

What's Up

November 20, 2024

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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

January 27 – 31 (Additional Information)

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](#) Early registration is available until December 20 at a discounted price at [REGISTER HERE](#). Workshop Requests End December 9. [Submit Your Workshop](#).

February 3 – 7 (In-person & virtually)

ANCHORAGE - The ALASKA FORUM on the ENVIRONMENT 2025 will be held at the Dena'ina Center. For the third year in a row, the [Alaska Forum on the Environment](#) will offer both in-person and online attendance options for both attendees and exhibitors! Watch sessions live in-person, catch up on recorded sessions that you missed in the Attendee Hub later on, visit exhibitors in-person and virtually stay connected with AFE all year long. FE offers more than 100 technical breakout sessions and inspiring keynote events throughout the year. With your All Access Conference Pass, you can watch sessions live in-person, recorded sessions and live virtual sessions throughout the year through the Virtual Attendee Hub. This year, we will continue to offer sessions on climate change, energy, environmental regulations, cleanup and remediation, fish and wildlife, solid waste, sustainability, and so much more. [Register Now!](#)

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

****December 4 (Virtual)**

Wildlife Wednesday: **PROPOSALS of the BOARD of GAME** will be discussed from 7 to 8pm at the Alaska Wildlife Alliance meeting via Zoom. Join AWA's Executive Director, **NICOLE SCHMITT**, for an overview of Board of Game proposals impacting wildlife in the Central/Southwest region this year. You'll learn about the Board of Game process, key proposals, and how you can get involved. Join the online Zoom event [here!](#)

****December 7**

CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY (CCL) will hold its free **FALL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE** with keynote speaker **SENATOR JOHN CURTIS** (R Utah) at 9:15am AKST. Senator Curtis, as a former House member, has already leaned heavily into the climate issue. He founded the Conservative Climate Caucus and, most recently, [signed on to a Republican letter](#) to protect clean energy tax credits from threats of repeal. He has also long been an ally of CCL, participating in [local town halls](#) about climate issues, going on [hikes with local volunteers](#), and even [playing ping pong](#). You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear his perspective on climate policy in the new Congress. For the closing session at 12:45 AKST **ADAM MET**, a multi-platinum musician who received the 2024 TIME Earth Award and was named a New York Times Changemaker for his work as founder and executive director of climate advocacy nonprofit Planet Reimagined. [See the Speakers & Sign Up.](#)

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS/OPEN HOUSE

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. The 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 or 907-931-8562.

****December 2**

The **ALASKA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY** will meet from 6 to 9pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center and via Zoom. There will be an in-person potluck from 6 to 6:45 with the meeting from 7 to 9pm. **Featured Presentation:** Moonwort Madness, presented by **CINDY JOHNSON**; Plant Families: Aquatic Plants, Ranunculaceae (Buttercup), presented by **MARILYN BARKER**; Mini-Botany: Medicinal Plants, Chamaeleon angustifolium (Fireweed), presented by **Beth Baker**. The public is invited to attend. Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/94248998569?>

****December 4**

NATURALIST SNOWSHOE HIKE will be held from Noon to 1:30pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. The hike is approximately one mile or more, depending on the group's ability and interest. All skill levels are welcome; a brief snowshoe introduction will be at the start. Snowshoes are provided or bring your own. Notify us in advance of any special needs or requirements you have. We will be almost entirely outdoors, so please dress for the weather. This event is \$5/person; register at [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

****December 8**

WINTER BIRD IDENTIFICATION will be held from 2 to 3pm at the Eagle River Nature Center. Naturalist **LIZA SANDEN** will cover the basics of winter bird identification and provide information on how to join the Eagle River-Chugiak Christmas Bird Count! All ages program | No registration required.

****December 10**

ALASKA TRAILS is hosting **TRAIL TALES** in partnership with **Wilderness ADVENTURES FOR KIDS EVERYWHERE, INC. (WAKE)** at 7pm at the Anchorage Museum. Hear outdoor enthusiasts and trail lovers as they share seven-minute stories about their trail experiences, adventures, and life in general. All proceeds are split between Alaska Trails and WAKE to continue their important work. Doors open at 6:30pm and tickets cost \$20. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to <http://www.alaska-trails.org/trail-tales..>

****December 12**

MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE HIKE will be held from 6 to 7:30pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Enjoy snowshoeing through Campbell Tract's beautiful boreal forest lit up by the full moon's light. The hike is approximately one mile or more, depending on the group's ability and interest. All skill levels are welcome; a brief snowshoe introduction will be at the start. Snowshoes are provided or bring your own. Notify us in advance of any special needs or requirements you have. We will be almost entirely outdoors, so please dress for the weather. This event is \$5/person; register at [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

****December 12**

HOW MANY MOOSE ARE in ANCHORAGE? is the topic for the ADF&G presentation at 7pm in the Alaska Zoo Gateway Hall. Join Wildlife Biologist **DAVE SAALFELD**, to learn how Anchorage residents helped biologists estimate the number of moose in Anchorage. For five years (2017 to 2021), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game recruited residents to help study moose populations in the Anchorage Bowl. Utilizing a novel technique in which the public reported moose sightings and DNA sampling, biologist were able to estimate the survival rates, movement patterns, relatedness, and population size of Anchorage moose. For additional details visit: <https://www.alaskazoo.org/wildlife-wednesdays-free-science-lecture-series>.

****December 16**

Join **TRUSTEES for ALASKA** to celebrate their 50th birthday from 4 to 6pm at [121 W. Fireweed Lane, Suite 105](https://www.121w.com). Enjoy appetizers, drinks and of course birthday cake. Please RSVP to Tracy at tlohman@trustees.org.

****December 19**

Fireside Chat: **THE LEGACY of CANADIAN AMERICAN MILITARY COOPERATION in Alaska** will be presented from 7 to 8pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center by **KRISTINE SWAIN**, doctoral student at the University of Alaska – Arctic and Northern Studies. Many Americans don't know that Canada and the U.S. military share a responsibility to defend Alaska. This shared responsibility started during WWII, when Canadian and American military members worked together to defend Alaska against the threat from Japan and has continued over the following decades. This close military connection has weathered changing politics, evolving security concerns, and tight budgets. Despite many trials, the legacy of these efforts has shaped how we face today's security challenges in the Arctic. This event is free and open to the public.

EVENTS & MEETINGS OUTSIDE of ANCHORAGE

****November 26**

CORDOVA – The **Prince William Science Center** will hold a **CANDLELIT GRATITUDE WALK** from 4 to 4:45pm at Odiak Pond as we celebrate a season of gratitude with our community. We will meet at the grassy field right before sunset for a gentle nature walk focused on gratitude. This program is designed for community members of all ages.

DEADLINES

November 24

SKAGWAY – Comments are due on the Notice to Begin Engineering & Environmental Studies for the **SKAGWAY KLONDIKE HIGHWAY ROCKFALL MITIGATION PROJECT** to mitigate rockfall hazards on the Klondike Highway. The proposed project would take place in an area which has not been officially mapped for floodplains. We have conducted a hydrological study and determined that the project and area is a low flood risk due to its location and geology. Construction is projected to begin in the summer of 2025. Possible affected resources include floodplains, Section 4(f) properties, invasive plants, and cultural or historic properties. Your comments will help us evaluate potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of this project, as well as impacts to historic and cultural resources. For more information or to submit comments, contact Connor Brown, Environmental Impact Analyst, at (907) 465-4443 or email connor.brown@alaska.gov.

November 28 (Extended Deadline again)

SCOPING PERIOD for the **POTENTIAL CHANGES to the WATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS** which began on August 1. The original comment period was extended to October 29. The Department is extending the comment period again. More information is available at <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=149856>.

****November 28**

Deadline for comments on **STATE FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROJECT PRIORITY LIST UPDATE for the ALASKA CLEAN WATER FUND and ALASKA DRINKING WATER FUND** for funding available in State Fiscal Year 2025 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Base and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Capitalization Grants. The following Project Priority Lists

have been updated: Alaska Clean Water Fund: Base Grant and BIL General Supplemental Grant; Alaska Drinking Water Fund: Base Grant and BIL General Supplemental Grant; and BIL Emerging Contaminants Grant. The **Project Priority Lists** are components of the Intended Use Plans which demonstrate how Alaska intends to use funds made available through the federal Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). Available funds are used to issue low-interest loans for planning, designing, and constructing sanitation and drinking water infrastructure. The updated Project Priority Lists associated with each of the Intended Use Plans are available at <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/technical-assistance/state-revolving-fund/intended-use-plans/>. Submit comments to dec.srfprogram@alaska.gov. For more information, contact Peggy Ulman at (907) 334-2681 or email peggy.ulman@alaska.gov.

November 30

WASILLA - Comments are due on the Notice of Flood Encroachment & Intent to Begin Engineering and Environmental Studies for the **BOGARD ROAD and WASILLA CREEK from TRUNK ROAD to GRUMMAN CIRCLE**, a distance of approximately 3 miles. The purpose of the proposed project is to upgrade the aforementioned section of Bogard Road to an arterial highway standard to address safety and capacity issues. The proposed project would encroach into the base (100-year) floodplain associated with Wasilla Creek. Additional encroachments into unmapped floodplains associated with Cottonwood Creek or other small waterways intersecting the project may occur. Potential impacts to the base & unmapped floodplains would include installation of functionally dependent structures such as culverts, bridges, and other drainage features. No longitudinal or significant encroachment is anticipated as a result of the project and no net change to base flood elevations is expected to result from construction of the project. Construction for the proposed project is anticipated to begin in 2032. To ensure that all possible factors are considered, please provide written comments to Brian Elliott, Regional Environmental Manager, at brian.elliott@alaska.gov.

****December 5**

Comments are due on the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) on the **LAKE CLARK NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE » JOHNSON TRACT TRANSPORTATION AND PORT EASEMENT**. To see the programmatic agreement, go to file:///C:/Users/pegt/Downloads/CIRI%20Johnson%20Tract%20-%20Revised%20Draft%20Section%20106%20PA%20-%202024.11.04.pdf. Submit comments to <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=140501>.

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/ CONTESTS/RFP

November 29

Deadline for response for the **ALASKA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL REQUEST for PARTNERSHIP (RFP)** to identify Technical Assistance (TA) providers for Alaska's Regional Food Business Center (RFBC). This effort is part of the USDA's Islands and Remote Areas Regional Food Business Center initiative, which supports small and medium-sized food and farm businesses in building business capacities. The RFP invites skilled individuals and organizations to apply to provide much-needed technical assistance to Alaska's small and

mid-sized food and farm businesses. Learn more and apply by November 29 deadline at <https://www.akfoodpolicycouncil.org/business-center/technical-assistance/>.

December 13

Deadline for submissions for the **MARINE DEBRIS ART CONTEST (K-8)**. Students in grades K-8 can submit their artwork (electronically or by mail) now to answer the questions: How does marine debris impact the oceans? And What are you doing to help prevent marine debris? Contest winners will be featured in the 2026 calendar! [Visit the MDP contest website](#) to check out last year's winners and download the contest entry form (also available in Spanish) and flyer. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

December 15

Deadline for applications for the **EPA THRIVING COMMUNITIES ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GRANTS**. Philanthropy Northwest, a regional philanthropic network based in Seattle, will be distributing \$40 million in grants over the next three years to chronically under invested communities that have been negatively impacted by environmental changes in our region—including, but not limited to, air quality, water quality, drought, flooding, fires, or types of events that have an impact on access to safe housing, healthy food or water, subsistence practices or quality of life. Projects could address a range of environmental issues and promote healthy communities such as small local cleanups, emergency preparedness and disaster relief, green jobs and youth programs, air and water quality projects and healthy homes. The region covered includes Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Tribal nations in these four states. Applications are currently open on a rolling deadline with the first review December 15th. For more information, [click here](#) or contact Jacquie Braden, Program Officer for Alaska & Oregon at jbraden@philanthropynw.org or call (907) 318-2923.

****January 21**

Deadline for applications for statements of interest and qualifications (RFI!) to host a **NATIONAL CENTER for ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE WATER CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT CENTER**. The [Instream Flow Council](#) (IFC) and [American Fisheries Society](#) (AFS) request statements of interest and qualifications (“RFIQ”) from institutions and organizations (or teams of institutions and organizations) that wish to be considered for hosting a National Center for Ecologically Sustainable Water Conservation & Management (Center) on a long-term basis or serving as a network affiliate. Network affiliates may be in North America outside of the United States. The objectives for this Center includes providing key interdisciplinary leadership, training, research, development, networking, and support functions to empower water stakeholders to achieve ecologically sustainable water conservation and management outcomes. Water stakeholders include entities and individuals participating in or impacted by the interdisciplinary scientific, legal, institutional, and public involvement elements and processes that govern water allocation and use decisions and outcomes. Overarching socio-economic elements are also integrated. Link to download RFIQ and related background information, processes, timelines, and instructions to apply online for consideration to serve as the Center Host or a Network Affiliate: <https://www.instreamflowcouncil.org/training-center-rfiq/>. Links to additional information and future updates related to this Center: <https://www.instreamflowcouncil.org/> and <https://www.instreamflowcouncil.org/training-center/>.

March 14

Deadline for **EPA SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE for RECYCLING (SWIFR) GRANTS** for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia. These grants will provide approximately \$20 million in awards ranging from \$100,000 to \$1.5 million each. The entities eligible to apply under this announcement are federally recognized Tribes, including Alaskan Native Villages. Intertribal consortia are also eligible to apply. For the full details, including information on upcoming and past webinars, please visit EPA's SWIFR Grants for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia webpage.

March 28

Deadline for submissions for the **ANNUAL HUMMINGBIRD FESTIVAL JURIED ART SHOW** in **Ketchikan**, hosted by the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center and the Cape Fox Cultural Foundation. Since 2006, a juried art show dedicated to the migratory birds of Alaska has been presented as part of the festival. The show has juvenile and adult prizes, including: Juvenile Best of Show -\$100.00, Juvenile First Prize - \$75.00, Juvenile Honorable Mention - \$50.00, Adult Best of Show (18 & up) - \$500.00, Adult First Prize - \$300.00, and Adult Honorable Mention - \$200.00. The art show will be on display at the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center until May 30. Other activities to be featured in the Alaska Hummingbird Festival will include bird identification walks, Friday Night Insight lecture series and conservation education programs focused on birds. For entry guidelines and application form, go to [Application Form](#). For more information contact Hazel Brews at 907-228-6246 or hazel.brewi@usda.gov.

ITEMS of INTEREST

The new **CASTNER GLACIER RECREATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN (RAMP) has been signed by the Bureau of Land Management Alaska that will help the BLM better serve the estimated 12,000 annual visitors and the growing demand for recreation opportunities in the area. The BLM manages approximately 4,695-acre Castner Glacier area that provides year-round outdoor recreation and glacier viewing opportunities in a natural setting. The area is 48 miles from the nearest town (Delta Junction) and 104 miles from the BLM's Glennallen Field Office and includes little infrastructure development or basic services. The new RAMP lays out the BLM's vision and plan for these lands. This plan helps guide activities, especially commercial and group activities, within the Castner Glacier area. Vehicle use, trail designations, and land use authorizations are also guided by this plan. An accompanying **TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN (TMP)** was also approved which clarifies seasons of use and designated trails for motorized vehicles. The RAMP also increases the number of commercial special recreation permits (SRPs) allowed in the area from the existing four up to 15 permits in response to significant growth and interest in commercial groups and tours in the area. With this decision signed, the BLM is now accepting applications for commercial SRPs through the [BLM Recreation and Permit Tracking Online Reporting \(RAPTOR\)](#) system. For additional information, contact Outdoor Recreation Planner Cory Larson at 907-822-3217 or c05larso@blm.gov.

The new **CENTRAL YUKON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP) has been released and is available at the [BLM National NEPA Register](#), updating management for nearly 13.3 million acres of public lands in central and northern Alaska. This plan covers management of

portions of the central Yukon River watershed and the [Dalton Highway](#) utility corridor. It emphasizes important habitats for several fish and wildlife species and other subsistence resources that are vital to rural Alaskans, including Alaska Native communities. In response to declining populations of subsistence resources, such as Yukon River salmon and caribou, the new plan makes designations to help protect important habitat on BLM-managed public lands. These measures include designation of approximately 3.6 million acres of Concerto to protect important habitat areas and support important subsistence resources, 746,000 acres as caribou core habitat areas for two non-migratory herds, and 4,600 acres as Dall sheep habitat areas. The plan replaces several outdated management plans and provides guidance for areas west of Fairbanks that previously did not have management plans.

****VOTE for the ANCHORAGE PARK of the YEAR for 2025** After reviewing numerous nominations, the 3 candidates for voting are **Goose Lake Park**, Scenic “Golden Girls” Park, and **Russian Jack Springs Park**. Vote today and spread the word about your park choice and why others should join you in voting. [VOTE for the 2025 Park of the Year](#).

The **FINAL RECORD of DECISION and FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS for the GREENS CREEK MINE EXTENSION PROJECT** is available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57306>. The decision provides additional capacity for disposal of mining waste material and increased measures to protect nearby habitats. The extension allows Greens Creek to continue its production for 12-18 more years. The first phase of expansion begins immediately and will provide the mine with approximately 1.9 million cubic yards of additional tailings disposal capacity over the first three years. An additional 2.7 million cubic yards, through components of phase two, is projected to happen in years eight through ten.

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>.

VOLUNTEER OPP OPPORTUNITIES

The Alaska Business Development Center is **RECRUITING for TAX PREPARERS and TEAM LEADERS/EDUCATORS to TRAVEL to RURAL ALASKA** in 2024; experience is helpful but not required. Training is provided and begins in December. Most travel is completed in February, with some travel in March. Trips span three to seven days. A unique volunteer experience awaits adventurous individuals located in Alaska who are interested in experiencing life outside the city centers. Engage with Alaskan Natives while providing a valuable service to rural communities and fellow Alaskans. More than 100 volunteers will help deliver services through travel to seventy+ villages across the state, assisting 8,000 taxpayers and generating \$11

million in tax refunds. Email us your inquiry to volunteer@abdc.org with your (first and last) name and let us know how you heard about the program.

INTERN POSITIONS

****COMMUNITY ADVOCATE INTERN for SIERRA CLUB ALASKA CHAPTER** to be responsible for assisting the director implement local campaigns aimed at building more sustainable infrastructure and transportation options in Anchorage and the surrounding cities. They will help recruit, engage, and educate Alaskans to take action which will further Sierra Club's targeted campaign goals. Must be based in Anchorage or Mat-Su Valley. \$18/hour, 10 hours/week for up to 6 months. Learn more and apply at <https://jobs.lever.co/sierraclub/7210d389-5cf5-44f8-bf8a-e95b8bc2fb99>.

**** CO-LEADER for the COMMUNITY COASTAL EXPERIENCE with the CENTER FOR ALASKAN COASTAL STUDIES and CORaL Network in Homer and Southcentral Region** for the Co-plan and facilitate is a month-long traveling internship program for adults from Southcentral Alaska called the [Community Coastal Experience \(CCE\)](#). Topics covered during the CCE include marine ecology, mariculture, environmental monitoring, archaeology, and cultural revitalization. The CCE is in its third year, so the program has a solid foundation but still lots of room for creativity and bringing your own perspective, knowledge, and flavor to the experience. The cohort will travel to 2-4 coastal communities, with possibilities including Homer, Seldovia, Cordova, Kodiak, and/or Seward. **Timing:** This role runs from February 3-August 31, and includes paid training in Cordova February 10-14. Schedule for late February-April is flexible, with options for remote work and either full or part-time work. Full-time, in-person work required May-August. **Compensation:** \$21/hour with shared housing in Homer provided (\$24/hour without housing). Additional benefits include up to \$600 in funding for the costs of professional development opportunities, paid holidays with flexible dates, and 40 hours of paid sick leave (including mental as well as physical health and family emergencies). **Applications received by November 25 will be reviewed for the first round of consideration.** CACS will continue to accept and review applications until the role is filled. To see the full position description and more information about our organization, go to [Employment — Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies](#)

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

****ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR (SPRING SEASON) with the CENTER for ALASKAN COASTAL STUDIES in Homer and Kachemak Bay.** Instill wonder, scientific understanding, and love for coastal ecosystems with students from throughout Alaska. The Spring Environmental Educator will co-lead overnight educational programs with the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies (CACS) in semi-remote and semi-rustic locations around Kachemak Bay. This person will collaborate with the School Program Coordinator and other environmental educators to lead programs, learn together about best practices in experiential, place-based education and to gain knowledge of Alaskan coastal ecology. Educational programs are well-developed and supported but provide opportunities for creativity and flexibility. Field sites feature rocky inter-tidal areas of outstanding diversity, a coastal forest trail system, and salt and freshwater wetlands. Qualified applicants are energetic and flexible, possess curiosity and enthusiasm about the natural world and human communities, have experience in place-based environmental education, and demonstrate the maturity needed to live in group situations. **Timing:**

Position runs from March 24 to May 21, 2025, with the opportunity to extend an extra week or transition into a summer position. **Compensation:**\$19/hour with shared housing in Homer provided (\$22/hour without housing). Additional benefits include 1.5 weeks paid training and 40 hours of paid sick leave (including mental as well as physical health and family emergencies)**Applications received by November 25 will be reviewed for the first round of consideration.** CACS will continue to accept and review applications until the role is filled. To see the full position description and more information about our organization, go to [Employment — Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies](#).

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****The ALASKA CENTER has the following positions available:**

PARTNERSHIPS COORDINATOR to help strengthen and build our environmental ecosystem of environment, labor union, and community partners to advance our vision of a Just Transition for Alaska. The Partnerships Coordinator will act as The Alaska Center's lead in key climate and clean energy coalition spaces and will be responsible for building and maintaining relationships with partner organizations; attending, scheduling, and facilitating coalition meetings; and identifying and bringing in key partners and stakeholder groups into our climate and clean energy campaigns. [Here is the link to the job posting to learn more >](#).

FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR to secure and guarantee equitable spending of as much federal funding for Alaskans as possible by serving as a connector, educator, and resources for communities across the state. The individual should be knowledgeable about the federal funding available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and experienced in connecting federal programs/funding opportunities with communities, entities, and individuals who are eligible to receive funds to serve as our Federal Infrastructure Coordinator. [Learn more and apply here](#).

****FINANCE & OPERATIONS MANAGER:** will oversee administrative and operational support for The Alaska Center, The Alaska Center Education Fund, Our Home Our Future, and

other projects. This role is vital to the smooth operation of our office, managing finance tasks, maintaining office standards, organizing files, handling communications, and welcoming visitors and partners. This is a full-time position based in our Anchorage office. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

RECREATION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT MEMBER for the **BUREAU of LAND MANAGEMENT** through the **American Conservation Experience (ACE)**, a nonprofit if the Conservation Corps, to contribute to the recreation and resources programs alongside the Anchorage Field Office Staff. To see the full position description, go to <https://usaconservation.applicantpool.com/jobs/1154200>. **Deadline for application, February 3.**

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS for the **ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER** to implement strategies to improve front line operations including retail, admissions, food & beverages to support the financial strength and operating efficiency of the organization. Compensation starting at an annual salary in the range of \$80,000 (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 a 403b plan with a 3% match, 12-paid holidays including the employee's birthday, and 2-weeks paid time off in the 1st year of employment. 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 sarah@alaskawildlife.org.

WILDLIFE BIODIVERSITY LEAD at the **ALASKA CENTER for CONSERVATION SCIENCE** to collect and maintain data on rare and sensitive wildlife, including birds, mammals, and amphibians. The incumbent will be responsible for managing conservation data, building relationships with agency partners, writing grants, and sharing information with members of the public. This is a full-time position with benefits based in Anchorage and with a minimum hourly wage of \$29.72. **Applications are due on December 8.** For more information or to apply, go to <https://careers.alaska.edu/jobs/wildlife-biodiversity-program-lead-anchorage-alaska-united-states>.

COASTAL RESILIENCE SPECIALIST for **ALASKA SEA GRANT** in Alaska's Yukon-Kuskokwim (Y-K) Delta region to build trusted collaborations to empower communities to build resilience by providing data and decision support tools, expertise, research, and extension services. This position will be located in Bethel at the UAF Kuskokwim Campus to facilitate close connections with Tribes, Non-profits, and agencies. This position will be an integral member of Alaska Sea Grant's extension faculty, working independently but collaboratively with community members, Tribes, scientists, educators, and resource managers. For the full announcement and to apply go to <https://careers.alaska.edu/jobs/coastal-resilience-specialist-bethel-alaska-united-states>. For more information, contact Davin Holen, Coastal Community Resilience Specialist at Alaska Sea Grant: dlholen@alaska.edu.

OPERATIONS SPECIALIST and EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT for The NATURE

CONSERVANCY(TNC) in ALASKA to work as part of the operations team and provides direct administrative support to TNC Alaska's State Director. The ideal candidate should have exceptional communication and collaboration skills and experience designing, organizing, and directing complex projects. This position is based out of TNC's office in Anchorage and the salary range is \$70,000-\$72,000. **Apply by November 25** at <https://careers.nature.org/> by searching for job ID 55804.

ARCTIC PROGRAM MANAGER for the **INSTITUTE of the NORTH** whose core responsibilities will include project management of two existing projects: the Arctic Indigenous Exchange Program and the Arctic Resilient Communities Youth Fellowship. For both projects, you will be responsible for all day-to-day activities and delivering on program objectives. In addition, the position will publicly represent the Institute and help to develop and implement a strategy for further developing our Arctic program. This may include writing grant proposals, networking, and traveling to participate in international Arctic events/conferences. Salary & Benefits: \$85K-\$110K DOE. The Institute does not currently offer any supplemental benefits, including health or retirement. Flexible PTO and vacation, so long as work obligations are met. We hope to fill this position ASAP. Applicants should provide a cover letter, resume and references to Hanna Eklund at heklund@institutenorth.org. For more information on the position, please email Ian Laing at ian@institutenorth.org. To see the full position description, go to https://institutenorth.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Job-Posting_-_Arctic-Program-Manager.pdf

YEAR-ROUND/PART-TIME NATURALIST for the **EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER** for someone who is passionate about nature and can inspire children to be curious and engaged in the natural world. If you have experience in outdoor education and are interested in this position, we encourage you to apply. Join our team and help us cultivate a love of nature in the next generation. Please visit www.ernc.org for more positions and application information.

ALASKA COMMUNITY ACTION on TOXIC has the following positions available:

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR to be responsible for building Alaska's environmental health and justice movement by working toward systemic change and health-protective policies through increasing civic engagement, building Alaska's environmental/climate justice movement, and identifying, training and mentoring emerging leaders and activists. This person will interact with local, statewide, national, and international policymakers as well as leaders from Alaska tribes, healthcare professionals, labor unions, faith-based organizations, environmental/climate justice advocates, youth, educators, seniors, and other non-profit organizations. A description of this full-time, salaried position with benefits may be found at <https://www.akaction.org/get-involved/job-opportunities/>.

PLASTICS and PETROCHEMICALS CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR will play a crucial role in implementing ACAT's local, state, national, and international policy work, with an immediate focus on the international treaty on plastics and microplastics currently being negotiated by the United Nations. The coordinator will be responsible for community organizing, civic engagement, leadership development, community-based science, and building Alaska's environmental health and justice movement. Primary responsibilities include working with ACAT

staff to help identify opportunities and implement strategies for achieving the goals as they relate to plastics/microplastics and petrochemicals while working with ACAT's Communications Specialist to garner media coverage for this campaign as well as with ACAT's partners and allies. A description of this full-time, salaried position with benefits may be found at <https://www.akaction.org/get-involved/job-opportunities/>.

PROTECTING FUTURE GENERATIONS (PFG) COORDINATOR will work with communities, tribal leaders, and community members to conduct community-based participatory research ("CBPR") on Sivulax to advance ACAT's goal of holding the military responsible for the contaminated lands, waters, fish, wildlife, achieving full cleanup of the sites, and redress for island residents whose health has been harmed by toxic chemicals at abandoned Cold War military sites. The PFG Coordinator will also assist with community education events, logistical work for the Indigenous Women's and Girls Gathering, Environmental Justice Workshops and other administrative tasks as directed by the supervisor. A description of this full-time, hourly position with benefits may be found at <https://www.akaction.org/get-involved/job-opportunities/>.

COASTAL INUNDATION and EROSION RISK ASSESSMENTS for the COMMUNITY CLIMATE RISK ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (RAP) for a scientist or engineer to lead with Alaska Native communities facing climate change. 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. This is an opportunity to join a dynamic team that is creating change from local to national levels. 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 Project Manager III position on the ANTHC jobs website or contact Jacquelyn Overbeck at joverbeck@anthc.org with questions. If you are interested in this position but do not have the required experience, please contact the hiring manager.

PROGRAMS MANAGER for the ALASKA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL REGIONAL FOOD BUSINESS CENTER (RFBC) to lead technical assistance, coordination, and capacity-building initiatives. This remote position involves managing programs like the Business Builder and Alaska Food Systems Network, while also contributing to strategic planning. If you're passionate about Alaska's food systems and have strong project management skills, apply now at <https://www.akfoodpolicycouncil.org/jobs-afpc/>.

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.

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) 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.

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 workstreams, 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.

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 or call (907) 242-6967 and Kyle Robillard, Land and Environment Coordinator at KRobillard@Eklutna.org or call (907) 390-0523.

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 sub-award 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 with the subject line "Operations Associate". The 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 of \$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.

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.

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. 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 grassstops campaigns; Thorough understanding of the Alaska legislative process; Familiarity with use of BASIS and the [akleg.gov website](http://akleg.gov); 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>.

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