

WHAT'S UP

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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

June 27 – 29; July 11 – 13; July 18 – 20; August 15 – 17

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

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 \$250 reimbursement after completing the course! Professional development credit is available through UAA.

July 11 – 13 - **WILDLIFE TRACKS AND SIGNS** - Learn how to read stories on the landscape using the science and art of wildlife tracking. With expert tracker Mike Taras, we will explore Denali to find the tracks and signs of all animals, large and small. We'll learn how to look for tracks and signs and then learn key factors in their identification. We'll study the gaits of different animals and the track patterns they leave on the ground. We'll also learn about aging tracks, animal behavior, observation skills, and more! As we sharpen our senses and observational skills, the landscape will come alive with the evidence of our wild neighbors. After learning about the natural history of Denali throughout the weekend, you'll take home the knowledge and skills that will help your study of wildlife tracks and signs into the future. **MIKE TARAS** is a naturalist and wildlife education and outreach specialist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Interior and Northeast Alaska. Mike has many years of experience intensely studying wildlife tracks and signs as well as trailing animals throughout the U.S. and South Africa. \$450 Alaska Geographic Member Price (\$500 non-member price)

July 18 – 20 - **DISCOVERING DENALI'S MICRO WILDERNESS: INSECTS AND OTHER ARTHROPODS** Denali is well known for its large mammals and big mountain, but a closer look reveals a vast micro wilderness waiting to be discovered. Denali's insects, spiders, and other arthropods play a critical role in Denali's ecosystems and have only recently been the subject of more in depth research. Join Jessica Rykken, former entomologist at Denali and now the Entomology Collections Manager at the Museum of the North, and

Adam Haberski, former graduate student at UAF and currently Collection Manager at Mississippi Entomological Museum for a behind the scenes look at their 5-year arthropod study and an exploration of this fascinating world. We'll visit several sites along an elevational transect to learn about the different insects found there and the important roles they play in Denali. \$450 Alaska Geographic Member Price (\$500 non-member price). [Register Here](#)

August 15 – 17 - YOGA IN DENALI - The Sanskrit term yuj, from which the word yoga is derived, is usually translated as “union” or “linking.” This joining is the focus of Yoga in Denali. The grand landscape of Denali invites the soul to remember the most cherished relationships and “links” in life. Through breathing practices, sequences of asanas (physical postures), and meditation in nature, you can build a deeper understanding and connection to yourself; in turn connecting more genuinely with the land and people around you. Join Denali local May Huntley, a yoga teacher and retreat facilitator with over 10 years of experience, in being humbled by the environment and strengthened in body, spirit, and community through yoga practice. Come away inspired to incorporate stewardship of natural places into your daily life and practice as well as the knowledge on how to share this connection and practice with students, children, or others in your life. This course is appropriate for all experience levels. Denali National Park and Preserve.

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

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](#).

****August 18 -24**

FAIRBANKS – TANANA VALLEY SANDHILL CRANE FESTIVAL: For more information, go to friendsofcramersfield.org/tanana-valley-sandhill-crane-festival.

****September 6 – 7**

SEWARD – A NATURE JOURNALING WORKSHOP is an immersive two-day workshop on field sketching to be held from 8am to 3pm in the Seward Community Library Downstairs Community Room. You will spend time indoors honing your skills and learning observational drawing and watercolor techniques and then take those skills outside and practice them in nature. Students will work from botanical subjects, landscapes and moving subjects like weather and animals. The workshop will be taught by KRISTIN LINK and sponsored by SEWARD NATURE JOURNALING. Cost: \$250 for both days. For

registration go to: <https://www.sewardnaturejournaling.com/events-calendar>. For more information, go to sewardnaturejournaling@gmail.com.

September 23 – 25

KODIAK – The 10th ANNUAL CONFLUENCE SUMMIT, focusing on the **Outdoor Recreation Economic Development** is an annual conference where Alaskans come together to discuss trends in outdoor recreation and to share ideas to expand the sector. co-presented by Koniag and Island Trails Network will be held. With federal funding shifts, staffing cuts, and conservation challenges mounting, now is the time to collaborate, innovate, and lead. Confluence brings together Alaska's top outdoor champions, policy makers, non-profits, and nature-based businesses to help chart a 10-year plan for a regenerative future. Outdoors. For more information, including agenda and registration (early bird available), go to <http://alaskaoutdooralliance.org/confluence-ak>.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS/OPEN HOUSE

****July 17**

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD will hold a Public Meeting from 1 to 4pm via MS Teams meeting link at [join the meeting now](#) and teleconference at toll-free (833) 436-1163, conference ID: 770 863 474#. on Wildlife Special Action Requests REGARDING DEER IN UNIT 2 submitted by the Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (SEARAC). The request asks for closure of Federal public lands to deer hunting by non-federally qualified users in Unit 2 for the 2025/26 regulatory year. Temporary Wildlife Special Action Request WSA25-01, submitted by the Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (SEARAC), asks for closure of Federal public lands to deer hunting by non-federally qualified users in Unit 2 for the 2025/26 regulatory year. Temporary Wildlife Special Action Request WSA25-02, submitted by the SEARAC, asks for elimination of the doe hunt in Unit 2 for the 2025/26 regulatory year if the final regulations establishing Ketchikan as a rural community publishes in Federal Register before the end of the Unit 2 deer season. Temporary Wildlife Special Action Request WSA25-03, submitted by the SEARAC, asks the Board to conduct a Section 804 subsistence user prioritization analysis for deer in Unit 2 for the 2025/26 regulatory year. A public hearing to receive testimony on these three Temporary Wildlife Special Action Requests was held on May 13, 2025. Another opportunity for public testimony will be provided during the Board meeting.

Now to July25 (Virtual)

A virtual Open House will be held to take comments on the **PLANNING and ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL) STUDY** for the **MCCARTHY ROAD CORRIDOR**. The study corridor is 63 miles extending east from Chitina to the southern end of the Kennicott subdivision. The open house presents the draft PEL Study Report that describes 20 recommended solutions for consideration of future implementation. The

study team is asking for public input to prioritize the recommended solutions that were generated based on public and stakeholder comments over the nearly two-year planning study. The online open house link is available from the project at <http://www.mccarthyroadpel.com>.

July 14

ANCHORAGE - The BOARD of GAME WILL HOLD a SPECIAL MEETING to ADOPT BEAR CONTROL at 8:30am at the Coast Inn at Lake Hood, The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has [requested](#) that the Board of Game deliberate on regulation changes that would create a ~40,000 square mile black and brown bear control program (which includes aerial gunning) in western Alaska. This is undoubtedly in response recent court decisions that found the State's 2022 Mulchatna bear control program was illegal and void. The Court also ruled that the State acted 'in bad faith when they proceeded to kill 11 bears this May, despite [two judges ruling that they were doing so illegally](#), and that the testimony of the State's Director of Wildlife Conservation was "mostly not credible". The purpose of the meeting is for the Board of Game to vote on proposed regulation changes that would allow ADF&G to kill an unspecified number of bears within the 40,000 square mile area. Deadline to submit comments is July 7. For more information, take a look at the following documents: [Proposal for Intensive Management for Mulchatna Caribou by ADF&G](#); [Proposed Regulatory Changes to 5 AAC 92.111 by ADF&G](#); [Mulchatna Caribou herd IM Status - March 2025](#); [Mulchatna Caribou herd presentation - March 2025](#); [ADF&G Intensive Management Protocol](#).

WEBINARS & VIRTUAL

EVENTS & MEETINGS in the ANCHORAGE AREA

June 25

WORLD WAR II and the CAMPBELL TRACT WALK will be held from 10 to 11:30am, During World War II, the Army Corps of Engineers built four small airstrips in Southcentral Alaska, including one at Campbell Tract. While many old foxholes and airplane parking spots are now overgrown by trees, many interesting things exist to see. Join a CCSC naturalist for a walk to learn about WWII history of Campbell Tract and find hidden pieces of the past. This event is \$5 per person. Register at [Recreation.gov](#).

****June 26**

SOLID WASTE SERVICES OPEN HOUSE will be held from 1 to 4p at the Central Transfer Station, [1208 E 56th Avenue](#) hosted by Solid Waste Services and Alaskans for Litter Prevention and Recycling (ALPAR). Learn all about waste management in Anchorage. This is a great opportunity to see how your waste is handled, discover the latest in recycling efforts, and meet the dedicated team working to keep our city clean. Event Highlights: * Guided Facility Tours of the Central Transfer Station: * Fun Activities for all ages; * Delicious Food and refreshments; * Opportunities to learn more about recycling

and litter prevention. Whether you're curious about what happens to your trash, want to get involved in community cleanup efforts, or just looking for a fun and informative afternoon, we'd love to see you there!

June 26

GIRDWOOD – The 2ND ANNUAL HOLD MY BEAR” LAUNCH PARTY will be held from 3 to 6pm at the Girdwood Brewing Company by the **ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER (AWCC)**. Enjoy a pint of Helles Lager, tasty beverage that is crafted with only the finest of German hops and malts and is perfectly delicious. The 2nd round of this special partnership features door prizes that will be drawn every 20 minutes! The AWCC Education Team will do a Bear Safety Presentation highlighting: Bear 101 – learn all about bears, bear safety training and the importance of knowing what to do if you encounter a bear, bear educational activities, practice what to do if you see a bear, and possibly a bear spray demonstration. Be sure to come hungry, there will be food trucks on site. Bonus, there will be some awesome door prizes to give away, including a Private Bear Encounter!

June 28

BIRDING WALK at POTTER MARSH WATERSHED PARK will be held from 9 to 11am. This event will be a great way to check out the new Potter Marsh Watershed Park and learn about some of the birds present in the park. Guides from the Anchorage Audubon Society and staff from Great Land Trust will lead a roughly 2-hour walk through the park. Expect some uneven ground, elevation, and potentially a few wet spots. The hike will cover approximately 2-3 miles. Space is limited so registration is required! After registering, you will receive an email confirming your registration with more details about the hike: We'll meet at Moen Park on Goldenview Drive. Parking instructions will be sent out once you have registered. There are no restrooms or drinking water at the Potter Marsh Watershed Park so please come prepared. For more information, email or call Libby at lkugel@greatlandtrust.org or 907-278-4998. [REGISTER HERE](#).

June 30

A GOOD WOLF will be shown at the Bear Tooth Theatrepub at 5:40pm hosted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. A Good Wolf is a feature-length documentary film examining a 40-year conflict over a single tract of land adjacent to Denali National Park—a volatile struggle between state and federal authorities, fur trappers, and wildlife advocates. Hanging in the balance are some of America's most iconic landscapes and wild creatures. Tickets are \$12. To purchase yours and watch the trailer, head to [AWA's website](#).

****July 2**

DON'T PLAY with FIRE is the program at the Eagle River Nature Center from 1 to 3pm. With the 4th of July approaching we want to talk about the three P's of fire prevention; Prevent, Plan and Practice! Join us in the Lower Parking lot for a talk about fire safety and to practice putting out fires in many different ways. The is an All-Ages program.

****July 6**

RED, WHITE & BLUE(BERRY) GUIDED HIKE will be held at 2pm at the Eagle River Nature Center. Join us on a family-friendly walk to look for what's blooming along the trail and learn about the different berries that grow in Alaska. We will cover how to identify what's safe to eat and what's not! If berries are not ready yet, this program will focus on early identification of berry plants. Registration limited to the first 15 people. Registration required. To register, go to <https://ernc.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/ernc/eventRegistration.jsp?event=883>.

July 7

The **SIERRA CLUB SUMMER POTLUCK PICNIC** will be held at 6pm at the Valley of the Moon Park. Mingle with fellow conservationists, eat great food, and learn about what Sierra Club Alaska has been up to recently. We will provide some main dishes and drinks-- bring a side dish or dessert to share if you're feeling up for it. We will also be joined by our new Alaska Chapter board chair, Fairbanks resident Rob Weinzettle. It will be a great opportunity to get to know him! [RSVP HERE](#).

****July 9**

WILDFLOWER WALK will be held from 6 to 7pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Each summer, the boreal forest transforms into a lush and colorful landscape of plants and flowers. Join a CCSC naturalist on a wildflower walk! Discover which plants are blooming, explore plant adaptations, and learn basic skills to identify common plants. This event is \$5; Register at [Recreation.gov](#).

July 9 - 13

EAGLE RIVER - BEARPAW FESTIVAL- The Music Festival showcases local bands and artists from around Alaska, with a focus on our Chugiak-Eagle River area. Located at the bottom of the Eagle River Town Square Park Hill, the location is perfectly located between the carnival rides, Food vendors and Bear Paw Vendor Court! To see the daily schedule, go to <https://bearpawfestival.org/daily-schedule>.

****July 13**

KOROHUSK CABIN CELEBRATION will be held at 11:30am at the Eagle River Nature Center Main building. The **KOROHUSK CABIN OPEN HOUSE** will be held from 1 to 3pm. Join in celebrating the completion of our latest public-use cabin, Korohusk Cabin! We will kick off the festivities with a brief celebration at the Nature Center building followed by an opportunity to visit the cabin the open house. This event is free, but please RSVP at www.ernc.org/public-programs.

****July 16**

WORLD WAR II and the CAMPBELL TRACT WALK will be held from Noon to 1:30pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. During WWII, the Army Corps of Engineers built four satellite airstrips around Southcentral Alaska, including one on the BLM Campbell Tract.

Although the forest has reclaimed many foxholes and airplane parking pads, there is still much to discover. Join a CCSC naturalist for a walk to learn about the fascinating WWII history of Campbell Tract and discover remaining relics of the past. This event is \$5 per person; register at [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

July 17

The ANCHORAGE TRANSPORTATION CLUB will meet at 6pm in the SEED Lab (across 6th Avenue from the Museum) for a casual, community-powered meetup for ANYONE INTERESTED IN BRINGING MORE TRANSIT OPTIONS to ANCHORAGE and BEYOND. We will discuss the campaign we have been working on to win passenger rail between the Mat-Su Valley and Anchorage and then we want to hear from you about what transportation options you'd like to see our city and state invest in. We be joined by AARON JONGENELEN, Transportation Planning Manager and CHRISTINE SCHUETTE, Senior Transportation Planner and Public Involvement Coordinator from AMATS (Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions) who will share how you can get involved in local transportation planning and make your voice heard. No prior knowledge is required. Everyone is welcome to join! [SIGN UP HERE](#).

**July 17

The **FLYING FREE ANNUAL AUCTION** will be held from 6 to 8pm at the Alaska Botanical Garden to support the **BIRD TLC REHABILITATION & EDUCATION PROGRAM**. Enjoy a delicious and irresistible cuisine, custom mocktails; add your brush strokes to the community painting, visit with a number of artists and various art experiences. There will be music, and the Botanical Garden will be in full bloom. Buy your ticket at <https://givebutter.com/c/flyingfree2025>.

**July 20

STING of the **WILD GUIDED HIKE** will be presented at the Eagle River Nature Center from 2 to 3:30pm. While Alaska doesn't have poison ivy or poison oak, there are still some flora that can cause irritation. Join ERNC staff to uncover the secrets of the prickly plants. Registration is limited to the first 15 people. Registration is required at <https://ernc.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/ernc/eventRegistration.jsp?event=891>.

**July 27

FAREWELL ALBERT LOOP GUIDED HIKE will be held from 2 to 4:30pm at the Eagle River Nature Center. As soon as the salmon return to our end of Eagle River, Chugach State Park closes the Albert Loop to give the bears space to feast in peace! Assuming the salmon have not arrived by the 27th, join us to take one last look at the Albert Loop trail, investigate beaver activity and say farewell until the snow flies. Registration limited to the first 20 people. Registration is required at <https://ernc.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/ernc/eventRegistration.jsp?event=893>.

EVENTS & MEETINGS OUTSIDE of ANCHORAGE

June 26– August 27

FAIRBANKS - MUSIC in the GARDEN, the UAF concert series will be held every Thursday through August 27 at the Georgeson Botanical Garden. Each concert features two bands with the first band starting at 6pm, and the second plays at 7:30pm. The concerts are free, but donations to support the botanical garden are welcome. Because parking is limited, concertgoers are encouraged to use a free shuttle service that departs from the Nenana Parking Lot, located across from the Patty Center, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Music in the Garden does not cancel due to weather. In case of unhealthy conditions such as smoke, the program will move to the Regents' Great Hall in the UAF Fine Arts Complex. When raining, Music in the Garden will take place under the covered Rotary pavilion in the garden. For more information, visit the [Summer Sessions events page](#) or call 907-474-7021.

July 11

FAIRBANKS - A GOOD WOLF in combination with SEAN MCGUIRE talking about his new book **THE PHANTOM OF DENALI** will be held at 5:30pm at the Unitarian Church, 4448 Pikes Landing Road. Both the film and the book focus on the plight of the Denali wolves. Refreshments will be available. The 90-minute film will start at 6pm followed by Sean McGuire talking about his book and finally a Q & A session with both presenters. For more information, call Sean McGuire at (907) 888-0124.

DEADLINES

June 30

Deadline for applications for the [2025 AYEAL \(ALASKA YOUTH for ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION\) YOUTH ORGANIZER SUMMIT](#) for Alaskan teens ages 13 to 18. This year's Youth Organizer Summit will take place September 14 to 18 on Dena'ina Etna in Chugiak (just outside of Anchorage). Participants will receive hands-on training in leadership, advocacy, and community organizing — and learn how to take meaningful action on issues that matter to them. This year's summit also has a special theme: Climate & Storytelling! Teens will gain skills in digital moviemaking to help them tell powerful climate stories from their communities. The Summit is a transformative experience for many youth, helping them build confidence, develop leadership skills, and form lifelong friendships. Travel support is available, and lodging, food, and fun are all included. For more information, go to <https://secure.ngpvan.com/4k37SXSh60GbOC6KVRBcyA2>.

****July 1**

Deadline for response to the **ALASKA OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM SHORT SURVEY**. [The Alaska Ocean Observing System](#) (AOOS) works with agencies and other organizations to provide coastal and ocean data and information products to the public. AOOS hosts an online Ocean Data Explorer portal and facilitates collaborative networks such as the Alaska Ocean Acidification Network and Alaska Harmful Algal Bloom Network. AOOS is facing potential FY26 federal funding cuts that could significantly reduce or eliminate its services. To prepare, AOOS is asking for your help prioritizing

what AOOS programs and resources are most important to you and your community. [Take a 5-minute survey.](#)

July 7

Comments are due on the COPPER RIVER BASIN AREA PLAN REVISION ISSUE RESPONSE SUMMARY (IRS) that lists the comments submitted along with DNR's response and recommended revisions. You are invited to review the IRS and submit any additional comments you may have regarding this plan revision. To review the IRS, go to [Click here to view the Issue Response Summary](#). For more information contact Kevin Husa at 907-269-8129.

July 10

Deadline for comments on the STATE FISCAL YEAR 2026 INTENDED USE PLANS for the ALASKA CLEAN WATER FUND and ALASKA DRINKING WATER FUND for administering the Base, General Supplemental and Emerging Contaminants funding. The Intended Use Plans specifically identify the available funding, the types of projects eligible for this funding, and the associated requirements. Through the State Revolving Fund Program, the Alaska Clean Water Fund and the Alaska Drinking Water Fund provide low-cost financing statewide for wastewater, stormwater water quality, and drinking water projects. The Intended Use Plans are required by federal statutes and regulations and will be included in the applications submitted to the EPA. To see the draft document, go to <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/technical-assistance-and-financing/state-revolving-fund/intended-use-plans/>. Submit comments to dec.srfprogram@alaska.gov.

July 14

FAIRBANKS/DELTA JUNCTION - Comments are due on the 3 PRELIMINARY BEST INTEREST FINDINGS (PBIFS) and 3 DRAFT FOREST LAND USE PLANS (FLUPS) for TIMBER SALES WITHIN the FAIRBANKS-DELTA AREA. DOF intends to proceed with the timber sale proposals and would pursue a commercial sawtimber/fuelwood contract for the proposed areas. Detailed maps are included in the documents to assist in site specific review of these areas at <https://forestry.alaska.gov/timber/fairbanks> and <https://forestry.alaska.gov/timber/delta>. For more information or to submit comments, contact Andrew Allaby at andrew.allaby@alaska.gov.

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/CONTESTS/RFP

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.

****August 15**

Deadline for applications for the RASMUSON FOUNDATION SABBATICAL AWARDS that offers nonprofit and tribal leaders across Alaska a fully funded break to rest, reflect, and return recharged. Up to eight Alaskans will each receive \$50,000 for sabbaticals lasting 90 to 120 days. The program supports long-serving executive leaders by funding time away from work for personal renewal. Personal renewal can look different for each person. Common uses for a Sabbatical Award include travel, personal enrichment, and time for reflection or rest. In addition to financial support, the Sabbatical Awards program offers a strong support network to ensure a successful and restorative experience for recipients. Rasmuson Foundation partners with The Foraker Group and the Association of Tribal Administrators to provide expert guidance and resources throughout the sabbatical process. These partners assist with planning, organizational support, and reintegration strategies, helping both the individual and their organization maximize the benefits of the time away. To support true disconnection, GCI provides recipients with an alternate phone, helping ensure leaders can fully unplug during their time away. Eligible applicants must have led a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or tribal organization in Alaska for at least five years. Interested leaders are encouraged to apply early. Full program details and the application portal are available at rasmuson.org/sabbatical-program/.

ITEMS of INTEREST

A NEW INTERACTIVE TRAIL MAP is now available from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB). A large collection of trail data from a variety of sources has been pulled together, extensively reviewed and adjusted to match the best available imagery and known details about over many years, but due to the inconsistencies of accuracy and trail information it had not been in a condition to share publicly. In a combined effort between the MSB Land & Resource Management Dept. and the GIS Division, this data has been reviewed extensively and adjusted to match best available imagery and known details about usage. The trail map is available at <https://trails.matsu.gov/>.

The live [PUPPY CAM](#) is back at Denali National Park and Preserve to share the joy of this year's litter of five puppies born in the park on May 3. The Kennels and the National Weather Service celebrated 100 years of weather data collection by the mushing rangers of Denali in 2024. In honor of this milestone, the Weather Litter puppies are named after the diverse and sometimes dramatic ways water influences our weather: Storm, Squall, Graupel, Fog, and Dew. For 103 years, the Denali Sled Dog Kennels has been the only sled dog kennel in the National Park Service and one of the oldest sled dog kennels in the country. While the role of the Kennels has evolved over time, human and canine rangers have worked together since 1922 to uphold the tradition of preserving the park's vast wilderness by dog team. Denali's dogs are authentic working dogs; they continue to run patrols and haul materials in Denali's two million acres of the federally designated wilderness area. The Kennels continue to embrace wilderness values and share the region's rich mushing history with visitors.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

June 28

Join ALASKA TRAILS for a day of volunteer work on the MIDDLE FORK TRAIL in CHUGACH STATE PARK! Volunteers will hike down Powerline to the Middle Fork junction, brushing between the junction and the bridge. There will be some structure repair and gravelling in a turnpike. The event is from 8:30am to 2:30pm. Volunteers will meet at Glen Alps lower parking lot. No experience necessary and all training and tools will be provided. Learn more and RSVP at:

<https://www.alaska-trails.org/event-details/middle-fork>.

July 2

Join ALASKA TRAILS for a day of volunteer work on NORTH BIVY TRAILS! Volunteers will meet at the Campbell Airstrip trailhead in Far North Bicentennial Park. Volunteers will be working on the Moose Ridge Trail, completing improvements such as brushing, signage, and tread repair. No experience necessary and all training and tools will be provided. Learn more and RSVP at:

<https://www.alaska-trails.org/event-details/north-bivy-trail-improvements-take-2>.

INTERN & FELLOWSHIP/POSITIONS

June 30

Deadline for applications for the IARPC (Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee) FELLOWSHIP FOR ARCTIC COMMUNITY LEADERS, a program designed to elevate Arctic voices and place-based knowledge within the research community. This 18-month fellowship offers a \$5,000 stipend and the opportunity for Arctic community leaders to co-lead an IARPC collaboration team or community of practice and gain professional development experience in the federal research landscape. We are seeking leaders with lived experience in the Arctic who are passionate about collaboration and want to work as boundary spanners between Indigenous peoples, communities, organizations and researchers. For more information, go to <https://www.iarpccollaborations.org/jobs.html> [for more details/](#). [Click here to apply!](#)

****July 31**

Deadline for applications for the 2025 IARPC FELLOWSHIP for ARCTIC COMMUNITY LEADERS has been extended! The IARPC Fellowship for Arctic Community Leaders program is designed to elevate Arctic voices and place-based knowledge within the research community. This 18-month fellowship offers a \$5,000 stipend and the

opportunity for Arctic community leaders to co-lead an IARPC collaboration team or community of practice and gain professional development experience in the federal research landscape. We're seeking leaders with lived experience in the Arctic who are passionate about collaboration and want to work as boundary spanners between Indigenous peoples, communities, organizations and researchers. For more information, go to <https://www.iarpccollaborations.org/jobs.html> [Click here to apply!](#)

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

****EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** of the WRANGELL MOUNTAINS CENTER to oversee the long and short-term direction of the Wrangell Mountains Center's operations through high-level planning, development, and management of support staff. The ED is expected to meet the needs and mission of WMC as the situation requires, prioritizing safety and inclusion, facility integrity, and collaboration when resources are limited. Estimated Start Date: Ideally by August 10. Compensation: \$4,700-\$6,000/month salary depending on experience. Salary can be renegotiated upward based on fundraising success. To apply:

- Please send a cover letter and resume to jobs@wrangells.org.
- Applications are open until the position is filled; the initial applicant review will begin July 7.
- References will be requested for finalist candidates. To see the full position description, go to <https://www.wrangells.org/work>.

****COMMUNICATIONS and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER** for ALASKA TRAILS to oversee organization-wide communications for Alaska Trails, including participating in the development, refinement and implementation of the Communications and Marketing Plan for the Alaska Long Trail. This position is open until filled. More information and application instructions at: <https://www.alaska-trails.org/jobs>

The KACHEMAK HERITAGE LAND TRUST has the following positions available:

ACCOUNTING AND GRANTS MANAGER to provide administrative support to fulfill our mission to permanently protect land on the Kenai Peninsula. This organization has complex program offerings and diverse funding sources, including state, federal, corporate, and foundation funding. The Accounting and Grants Manager will work closely with program leaders and the Board of Directors, not only to educate them regarding finance and accounting procedures but also to explore how the finance function can best support operation of KHLT programs. See the [Job Description & Application Instructions Here](#).

SEASONAL STEWARDSHIP ASSISTANT to be responsible for assisting the Stewardship team with annual monitoring, trail maintenance, field projects, building and property maintenance, etc. The position will 15-30 hours per week not to exceed 240 total hours from June through September 15. This is a physically demanding job and most time will be spent outdoors. Click the button below to read the full job description. [Read the Full Job Description & Application Instructions Here](#)

HYDROLOGY TECHNICIAN for the **BERING SEA FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION** to assist in the collection and downloading of instream flow and water quality data for various streams in remote Imuruk Basin and will spend most of their work time in the field, and when not in the field, they will work out of their home. This is a seasonal part-time position (up to 60 hours per month) Seasonal (Mid-June through Mid-September 2025). Salary - \$45/hour. Position is open until filled. For more information or to apply please submit cover letter and resume to: Water Policy Consulting, LLC P.O. Box 332, Homer, AK 99603 or [email jessshepherdwpc@gmail.com](mailto:jessshepherdwpc@gmail.com).

The **SOUTHEAST ALASKA CONSERVATION COUNCIL(SEACC)** has the following position available:

CLEAN WATER CAMPAIGNER to lead vital conservation work around clean water and cruise ships in Southeast Alaska. The Clean Water Campaigner reports to the Executive Director and is tasked with developing and executing strategic, issue-driven campaigns to protect the waters of Southeast Alaska. This role requires a strong background in campaign and advocacy work and Southeast Alaska's culture, environment, and politics. The position does not include any supervisory responsibilities but will involve project management responsibilities for specific campaigns that include overseeing shared goals and deliverables. The full position description including compensation, benefits, and how to apply can be found at www.seacc.org.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER to advance campaigns by strengthening our outreach and relationships throughout Southeast Alaska. This role is responsible for public outreach and engagement, volunteer recruitment and relationship building, planning and supporting community events, and driving Alaskans to take action on SEACC's campaigns to protect Southeast Alaska's lands and waters. This role would also work on creating and maintaining pathways for volunteers to engage in our campaigns and become more involved in the organization. The ideal candidate is energized in social situations and confident in a crowd or on a stage, and they have the ability to find common ground with people of all backgrounds. Some evening and weekend work, as well as travel throughout Southeast Alaska, is essential for this role to reach community members and be present for community events. The full position description including compensation, benefits, and how to apply can be found at www.seacc.org.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SUPPORT LEAD at **OUTER COAST** to provide our undergraduates with the resources—social-emotional, intellectual, and relational they need in order to make the most of their time in Sitka. The Social-Emotional Support Lead will be the cornerstone for student guidance, ensuring students thrive across all three pillars of the program. This person will be a highly visible and approachable member of the Outer Coast team and a regular presence at meals and community events. This is a full-time role. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

COMMUNITY CATALYST for the **ALASKA SOUTH COAST PARTNERSHIP (ASCP)** to serve as trusted bridge between their home community and the regional partnership -applicants must be based in Chenega, Cordova, Nanwalek, Port Graham, Seward,

Tatitlek, or Valdez. In this position, you will help guide local projects and support the creation of strong, collaborative systems that will serve the Southcoast for generations to come; we would love for you to apply! Starting at \$23.00 DOE. To see the full position description and application form, visit <https://crrcalaska.bamboohr.com/careers/33>."

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for the **ALASKA FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION** to provide leadership, guide the development and execution of programs, support the organization's financial sustainability, and serve as the primary representative of AFMA in a range of public, private, and community settings. Salary: \$62,500 per year (based on 1 FTE). To apply: Send resume, cover letter, and 3 references to info@alaskafarmersmarkets.org. **Application closes July 31**. To see the full job posting visit <https://alaskafarmersmarkets.org/join-us/jobs/>

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN 3 for the **ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER** in Seward be responsible for various accounting support functions at the Alaska SeaLife Center. To see the full position description, go to <https://jobs.ourcareerpages.com/job/944999?source=ccp&key=Fd%2bO9%2bH%2bxnhw1HjvyZIMNzzZdnQjGq2G8O4cs8oIP%2bY%3d>.

ALASKA CAMPAIGN ORGANIZER for **UNITED TODAY, STRONGER TOMORROW** Full-time, 1099-Eligible, Short-term Consultant Contract; Contract Length: Immediate to 09/30/25, to run a federal defense campaign focused on federal proposals to cut Medicaid, USDA funding for rural communities, and funding for clean energy projects. To see the full position description, go to <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1of9OBpT7Z3QRfJiBrCEaVDalUvkGXPFtf4JP8mvesQc/edit?tab=t.0>. To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to jobs@unitedtoday.org that includes why you are interested in this position and how your experience can help build the project. Please put AK organizer in the subject line

PARTNERSHIP and OUTREACH COORDINATOR for the **MAT-SU TRAILS AND PARKS FOUNDATION** to play a key role in managing general administrative tasks, outreach activities, and fundraising efforts. The successful candidate will be creative, engaged, and eager to contribute to the growth and impact of our small but mighty organization! Salary and Hours: \$50,000-\$52,500 annual starting salary; Full-time Exempt; 32-35 hours per week. May be required to work some evenings and weekends. To see the full position description, go to <https://matsutrails.org/2025/04/22/were-hiring-2025/> . To apply, interested candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, and three professional references to traftery@matsutrails.org.

WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP and GIS for the **SOUTHEAST ALASKA WATERSHED COALITION** in Juneau, a regional leader in stream, riparian, and wetland restoration; stormwater and invasive plant management; watershed assessment, planning, and management; and environmental monitoring. We work hand-in-hand with Tribes, forest partnerships, and community-based watershed councils. For position description go to

<https://shorturl.at/5aSCZ>. For more information, go to <https://www.alaskawatershedcoalition.org/>.

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/>.

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>.

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](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE & 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](#).

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