

WHAT'S UP

April 20, 2025

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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

April 22

EARTH DAY 2025 – Check your paper for local activities. Go to [tps://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2025/](https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2025/) to check out what's happening all over the world.

April 24 – 25

ANCHORAGE - ALASKA TRAILS ANNUAL STATEWIDE TRAILS CONFERENCE will be held at BP Energy Center. The conference provides trail users and the wider public a statewide opportunity for training and networking with trail professionals. [Click FoMoInfo and online registration.](#)

May 12 & 13 (**In-person & Virtual**)

WHITTIER - The 7th ANNUAL PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND NATURAL HISTORY SYMPOSIUM will be held online and at the Public Safety Building. This year's theme is "Stewardship and Sustainability." Monday will feature a half day of presentations designed with the educator/guide community in mind, while Tuesday, will have something for everyone. All sessions are free and open to the public. Recordings will be posted to our website in June, joining a growing library of [PWS videos](#).

May 29 – June 1

YAKUTAT - The 14TH ANNUAL YAKUTAT TERN FESTIVAL is a celebration of the natural and cultural resources of Yakutat. The Aleutian tern that breeds in wide-ranging coastal colonies only in Alaska and eastern Siberia. Yakutat hosts one of the largest and southernmost nesting colonies of Aleutian Terns (an estimated 1/3 of the population in Alaska), as well as Arctic Terns, and up to 200 other bird species that nest in or migrate through the area. The festival is family friendly and offers activities for birders as well as non-birders, including field trips, seminars, kid's activities, evening banquets, bird-banding demonstration, and other programs. For more information, contact Mary Graves or Susan Oehlers at yakutatnaturesociety@gmail.com.

****June 3 – 5; June 10 – 12; June 20 – 22; June 27 – 29**

DENALI NATIONAL PARK – The following courses are being offered by the Alaska Geographic at the Murie Science and Learning Center Field Camp:

June 3 – 5 - EXPLORE YOUR ENVIRONMENT with ALASKA PROJECT LEARNING TREE offers flexible and engaging lessons that incorporate STEM, language arts, and social studies, and encourage collaborative, inquiry-based learning that can be integrated into your existing curriculum. Students benefit in multiple ways from nature-based learning. In this unique teacher workshop, we'll explore the boreal forest and tundra, learning about the natural history and local environment while being immersed in outdoor teaching and learning techniques. All meals, accommodations, transportation, and instruction are included in the \$500 course fee (\$450 for Alaska Geographic members). Thanks to funding from the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, educators working in Alaska are eligible for a \$125 reimbursement after completing the course! Professional development credit is available through UAA.

June 10 – 12 - BOREAL FOREST ECOLOGY. Although Denali may be known more for its snow-capped peaks and open tundra ecosystems, Denali is also home to beautiful and intact expanses of boreal forest. Join Denali National Park Fire Ecologist to discover how forest systems grow, thrive, and cope with challenges like insect outbreaks and wildfires. We'll wander through different forest areas, explore tree line, and observe changes in plant life and vegetation structure. We'll explore how living things (like plants and animals) connect with non-living elements (like soil and topography) and how these relationships influence the way forests change over time. Boreal forests provide critical habitat and ecosystem function throughout the Northern Hemisphere. Understand the roles different plants play and how forest disturbance is crucial to forest health. All meals, accommodations, transportation, and instruction are included in the \$500 course fee (\$450 for Alaska Geographic members). Professional development credit is available through UAA.

June 10 – 12 - MONITORING BIRDS in DENALI: WHY, HOW, WHERE, and RECENT DISCOVERIES. Denali National Park and Preserve is home to some of the longest running monitoring programs for birds in Alaska and in the US National Park Service system. These long-term data streams are essential for identifying trends in the abundance and distribution of birds and the factors driving those trends. The species included in these monitoring efforts include those that migrate at hemispheric scales such as the Arctic Warbler, Swainson's Thrush and Blackpoll Warbler to those that stay in the Denali area their entire lives such as the Boreal Chickadee and Canada Jay. Join Denali wildlife biologist CAROL MCINTYRE, who has been studying birds in this area for decades, on daily hikes into areas to search for these and other species and to learn more about why these monitoring programs were established, how they are implemented, and how she and other scientists are using the information generated by them to better understand the dynamic nature of Denali's bird communities. All meals, accommodations, transportation, and instruction are included in the \$500 course fee (\$450 for Alaska Geographic members). Professional development credit is available through UAA.

June 20 – 22 - WILDFLOWERS of DENALI. Each summer Denali blooms in a vibrant tapestry of wildflowers. Join local naturalist ERIC GROTH for an exploration of these

beautiful mountainside colors. While hiking the hillsides we'll learn how to identify plants by sight, with a hand lens, and with field guides. We'll investigate how subarctic flora adapt to extreme latitude and high elevation while exploring the park's unique patterns of plant diversity and ecological history. This is designed as an introductory course to Denali's wildflowers and other plants. All meals, accommodations, transportation, and instruction are included in the \$500 course fee (\$450 for Alaska Geographic members). Professional development credit is available through UAA.

June 27 – 29 - ALASKA PROJECT LEARNING TREE and the NATURE of FIRE in is designed to train educators to teach our youth about fire ecology and wildland-urban interface fire protection in our changing climate. While gaining a sense of place, we'll explore Denali's boreal forest and tundra, and the role wildfire plays in these ecosystems. We'll join NPS fire ecologists for a hands-on look at past fires in Denali National Park and Preserve to understand interior Alaska's fire regime, management strategies, and how the ecosystem responds to fire. Open to K-12 educators, we'll look at how to adapt lessons to your grade level, and where to find age-appropriate lessons and resources to teach about Fire in Alaska. All meals, accommodations, transportation, and instruction are included in the \$500 course fee (\$450 for Alaska Geographic members). Thanks to funding from the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, educators working in Alaska are eligible for a \$125 reimbursement after completing the course! Professional development credit is available through UAA.

For more information or to register for any of these courses, go to <http://akgeo.org/field-courses/>, email courses@akgeo.org or call 907-683-9632.

July 30 - August 1 (**RESCHEDULED**)

ANCHORAGE - ARCTIC ENCOUNTER 2025 is North America's leading conference on Arctic policy and business that annually gathers over 1,000 participants from more than two dozen countries. As a nonprofit NGO, Arctic Encounter convenes and hosts dialogues and policy debates among international leaders, business executives, Indigenous representatives, federal agencies, diplomats, scientists, and policymakers. Hosted in downtown Anchorage, Alaska, the event offers participants a unique blend of arts, culture, and critical discussions, contributing to a deeper understanding of Arctic challenges and opportunities. For more information, go to [Event Link](#).

WEBINARS & VIRTUAL

****April 22 (Webinar)**

COMMUNITY SOLAR WEBINAR will be presented at Noon by CHUGACH ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION about their new community solar program. The program gives members a chance to voluntarily subscribe to solar panels from a solar facility built and operated by Chugach. [Enrollment is now open](#) and you can learn more here. This gives those who can't or don't want to put solar panels on their property the opportunity to get in on the same kind of savings that residential solar customers experience. [Registration link](#).

April 22 (Webinar)

ALASKA SPRING RIVER BREAKUP will be presented from 11am to Noon with speakers **KYLE VAN PEURSEM** (Alaska-Pacific River Forecast Center) and **RICK THOMAN** (Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy). Snowpack is highly variable around Alaska as the main snowmelt season approaches. Kyle Van Peursem with the NWS Alaska-Pacific River Forecast Center (APRFC) will review break-up basics and provide an overview of current conditions across the state. ACCAP Alaska Climate Specialist Rick Thoman will discuss the latest subseasonal outlooks that help inform the APRFC's official break-up outlook. Register.

April 23 (Webinar)

A RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD (RPS) for ALASKA'S RAILBELT will be presented from 6 to 7pm on Zoom. House Bill 152 and Senate Bill 149 would require the region's electric utilities to diversify their generation portfolios and generate an increasing percentage of their electricity from comparatively low-cost locally generated renewable sources of the coming years. [Learn more and register to attend April 23](#). Co-sponsored by Renewable Energy Project Alaska (REAP) and Alaska Common Ground.

April 23 (Virtual)

VIRTUAL BIRDING BASICS will be held from Noon to 1pm via Zoom. The spring bird migration has begun, which means that billions of birds are returning to Alaska for the summertime. Join a Campbell Creek Science Center naturalist for a noontime virtual program about birding. We will learn how to identify birds by size, shape, sound, color, and habitat—skills that will help you identify these springtime flyers. It's free and open to the public. Please register at

https://blm.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/ogbKb5oLT02JtAtJhzM_KQ.

****April 24 (Virtual)**

AVIAN INFLUENZA in ALASKAN WILDLIFE - and BEYOND will be presented at 6:40pm. Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) is impacting the US ecologically and economically. In Alaska (and the region), diverse wildlife has been affected. Join to learn more about HPAI origins and impacts in Alaska - and beyond. What to do if/when HPAI is detected in regional wildlife will be discussed! [Event Link](#).

April 30 (Webinar)

GREEN-UP in the ALASKA BOREAL FOREST will be presented by **RICK THOMAN** (Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy) and **JAN DOWE** (OneTree) from 11am to Noon. Spring in Alaska means important happenings in the boreal forest. Sap starts flowing in birch trees, leading to tapping and turning the sap into delicious treats. Green-up, when leaves burst forth from Alaska's deciduous trees, has important implications for the seasonal ecology, society and even meteorology in the state. It is rapidly followed by pollen release, which is a health issue for many Alaskans. Fairbanks

has a unique multi-decadal record of green-up dates that's been used to develop a technique for forecasting green-up and related events in the Interior and more broadly in the boreal forest regions in Alaska. This webinar will be the sixth annual review of the green-up forecasting tools and will provide a look-ahead at green-up for Spring 2025. One Tree will demonstrate citizen science-outreach tools for birch tappers and others. [Register HERE](#).

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS/OPEN HOUSE

April 23

SKAGWAY – A public open house will be held from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the Arctic Brotherhood Hall to discuss the proposed project to REHABILITATE the SKAGWAY HIGHWAY from MILEPOST 1.75 to the CANADIAN BORDER. Proposed work within the project corridor may include: • Pavement replacement, • Drainage improvements, • Guardrail replacement, • Embankment stabilization, • Minor roadway realignments. The project team is currently working on a preliminary design and environmental analysis. For more information, contact , Brett Wells, at (907) 465-1607 or Joseph Galgano, at (907) 465-4447. Submit comments the project website at <https://dot.alaska.gov/sereg/projects/klondike/involvement.shtml>.

April 23 (In-person & virtually)

KENAI - The COOK INLET REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM will meet at 10am in the Cook Inlet Regional Aquaculture Association Conference Room. The topics of the meeting will be an overview of Cook Inlet Regional Aquaculture Association's (CIRAA) rearing for brood year 2024 eggs; 2025 field project plans; and 2025 hatchery annual management plans, A virtual meeting option will be available. For additional information, including agenda and meeting link, contact ethan.ford@alaska.gov at least one day prior to the meeting. Additional information on Regional Planning Teams can be found at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingHatcheriesPlanning.regional>.

April 24 (Virtual)

The BYCATCH ADVISORY COUNCIL will hold a public meeting via Zoom webinar at 9am/ To join webinar go to <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87919076305>. Agenda items include: * Election of Officers; * Presentations on Board of Fisheries Process; * Q&A open to the public; * Presentation on North Pacific Fishery Management Council; * Q&A open to the public; * BAC discussion and motions; * Final BAC member comments. For more information, contact Kari Winkel at kari.winkel@alaska.gov or call 907-465-6141.

April 24 (Virtual)

KODIAK -The KODIAK REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM will meet from 9am to Noon via Zoom. The topics of the meeting will include an overview of ADF&G's and Kodiak

Regional Aquaculture Association's (KRAA) operations including: 2025 hatchery annual management plans with releases, egg takes, monitoring and cost recovery for Kitoi Bay and Pillar Creek hatcheries; 2025 salmon harvest strategy; ADF&G and KRAA data collection and research projects; as well as a discussion of designating the criteria for unique and significant wild stocks in the Kodiak Area. The meeting is open to the public and public participation is encouraged. For additional information, including Zoom link, contact darin.ruhl@alaska.gov. Additional information on Regional Planning Teams can be found at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingHatcheriesPlanning.regional>.

****April 30 (In-person or virtually)**

CRAIG – A public workshop will be held from 5 to 7pm at the Craig Ranger District where components of the [Draft 2025 POW LLA Long-term Plan](#) and the [Draft 2025 POW Invasive Plant Treatment Plan](#) will be presented and discussed. You may attend virtually by clicking: [Join the meeting now](#) (Meeting ID 239 086 839 101, Passcode gD75h89j). You can join the workshop without downloading any software by choosing 'Continue on Your Browser.' You may also call in to the meeting at 1-202-650-0123 and enter phone conference ID 618 206 187#. Comments from the workshop will be considered and incorporated as appropriate. A 30-day public comment period on the draft plans will begin on May 2. For more information, contact Kevin Garter, Team Leader: kevin.garter@usda.gov or 907-828-3304 or go to [Draft 2025 POW LLA Long-term Plan.pdf](#) and [Draft 2025 POW Invasive Plant Treatment Plan.pdf](#).

May 6 (In-person & virtually)

CORDOVA - The PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND/COPPER RIVER REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM (RPT) will meet at 9am in the Cordova Center. A virtual meeting option will be available. The RPTs are a valuable part of Alaska's salmon fishery enhancement program. RPTs are composed of six members, three are ADF&G staff appointed by the commissioner and three are fishery representatives appointed by the regional aquaculture association. RPT meetings are open to the public and public participation is encouraged. The agenda for this meeting is under development. Hatchery annual management plans are commonly reviewed at this meeting. Discussion will include updating the Comprehensive Salmon Plan. Further discussion may include other topics related to hatchery-produced salmon. For more information, go to <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingHatcheriesPlanning.regional> and contact RPT chair, stormy.haught@alaska.gov.

EVENTS & MEETINGS in the ANCHORAGE AREA

****April 22**

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY with the ALASKA YOUTH for ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION from 4 to 7pm at The Nave, 3502 Spenard Road. Join AREA for a Community Earth & Advocacy Fair for food, youth speakers, and learning about opportunities to volunteer or

take action with local environmental organizations. AYEА youth delegates will also present about their recent advocacy trip to Juneau, and ways that you can take action to let your elected leaders know what matters to you. This is the perfect event to attend if you want to celebrate Earth Day with action and support some amazing youth leaders in our community! Everyone is welcome.

****April 24**

UNEARTH (93 min), an award-winning documentary, will be shown from 4:30 to 8:30pm in the Wilda Marston Theatre, Loussac Library. The film follows two sets of siblings — the Salmon sisters and the Strickland brothers — and their fight to protect Bristol Bay from the destructive Pebble Mine. As they expose corporate deception and political corruption, the film reveals the hidden costs of extraction and the resilience of communities defending their home. At 4:30 there will be an Outdoor Meet & Greet on the Loussac Patio with light food provided and the film starts at 6. [Register here.](#)

****May 10**

The ALASKA CENTER AND THE ALASKA CENTER EDUCATION FUND [TURNING THE TIDE ANNUAL AUCTION & CELEBRATION](#) will be held at the Anchorage Museum. An evening of community, music, food, and fun awaits! Be part of the movement to create a thriving, just, and sustainable Alaska. For more information, contact Alison Lum at alison@akcenter.org.

EVENTS & MEETINGS OUTSIDE of ANCHORAGE

April 22

CODORVA - COMMUNITY ADAPTATIONS WORKSHOP will be held at the Cordova Center from 7 to 8on. Come learn about the Climate and Fisheries Adaptation project from PWSSC Social Scientist KINSEY BROWN. This NOAA-funded effort focuses on adaptive planning to combat climate vulnerabilities in our local fisheries. The evening will include project updates and an interactive adaptation planning exercise where community members can add their voices to the conversation. This study is done in collaboration with a Gulf of Alaska-wide team that includes the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association in Sitka and the Alaska Marine Conservation Council in Kodiak. Food and refreshments will be provided.

April 23 – 27

WRANGELL - STIKINE RIVER BIRDING FESTIVAL on the Stikine River Delta will have the largest springtime concentration in North America of thousands of Bald Eagles, followed by Sandhill Cranes, Snow Geese, and shorebirds. The festival celebrates spring in southeast Alaska and is the perfect opportunity for adventurous birdwatchers to also observe millions of shorebirds, which migrate to the delta each spring. The Stikine River and its tributaries are located within the [Stikine-LeConte Wilderness area of the Tongass National Forest](#). For more information, go to <https://www.wrangell.com/birdingfestival>.

April 26

FAIRBANKS – SPRING MIGRATION OPPORTUNITY will be held at Cramer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge. See Trumpeter Swans, White-fronted Geese, and various species of ducks. Activities include; birdwatching, wildlife viewing, guided nature walks, falconry demonstrations, and kids’ crafts. For more information, go to friendsofcramersfield.org/springmigrationcelebration..

April 26

SEWARD – WINE by the WATER an exclusive **WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER** for the **ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER** will be held from 6:30 to 9:30pm. Enjoy an evening of food, fine wine, and fundraising while deepening you connection with the SeaLife Center and its mission. Click. <https://alaskasealife.sitewrench.com/ticket-calendar> for tickets.

****April 30 & May 10**

NINILCHIK/HOMER/SOLDOTNA/SEWARD – An ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENTS will be held on the following dates and locations:

April 30 –May 10 - NINILCHIK drop off at the Ninilchik Health & Wellness Club

Mau 3 –SOLDOTNA – drop off from 10am to 3pm at the Central Peninsula Landfill

May 3 – HOMER – drop off from 10am to 2pm at Spenard Builders Supply

May 10 – SEWARD – drop off from 9am to 3pm at the Seward Transfer Facility

If the life cycle of old electronic devices and in our landfills, not only do we allow them to leach toxins such as lead, mercury, cadmium, beryllium, polyvinyl chloride, and chromium into our watershed, we also surrender precious, reusable metals that we’ve invested significant resources to uncover back to the earth. Inletkeeper’s goal is to make electronics recycling available to all residents of Cook Inlet Watershed.

May 1- 4

CORDOVA - The 35TH ANNUAL COPPER RIVER DELTA SHOREBIRD FESTIVAL will celebrate one of the largest shorebird migrations in the Western Hemisphere. This year’s event highlights both conservation and cultural connections, featuring guided birding excursions, expert presentations, hands-on workshops, and more. Keynote speaker **ROB CLAY** from the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network will discuss global conservation efforts. Attendees can join guided tours to prime shorebird viewing areas, attend shorebird classes, and participate in nature journaling, with additional family-friendly events and local discounts to round out the experience. For registration and event details, go to coppershorebird.com.

May 7 – 11

HOMER - The 33rd KACHEMAK BAY SHOREBIRD FESTIVAL will be held.

Registration opens on May 21. Walks, talks, boat tours, and programs will be held for youth and teens. The keynote talk will be by **BEN MIRIN** at the High School Auditorium at

7pm on Saturday, Ben is known as a "Wildlife DJ" and is an ethno-acoustic biologist, musician, and National Geographic Explorer who creates music from animal sounds to inspire conservation and connect people with nature. For more information, go to <https://kachemakshorebird.org/> or follow on social media.

June 5 – August 15

Registration for FIELD COURSES in DENALI NATIONAL PARK through Alaska Geographic in partnership with the National Park Service. Courses are active learning experiences and are led by some of Alaska's best scientists and naturalists. Courses include transportation, overnight accommodations at a field camp 29 miles into Denali, and hearty meals. Professional development credit is also available from the University of Alaska Anchorage. For additional information, go to the Alaska Geographic website at <https://www.akgeo.org/field-courses/>.

June 5 - 7 - Explore your environment with Alaska Project Learning Tree

June 8 - 10 - Boreal Forest Ecology

June 13 – 15 - Monitoring Birds in Denali: why, how, where, and recent discoveries

June 20 – 22 -Wildflowers of Denali

June 27 – 29 - Project Learning Tree and the Nature of Fire in Alaska

July 11 – 13 – Wildlife Tracks and Signs

July 18 – 20 - Discovering Denali's Micro wilderness: Insects and other Arthropods

August 4 – 6 – Bears of Denali

August 15 - 17 – Yoga in Denali

For additional information or questions, please email courses@akgeo.org.

DEADLINES

April 24

Comments are due on the application for COAL EXPLORATION PERMIT for the CANYON CREEK COAL EXPLORATION PROJECT approximately 20 miles west southwest from the Skwentna airport and encompasses approximately 5,120 acres of land. The proposed exploration activities consist of drilling up to twelve exploration drill holes. All drill sites will be reclaimed and all drillholes not retained as monitoring wells will be sealed immediately upon completion of work at the site. In addition to the drillholes, the project is also to replace the current meteorological station with a different station and a larger tower. All work will be helicopter supported, no roads or camps will be established in the exploration area. All equipment used on site will be removed upon completion of the exploration program. A reclamation bond in the amount of \$62,741.00 is proposed to cover the associated reclamation liability of twenty exploration holes. For more information, go to [Canyon Creek Preliminary Findings 03242025.pdf](#). and [Project location map.pdf](#).

April 26

Deadline for comments on the application to form the Greater Point Thomson Unit (GPU) area, located offshore of the North Slope, along the Staines River and the ANWR border. Approval of the unit formation would not limit or diminish access to public lands or public or navigable waters beyond any limitations already contained in the individual oil and gas leases proposed to be included in the unit. Exploration and development of the proposed area would occur in accordance with an approved unit plan of exploration and development. The proposed GPU area covers 61,350.19 acres. You may review the non-confidential portions of the application on the Division's website at <http://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Library/>. Submit comments to DOG.Units@alaska.gov.

May 1

Deadline for PROPOSALS for the BOARD OF GAME for the 2025/2026 Meeting Cycle for changes to the hunting and trapping regulations for the Southeast and Southcentral Regions (Game Management Units 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5) and the Southcentral Region (Game Management Units 6, 7, 8, 14C, and 15) including the following topics: Hunting seasons and bag limits including subsistence and general hunts for all species; trapping seasons and bag limits; big game prey populations and objectives for intensive management; predation control areas implementation plans; restricted areas including controlled use areas, management areas, closed areas, and closures in state game refuges. Proposals may be submitted online at boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov.

****May 12**

JUNEAU – Comments are due on the proposed HERBERT GLACIER CABIN PROJECT to construct a new recreation cabin accessible to the public by helicopter or by foot via a 4.4-mile hike on the Herbert Glacier Trail. Other infrastructure includes a vault-style outhouse, a gathering area, a helicopter landing site and access trails. The cabin site is 13 miles north of the Juneau International Airport approximately 1 mile from the terminus of the Herbert Glacier. Documents can be accessed at [View Documents on Pinyon Public](#).

May 16

Deadline for comments on the 2025 AMATS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN which outlines AMATS's role in transportation planning for the Anchorage Bowl and Chugiak-Eagle River areas. The plan explains AMATS processes in straightforward terms, including: * Goals and objectives. * Organizational structure of committees and staff. * Key planning documents. * Ways for the public to participate and provide input. For more information, including a [short video](#) that outlines the layout of the plan, and [download the document](#) for your review, go to <https://publicinput.com/e2130>. Submit comments to amats_participation_plan@publicinput.com.

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/CONTESTS/RFP

May 16

Deadline for applications for an RFP from the Office of Subsistence Management for technically sound proposals that GATHER INFORMATION to MANAGE and CONSERVE SUBSISTENCE FISHERY RESOURCES on Federal public lands and waters in Alaska for the 2026 FISHERIES RESOURCE MONITORING PROGRAM. Proposals must provide information needed for management of subsistence fisheries on Federal public lands and waters in Alaska (National Wildlife Refuges, National Forests, National Parks and Preserves, National Conservation Areas, National Wild and Scenic River Systems, National Petroleum Reserves, and National Recreation Areas) or non-navigable waters on Bureau of Land Management general domain lands. Project proposals may focus on assessing stocks of fish used for subsistence purposes, the subsistence harvest of stocks, or the Indigenous and traditional knowledge and uses of stocks. For more information, go to www.grantsolutions.gov and www.grants.gov (search for notice of funding number D25AS00214). The full application package, including a complete list of priority information needs, is available on the Federal Subsistence Management Program website at www.doi.gov/subsistence/frmp/funding.

****June 10**

Deadline for applications for the ALASKA KNOWLEDGE SCIENCE EDUCATION ALLIANCE (AKSE) program AKSEA brings together traditional knowledge experts, researchers, graduate or recent graduate students, PhD students, and school educators to co-create lessons focused on marine-related anchoring phenomenon in the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill region. Teams work together with the support of CORaL educators over the course of six months to create and pilot lessons. Participants will be compensated for their time. Application review begins May 10 and closes June 10. For more information. contact Leigh Lubin, Marine Education Specialist, Alaska Sea Grant, UAF, at 907-831-0939 or email leigh.lubin@alaska.edu.

July 30

Deadlines for the upcoming MATSU TRAILS & PARKS FOUNDATION (MSTPF) GRANT CYCLES. Got a trail or park improvement project idea? Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation wants to help make it happen! Eligible applicants can apply for grants through Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation to help fund projects that expand or enhance the valley's trail network and parks! Please review our [Grant Guidelines](#) before applying.

ITEMS of INTEREST

The NATURE CONSERVANCY in ANCHORAGE is currently looking to LEASE A FEW OFFICE SUITES in our building located in downtown Anchorage. We would love to have organizations that do similar work in our building. For more information, go to [First Floor](#)

[Suite 715 L St](#) and [Second Floor Suite 715 L St](#) or contact "Ean" Tubbs at ean.tubbs@tnc.org or call (907) 952-4320.

ALASKA'S CHANGING WILDFIRE ENVIRONMENT 2.0 has been released by the UAF Alaska Fire Science Consortium. The report provides an overview of Alaska's vast, complex, and changing wildfire environment by highlighting recent wildfire trends, their impacts to humans and wildlife, and the relationship between wildfire managers and scientists to improve fire-related decision making. Access the report and download its graphics for personal use at www.frames.gov/afsc/acwe.

On July 21, 2023, the OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION, serialized as ADL 234164, was issued with the purpose of establishing a state-wide General Permit (GP) to streamline the permitting process for use of off-road vehicles on DMLW managed lands. On October 20, 2023, ADL 234164 was amended to adjust the original criteria for allowable off-road vehicles, and to define several terms used in the decision. After reconsideration, DMLW has decided to RESCIND BOTH the ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION and ASSOCIATED AMENDMENT effectively immediately. DMLW is rescinding this decision and will evaluate the process for issuing general permits including the public process.

GUIDEBOOK: HOW to INERACT with the NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL has been produced by the Alaska Marine Conservation Counce (AMCC) to help citizens better understand how the council functions. The guide outlines a comprehensive breakdown of the Council's composition, the importance of community engagement, and tips on effectively participating in Council activities. To see the guidebook, go to https://www.akmarine.org/_files/ugd/284c1f_cee545ddeae84d89b08cc683bc7dfbe7.pdf.

INTERN & FELLOWSHIP/POSITIONS

The SITKA ELECTRIC UTILITY, in collaboration with SITKA CONSERVATION SOCIETY, is offering paid SUMMER JOBS for YOUTH AGES 16-24! Get hands-on experience and build your resume, while learning about high-paid and in-demand career opportunities. You'll be a great fit if you are interested in mechanical systems, electrical engineering, tech, environmental science or renewable energy. Applications are opening soon at www.cityofsitka.com/careers/sitka.

CLIMATE PROGRAM EVALUATION POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW for the ALASKA CLIMATE ADAPTATION SCIENCE CENTER (AK CASC) at the University of Alaska Fairbanks to enhance the value and impact of actionable science in addressing climate challenges. This is a unique opportunity to advance evaluation frameworks and co-produced research that helps decision-makers achieve climate resilience. To see the full

position description and apply, go to.

<https://careers.alaska.edu/jobs/post-doctoral-fellow-climate-program-evaluation-fairbanks-alaska-united-states>

AVALANCHE SCIENCE COMMUNICATION POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW for the **INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC RESEARCH CENTER (IARC)** at the **University of Alaska Fairbanks** to improve how future snow avalanche models and climate information are communicated to Alaska decision-makers. To see the full position description, go to <https://careers.alaska.edu/jobs/post-doctoral-fellow-avalanche-science-communication-fairbanks-alaska-united-states>

LIVING with the LAND and BUILDING COMMUNITY COORDINATOR (JV) for the **SITKA CONSERVATION SOCIETY (SCS)** to help serve the community of Shetek's Kwáan in Sitka to put sustainability and environmental conservation into practice. They do this in collaboration with our community partners to create Sitka Conservation Society's Alaska Way of Life 4-H programs and activities for youth that combine knowledge from elders on "how to live with the land" with our current pursuit of "what sustainability looks like" to equip Alaskan youth in preparing for their future. [To apply for this position or learn more, visit the link here.](#)

WATERCORPS FISHERIES and SUBSISTENCE FELLOW is an **AMERICORPS POSITION** that will be an integral part of our Ecosystems team at the **SITKA RANGER DISTRICT** on the Tongass National Forest, which is composed of a dynamic group of natural resources managers and technicians. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

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 hrs/week for up to 6 months. Learn more and apply at <https://jobs.lever.co/sierraclub/7210d389-5cf5-44f8-bf8a-e95b8bc2fb99>.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR for **COOK INLETKEEPER** to craft compelling stories that inspire action. This role is perfect for a fast writer passionate about environmental and climate justice issues in Alaska. Homer or Soldotna preferred. \$55-60k salary, depending on experience. PTO, health, and retirement benefits. Position open until filled. To see the full position description, go to inletkeeper.org/jobs.

DIRECTOR for the UAF COOPERATIVE EXTENSION (CES) to provide vision and direction for Alaska's land-grant mission. Cooperative Extension serves Alaska's communities by providing relevant, research-based information, instruction and outreach that enriches the lives of Alaskans. The position, centered in Fairbanks on the UAF Troth Yeddh's campus, will work with leadership at the Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Extension to connect communities with relevant information and resources to enrich the lives of all Alaskans. For more information and the position announcement, go to <https://osri.us/research-program-manager-position-available/>.

DIRECTOR of DEVELOPMENT for the ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION to be primarily responsible for growing and strengthening private fundraising and donor stewardship while aligning fundraising with ACF's mission, vision, and strategic goals. The aim of this position is to expand, diversify, and sustain ACF's donor base and strengthen the organization's overall fundraising success. Salary: \$85,000-\$95,000 per year. To apply: Send a resume, cover letter and writing sample to acfjobs@alaskaconservation.org with the subject line "Director of Development". Applications will be reviewed beginning early May and the position will remain open until filled. Applicants offered an interview will be asked to provide references at that time. To see the full position description, go to <https://alaskaconservation.org/about/jobs/>.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COORDINATOR for the FOUR VALLEYS COMMUNITY SCHOOL in Girdwood to assist in developing and overseeing an engaging, year-round educational programs for all ages at FVCS. This role includes managing evening classes, supporting instructors, coordinating logistics, and ensuring a welcoming learning environment. Pay rate: \$21/hour. Apply by emailing brumley@fourvalleys.org. For more information go to [Employment Opportunities | Four Valleys Community School](#)

MARINE DEBRIS CLEANUP COORDINATOR FOR KAWERAK INC, in Nome to facilitate and supervise beach cleanups in and around the Bering Strait Region, conduct planning and logistics for all cleanup and training events, and work with communities to hire local workers. The Coordinator will work with a planning and training team and directly supervise part-time workers at events. The Coordinator reports to the Environmental Program Director and will work with the larger Environmental Program team. For a full description of this position, please go to <https://kawerak.org/>, click on the top ribbon "☆Employment" and search for Marine Debris Cleanup.

SITKA SOUND SCIENCE CENTER has the following positions available:

AMARINE DEBRIS FIELD LEAD at the for a summer marine debris cleanup Lead restoration project. This job involves cleaning marine debris from the coastline between Point Kakul and Necker Bay near Sitka, Alaska, and using intertidal transect surveys and other methods to assess its impact on nearshore and intertidal ecosystems. Recovered

debris will be categorized and weighed in Sitka. The position offers a unique summer fieldwork opportunity conducting coastal cleanups and intertidal surveys on remote outer coast beaches in Southeast Alaska. For more information and to apply, go to <https://sitkascience.org/jobs/marine-debris-field-lead/>.

MARINE DEBRIS RESTORATION PROJECT FIELD TECHNICIAN at the for a summer marine debris cleanup restoration project. This job involves cleaning marine debris from the coastline near Sitka, Alaska, and using intertidal transect surveys and other methods to assess its impact on nearshore and intertidal ecosystems. Recovered debris will be categorized and weighed in Sitka. The position offers a unique summer fieldwork opportunity conducting coastal cleanups and intertidal surveys on remote outer coast beaches in Southeast Alaska. For more information and to apply, go to <https://sitkascience.org/jobs/marine-debris-restoration-project-field-technician/>.

SCIENCE CENTER GUIDE April 28 to September 27. for daily interaction with diverse groups of locals, tourists, and visitors to Sitka. Science Center guides will contribute to an atmosphere of fun, inclusion, education, and curiosity among both staff and visitors. Over the course of a single day, a Science Center guide might welcome visitors at the front desk, lead a tour of our working salmon hatchery, teach visitors about our food system while visitors enjoy a meal of local salmon, lead an informal educational program in the aquarium, and answer questions about life in Southeast Alaska. For more information and to apply, go to <https://sitkascience.org/jobs/science-center-guide/>.

POLITICAL DIRECTOR for The ALASKA CENTER in Anchorage to direct and oversee all political programming to elect strong leaders who champion our values to local and statewide offices; develop and implement long-term political and electoral power-building strategies to help achieve our mission; Determine campaign targets and political strategy based on research, communication with coalition partners, and viability in the local, state, and federal election cycles; Develop and lead all Independent Expenditure programming, including at least municipal programs in Anchorage and Fairbanks elections and state cycles; and Oversee all work regarding the Alaska Public Offices Commission, including public reporting/campaign disclosure, and work with local counsel to address legal questions. To see the full position description, go to <https://alaskacenter.bamboohr.com/careers/43>.

TONGASS ENERGY BANK LENDING DIRECTOR is responsible for implementing the newly established lending program and will play a key role in driving the program's success through coordination and support of clean energy initiatives. Learn more and apply today at sprucerooroot.org/careers

SEASONAL LEARNING INTERPRETER for the ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER in Seward to engage with guests on the exhibit floor, maintain the different stations around

the Center e.g., touch tank, aviary, and education stations. For more information go to <https://jobs.ourcareerpages.com/job/928688?source=ccp&key=Mjt4SARxp6n4GTpF7Gvb nYO0KyW96X57Q6qGqcpFKuM%3d>.

ALASKA STATE PARKS has seasonal jobs for Alaskans through the **ALASKA CONSERVATION CORPS (ACC)**. To apply, fill out the application and return it to the park office(s) of your choice (addresses listed below). Most positions begin in late May or early June.

For up-to-date information, go to <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/misc/accinstr.htm#interp>.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ED) for the **RENEWABLE ENERGY ALASKA PROJECT (REAP)** to connect with communities, stakeholders, and policymakers across the state and impact Alaska's energy sector at a critical inflection moment while continuing to advance the future of renewable energy and energy efficiency in Alaska. To see the full position description, to <https://www.forakergroup.org/site/index.cfm/cboard-view/10683>.

MINING CAMPAIGN MANAGER for the **SOUTHEAST CONSERVATION COUNCIL (SEACC)** to lead vital conservation work around mining in Southeast Alaska and is tasked with developing and executing strategic, issue-driven campaigns to protect the lands and waters of Southeast Alaska. This role works closely and collaboratively with SEACC's campaign staff and others internally as well as partners from external organizations. To see the full position description, go to <https://seacc.org/about/hiring>.

4-H COORDINATOR for the **UAF COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE** to lead, manage and steward the full range of Positive Youth Development programming in the municipality of Anchorage. To see the full position description, go to <https://careers.alaska.edu/jobs/4-h-program-coordinator-anchorage-anchorage-alaska-unit-ed-states-7b50bda3-edff-4735-9c37-1dcb33448644>.

SEASONAL LEARNING INTERPRETER at the **ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER** in Seward to engage with guests on the exhibit floor, maintaining the different stations around the Center e.g., touch tank, aviary, and education stations. Candidates will be expected to interpret live and static exhibits to the visiting public, monitor groups during their self-guided tours, and teach interactive marine science programs to groups, including day programs, summer camp experiences, pop-up program, and behind-the-scenes tours. The interpreter is required to work a flexible schedule to accommodate variable hours, including early mornings, evenings and weekends as needed. This position is responsible for connecting visitors to the mission of the Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC). For more information go to: <https://jobs.ourcareerpages.com/job/928688?source=ccp&key=Mjt4SARxp6n4GTpF7Gvb nYO0KyW96X57Q6qGqcpFKuM%3d>.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR for TRUSTEES for ALASKA to develop and implement a comprehensive annual development plan in collaboration with the executive director and board development committee that raises revenue to support the strategic direction of the organization. This position requires strong interpersonal and collaboration skills, and a commitment to conservation in Alaska, social equity, and racial justice. The position is based in Anchorage and requests to work remotely while pursuing relocation will be considered. Salary and benefits: This is a full-time position with a salary range of \$75,000-85,000 benefits that include paid leave, sick time, and medical/dental/vision, along with flexibility for hybrid in-office and at-home work. How to Apply: Email cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Ashley Boyd at aboyn@trustees.org, with “Development Director Application” in the subject line. Applicants offered an interview will be asked to provide references at that time. Position will remain open until filled. To see the full position description, go to <https://trustees.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-01-03DevDirJobAnnouncement.pdf>.

KEEP IT in the GROUND ORGANIZER for the FAIRBANKS CLIMATE ACTION COALITION to focus on grassroots organizing, building people power to advance our coalition’s anti-extraction efforts, support the managed decline of fossil fuels and build a healthier future for our community and the land. To see the full position description, go to [full KING Organizer description here](#).

URBAN AGRICULTURE PROGRAM LEADER for the ANCHORAGE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT to sustain and build upon the foundations of the program and its core aspects. These include facilitating Local Work Group Meetings, collaborating with community partners, attending outreach events related to food security and agriculture, writing and submitting grant proposals and reports, running soil test programs, and guiding weekly 4H classes at Alaska Native Cultural Charter School. Full-time, Permanent Position. To see the full position description, go to <https://search.yahoo.com/yhs/search?hspart=mnet&hsimp=yhs-001&type=type9097303-spa-4056-84481¶m1=4056¶m2=84481&p=URBAN+AGRICULTURE+PROGRAM+LEADER+for+the+ANCHORAGE+SOIL+%26+WATER+CONSERVATION+DISTRICT+.Position> Start Date: March. To apply, please submit your CV (include three professional references) with a cover letter to anchorageswcd@gmail.com.

ENERGY POLICY & COMMUNITY ADVOCATE for the SUSITNA RIVER COALITION (SRC) to play a vital role in advancing renewable energy advocacy and supporting the stewardship of the Susitna Watershed and work closely with communities, policymakers, and stakeholders to shape sustainable energy policies, protect vital ecosystems, and represent SRC in influential coalitions and initiatives. You’ll be a key player in SRC’s mission, engaging with major energy initiatives and influencing This flexible, ³/₄-time position offers competitive pay, remote work options, and professional growth opportunities. To apply, email a cover letter, resume, and references to Melis@susitnarivercoalition.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR for the **TIDELINES INSTITUTE** in Gustavus at the Good River Campus to assist with the administration of civic and environmental education programs in and around Icy Strait, They likely spend time during summer months at the Inian Islands Campus, a remote homestead about 25 miles west of Gustavus. This is a year-round, full-time position, beginning in early 2025 (exact date flexible). The position is open until filled. For more information and instructions on how to apply, please go to <https://www.tidelinesinstitute.org/tidelines-wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Program-Coordinator-Hiring-Announcement.pdf>.

ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST for the **ALASKA CENTER for CLIMATE ASSESSMENT AND POLICY (ACCAP)** to build healthy and thriving Alaskan communities, economies and ecosystems in a changing climate. We conduct innovative and collaborative research and engagement with Alaska Native organizations and the Tribes and communities they serve. This is a new position on the ACCAP core team that will advance research and efforts that help Tribal communities meet their self-defined needs related to climate change. To see the full position description, [click HERE](#).

FINANCE & OPERATIONS MANAGER for The ALASKA CENTER to oversee administrative and operational support for The Alaska Center, The Alaska Center Education Fund, Our Home Our Future, and other projects. [Learn more and apply here](#).

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. Position open until filled. [Click HERE to view a complete job description](#).. [Click HERE to apply](#). For more information email sarah@alaskawildlife.org.

PLASTICS and PETROCHEMICALS CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR for the **ALASKA COMMUNITY (ACAT)** will assist 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. A description of this full-time, salaried position with benefits may be found at <https://www.akaction.org/get-involved/job-opportunities/>.

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