on volunteer projects at the BLM Campbell Tract. Projects that include trail maintenance on the Moose Track Trail and on the new single-track trail and winterizing the nearby native plant gardens. Dress for the weather. BLM will provide tools, work gloves, and all other needed equipment. No experience is necessary. Just bring a water bottle and your enthusiasm to help out on public lands. RSVP here: [Campbell Tract National Public Lands Day Tickets, Sat, Sep 28, 2024 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#). Noon Free lunch provided for volunteers.

EVENTS & MEETINGS OUTSIDE of ANCHORAGE

****August 21 (In-person & virtual)**

FAIRBANKS – The **FAIRBANKS AREA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) PLANNING COMMITTEE** will hold a **POLICY BOARD MEETING** from Noon to 2pm at the FAST Planning Office, 100 Cushman Street, Suite 215 or participate by computer, at: www.fastplanning.us/keepup/zoom. Main Agenda Items include: * FFY2025-26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); * Letter of Support for Fairbanks Children's Museum; * FAST Planning FFY2025 Office Budget; * Executive Session for Employee Merit Increases. For more information, please contact: Jackson Fox, FAST Planning Executive Director, at (907) 205-4276 or email jackson.fox@fastplanning.us.

August 21 & September 7

FAIRBANKS – Public Science talks will be presented by the UAF Geophysical Institute and Explore Fairbanks at the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center on the following dates

August. 21 at 4pm – **Ken Tape, BEAVERS in the ARCTIC**

September 7 at 11:30am – **Vincent Ledvina, AURORA SEASON KICKOFF!**

For more about the lectures, go to the [Science for Alaska website](#), the [Geophysical Institute Facebook page](#) or the [Explore Fairbanks Facebook page](#).

August 23

DENALI NATIONAL PARK – CELEBRATE 100 YEARS of CLIMATE OBSERVATION at DENALI. The celebration starts at the Sled Dog Kennels at 10am where rangers record the weather every day. There will be Sled Dog demonstrations, National Weather Service Award presentation, tour of the weather station and a BBQ lunch. From 1:30 to 5:30pm at the Denali Visitor Center the celebration continues with a science symposium, a climate art exhibition, and a panel discussion on Climate Change Perspectives.

August 23

PALMER -FORAGING for WILD FOODS sponsored by AK Fish & Game, will be held from 6 to 7:30pm. Join forager **MICHELE HARMELING** on this field course! We will walk the trails and answer the age-old forager's question: Can I eat this, or will it kill me?!? This course will follow wooded and moderately hilly trails in Palmer. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the class. Course Fee: \$7. Register at: www.alaskansafield.adfg.alaska.gov. For more information, contact Burl Dickman at burl.dickman@alaska.gov or call 861-2113.

August 24

TALKEETNA CLEAN-UP DAY will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station. Park Service is once again partnering with the Susitna River Coalition. Meet in front of the ranger station. Everyone is welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult.

September 1

RUN the WRANGELLS will start at Noon at McCarthy River Tours & Outfitters (aka as The Glacier Melts Coffee & Ice Cream Shop) Mile 59 of the McCarthy Road. This is a race unlike any other that goes through the largest National Park in America. The route goes up to Kennecott National Historic Landmark and back down to historic, downtown McCarthy and follows gravel, dirt roads and packed dirt trails. \$30 per person registration; \$15 for those under 16. Proceeds benefit the Wrangell Mountain Center. [Register online](#) or at the starting line. Race starts at noon; registration opens at 11am. Race ends with a spaghetti dinner at the Old Hardware Store!

****September 7**

HOMER - COASTWALK CLEAN-UP KICKOFF will be held at Bishop's Beach Pavilion from 11am to 3pm. This will kick off a month of marine debris awareness and beach clean up with a Kickoff cookout, marine debris crafts (paint a buoy), marine debris lawn games, and more. This is your chance to adopt CoastWalk Zones, sign-up for clean-up days, and celebrate the end of summer by giving our beaches some love. Visit akcoastalstudies.org/events/coastwalk-kickoff for more information.

DEADLINES

August 23

Comments are due on the **2024 FAIRBANKS-DELTA FIVE YEAR SCHEDULE OF TIMBER SALES** that includes proposed timber sales for fiscal years 2024 to 2028. The 2024 FYSTS is a scoping document that outlines proposed timber sale activity to be undertaken on Tanana Valley State Forest and other State land over the next five years; it is not a decision document. The draft of the Five-Year Schedule is available at <http://forestry.alaska.gov/timber/fiveyearschedules>. Individual sales may be viewed using the Alaska DNR Forestry Resources Viewer. Instructions for the online viewer are included in the FYSTS document. For more information or to submit comments, contact Andrew Allaby, Forester, at 907-451-2603 or email andrew.allaby@alaska.gov.

August 23

MAT-SU – Deadline for comments on the scoping for the **WEST SUSITNA ACCESS ROAD PROJECT**. This project proposes to construct an approximately 22-mile public road to open 6 million acres of land for recreation, tourism, and potential future development. This road is proposed to extend from the existing roadway system in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to State lands planned for settlement, public recreation, and resource development. The WestSu Access project team is launching a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Your input during the formal scoping process will help us identify potential environmental, social, cultural/historic, and economic effects and mitigations for this project and identify and refine road the road alignment. View all materials at the in-person meeting at www.westsuaccess.com. For more information or to submit a comment, contact Sean Holland, project lead at info@westsuaccess.com or Shannon McCarthy, communications director, at info@westsuaccess.com.

August 28

Comments are due on the Environmental Assessment (EA) to **EXPANDED SNOWMACHINE TOURS and NEW HELICOPTER DAY TOURS in the WHITE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**. Borealis Basecamp currently has a BLM Special Recreation Permit for snowmachine and off-highway vehicle tours in the White Mountains National Recreation Area. The current application proposes an expansion of Borealis Basecamp's winter snow machine tours by doubling the day use group limit from 14 snowmachines per day to 14 snowmachines twice a day, for a total of 28 snowmachines per day. The tours use the Wickersham Dome Trailhead and five miles of the Wickersham Creek Trail where Borealis Basecamp has an arctic oven style tent located at their turnaround point. The proposal also includes scenic helicopter tours with landing sites in the White Mountains National Recreation Area. Helicopter tours would be scheduled from September 16 to April 9 and occur at 1,500 feet above ground level with a [proposed flight path](#) that avoids public use cabins and trailheads. Borealis Basecamp consulted with the BLM to identify landing sites that will provide a scenic destination while minimizing potential impacts to important wildlife and avoiding conflict with other users. To see the EA go to an [environmental assessment evaluating a special recreation permit](#). For more information, contact Tim DuPont, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at tdupont@blm.gov or call 907-474-2200.

****August 28**

PRINCE of WALES ISLAND – Comments are due on **TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT (TSI) PROJECT** to pre-commercially thin up to 20,000 acres of young-growth conifer stands. Stands proposed for treatment have been identified across Prince of Wales Island, as well as on Heceta, Suemez, Orr and Marble Islands. These stands were harvested between 1976 and 2004. Proposed treatments would occur over the next five to ten years. The Prince of Wales Island TSI Project proposes timber stand improvement activities accomplished through a combination of tree thinning treatments including variable spacing, girdling, openings (gaps), and pruning to meet multiple resource benefits. Stand location and site-specific management objectives will determine the best prescription to achieve wildlife habitat enhancement, riparian restoration, and future sawtimber and wood products sustainability. Slash control and wildlife travel corridors (skips) may also be utilized to meet resource objectives. Under the proposed action, no commercial harvests would occur, and no products would be removed from the forest. This work would be accomplished by Forest Service crews, local workforce initiatives, and/or through one or more service contracts or partnership agreements. Associated contracts are expected to contribute to the local economy by providing additional employment opportunities. For instance, thinning crews purchase goods and services in the local communities, which may provide additional economic support. The project proposal, which includes a description of the Proposed Action and maps of the project area can be accessed [here](#). For more information about the project, contact project leader Janice Sangunitto at (907) 401-1031 or email janice.sangunitto@usda.gov.

****August 30**

FAIRBANKS – Comments are due on **THE FAST AREA SURFACE UPGRADES FFY2025** to the following areas;

North Pole - * E 4th Ave – mill existing asphalt and repave the road surface.; * North Pole High School Blvd – pavement cut and repair, and replacement of speed hump; * Chena Lakes Recreation Area South Lake Loop & Peninsula Trail – add asphalt surface coarse to the existing gravel bike path. Crack repairs along existing asphalt bike path; * Andrea Drive – add asphalt surface coarse to the existing gravel road.

Fairbanks - * Tesoro Ave – add asphalt surface coarse to the existing gravel road and strip and sign replacement; * Chena River Walk – crack repairs along existing bike path and ditch reconditioning; * Davis Road Paths – mill existing asphalt, repave the road surface, ditch reconditioning and vegetation clearing; * Farmer’s Loop Path – crack and settlement repairs along existing bike path; * Scabland Winter Trail Access – jersey barriers will be placed to prevent snow from building up and blocking access to the Saarland Trails; * Mitchell Expressway Path – mill existing asphalt and repave the road surface; * Doyon Estates – mill existing asphalt and repave the road surface; * 8th Ave – remove existing asphalt, repave the road surface and drainage improvements; * W. Tanana Dr – mill existing asphalt, repave the road surface, sign replacement, striping and vegetation clearing.

We are currently working on conceptual designs, engineering, and environmental studies. Construction is currently planned for summer 2025. For more, contact John Nardus, P.E., Engineering Manager, at (907) 451+5448 or email john.netardus@alaska.gov

August 30

Comments are due on the **COOK INLET ENERGY LLC’S** application for a draft **Air Quality Control Operating Permit** for the **KUSTATAN PRODUCTION FACILITY**. The Kustatan Production Facility is an onshore facility located on the west side of Cook Inlet whose role is to separate the gas, water, and crude oil produced both on and offshore at Osprey Platform and West McArthur River Production Facility. The emission units consist of two natural gas fired heaters, three heater treaters, three crude oil heaters, one firewater pump, one emergency engine, a process flare, and several storage tanks. The potential annual emissions of regulated air pollutants at the stationary source will not exceed: 90.60 tons of Nitrogen Oxides, 156.59 tons of Carbon Monoxide, 6.66 tons of Particulate Matter, 112.14 tons of Sulfur Dioxide, 12.68 tons of Volatile Organic Compounds, and 2.36 tons of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAP), with highest individual HAP (Ethane) estimated at 0.65 tons. The potential annual emissions for Greenhouse Gases are estimated at 110,961 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions. The total annual potential emissions of regulated air pollutants, other than greenhouse gases, are 378.67 tons. Copies of the permit application, ADEC’s draft operating permit, and draft statement of basis (SOB) are available at web/AirPermitsApprovalsAndPublicNotices/. For more information or to submit comments to Zach Boyden at zachary.boyden@alaska.gov and dec.air.comment@alaska.gov.

August 31

Deadline for response to the **DENALI AREA AIRPORT PLANNING STUDY (DAAPS) SURVEY** at www.surveymonkey.com/r/DAAPS_Kickoff. The **next DAAPS public meeting** will be held on **October 10 at the Tri-Valley Community Center in Healy**. For more information, contact DenaliAirportStudy@RESPEC.com or go to

<https://dot.alaska.gov/nreg/denaliairportstudy/info.shtml> or to the Project Website at dot.alaska.gov/nreg/denaliairportstudy/.

September 1

ANCHORAGE – Deadline for comments on the notice of intent to begin engineering and environmental studies and notice of floodplain/floodway encroachment for the **CAMPBELL CREEK TRAIL CROSSING at LAKE OTIS PARKWAY / PROJECT** to provide a safer and more efficient travel route for Campbell Creek trail users to cross Lake Otis Parkway close to the existing Campbell Creek trail corridor. Currently there is no dedicated pedestrian crossing that provides a direct route for Campbell Creek Trail users to cross Lake Otis Parkway. To cross Lake Otis Parkway, trail users must navigate a 0.35 to 0.45-mile detour north or south. As a result of the lengthy detour options, some trail users chose to unsafely cross Lake Otis Parkway directly at East 47th Street where there is no dedicated pedestrian crossing. For those trail users who chose to follow one of the detours, they experience inefficient travel caused by detour delays and misdirection. The proposed project involves improving up to 0.75 miles of the Campbell Creek Trail, which may include: Construction of a new non-motorized trail crossing of Lake Otis Parkway by way of a bridge(s), tunnel, and/or a pedestrian crosswalk. Modification to existing pedestrian bridges; Horizontal and vertical pathway realignments to match the new crossing; Installing new roadside hardware; Drainage improvements; and Intersection improvements. Potential project alternatives would encroach into the base (100-year) floodplain associated with the Campbell Creek and are likely to encroach into the designated floodway. Construction for the proposed project is anticipated to begin in summer 2028. For more information, contact Connor Eshleman, Project Manager, at 269-0595 or email connor.eshleman@alaska.gov. Submit comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, at brian.elliott@alaska.gov.

****September 8**

CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST – Comments are due on the proposal to **AMEND THE 2020 LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN**. Due to a mapping error, approximately 35 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands at Trinity Point located on the southside of Passage Canal near the City of Whittier, were not included in the 2020 Chugach National Forest Plan. When the error was discovered, an Administrative Change was made to the Forest Plan to assign that parcel a Recreation Opportunity Spectrum¹ (ROS) classification of Semi-Primitive Motorized². While this was consistent with the previous Forest Plan's ROS designation for that area, it does not meet Forest Service Manual 2300 Chapter 10 (Exhibit 01) direction that outlines the characteristics that define areas that are designated with a Semi-Primitive Motorized ROS class. Characteristics that are not met by the lands at Trinity Point are: • Size: Lands designated as Semi-Primitive Motorized should be 2,500 acres or greater in size. The parcel of land at Trinity Point is 35 acres and is surrounded by City of Whittier lands that are proposed for development in the future. • Access: Roads in the Semi-Primitive Motorized ROS class are designed primarily for off-highway, or high clearance, vehicle traffic. In the fall of 2018 construction was completed on a 2.0-mile segment of Shotgun Cove Road. The road was constructed and is currently maintained for passenger vehicle use. In 2021 The Shotgun Cove Extension Environmental Assessment approved extending the existing road an additional 2.5 miles to end on NFS lands

at Trinity Point. The project approved construction of a vehicle turn-around loop, and a parking lot for approximately 50 vehicles. The proposed amendment would change the ROS Class at Trinity Point from Semi-Primitive Motorized to Roded Natural3. The Chugach National Forest Supervisor is the Responsible Official for this amendment affecting only the 35 acres of land located at Trinity Point. Although this amendment would modify the language and direction for ROS management at Trinity Point in the Forest Plan, it would not approve projects or activities, nor would it propose ground-disturbing activities. The Trinity Point Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Amendment project page at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66715> and includes a web form to comment on the project. For more information contact Carey Case, at carey.case@usda.gov.

September 14

Deadline for comments on the draft **WILDERNESS INVENTORY**, Submit comments to TongassPlanRevision@usda.gov. For more information, please visit the Wilderness Recommendation Process web page at <https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=71b07d8757da444287d29dbc07781933>.

The draft assessment for the **TONGASS FOREST PLAN REVISION** is available for comment. The purpose of this assessment is to rapidly evaluate existing information about relevant ecological, economic, and social conditions, trends and sustainability, and document their relationship to the Tongass land management plan within the context of the broader landscape. In the coming months the team will be working on the Draft Assessment so that it will be ready for review at the beginning of next year. In the meantime, we want to share the current framework of the assessment document with you, as well as the literature we have gathered for the different topics that make up the full assessment. This framework is in the form of a Table of Contents which is currently in a DRAFT, working state. The table of contents outlines all the different subjects that are currently slated to be discussed in the full draft assessment. This [Draft Table of Contents](#) is available for viewing under the Public Engagements, Public Feedback Opportunities section of our Plan Revision website at [Tongass National Forest Plan Revision Website](#). To submit comments, to TongassPlanRevision@usda.gov. Helpful Resources; [Tongass National Forest Plan Revision Website – Engagement Opportunities](#), [Wilderness Recommendation Process Storymap](#), [Wilderness Recommendation Process Webpage](#), and [National Old-Growth Amendment Webpage](#).

****September 15**

NENANA – Comments are due on the proposal to **REPLACE the PARKS HIGHWAY NENANA RIVER BRIDGE**. at Rex Crossing near MP 276. Replacement of the bridge will require a work trestle on the south side of the existing bridge and a temporary bridge placed on the north side of the bridge to be used as a detour route. DOT&PF is currently working on conceptual designs, engineering, and environmental studies. Construction is planned for summer 2028. Portions of the existing Nenana River Bridge at Rex Crossing are within the base floodplain of the Nenana River in the form of bank protection (riprap) at both ends of the bridge and three piers. For more information, contact John Netardus, P.E., Engineering Manager, at (907) 451+5448oemail john.netardus@alaska.gov or go to [Project Plans and Location Info NFHWY00788.pdf](#).

September 16

Comments are due on a request to identify **SPECIAL AREAS within the NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE in ALASKA** for significant resource values for existing Special Areas; modify the boundaries or management of existing Special Areas; or identify public lands that may qualify for designation as new Special Areas in NPR-A. for more information or to submit comments, contact Stacie McIntosh at s05mcint@blm.gov or call (907) 474-2398.

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFP

August 28 - October 30

WRTG A280, INTRODUCTION TO GRANT WRITING: 2 Credits, 10-weeks, will be available on Zoom on Wednesdays from 5 to 8pm through UAA, Cost: \$468 and you do not need to be a matriculating student to take the class. The class will introduce grant writing with a focus on locating funding sources, networking with community partners and potential funders, and drafting, revising, and submitting grant proposals. Professor **ANDREW HARNISH** is the instructor. While there are grant writing courses offered in Alaska, it's rare to find a grant writing course offered fully online and taught from an Alaskan point of view. [UAA Application and Online Registration Directions.docx](#) or contact Professor Harnish at ajharnish@alaska.edu.

September 1

Deadline for applications for the **CONSERVATION ALLIANCE GRANTS**. The Alliance, through the collective power of its 270-member companies (in the outdoor industry, brewers, bankers, sportsmen, and renewable energy), works to protect outdoor spaces and wild places. Through its Member-Directed Grants, the Alliance provides support for projects that seek to secure lasting and quantifiable protection of a specific wildland or waterway. The Alliance's Confluence Grants support historically racially excluded people working to protect natural places. Additional information about the Alliance and its grant programs as well as application instructions can be found at <https://conservationalliance.com/>.

September 27 & October 9

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES for MARINE DEBRIS REMOVAL and INTERCEPTION These are two separate funding opportunities, and they have different application requirements. Applicants wishing to compete under both funding opportunities must submit a separate application for each. NOAA expects to fund awards from each competition depending on the merit of submitted proposals. Applicants who submit successful LOIs will be invited to submit a full proposal following the LOI review period.

September 27 - Deadline for **Letters of Intent (LOI)** The Fiscal Year 2025 NOAA Marine Debris Removal under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding opportunity prioritizes the development of large-scale marine debris removal projects. These removal projects 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. Applicants may submit letters of intent (LOI) from August 28 to September 27 for this opportunity.

October 9 - Deadline for application for **FISCAL YEAR 2025 NOAA MARINE DEBRIS INTERCEPTION**

The second funding opportunity, Fiscal Year 2025 NOAA Marine Debris Interception Technologies under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, focuses on the installation, monitoring, and maintenance of proven marine debris interception technologies that will capture marine debris at or close to known marine debris sources or pathways. These proven technologies may include litter traps, shoreline removal technologies, booms, skimmers, conveyors, floating collection devices, and other technologies that do not require additional research and development. LOIs can be submitted for this opportunity from August 28 to October 09, 2024. RESOURCES: [MDP Blog](#) - Overall description of opportunity, with links. [Removal Funding Opportunity](#) - on Grants.Gov website. [Interception Funding Opportunity](#) - on Grants.Gov website.

October 1

Deadline for submissions for the **ALASKA COMMUNITY ACTION on TOXICS** for the **BREAST CANCER PREVENTION ART CONTEST** that is open to youth aged 12 to 25 based in Alaska. Rural Alaskans are especially encouraged to participate! **How to Enter:** 1) Check out our [Breast Cancer Prevention Toolkit](#) and be sure to read the section about pinkwashing! 2) Create an artistic depiction of one or more pieces of info from the toolkit! There are two categories: Short film OR mixed media (poster, sculpture, etc.). Submissions may be from individuals or groups. 3) Submit a file or photo of your work to sara@akaction.org and indicate your age group (12 to 17 or 18 to 25).

October 31

Deadline for applications for the **RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM (RTP) for 2025 FUNDING**. Application package for this funding opportunity is posted on the Div. of Parks & Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) website at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/trails.htm>. The DPOR administers Alaska's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) RTP grant. The DPOR offers this competitive, reimbursable, matching trail grant for maintaining public recreational trails and related facilities, and for safety and educational projects. The RTP grant program provides up to 90% reimbursement of eligible costs for the entire project cost; grantees are responsible for 10% of the entire project cost. Eligible applicants include non-profit, educational institutions, state government, local government, federal government and native corporations or tribal governments. For more information, email Parks.RTPGrantApp@alaska.gov.

October 31

Deadline for applications for the **LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND 2025 GRANTS**. The Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) administers this competitive reimbursable, matching grant program in partnership with the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. LWCF can provide up to 50% of costs for eligible outdoor recreation projects. 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. An estimated \$1 million in LWCF federal funding will be available in this grant round. Locally sponsored grant requests are limited to a minimum of \$25,000 and \$125,000 maximum in LWCF federal share. (Total project cost must be at least \$50,000 to justify a \$25,000 grant request. 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. For more information, contact Ms. Danette Berkovitz, Grants Section Manager, at Danette.Berkovitz@alaska.gov or call 907-269-8706. The application package will be made available online by August 1. To learn more about the application process, go to [DNR's website](#).

ITEMS of INTEREST

To see the adopted **MATANUSKA VALLEY MOOSE RANGE and JONESVILLE PUBLIC USE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN** go to

<https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/mgtplans/jonesville-moose-range/>.

To see the **DEC RESPONSES** to the **KENSINGTON GOLD MINE REQUEST for an ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) PERMIT**, go to

<https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/> Recently Issued Permits.

North Pacific Research Board (NPRB) is SEEKING NOMINATIONS for FISHING INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE to fill the seat on the Board that represents the interests of the fishing industry. The fishing industry seat is nominated by the Board and subject to approval and appointment by the Secretary of Commerce. This is a three-year term that would commence once the appointment is made by the Secretary of Commerce, after October 2024. [Learn more](#).

New Report: **THE ARCTIC'S PLASTIC CRISIS: TOXIC THREATS to HEALTH, HUMAN RIGHTS, and INDIGENOUS LANDS from the PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY**. ACAT and the International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN) released a new report exploring the latest science on threats to Arctic people's health and environment from plastics, petrochemicals, and climate change. [Read the report](#).

VOLUNTEER OPP OPPORTUNITIES

August 23 & 24

ANCHORAGE - BAXTER BOG TRAIL CREW VOLUNTEER DAY will be held from 1:30 to 4:30pm on Friday and from 10am to 4:30pm on Saturday. Join us to take the bogginess out of the trails at Baxter Bog! This is one of our Community Challenge Grants with Scenic Foothills Community Council. We are improving 200 feet of trail and are looking for 60 volunteers over two days with many time slots available. To register, go to

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/11229685120124/false#/invitation>.

August 23 – 25

Volunteers to help us out at **THE SIERRA CLUB SUMMER CAMP** in Sutton, The Sierra Club Summer Camp will be a weekend full of canoeing, hiking, and activities for all ages at the beautiful Healing Hearts Warrior Lodge campground. Volunteers can help cook, run activities, or just be an extra set of hands to get people to the right cabin and answer questions-- we will

place you wherever you feel most comfortable! Volunteers will receive a free cabin or tent spot and meals for the weekend. Plus, we will make sure you have plenty of time to enjoy the lake. Please email andrea.feniger@sierraclub.org if you are interested in helping.

August 24

CHUGACH STATE PARK - Join **ALASKA TRAILS** for volunteer work on the **SOUTH FORK VALLEY TRAIL** from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Volunteers will work on brushing the trail to clear alders and willows from the trail corridor. Meet at the South Fork Valley Trailhead. No experience necessary and all training and tools will be provided. Learn more and RSVP at: <https://www.alaska-trails.org/event-details/south-fork-valley-trail>.

August 31

CHUGACH STATE PARK - Join **ALASKA TRAILS** for volunteer work on the **WOLVERINE BOWL TRAIL** from 9am to 4pm. Volunteers will work primarily on improving the drainage on the trail but will also do some brushing work. Volunteers will meet at the Prospect Heights Trailhead. No experience necessary and all training and tools will be provided. Learn more and RSVP at: <https://www.alaska-trails.org/event-details/wolverine-bowl-trail>.

OIL SPILL RECOVERY INSTITUTE'S (OSRI) ADVISORY BOARD seeks **AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS**. OSRI's mission is to support research, education, and demonstration projects that improve understanding and response to oil spills in the Arctic and sub-Arctic marine environment. For more information, go to [2024 At Large Board Member Nomination Announcement - OSRI](#).

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**** - Two (2) HYDROLOGIST GS 7-9-11 in FAIRBANKS and PALMER** for the **USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)**. Relocation expenses are authorized. Learn more and **apply by August 26** on USAJobs.gov at <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/804230600>.

****STAFF ATTORNEY for TRUSTEES for ALASKA** in Anchorage. Candidate should have four years of legal experience, ideally two years in environmental law, including litigation and Alaska-specific issues. Trustees for Alaska has a highly collaborative team that works in coalitions, so the ability to foster coordination and cooperation among diverse groups is essential. The position pays \$84,000-96,000 based upon years of experience. Benefits include medical and dental, generous personal leave, flexible Fridays, family and sick leave, and more. People of color, persons with disabilities, women, LGBTQ+ applicants, and people of diverse lived experience are encouraged to apply. To see the full position description, go to <https://trustees.org/trustees-employment/>. Submit the required materials to our administrative director Ashley Boyd at aboyd@trustees.org. Use the subject heading "Staff Attorney Application." **Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis until October 31,**

****COORDINATOR for The ALASKA CLIMATE ALLIANCE** to the alliance and help guide coalition work, including strategic planning, member engagement and growth, facilitation of our member gathering space, as well as helping to support the activities of our two leadership bodies - the Indigenous Navigation Council and the Coordinating Team. The ideal candidate must be highly organized and effective at working in group settings. Preferably the candidate will have proven experience in community organizing, coalition building, and project management. This position will work closely with a supportive, passionate and dynamic team of both staff and volunteer members from all of the ACA partner organizations. This is a contract position with the potential to grow into a permanent position. More info and apply go to akclimatealliance.org/hiring.

****FINANCE DIRECTOR for the PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND SCIENCE CENTER** in Cordova to be responsible for accounting and business functions and plays a critical role in guiding and strengthening the financial stability of the organization. This position is responsible for executing and supervising all responsibilities within the areas of accounting, budgeting, grants and contracts, and some human resources (HR). Please see the [full position description here](#) for details and how to apply. Open until filled.

****MICROGRID PROJECT MANAGER for the RENEWABLE ENERGY ALASKA PROJECT (REAP)** to work with remote Alaskan communities, national laboratories and other REAP partners to help rural Alaskan communities transition to more resilient energy systems that include more renewable energy and energy efficiency. The Microgrid Project Manager's work is part of the US Department of Energy's Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) program. **Compensation:** This is a permanent full-time position. \$65,000-\$75,000 +, depending on experience and qualifications. Includes paid personal leave and holidays, generous retirement benefits and optional access to a health care reimbursement arrangement, as well as personal communication expense reimbursement and continuing education budget. Application Process: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please email the following five items to Greg Stiegel at gstiegel@realaska.org. 1) cover letter, 2) résumé. 3) at least one letter of recommendation, 4) 2-4 additional references. 5) writing sample. **Application Deadline: 5pm AKDT September 6.** REAP is looking for applicants who can start on or around September 30 To see the full position description, go to <https://alaskarenewableenergy.org/>.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE LEAD for the ALASKA PUBLIC INTEREST GROUP to work on three core issues: housing, debt, and monopolies. Most recently this work has included pro-abundant housing policy advocacy and organizing, payday lending reform, medical debt research, and preventing price increases through anti-trust initiatives. AKPIRG is seeking an innovative, emotionally intelligent, and highly organized individual to serve as Economic Justice Lead. This person should have outstanding relationship development skills, familiarity with state and municipal legislative processes and strategy, comfort with policy research and advocacy, and a collaborative leadership style. **Applications are open through September 8.** To see the full position description, go to <https://akpirg.bamboohr.com/careers/23?emci=2dc9d2f3-2c54-ef11-991a-6045bddbfc4b&emdi=8c84c005-b055-ef11-991a-6045bddbfc4b&ceid=4456246>.

STATE CAMPAIGNS MANAGER for the **SOUTHEAST ALASKA CONSERVATION COUNCIL (SEACC)** to coordinate and lead our state level conservation work. work on all Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Natural Resources regulations and processes and track proposed state legislation. **Compensation:** This role is a full-time position, and the salary range for this role is between \$68,000 – \$75,000 with an exact salary dependent upon experience. **Benefits include:** 3 weeks of paid leave your first year and 4 weeks of paid leave after one year, plus 11 federal and state holidays, plus fully paid healthcare, plus 12 days of medical leave annually, plus 2 days of community service or participation leave, plus a 401K plan with a 5% match that begins after just one year of employment, and in addition, the Executive Director closes the office between Christmas Day and New Year's Day each year as a thank you to the staff! SEACC is in Juneau. **Desired Start Date:** Mid-October, preferred, but flexible. **Application process:** **Deadline is by the end of day on September 9** but SEACC will continue to accept and review applications on a rolling basis thereafter until the role is filled. To apply, submit your cover letter, resume and a short professional writing sample of not more than 1,000 words (excerpts are fine) to admin@seacc.org. Please put 'Job Application – State Campaigns Manager' and your last name in the email subject line. Three professional references, including one from a former or current direct supervisor will be requested from those selected for interviews. To see the full position description, go to <https://seacc.org/about/hiring>,

OPERATIONS MANAGER for the **ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM (ANTHC) CLIMATE INITIATIVES DEPARTMENT**, a new position to support daily operations and the strategic growth of the department. Duties include program management, project management, communications, and administrative support for a wide range of climate adaptation services. The position may become supervisory. Successful performance is a pathway to future leadership and other positions within the department, at ANTHC, or partner organizations. Starting salary up to \$107,000 depending on experience. Benefits include access to over a dozen subsidized health insurance plans, 12 paid holidays, generous paid leave, up to 8% retirement contribution, etc. Apply to the Program Manager III position on the ANTHC jobs website or contact Tricia Howe at tshowe@anthc.org) with questions.

RECREATION OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT MEMBER for the **BUREAU of LAND MANAGEMENT ALASKA** through the **American Conservation Experience (ACE)** to contribute to the Alaska Long Trail feasibility study project alongside BLM Alaska State Office Staff. Start Date: October 7: Estimated End Date: March 21,2025. \$800 per week. A 24-week minimum commitment is required. For more information about the Alaska State Office, please visit the BLM website. For full position description, go to <https://usaconservation.applicantpool.com/jobs/1126882>. For information about ACE, go to [usaconservation dot org](https://usaconservation.org).

ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER has the following positions available:

ASSISTANT CURATOR: full-time, year-round to be responsible for assisting the Animal Curator in tasks requiring specialized skills in connection with the care and maintenance of the

animal collection and exhibit facilities at the AWCC with an emphasis on animal training, behavior and time management for the team. Compensation starts at an annual salary of \$50,000 (DOE) with free on-site, bunk style housing included for the first 6 months of employment. A variety of benefits are offered to full-time staff, including health, dental, optical, PTO, a 403b plan with a 3% match, and 10-paid holidays including the employee's birthday. In addition, AWCC pays employees' health care premium in full. Applications will be accepted and reviewed until the position is filled. [Click here to view a complete Job Description](#). A valid driver's license is required for all job listings. [Click HERE to apply](#). For more information, email shay@alaskawildlife.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER: Full-time, [year-round](#) to be responsible for overseeing AWCC's interactions with the public by implementing social media platforms' content strategies. Duties include analyzing engagement data, identifying trends in customer interactions and planning digital campaigns to build community online. You will be responsible for creating original text and video content, managing posts and responding to followers. Wage is \$24 per hour, DOE, with free on-site, bunk style housing included for the first 6-months of employment. A variety of benefits are offered to full-time staff, including health, dental, optical, PTO, a 403b plan with a 3% match, and 10-paid holidays including the employee's birthday. In addition, AWCC pays employees' health care premium in full. Applications will be accepted and reviewed until the position is filled. [Click here to view a complete Job Description](#). A valid driver's license is required for all job listings. [Click HERE to apply](#). For more information, email info@alaskawildlife.org.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR for the **AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) of ALASKA** to partner in the development and communication a clear strategic direction that aligns with the organization's mission, vision, and values. In addition, the Deputy Director will work closely with the Executive Director to enhance systems and structures for good governance, human resources, and performance management, and ensure values and practices that support a new generation of civil rights leaders. For the full position description, go to <https://www.acluak.org/en/jobs/deputy-director>. **The priority deadline for applications is August 30**, though applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

YUKON RIVER DRAINAGE FISHERIES ASSOCIATION has the following **REMOTE** positions available:

FISHERIES BIOLOGIST to provide scientific analysis of salmon stocks, review and evaluate in-season management information from the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADFG) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Represent YRDFA at the Yukon River Panel and participate in Panel meetings. Provide scientific input and expertise on a broad range of marine, in-river management and habitat issues and proposals to inform YRDFA's policy advocacy. Lead presentations at YRDFA Board meetings on fisheries issues. Produce outreach materials on salmon science for fishermen along the Yukon River to keep fishermen informed of fisheries issues in the larger scientific community. Conduct field studies and data analysis for YRDFA and collaborative projects. Assist with producing GIS maps. Read the full Job Description at <https://yukonsalmon.org/job/fisheries-biologist/>.

POLICY COORDINATOR to implement defined projects focused around Yukon River fishery issues. Research, prepare, and present effective outreach and public education campaigns of Yukon River fisheries and collaborative opportunities for Yukon River Tribes and partners. Analyze and track current regulations and regulatory proposals impacting Yukon River salmon at the state, federal agencies. Travel required to rural communities and fishery meetings. Read the full Job Description at <https://yukonsalmon.org/job/policy-coordinator/>.

CLEAN WATER LEAD for **COOK INLETKEEPER** to fill the role of a content area expert for pollution, mining, and clean water policy. In this role, you'll collaborate with our organizing and communications staff to shine a light on important clean water and habitat issues. You'll be creating campaign strategies and action plans, including initiatives focused on oil & gas, mining, and other topics that affect climate, water quality, and fish habitat. We need someone who is confident, skilled in research and writing, a great public speaker, and adept at communications and strategic thinking. If you thrive in a team setting, we'd love to hear from you! [Learn more](#). For a full position description, to <https://inletkeeper.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/2024-Clean-Water-Lead-Job-Description.pdf>

DEPUTY DIRECTOR for **SPRUCE ROOT** to lead manage many of Spruce Root's program leads, including the director of the Sustainable Southeast Partnership, and help us operationalize our mission to drive regenerative economies in Southeast Alaska and to ensure effective programming, efficient operations, and wellbeing across the organization. As a core member of the Spruce Root leadership team, the Deputy Director will manage a diverse team of Program Directors to offer support and ensure the quality of our programs. The ideal candidate is a strategic systems thinker, skilled at developing processes for effectively managing work in a collaborative environment. This role will be responsible for supporting a team of highly capable individuals, ensuring functional team coordination and strategic alignment in order to amplify our mission. The ideal candidate is a strategic systems thinker, skilled at developing processes for effectively managing work in a collaborative environment. This role will be responsible for supporting a team of highly capable individuals, ensuring functional team coordination and strategic alignment and amplify our mission. To see the full position description and application information, go to <https://www.spruceroot.org/careers>. **Deadline to Apply: August 25.**

OUTRECH MANAGER for the **TYONEK TRIBAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT (TTCD)** to be responsible for community outreach, collaborative storytelling, and educational programming. Current projects include the development and implementation of K-12 conservation curriculum, content creation and curation for a new website concept, multi-modal community engagement, storytelling via social media and quarterly newsletters, networking with district partners, grant management, assisting other TTCD teams with their outreach needs, and monitoring measurable outreach goals for our outreach programs. The ideal candidate will have experience in developing and delivering place-based, culturally relevant curriculum for K-12 classrooms, collaborating with content experts to develop meaningful engagement, program management experience, excellent storytelling skills, and a work style conducive to learning and working on a variety of projects at once. The right candidate may not have a strong grant writing or evaluation background but is interested in developing expertise in these skills. This position is based in the

Anchorage office and includes travel to Tyonek and other locations. Tyonek is a 25-minute flight from Anchorage, so a travel day may include flying to Tyonek at 9am and returning to Anchorage by 4:30pm. Overnights may be scheduled on occasion. Travel is likely to occur 2-6 days per month, depending on the season. To apply, applicants should include both a resume and cover letter describing your interest and qualifications. The resume and cover letter (as well as inquiries) can be emailed to admin@ttcd.org. Communications will be treated in confidence and applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Resume reviews begin immediately. To see the full position description, go to <https://ttcd.org/how-you-can-help/job-opportunities/>.

SOUTHEAST ALASKA CONSERVATION COUNCIL (SEACC) has the following positions available:

DEVELOPMENT and OUTREACH COORDINATOR to lead our fundraising efforts in support of our work to protect the lands and waters of Southeast Alaska. This role is a full-time non-exempt position and the salary range for this role is \$50,000-65,000 with an exact salary dependent upon experience.

To see the full position descriptions for both positions, go to <https://seacc.org/about/hiring#job2>

FACILITIES MANAGER for the **WRANGELL MOUNTAINS CENTER (WMC)** to oversee the facilities as a part of a collaborative leadership team working toward the successful operations and promotes living in close relationship with wilderness and with our local community of the campus. Estimated time commitment: average 40 hours/week. Due to a variety of unique factors, our 2024 summer season will be an exceptionally challenging one, and more hours may be required. These will be used to complete required training and courses, contribute to hiring facilities and attend planning meetings. Part-time work will potentially be 5-10 hours per month beginning in January. Compensation: \$3,100/month including meals and primitive lodging (valued at approximately \$1,200 per month). To see the full position description, go to <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/51ddb936e4b0bf85e2f4d9eb/t/65679f2fe2d33b0aaa5751ee/1701289779476/2024+Facilities+Manager+Position+Description+%283%29.pdf>.

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