

## What's Up October 1, 2024

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## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

### October 2 – 8

**FAT BEAR WEEK** is being held at Katmai National Park. Choose the bear that has what it takes to survive the winter and experience the crowning of the champion at [fatbearweek.org](http://fatbearweek.org). Fat Bear Week is an annual park competition that celebrates the healthy appetites of brown bears as well as the nourishing ecosystem in which the bears thrive. The champion fat bear is crowned on October 8. This is the 10th anniversary of Fat Bear Week which started in 2014. Nearly 1.4 million votes were cast for the bears last year from over a hundred countries. Check out the live cams on [Explore.org](http://Explore.org) or visit the [park](#) to learn more about the lives of these bears. For more information about Katmai go to [www.nps.gov/katm](http://www.nps.gov/katm) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [flicker](#), [you tube](#), [twitter](#), or [Instagram](#).

### October 16

**CORDOVA - COASTAL OBSERVATION and SEABIRD SURVEY TEAM (COASST)** is holding a training for volunteers from 4 to 8pm at the Prince William Sound Science Center. COAST participants collect monthly data on beached carcasses of marine birds to establish the pattern of bird mortality on North Pacific beaches. Data collected helps address important marine conservation issues. No prior scientific experience is needed! Beach surveys are best when conducted in groups of 2 or more - so please come with a partner in mind or in tow! The training is free, but we do ask for a \$31 refundable survey kit deposit to take the materials home. Come join the training and make a difference for the environment!

### October 17 &18

**ANCHORAGE - ALASKA COMPOST CONFERENCE:** Interested in composting on a mid-large scale? This workshop is geared for folks at the community, small business, farm, municipal and commercial levels. The conference will be valuable to facility/site managers, facility operators, regulators, policy makers, farmers and other people considering composting as an enterprise, municipal planners, environmental professionals, community composting advocates/coordinators, waste managers, people with organic feed stocks to manage composting and want to learn more. Solid Waste Service is bringing **Dr. ROBERT RYNK** and **MATTEW COTTON** Co-Author and Contributor of the U.S. Composting Council's "Composting Handbook," with a bonus social hour. Day one will be presentations in a classroom setting, Day two is outside getting your hands dirty! RSVP: please email [Compost@muni.org](mailto:Compost@muni.org).

### November 1 – 3

**SITKA** – The **28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SITKA WHALEFEST SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM** will be held featuring 9 different talks from premier scientists and community leaders centering around each year's theme. Join us for an unforgettable Science Festival that mixes culture and community with leading research in unique and unexpected ways. From morning snorkeling to scientific illustration, and of course our Alaskan made market, there are plenty of events to keep both the science minded and curious busy. [Event Link](#)

#### **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 & VIRTUAL**

#### **\*\* October 8 (Webinar)**

The **DANGERS of DEEP SEA MINING** will be presented at 9am by the **ALASKA COMMUNITY ACTION ON TOXICS** with **FARAH OBIDULLAH** about the current state of deep-sea mining and its potential environmental impacts. With the transition to green technology, the demand for “critical” minerals is surging. In response, industry is turning to deep-sea mining, the process of extracting minerals from the ocean floor. This dangerous practice threatens to cause irreversible damage to oceans, including the destruction of fragile marine ecosystems which would require extensive periods to recover, if at all. As research reveals more about the risks, we are at a critical juncture where decisions made now will shape the health of our oceans for generations to come. [Register now!](#)

#### **\*\*October 9 (Virtual)**

**CLEAN ENERGY FUNDING for ALASKAN HOMES and BUSINESSES** will be presented from Noon to 1pm by the Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP) for an in-depth discussion with

our esteemed panel of experts on the myriad opportunities for Alaskans to fund clean energy improvements for their homes and businesses available via the IRA tax credits (including direct pay options); the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's forthcoming home efficiency, electrification, and appliance rebate program; and the USDA REAP program for businesses and agricultural producers! The panel includes: **JOHN LUCEY** - Senior Advisor, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for Implementation; **RACHEL MCCLEERY** - Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of Treasury IRA Program Office; **DAN SMITH** - State Energy Coordinator, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development; **ETHAN STOOPS** - Energy Program Information Manager, Research & Rural Development, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and **JENNY STARRS** - ANEEE Program Manager, Renewable Energy Alaska Project. Register to attend at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_gMEYbuhzSku74x37vrJP8Q#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gMEYbuhzSku74x37vrJP8Q#/registration)

**\*\*October 22 (Virtual)**

**ARCTIC WILDLIFE of ALASKA and SVALBARD, NORWAY** will be presented from 7 to 8on by **MILO BURCHAM** (Audubon). The high Arctics of Alaska and Norway have some similarities, but they also have differences. Milo traveled to both environments in June and July of this past summer, photographing the wildlife of both areas. While we like to think of Alaska's north coast as extreme, Norway's Svalbard Archipelago lies 500 miles further north. Still, they have much in common. Milo will present images of the wildlife of both areas, including Alaska's Arctic bird specialties such as Smith's Longspur, Yellow Wagtail, Bluethroat, Eiders, and mammals such as Grizzly Bear and Muskox, and Svalbard's wildlife, including Polar Bears, Walrus, Atlantic Puffins, Access the talk remotely using GoTo Meetings (<https://meet.goto.com/install>) at the following link: Tuesday Talks or join at <https://meet.goto.com/736232741>.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS/OPEN HOUSE**

**October 2 & 3 (In-person & Teleconference)**

**GALENA** – The **WESTERN INTERIOR ALASKA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL** will meet beginning at 9am daily in the Galena at the Larson Charlie Community Hall. The Council will develop recommendations on proposals to change Federal subsistence fish and shellfish regulations and discuss other issues related to subsistence in the Western Interior Region. The public is welcome to attend and participate in this meeting. To join the meeting via teleconference, dial toll-free (833) 436-1163, then when prompted enter the phone conference ID: 578 228 811#. All meeting materials may be found at [https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions/wi\\_materials](https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions/wi_materials).

**October 4 & 5 (In-person & Teleconference)**

**COPPER CENTER** - The **WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS SUBSISTENCE RESOURCE COMMISSION** will meet at the park's Visitor Center in Copper Center and by teleconference from 9am to 5pm on Friday and from 9am to completion of business on Saturday. If business is completed on October 4, the meeting will adjourn, and no meeting will take place on October 5. The commission will consider a range of issues related to subsistence hunting and fishing in the park. Commission business will include an opportunity to comment on proposals to change federal subsistence fishing and hunting regulations regarding Nelchina caribou and Tolsona's

customary and traditional use of salmon in the Chitina Subdistrict and freshwater fish in the Copper River drainage, upstream of Haley Creek. The commission is seeking input from current residents of Tolsona on their subsistence uses of lands designated as Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. A variety of reports will also be presented. The meeting is open to the public, and public testimony opportunities are provided. Members of the public are encouraged to participate. The meeting agenda and other meeting materials will be posted on the park website approximately one week before the meeting at <https://go.nps.gov/October2024SRCMeeting>. To participate by teleconference, dial toll-free (866) 541-9494 and when prompted enter the passcode: 7848787#. For more information, contact Barbara Cellarius, subsistence coordinator, at (907) 822-7236 or [WRST\\_subsistence@nps.gov](mailto:WRST_subsistence@nps.gov).

#### **October 8 – 10 (In-person & Teleconference)**

**FAIRBANKS** – The **EASTERN INTERIOR ALASKA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL** will meet at Pike’s Waterfront Lodge beginning at 9am daily. The Council will develop recommendations on proposals to change Federal subsistence fish, shellfish, and wildlife regulations and discuss other issues related to subsistence in the Eastern Interior Region. The public is welcome to attend and participate in this meeting. To join the meeting via teleconference, dial toll-free (833) 436-1163, then when prompted enter the phone conference ID: 336 580 378# or join via MS Teams: [click here to join the meeting](#). All meeting materials may be found at [https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions/ei\\_materials..](https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions/ei_materials..)

#### **October 10 & 11 (In-person & Teleconference)**

**ANCHORAGE** - The **SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL** will meet at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center at 9:30am daily. The Council will develop recommendations on proposals to change Federal subsistence fish, shellfish, and wildlife regulations and discuss other issues related to subsistence in the Eastern Interior Region. The public is welcome to attend and participate in this meeting. To join the meeting via teleconference, dial toll-free (833) 436-1163, then when prompted enter the phone conference ID: 680 833 713#. You can also join the meeting via MS Teams: [click here to join the meeting](#). All meeting materials may be found here: [https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions/sc\\_materials](https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/regions/sc_materials).

#### **October 22, 23, 30**

Informational meetings on the **DRAFT TANANA VALLEY STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN** will be held in the following locations to discuss the revision and review process and share information about proposed changes to the TVSF Management Plan:

`` **October 22 - Delta** from 6:30 to 8pm location to be announced

``` **October 23 - Fairbanks** from 6:30 to 8pm int the Northern Region DNR Office Large Conference Room

``` **October 30 – Tok** from 6:30 to 8:00pm location to be announced

The management plan includes summary descriptions of the TVSF land base and guidelines for management of natural resources within the state forest boundary under legislatively mandated principles of sustained yield and multiple use. **The draft will remain open for review through November 19.** A draft of the revised management plan is available online at <https://forestry.alaska.gov/TVSFrevision>. Details about time, location, and teleconference

options are available at <https://forestry.alaska.gov/TVSFrevision>. Please submit comments in writing to [dnr.for.tvsfrevision@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.for.tvsfrevision@alaska.gov). For more information, contact Trevor DoBell-Carlsson Forest Planner & Federal Programs Manager at 907.269.8667 or email [trevor.dobell@alaska.gov](mailto:trevor.dobell@alaska.gov) or Geneva Preston, Forest Planner, at 907.255.3070 or [email.geneva.preston@alaska.gov](mailto:email.geneva.preston@alaska.gov).

#### **October 24**

##### **SOLDOTNA - Public Open House No. 2 on the STERLING SAFETY CORRIDOR**

**IMPROVEMENTS MP 82.5 TO 94 PROGRESSIVE DESIGN BUILD** will be held from 4 to 7pm in the Soldotna Regional Sports Complex, Conference Room. DOT&PF has identified the need for the Sterling Safety Corridor Improvements MP 82.5 to 94 project. The purpose of the project is to improve safety and reduce congestion for people and motorized traffic traveling along the Sterling Highway. This project will provide highway travelers with a safe and reliable roadway supporting efficient movement of goods, services, and people, while accommodating the seasonal increase of tourist and recreational traffic. Come at your convenience to view progress on potential design concepts developed based on comments received, ask questions, and share comments directly with the project team. For more information, go to [www.SterlingSafetyImprovements.com](http://www.SterlingSafetyImprovements.com).

#### **\*\*October 29 (In-person & virtually)**

**FAIRBANKS** - The **ALASKA BOARD of FORESTRY** will meet at 8am at the Fairbanks Hotel & Conference Center and via Zoom. Public comment is scheduled to begin at 1pm. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92989977711?pwd=jMBoJlm1YyaYJpbG9edmirHxbP2Thk1>. Topics on the Board's agenda for the October 29 meeting include forestry, forest practices budgets and proposed legislation. The meeting is intended to comply with the requirements of AS 41.17.047(b) and (d). For more information, contact Shannon Miller, Board of Forestry Liaison, at (907) 269-8476 or email [shannon.miller@alaska.gov](mailto:shannon.miller@alaska.gov).

#### **\*\*October 29 - 30**

**ANCHORAGE** -The **ALASKA BOARD of FISHERIES** will meet for a two-day Work Session at the Egan Civic and Convention Center. No regulatory action will be taken at this meeting. Agenda topics may include: election of officers, agenda change requests, petitions, meeting organization and establishment of committees for the 2023/2024 meeting cycle, review of locations and dates for future meetings, informational reports, and/or administrative issues that may come before the board. The board may choose to go into executive session. The board may also take up items under a miscellaneous business agenda. Oral public testimony will not be taken at this meeting. Written comments are due no later than October 15 and may be submitted electronically through the board's webpage at <https://boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov/>. Written comments can also be submitted during the meeting. A live video stream is intended to be available on the board's website at [www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov). The meeting agenda and any other meeting documents, including agenda change requests, will be available prior to the meeting at

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=10-29-2024&meeting=anchorage>. For more information, contact Art Nelson at (907) 267-2292.

## **EVENTS & MEETINGS in the ANCHORAGE AREA**

The **NATURE CONSERVANCY in ALASKA** has one **OFFICE SPACE for RENT** at our building at [715 L Street](#) in downtown Anchorage and another that will become available in the next month or two. The first is an affordable 730 square foot daylight basement suite for \$1,500/month which includes three offices and a private bathroom. It is available now. The second suite is about the similar in size but is on the first floor. Price is TBD and it can be available as early as November 1st. The Nature Conservancy's building at 715 L Street has free on-site parking and is conveniently located next to the K Street Market (home of that Feeling Co., La Bodega, Fire Island Bakery and Johnny's Produce). We are two blocks from the park strip and close to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. If you have any questions about the property or want to take a tour, you can contact Nicki Holmen at [Nicole.Holmen@tnc.org](mailto:Nicole.Holmen@tnc.org) or 931-8562.

### **\*\*October 4**

**INVASIVE SPECIES TALK** will be held from 2:30 to 3:30pm at the Alaska Botanical Garden. Learn about the monsters of the ecological world, invasive species. Join us in the Garden for a discussion with instructor **GINO GRAZIANO** dedicated towards raising awareness of these alien invaders that can threaten the health of our soils and waterways. Gino is an invasive plant specialist working with the University of Alaska Fairbanks doing a combination of research and public education. His research is focused on the control of European bird cherry trees and pesticide fate in the environment. The talk is included in the cost of admission. Members are free.

### **October 5**

**BACKCOUNTRY FIRST AID for YOUR DOG** will be presented from 10am to Noon at the Campbell Creek Science Center. If you enjoy getting out on the trails with your dogs, far from professional veterinary care, having some basic first aid in case of injuries is essential. An experienced veterinarian and veterinary technician from Anchorage Veterinary Clinic and Urgent Care will help prepare you for some of the most common backcountry hazards and canine injuries you may encounter while adventuring with your pet. They will give you advice on what to carry with you and share tips on triaging your dog to determine how urgently veterinary care is needed. The cost includes one small first-aid kit. The kit is pet-specific, so please let us know your dog's weight when you register. Please leave your dog at home for this event. This class is \$50/person; register on [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

### **October 8 & 9 (In-person & virtually)**

The **EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL'S PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)** will meet from 9am to 5pm on both days in the Glenn Olds Hall Conference Room, 4210 University Drive and virtually using the Microsoft Teams conferencing platform. at [www.evostc.state.ak.us/events](http://www.evostc.state.ak.us/events). The meeting agenda will include review of the FY22-FY23 program and project progress. For more information call: 907.278.8012 or go to

[www.evostc.state.ak.us/events](http://www.evostc.state.ak.us/events). Meeting agenda and materials will be available at [www.evostc.state.ak.us/events](http://www.evostc.state.ak.us/events).

### **October 9**

**WORLD THROUGH SPONTANEOUS WATERCOLOR - BIRCH TREES** will be presented from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Loose watercolor painting technique is a fun, creative, and expressive way of portraying the beauty of birch trees no matter the season! This program begins with a quick exploration in watercolor and brush techniques, to include splatter, spritz, tilt, and drip techniques to create neat effects for a spontaneous watercolor background. Then, work step-by-step with the instructor to create your own birch tree watercolor painting. This event is for ages 12 and up. It is \$25/person; Please register at [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

### **\*\*October 10**

**HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKSHOP** hosted by **CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION (CEA)** will be held from Noon to 1pm online, in celebration of National Cooperative and Energy Awareness Month. Learn ways to monitor and manage your electric use and learn about incentive programs available at Chugach. To register for this online webinar, go to: [bit.ly/ChugachWorkshop2024](https://bit.ly/ChugachWorkshop2024)

### **October 10**

**ALASKA TRAILS** will hold its annual **FALL FUNDRAISER** from 6 to 9pm at Hilltop Ski Area. Tickets are \$50 and appetizers and drinks will be provided. There will be a silent auction with great items from local businesses. It is an opportunity to meet and greet the Alaska Trails board and staff and talk trails with great company. Executive Director Steve Cleary will give an update on all the exciting projects Alaska Trails has been working on and a look at what's to come this winter and next year. Come support our efforts to expand and maintain your Alaskan trail systems! Buy tickets at: <https://www.alaska-trails.org/fall-fundraiser>

### **\*\*October 12**

The **FALL FREEZE-UP BIRD WALK** will be held at 9am beginning at Westchester Lagoon at the Kayak Canor Launch. Come watch waterfowl and other birds at hotspots around town before the lakes freeze. **ANDREW FISHER** will lead this outing to a number of good waterbird locations around town including Westchester Lagoon and Lake Hood/Spenard. Enjoy searching for the less usual waterbird species during this exciting time of year or just enjoy the typical species that are still with us. Bring binoculars and a scope if you have one and dress for the weather. We will bird rain, snow, or shine. The field trip typically concludes around 12-12:30pm but bring snacks and/or a lunch if you want to keep birding with others afterwards. Blueberry scones will be provided! For questions contact Andrew Fisher at 619-937-1086 or email [mzeesamaki@gmail.com](mailto:mzeesamaki@gmail.com)

### **October 12**

**INTERNATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY 2024** will be celebrated from 10am to 2pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. To celebrate International Archaeology Day, we're learning about Alaskan culture and history. Watch "**A BEAUTIFUL LIFE**" by special guest **Dr. MARIA**

**WILLIAMS.** The documentary chronicles the 750-mile journey of Athabascan Elder Daisy Demientieff on the Yukon River as she searches for roots and tree bark to make her tribe's traditional baskets. Kristy Deacon, an artist and the late Elder Daisy's relative, will also be there to talk about what it's like to create art using birch tree materials. There will also be educational booths from BLM and our partners for people of all ages to learn about different parts of archaeology including a guided walk on WWII history and more! Free snacks thanks to the Friends of Campbell Creek Science Center. Co-hosted by the BLM Anchorage Field Office. This program is free and open to the public.

**October 15 (Note time change)**

Fireside Chat: **RESEARCHING the PORCUPINE CARIBOU HERD** will be presented from **5 to 6pm** at the Campbell Creek Science Center. The Porcupine caribou herd is one of the largest herds in North America, and they have one of the longest terrestrial migrations on Earth! They live on the Alaska-Canada border with most of their habitat in Alaska within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Learn about these incredible animals and how they are impacted by changing climate conditions from USGS wildlife biologist **HEATHER JOHNSON**. Our first Fireside Chat is co-hosted by the Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges. This event is free and open to the public.

**October 16**

**TRAPPING SEMINAR WITH NORTHERN LIGHTS** will be presented from 6:30 to 8pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Keep yourself and your four-legged companions safe by learning how to look for clues that a trap or trapline is in the area and be able to avoid it. This is a great opportunity to practice hands-on extraction techniques should the unthinkable happen and your pet gets caught in a trap. This trapping seminar is presented by the Northern Lights North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA). This event is free and open to the public.

**October 16**

**TRIVIA NIGHT: A FUNDRAISER for the BIRD TREATMENT and LEARNING CENTER** will be held at Mad Myrna's hosted by Nerdvana Alaska Bar Trivia. Gather a team to play a lively round of bar trivia! Plus, Girdie the Crow will be there from 6 to 6:30pm for a meet and greet! Teams will be playing for a \$500.00 cash prize! The \$100.00 team registration fee supports Bird Treatment and Learning Center's rehabilitation program for injured, ill, and orphaned wild birds and the conservation education program. Register before October 11th to save \$25.00. Team registration after October 11th is \$125.00. Registration link: <https://givebutter.com/triviaforthebirds>.

**\*\*October 18**

**NATIONAL FOSSIL DAY** will be celebrated at the Alaska Botanical Garden from Noon to 3pm. National Fossil Day is an annual celebration held to highlight the scientific and educational value of paleontology and the importance of preserving fossils for future generations. Join paleontologists, educators, and students in fossil-related events and activities in the Garden. Included with the price of admission. [More Information](#)



## **\*\*October 25**

**HIBERNATION CELEBRATION and WILDLIFE FUNDRAISER** will be held by the **ALASKA WILDLIFE ALLIANCE** from 6 to 12:00 pm at the Matanuska Brewing. Help us raise money to support our wildlife conservation programs across the state!

### **Part 1: Gathering (free)**

6pm - 9pm: Grab a bite and sip Matanuska's beers (or AWA's specialty cocktails!) with community partners, staff and Board. All food and drink purchased at Matanuska on October 25th supports AWA. We'll also have a great silent auction (\$12,000+ in prizes) and a raffle! At 7:30 we'll start a brief presentation on our work this year and honor our **2024 Volunteer of the Year, Bill Sherwonit!**

### **Part 2: Concert (\$20)**

9:00 – Midnight: Live music with The Jangle Bees for all ticketed attendees! Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Matanuska is also sponsoring a wildlife-themed costume contest; *winner gets free beer for a year!* [Click here to learn more about the event, peruse the silent auction \(starting October 11th\), and purchase your concert tickets today.](#) We would love to see you there! BUY TICKETS NOW! All proceeds go to Alaska's wildlife. \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Get your tickets at <https://www.akwildlife.org/hibernation-celebration>.

## **October 27**

**ANCHORAGE WATERWAYS COUNCIL OPEN HOUSE** will be held from 2:30 to 5pm at the Kaffee Klatch, [508 W. 2nd Avenue](#). This year marks 40 busy and productive years where AWC has worked diligently to make and keep local waterways clean and healthy. We will be holding an informal Open House on Sunday, October 27, from 2:30 to 5 at [Kaffee Klatsch](#). Light refreshments will be served, good company will be provided, and great stories will be swapped. We would especially like to invite all current and former Citizens' Environmental Monitoring Program volunteers and board members as well as our current members to attend. We hope you can make it! For more information, call 907-272-7335.

## **EVENTS & MEETINGS OUTSIDE of ANCHORAGE**

### **\*\*October 5**

**PALMER - FROST FEST: THE VALLEY'S WINTER RESOURCE EXPO** will be held at the Palmer Train Depot from 11am to 4pm sponsored by the [Mat-Su Trails & Parks Foundation](#). Come to this event to learn about: Local clubs that offer winter recreation activities; Scholarship opportunities; Classes and educational events during the winter season; and Gear demonstrations. Learn more at <https://www.reveltreksandtours.com/events/winterresourceexpo>

### **October 5 & 6**

**FAIRBANKS - MAKING GOOD TROUBLE: A NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION & ART TRAINING in INTERIOR ALASKA.** Calling activists and organizers of all levels and experience! Join us for this two-day non-violent direct action and arts workshop. Trainers from across the state will provide information on the philosophies of direct action, give tactics and tools to help you start or further develop your campaign, and guide campaign and art development, leading

to the positive change we want to see in our communities! This event is co-sponsored by Northern Center, Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition, Alaska Peace Center, and Young Alaskans Training Fund. For more information, and to register, visit <https://northern.org/news/registration-form/>

**\*\*October 9 (In-person & virtually)**

**FAIRBANKS** - The **FAIRBANKS FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will meet at 6pm at the JP Jones Community Center, 2400 Rickert Street, and by web/teleconference. This meeting is open to the public. Agenda includes: \* Update on Bison Restoration Project; \* Trooper Report; \* Fisheries Subcommittee report on matters discussed at the subcommittee's October 7, 2024, meeting; \* BOF initial review on PWS proposals, \* Any comments for the BOF Work Session, due Oct 15<sup>th</sup>; \* Stock of Concern issues; \* Delay on Hatchery meeting Yukon River Panel beginning to discuss Rebuilding Plan; \* Harvest reports on Yukon River and Area M; \* Other fisheries, wildlife, and committee business, as needed. See the full agenda at [10.9.24 Fairbanks AC Agenda.docx](#). Minutes and audio recordings will be posted to archived meeting notices, which can be found on the Fairbanks Advisory Committee's website: <https://bit.ly/FairbanksAC>. Join the meeting online at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82897481124?pwd=lsHG4Mo6pNaLrEabeadgYhq2YPfTul.1>. For more information contact Art Nelson at (907)267-2292 or email [art.nelson@alaska.gov](mailto:art.nelson@alaska.gov).

**\*\*October 8**

**CORDOVA - INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE and the HIDDEN WORLD of PLANKTON** with **DEHRICH ISUWIQ CHYA (ALUTIIQ)** (Museum & Archaeological Repository) and **KATIE GAVENUS** (Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies) from 7 to 8pm at the Cordova Center Auditorium/ Dehrich Isuwiq Chya (AMAR) and Katie Gavenus (CACS) will share about a project to name and describe plankton in the Sugpiaq/Alutiiq language.

**October 13**

**TALKEETNA - WILD SU FEAST** will be held from 5 to 8pm at the Denali Brewing Company Tasting Room. Susitna River Coalition's Wild Su Feast is a joyous event that celebrates the wild foods of the Susitna River Watershed & its communities. 100% proceeds from the event support the good work of Susitna River Coalition. After the hard work of growing, harvesting, and gathering food, nothing is more rewarding than sharing the bounty with our neighbors. For more information, go to <https://www.susitnarivercoalition.org/wild-su-feast-2024>.

**\*\*October 15**

**CORDOVA – Dr. ROBERT SURYAN** (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) and/or **Dr. BIA DIAS** (University of Alaska Fairbanks) will present **GULF WATCH ALASKA** synthesis highlights. At the Cprdpva Center Auditorium from 7 to 8pm.

**\*\*October 16**

**CORDOVA – COASTAL OBSERVATION and SEAABIRD SURVEY TEAM (COAST) BEACHED BIRD TRAINING SESSION** will be held from 4 to 8pm. You can RSVP by

contacting [coasst@uw.edu](mailto:coasst@uw.edu) or call 907.235.1592. In-person attendance is mandatory for this training. This training will NOT be live-streamed.

## DEADLINES

### October 3

Deadline for submitting comments on the **DRAFT DAMAGE ASSESSMENT and RESTORATION PLAN and ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT** for the **MARINE RESOURCES INJURED** by the **M/V SELENDANG AYU OIL SPILL** in Unalaska. The document and instructions for submitting public comments can be found online at [darrp.noaa.gov](http://darrp.noaa.gov) or at <https://www.fws.gov/project/mv-selendang-ayu-oil-spill-natural-resource-damage-assessment-and-restoration>.

### October 16

Comments are due on the proposal to update the DOT&PF **ALASKA STATE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2024**. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires each state that receives and administers Federal funding to have an approved State Management Plan (SMP) on file with the appropriate regional FTA office. Each state must update the SMP regularly to incorporate policy changes. This SMP is intended to facilitate the ADOT&PF) management, and FTA's oversight, of Alaska's transit programs by documenting the State's policies relating to the administration of these programs. To see the Plan, go to <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=150232>. For more information prior to submit comments, contact Susie Edwardson, Rural Transit Planner, at (907) 465-6961 or email [susie.edwardson@alaska.gov](mailto:susie.edwardson@alaska.gov).

### October 20

**FAIRBANKS** – Comments are due on the FAST 2024 Draft Transit and Draft Coordinated Human Services (Van Tran, etc.) Plans. To see the plan and comment form, go to [www.fastplanning.us/transit](http://www.fastplanning.us/transit). For more information, contact Jackson Fox, FAST Planning Executive Director. at (907) 205-4276 or email [jackson.fox@fastplanning.us](mailto:jackson.fox@fastplanning.us).

### October 22

**ANCHORAGE** – Deadline for comments on the notice of intent to begin engineering and environmental studies for the **3rd AVENUE SIGNAL & LIGHTING UPGRADE (E STREET TO CORDOVA STREET)**. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety and maintain corridor functionality by reconstructing the traffic signal and street lighting system within the project corridor to meet current electrical safety standards and design criteria, and to reduce future maintenance costs. The proposed project would replace traffic signals and lighting along 3rd Avenue from E Street to Cordova Street. To ensure that all possible factors are considered, please provide written comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, at [brian.elliott@alaska.gov](mailto:brian.elliott@alaska.gov). For more information, contact Julia Hanson, Project Manager, at 907-269-0753 or email [julia.hanson@alaska.gov](mailto:julia.hanson@alaska.gov).

### **October 29 (Deadline Extended)**

The deadline for scoping for updating certain **WATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS** from the original August 30 deadline. The Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) The Department adopted some administrative changes in June after receiving numerous comments on regulations concerning reservations of water. These can be reviewed at <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=215679>. This scoping notice looks specifically at reservations of water. The current reservation of water regulations is available at <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp#11.93>. For information on what DRN is seeking, go to [2024-08-26 Supplemental Notice Extending Scoping Period.pdf](#).

## **GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFP**

### **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. Overall description of opportunity, with links. [Removal Funding Opportunity\\_](#) - on Grants.Gov website at [Interception Funding Opportunity](#) - on Grants.Gov website.

### **October 21**

Deadline for applications for the **ALASKA CLEAN WATER ACTIONS (ACWA) GRANT FUNDS** that can be used to improve or protect water quality from nonpoint source pollution throughout Alaska. The proposals for projects are to be completed between March 2025 and February 2027. Applications must be submitted using the forms provided on the ACWA request for proposals webpage at <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/nonpoint-source-control/alaska-clean-water-actions/acwa-application/>.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#).

## **\*\*November 21**

Deadline for applications for the EPA's **NEW ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS** program (Community Change Grants) for approximately \$2 billion dollars in [Inflation Reduction Act](#) (IRA) funds in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. These place-based investments will be focused on community-driven initiatives to be responsive to community and stakeholder input. They are designed to deliver on the transformative potential of the IRA for communities most adversely and disproportionately impacted by climate change, legacy pollution, and historical disinvestments. To apply for this opportunity, [view the NOFO on Grants.gov](#). Please review the NOFO before submitting an application to ensure your application meets all requirements. Upon initial review of applications, EPA would like to draw special attention to the following requirements for submittal. Please make sure applications include proof of nonprofit status for community-based nonprofit organizations that are either the lead applicant and/or statutory partner applying for the grant for both Track I and II applications. For Track I applications, please review the [EPA's IRA Disadvantaged Community Map information](#). For more information, please contact [CCGP@epa.gov](mailto:CCGP@epa.gov). Technical Assistance [Learn more about the Community Change Grants Selections](#)

## **ITEMS of INTEREST**

The **RECORD of DECISION (ROD)** for the **ANCSA 17(D)(1) WITHDRAWALS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT** was signed by the Secretary of Interior on August 23, 2024. The ROD contains the details of the Secretary's decision to retain the ANCSA

withdrawals on lands within the Bay, Bering Sea-Western Interior, East Alaska, Kobuk-Seward Peninsula, and Ring of Fire planning areas; Alaska. You may access the ROD and associated documents on the BLM National NEPA Register at:

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2018002/510>.

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-mooserange/>.

## **VOLUNTEER OPP OPPORTUNITIES**

### **POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

**\*\*PROGRAM DEVELOPER/COORDINATOR** for **FOUR VALLEYS COMMUNITY SCHOOL** in **GIRDWOOD** to enhance afterschool programming in Girdwood through the school year. The ideal candidate will be highly organized and skilled in collaborative environments. Preferred qualifications include experience in community organizing, creative programming, and managing multiple projects effectively. In this role, you will collaborate closely with the Executive Director to create dynamic and engaging programs for the community. This is a school year only position with the potential for a permanent role if interested. For more information and to apply, please email [brumley@fourvalleys.org](mailto:brumley@fourvalleys.org).

**\*\*COMMUNITY ORGANIZER** for the **SOUTHEAST ALASKA CONSERVATION COUNCIL** in **Juneau** to advance our cruise ship scrubber pollution campaign. This role is responsible for public outreach and engagement, volunteer recruitment and relationship building, planning and supporting community events, and driving Alaskans to take action on cruise ship scrubber pollution and general protection of Southeast Alaska's clean waters and marine resources. This role is focused on building relationships and creating and maintaining pathways for volunteers to engage in our campaigns and become a part of our organization. This role is a full-time, non-exempt position, and the pay range is between \$23-35/hour with exact pay dependent upon experience. **Applications received by October 21 will be reviewed for the first round of consideration.** SEACC will continue to accept and review applications until the role is filled. Desired Start Date - As soon as possible, but flexible. To see the full position description, go to <https://seacc.org/about/hiring>.

**\*\* ENGINEER** for **ANTHC'S COMMUNITY CLIMATE RISK ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (RAP)** to lead permafrost hazard data collection and engineering risk assessments with Alaska Native communities facing climate change impacts. Duties include project management, contract management, staff hiring and supervision, review of risk assessments, creation of new standards for assessments and monitoring, and coordinating internal and external partnerships. This is an opportunity to join a dynamic team that is creating change from local to national levels. This new position will manage a portfolio of projects that support long-term planning decisions and the site selection and design of community infrastructure. Duties include project management, contract management, staff hiring and supervision, review of risk assessments,

creation of new standards for assessments and monitoring, and coordinating internal and external partnerships. 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 Climate Adaptation Engineering Project Manager IV position on the ANTHC jobs website or contact Jacquelyn Overbeck at ([joverbeck@anthc.org](mailto:joverbeck@anthc.org)) with questions. If you are interested in this position but do not have the required experience, please contact the hiring manager. Other positions are under development to support the RAP.

**\*\* KENAI PENINSULA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR for TROUT UNLIMITED** to advance and grow our longstanding fish habitat conservation work. The ideal candidate is highly organized, collaborative, and a reliable self-starter who enjoys interacting with a wide variety of people. They have experience and skills in a range of public outreach tactics, exceptional communication and “people” skills, and have a demonstrated ability to meet deadlines with minimal supervision. They have a knowledge of and passion for salmon and trout, familiarity with the culture and sport of fishing on the Kenai Peninsula and are excited to contribute to a fish-filled future for Alaska. This is a remote position based in a Kenai Peninsula community (preferred locations: Sterling, Soldotna, Kenai, Cooper Landing, or Seward). This is a salaried, full-time position with a salary between \$50,000-\$60,000 DOE. **Application review will begin on October 7.** For full job description and to apply go to <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/2714314>.

**\*\*TRANSPORTATION / ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER for WSP** in the **Anchorage** to support and grow our diverse range of transportation planning services and provide coordination and analytical skills to support these varied projects. Tasks may include coordination of work streams, writing reports and memorandums, analyzing data in GIS and/or Excel, developing work plans and facilitating delivery of materials, and supporting the creation of visuals. Interested in applying, contact [olivia.cohn@wsp.com](mailto:olivia.cohn@wsp.com).

**LAND and ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT COORDINATOR** for the **NATIVE VILLAGE of EKLUTNA** to manage, help manage or learn to help administer/ manage some of the Land and Environment Department (LE) programs. This can include developing grants and contracts and reporting to funders and the Tribal Council, managing other LE personnel, and managing budgets and finances. The LEC may work on any LE grant and contract objectives, which will be divided among other NVE personnel according to experience and preferences. Open until filled. To see the full position description, go to [NVE LE Department Coordinator](#). How to Apply: Send Resumes and Letter of Interest to: Marc Lamoreaux, Land and Environment Director at [MarcL@Eklutna.org](mailto:MarcL@Eklutna.org) or call (907) 242-6967 and Kyle Robillard, Land and Environment Coordinator at [KRobillard@Eklutna.org](mailto:KRobillard@Eklutna.org) or call (907) 390-0523.

**BOOKKEEPER** for the **PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND SCIENCE CENTER (PWSSC)** in **Cordova** to share duties with an existing bookkeeper. This position will primarily be responsible for payroll, contracting, and human resources aspects of the business but is expected to cross-train on accounts payable and receivable. This position’s HR responsibilities include oversight of benefits, personnel policies, and compliance with worker’s compensation requirements and

state and federal labor and tax laws. The position supports contracting and reporting tasks as well. This is a full-time, non-exempt position. Salary is competitive with non-profit organizations and municipal entities in Alaska (~\$26 - \$30/hr dependent on experience). Benefits include health insurance (with dental and vision), a cafeteria plan for healthcare-related expenses, paid time off, and optional enrollment in a 403b retirement annuity with options for employer match. To apply: Please submit a letter of interest, resume, and contact info for three references to acting CEO Rob Campbell at [president@pwssc.org](mailto:president@pwssc.org) with the subject: Bookkeeper: [Your Last Name]. Position open until filled. Start Date: ASAP. Review of applications will begin Sept. 30.

Full-time **ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM TECHNICIAN** for the **AK DEPT. of ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, DIV. of WATER** in the **WATER QUALITY MONITORING and ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**. The work of our group spans many diverse fields such as law, statistical analysis, data science, hydrology, aquatic ecology, chemistry, and public engagement; and involves extensive data quality management and use of analytical and software tools such as R and GIS. This position will support stream surveys in the remote Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim region. We are looking for a team member interested in remote field work, resources surveys, data science, and environmental assessment. **Recruitment closes October 22**. Please contact Maryann Fidel if you have any questions at [maryann.fidel@alaska.gov](mailto:maryann.fidel@alaska.gov) or call 907-269-7522.

**OPERATIONS ASSOCIATE** for the **ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION** to conduct monthly financial close activities, including creating journal entries, reviewing credit card transactions and reimbursement requests, and performing account reconciliations. Lead accounts receivable and accounts payable process, including managing vendor relationships, depositing incoming donations and payments, processing invoices, and creating payments. Generate financial reports to assist with grant applications and reporting. Assist with federal award management, including monthly and quarterly invoicing, preparing, and organizing subaward and contract paperwork, and ensuring compliance with award terms and federal grant regulations. Salary: \$65,000 per year. TO APPLY: Send a resume and cover letter to [acfjobs@alaskaconservation.org](mailto:acfjobs@alaskaconservation.org) with the subject line "Operations Associate". Position is open until filled. To see the full position description, go to <https://alaskaconservation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Operations-Associate.pdf>.

**SENIOR ALASKA PROGRAM MANAGER** for the **THEODORE ROOSEVELT CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP** to be responsible for overseeing and implementing the organization's conservation and access priorities in Alaska. This individual will be responsible for building and maintaining relationships with hunting and fishing leaders, elected decision makers, agency staff, and rural and Alaska Native community leaders. The Alaska Senior Program Manager will additionally fundraise and oversee project consultants, while helping TRCP navigate often-complex natural resource management issues in Alaska for the benefit of fish and wildlife and hunters and anglers. This is a remote role \$83000.00 to \$87000.00 per year. To see the full position description, go to <https://easyapply.co/a/972fbc29-62af-4ab4-a2e6-cdd8fc13a5cb>. For information on the Partnership, go to [Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership](#).



**KEEP IT in the GROUND ORGANIZER** for the **FAIRBANKS CLIMATE ACTION COALITION** to build people power and advance anti-extraction efforts. Lead efforts to end state support for oil and gas and support the managed decline of fossil fuels. Create space for volunteer leadership and organizing across Alaska. Connect with other FCAC working groups and statewide/national movements. Support and participate in non-violent direct actions and statewide campaigns. View the full job description at [fbxclimateaction.org/jobs](https://fbxclimateaction.org/jobs).

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MANAGER** for the **ALASKA CENTER EDUCATION FUND** to be responsible for developing and running a leadership program to train and support the appointment of Alaskans who share our vision and who reflect the diversity of Alaska. The focus in recruitment will center on leaders who are underrepresented in leadership on Boards and Commissions, including BIPOC, low-income, young people, rural, women, and other communities. Creating a Just Transition to a locally driven, sustainable economy requires shifting power to people who have historically been underrepresented, and this Boards and Commissions Program is focused on helping to meet that objective. For more information, go to <https://akcenter.org/about/open-positions/>.

**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 [aboyle@trustees.org](mailto:aboyle@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](https://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.

**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.org](http://usaconservation.org).

**SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER** for the **ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER** 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](mailto:info@alaskawildlife.org).

**OUTREACH 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](mailto: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/>.

**STATE CAMPAIGN MANAGER** for the **SOUTHEAST ALASKA CONSERVATION COUNCIL (SEACC)** located in Juneau to coordinate and lead our state level conservation work. The State Campaigns Manager reports to the Executive Director and manages SEACC's work on all Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Natural Resources regulations and processes and tracks proposed state legislation. The State Campaigns Manager will work closely and collaboratively with other campaign and communications staff at SEACC to accomplish our goals. **Qualifications:** A background in environmental policy, and/or grassroots or grassroots campaigns; Thorough understanding of the Alaska legislative process; Familiarity with use of BASIS and the [akleg.gov](http://akleg.gov) website; Familiarity with Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Natural Resources permitting and public processes; Professional experience or study in environmental science, natural resource management, ecology or related fields; Effective communication skills (written and oral), ability to quickly understand, translate, and communicate problems and policy solutions the general public can understand and engage in; **Compensation:** This role is a full-time position, and the salary range for this role is between \$68,000 – \$75,000 with 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! To see the full position description, 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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