

WHAT'S UP

September 28, 2025

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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

****Now to September 30**

FAT BEAR WEEK RETURNS to KATMAI NATIONAL PARK. Choose the bear that has what it takes to survive the winter and experience the crowning of the champion. Fat Bear Week celebrates Katmai's amazing brown bears and the ecosystem in which they thrive. Visit www.fatbearweek.org to cast your vote in this March-madness style competition where bears go head-to-head in matchups for the title of Fat Bear Week Champion. Fat Bear Week started in 2014. Over one million votes were cast for the bears in 2024 from one hundred countries. Check out the [live cams on Explore.org](http://live.cams.on.Explore.org) or visit [the bears of Katmai](http://the.bears.of.Katmai) to learn more about the lives of the bears. Fat Bear Week is a partnership between the [National Park Service](http://National.Park.Service), Explore.org, and the [Katmai Conservancy](http://Katmai.Conservancy). For more information about Katmai visit www.nps.gov/katm or follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

October 4

PORTAGE - RUTS for DINNER will be held by the **ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER** for the 21+ crowd who appreciates delicious food, cheeky conversation, and a little feistiness for a good cause. Join us for: A gourmet, multi-course feast inspired by our resident animals' diets; Fireside cocktails and conversation under the autumn sky; Up-close animal encounters that may involve a little courtship flair and tempting auction items. Round-trip transportation from Midtown Anchorage will be available - so you can safely indulge Only 44 tickets remain! Seating is limited. Date night, friend night, or solo adventure—it's your chance to feast, flirt, and fiercely support the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. Let's make this a night to remember.

October 13 – December 13

HOME ENERGY BASICS F120 002 / 7573 is offered online by the **Bristol Bay Campus** is flexible designed to fit your schedule no matter where you are, Sign up by calling 907-842-5109 or email uaafbcinfo@alaska.edu.

****October 28 – 30**

ANCHORAGE - The **2025 ALASKA INVASIVE SPECIES WORKSHOP** will be held from 8am to 5pm daily at the Clarion Suites Downtown, 1110 W. 8th Avenue. The workshop is a collaboration of the Alaska Invasive Species Partnership and the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service and offers expert presentations about emerging invasive species science and management issues, highlights outreach efforts and offers training for new and experienced invasive species managers. Topics include elodea, knotweeds, European green crabs, northern pike and invasive chokecherries. This year's theme is **"Invasive Species at a**

Crossroads: Challenges, Choices, Changes". In-person and virtual options are offered. The in-person cost is \$160, and registration for the virtual option is \$60. Zoom links will be available in October. For updates and to register for the workshop, go to [Alaska Invasive Species Partnership website](#) or https://bit.ly/AKISP_workshop2025. For more information, contact Gino Graziano at gagraziano@alaska.edu or 907-786-6315.

****November 7 - 9**

SITKA WHALEFEST celebrates marine life through science, art, culture, and adventure. Attendees of all ages and backgrounds leave WhaleFest with a deeper connection to the ocean. The core of Sitka WhaleFest is the three-day Science Symposium, where scientists and knowledge-bearers share the latest research and learning about marine life. This symposium is for everyone: speakers highlight the relevance and accessibility of their knowledge to people from all walks of life. [Event Link](#).

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS/OPEN HOUSE

September 28 – October 9 (Virtual)

The **NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COMMISSION (NPFMC)** meeting will be held virtually. The written public comment period is open and will close at noon on Friday, September 26. Among items of interest is Groundfish harvest specifications for both the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea, the Essential Fish Habitat 5-year review, and next steps for the Programmatic evaluation. NOAA Fisheries is seeking public input on how to improve management and science under the Executive Order on Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness. This is an opportunity for Alaska's fishing communities to have our voices heard. The deadline for comment is October 14 with [two](#) webinar opportunities.

September 30

CORDOVA - An of Open House will be held from 5 to 7pm at The Cordova Center to discuss the -proposed **SECOND AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION BETWEEN the DAVIS AVENUE and COPPER RIVER HIGHWAY INTERSECTIONS**. The purpose of this meeting is to provide project updates to the community and present current design concept drawings showing proposed sidewalk and parking improvements and discuss access needs along the project corridor during construction. In addition, connection of private roof and basement sump drains into the storm drainage system will be discussed. Project staff will be in attendance and available to answer your questions. Comments will be accepted through **October 14** and comment sheets will be provided at the meeting, or comments can be made by contacting Russell Johnson, Engineering Manager, at (907) 451-5059 or email russell.johnson@alaska.gov

October 1

FAIRBANKS – A public meeting will be held from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the Noel Wien Library on the proposed draft **NORTHEAST ALASKA AREA PLAN**. Once adopted, this plan will serve as the basis for the management of state lands and waters within the planning area for the next 20 years. When the final plan is adopted, NEAAP will serve as the basis for management of state land and waters within the plan boundary. The Northeast Alaska Area Plan (NEAAP) covers a

large and mostly remote area northeast of Fairbanks that stretches from the Dalton Highway east to the Canadian border and north into the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The NEAAP includes the communities of Fort Yukon, Venetie, Arctic Village, Circle, Central, Beaver, Chalkyitsik, Coldfoot, Stevens Village, and Wiseman. The Yukon River and Yukon River Flats are prominent features within the center of the planning area. Other notable rivers include the Chandalar, Porcupine, and Charley. Much of the Steese Highway and some sections of the Dalton Highway are within the planning area. Most of the state-owned lands are in the northwest portion near Chandalar Lake and in the southern portion of the planning area, near the communities of Central and Circle. **Deadline for comments is October 22.** Comments can be sent to neaap.comments@alaska.gov. To see the plan, go to <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/areaplans/neaap/pdf/prd2025/neaap-2025prd-complete-text.pdf>

October 1 (Virtual)

The **PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND/COPPER RIVER REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM (RPT)** will hold a TEAMS meeting at 10am to discuss an update to the Comprehensive Salmon Plan (CSP). Agenda items for this meeting include reviewing the last PWS CSP, and CSPs from other areas. We will identify sections that require updates and delegate tasks. Website information: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingHatcheriesPlanning.regional>. For additional information, contact the RPT chair, heather.scannell@alaska.gov.

****October 1 & 8**

Public comments are requested on the **DRAFT NORTHEAST ALASKA AREA PLAN (NEAAP)** as follows

October 1 – FAIRBANKS from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the Noel Wien Library

October 8 - Virtual Meeting from 5:30 to 7pm via Microsoft Teams at [Join NEAAP Virtual Public Meeting #2 now External](#)

The Northeast Alaska Area Plan (NEAAP) covers a large and mostly remote area northeast of Fairbanks that stretches from the Dalton Highway east to the Canadian border and north into the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The NEAAP will cover approximately 5.3 million acres of State lands (uplands, submerged, and state-selected) and includes the communities of Fort Yukon, Venetie, Arctic Village, Circle, Central, Beaver, Chalkyitsik, Coldfoot, Stevens Village, and Wiseman. The Yukon River and Yukon River Flats are prominent features within the center of the planning area. Other notable rivers include the Chandalar, Porcupine, and Charley. Much of the Steese Highway and some sections of the Dalton Highway are within the planning area. The area hosts significant mining activity (particularly along these roadways); hunting, trapping, and subsistence activities; and recreational pursuits. Most of the state-owned lands are in the northwest portion near Chandalar Lake and in the southern portion of the planning area, near the communities of Central and Circle. Once adopted, this plan will serve as the basis for the management of state lands and waters within the planning area for the next 20 years. This plan includes a Land Classification Order that classifies 5.3 million acres of state owned and selected land. This plan also includes a mineral order that affects 80,394 acres. When the final plan is adopted, NEAAP will serve as the basis for management of state land and waters within the plan boundary. To see the draft, go to [Public Review Draft - August 2025](#), For more

information, contact Rob Earl or Diana Sevier at (907) 269-8533 or (907) 269-8593 or email neaap.comments@alaska.gov. Submit your comments via email to neaap.comments@alaska.gov or through the [online comment form](#). **Deadline for comments is October 22.**

October 1 & 2

JUNEAU & HAINES – Two Public meetings/Open Houses will be held at the following locations to discuss the **CHILKAT CONNECTOR FEASIBILITY STUDY**

October 1 – JUNEAU from 5 to 7pm at the Juneau Arts and Culture Center

October 2 – HAINES from 4:30 to 6:30pm at the Haines Public Library.

These meetings are an opportunity for the public to meet members of the study team, ask questions, and provide feedback about the study for extending transportation access along the west side of Lynn Canal and will assess potential corridors, constructability challenges, environmental considerations, and cost implications of various alternatives, with the goal of identifying a viable option for improving access between Juneau and northern destinations. Comments can be made during the public meeting or in writing and emailed to ChilkatConnector@dowl.com. Visit ChilkatConnector.com to learn more about this project, submit a comment, or join our contact list for updates. For more information, contact Greg Lockwood, Project Manager, at 907-465-2393.

****October 2**

KETCHIKAN – The Misty Fjords Ranger District is holding a pair of subsistence hearings to receive testimony on how the **PROPOSED ACTIVITIES of the SOUTH REVILLA INTEGRATED RESOURCE PROJECT** may potentially affect subsistence resources. The hearings are at 3031 Tongass Ave, from 1 to 3pm and from 6 to 8pm. If you're unable to make it in person, you can call in to the conference line: 1-202-650-0123, Access Code 297079865#. The Tongass National Forest is resuming work on the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Record of Decision for the South Revilla Integrated Resource Project. The 15-year project supports healthy, resilient forests and jobs in rural Alaska through proposed timber harvest, watershed restoration, fish and wildlife improvement, and recreation development on Revillagigedo Island near Ketchikan. Project details and documents are available on the project page: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r10/tongass/projects/53477>. For more information about the hearings, contact Cathy Tighe at (907) 228-4100 or email catherine.tighe@usda.gov.

****October 7 & 9**

Open House public meetings will be held on the **DENALI BOROUGH SEPARATED PATHS and HEALY AREA and SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN PATH** on the following dates:

October 7 – HEALY from 3:30 to 6:30 pm in the Tri-Valley Community Library

October 9 – DENALI NATIONAL PARK from 4 to 7pm at the McKinley Park Community Center

October 1 – 31 - Online Open House: Accessed from the project's websites: [Denali Borough Separated Paths](#) or <https://arcg.is/C8biHealy Area and School Pedestrian Path> or <https://arcg.is/1W8Tff1>

(DOT&PF), in partnership with Denali Borough, proposes to design separated paths at the following proposed locations in the Denali Borough: Parks Highway Antler Ridge Parking Lot to Suntrana Avenue, Parks Highway Suntrana Avenue to Stampede Road, and Parks Highway Carlo Creek to Crabbies Crossing. They also propose to design shared-use pedestrian paths at the following locations within the community of Healy: School Road between Healy Spur Road and Tri-Valley School, Suntrana Avenue from Tri-Valley School to the Parks Highway, and Coal Street between Healy Spur Road and the Post Office. These projects are currently in the preliminary design and environmental reconnaissance stage, and we would appreciate your comments. Comments can be made through the Online Open House, at Public Meetings, or by contacting Jennifer Wright, Engineering Manager, at (907) 371-8949 or email jennifer.wright@alaska.gov. **Comments are due October 31.**

****October 1 - 23**

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS to hold public meetings on the following dates & locations:

October 1 & 2 - NOME - The **SEWARD PENINSULA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL** will meet from 9am to 5pm both days at the UAF Northwest Campus. To see the meeting materials, go to [SPRAC Meeting Materials](#). For more information, contact Gisela Chapa at gisela_chapa@ios.doi.gov or call (907) 310-6129,

October 7 & 8 – McGrath – The **WESTERN INTERIOR RAC MEETING** will be held from 9am to 5pm at the McGrath Native Village Council - Community Service Center. To see the meeting materials, go to [WIRAC Meeting Materials](#). For more information, contact Nissa Pilcher at nissa_pilcher@ios.doi.gov or call (907) 891-9054.

October 8 to 10 – TOK - **EASTERN INTERIOR ALASKA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY Council** will meet from 9am to 5pm each day at the Tok Visitor Center. To see the meeting materials, go to [EIRAC Meeting Materials](#). For more information, contact: Brooke McDavid at brooke_mcdavid@ios.doi.gov or call (907) 891-9181.

October 14 -15 – ANCHORAGE – The **SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL** will meet from 9am to 5pm each day at the Gordon Watson Conference Room, USFWS. To see the meeting materials, go to [SCRAC Meeting Materials](#). For more information, contact Nissa Pilcher at nissa_pilcher@ios.doi.gov or call (907) 891-9054.

October 21 - 23 – WRANGELL – The **SOUTHEAST ALASKA RAC MEETING** will be held from 8:30am to 5pm each day at The Nolan Center, To see the meeting materials, go to [SEARAC Meeting Materials](#). For more information,

October 13 (In-person & virtually)

ANCHORAGE - The **CHUGACH STATE PARK - CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD** will meet at the Potter Section House, at 5pm. To join the meeting via Microsoft Teams go to [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 291 724 939 028 2, Passcode: iW6jx7e4. [More info](#).

WEBINARS & VIRTUAL

October 6 (Virtual)

The **ALASKA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY** will meet virtually from 7 to 9pm at <https://zoom.us/join/93433618437?signature=CNfAkpMTAD4HpJGyhfUgSA7lvUZwt-qhVggjl-NDJAs>.

October 8 (Webinar)

VAWS: POWERING ALASKA'S DIGITAL ATLAS will be held from 11am to Noon with **LESLIE JONES**, PhD, Geospatial Information Officer for the State of Alaska. This VAWS webinar highlights how the Alaska Geospatial Office (AGO) is partnering with federal, local, and tribal organizations to close data gaps, modernize core layers, and deliver integrated, decision-ready map products at both community and statewide scales. We will discuss how governance and efficient pipelines power faster, more reliable delivery to the public—through the Alaska State Geoportal and interoperable services. We'll also cover new efforts to improve access to historic and concurrent remote-sensing data, with opportunities to enable innovation and broaden partnerships across Alaska. [Register for the webinar](#)

EVENTS & MEETINGS in the ANCHORAGE AREA

October 1

ALASKA'S POINTLESS PIPE DREAM: A DISCUSSION on the AKLNG PROJECT will be presented from 6 to 8pm at the King Street Brewing Company. The discussion will take a deep dive into the economic and political realities of the proposed AKLNG project. We will have a presentation by journalist and LNG research report author **STAN JONES** with perspective and economic commentary from **LARRY PERSILY**. Light refreshments provided and cash bar will be available. The program is hosted by the Sierra Club, Alaska Chapter. For more information, contact andrea.feniger@sierraclub.org.

****October 2**

STRANDED: A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION on TRANSIT & HOUSING in ANCHORAGE will be held from 6 to 8pm at The Nave, 3502 Spenard Road. Join the YWCA and Anchorage Housing Club for a community conversation on transit and housing challenges in Anchorage, as we explore the intersection between these two issues. Feedback and stories collected from our conversations will be shared with city decision makers. Registration is free, and light refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact nithya@akpir.

October 4

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY FAIR will be held from Noon to 3pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. This annual event is to celebrate International Archaeology Day. We showcase Alaska's culture, history, and the contributions of archaeology to society. The theme this year is "**Tools of Alaskans Past and Present**." You'll try your hand at making paper bentwood hats, throwing spears using atlatls, and using the tools of modern archaeologists. Additionally, you'll meet a local archaeologist, and fan-favorite Pingo Peat the mammoth. There will also be educational booths from our partners for people of all ages to learn about archaeology! Free bagels and donuts thanks to the Friends of Campbell Tract. Co-hosted by the BLM Anchorage Field Office. This event is free and open to the public.

October 4

WORLD WAR II and the CAMPBELL TRACT will be held at the Campbell Creek Science Center from **11am to 12:30pm**. 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 will be the last WWII hike of the year until next summer. Don't miss it!

****October 7**

The **ANCHORAGE FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will meet at 6pm at the William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery, 941 N Reeve Blvd. Agenda Items include: * Discussion of results of July 14 Board of Game special meeting; * Update on Western Arctic Caribou Herd working group; * Update on Wood Bison Restoration project; * Prepare comments for AK Board of Fisheries 2025/2026 Agenda Change Requests; * Confirm subcommittee assignments; * Discuss comment deadlines and schedule subcommittee meetings. Information on the Board proposals can be found on the Board's web site: Board of Fisheries Proposals: [Proposal Book, Alaska Board of Fisheries, Alaska Department of Fish and Game](#) Board of Game Proposals: [Proposal Book: Alaska Board of Game, Alaska Department of Fish and Game](#) .For more information, contact Leila Williams at 907-267-2354 or email leila.williams@alaska.gov

****October 7 & 8**

BIOCULTURAL HERITAGE AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION in ARCTIC CITIES - A CREATIVE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP will be held at The Nave from 9am to 5pm each day. Arctic Urban Green Spaces and Climate Adaptation (ARCA) is an international project exploring how biocultural heritage embodied in Arctic urban green spaces and natural landscapes serve as a resource for climate adaptation. Through research, art and community engagement, ARCA brings together scientists, artists and local partners to co-create publicly include Anchorage, Alaska, and Kirkenes, Norway, with workshops that include presentations, artistic interventions, surveys and discussions. This workshop will bring together Anchorage-area residents for a two-day workshop at The Nave in Spenard. The workshop aims to promote public dialogue through panel discussion, small groups and co-creating art addressing the role of natural and cultural heritage in climate adaptation, with a focus on urban green spaces and infrastructure. **Register by September 30**. To register go to [More information](#)

****October 11 (Rescheduled)**

The last **HIGH-PERFORMANCE HOME TOUR** will be held from 10 to 11am This will give the builder time to install windows and exterior insulation so you can see and ask questions about it on the final tour. If you previously signed up for the September tour, you are automatically registered for the October 11 tour. If you can't make the new date, please contact Stephanie for a refund at sjnowers@mtaonline.net. This will be the final chance to see the 2,600 square-foot, high-performance home under construction in Anchorage and get a guided tour from builder and

certified **Passive House professional ERIC VISSER**. Whether you want to learn how a high-efficiency home is built from the ground up or get information about particular materials and methods for heating, insulation or window installation, this is an amazing opportunity that will give you firsthand insight on how one of Alaska's most energy-efficient homes is being built from the inside out. This is the also the final of the three tours so attendees will see the house at its most complete stage of construction. [Register Now to reserve your spot!](#)

****October 15**

Fireside Chat Speaker Series: BUTTERFLIES OF THE ANCHORAGE AREA will be held from 7 to 8pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Join us for a talk with many beautiful photos of butterflies in the Anchorage area. There are more species of butterflies here than you think! Learn where and when to look for them and how to identify these charismatic insects. Alaska's butterflies are especially interesting. **BRIAN MCGURGAN** is a butterfly enthusiast, a member of the North American Butterfly Association, and the Far North Zone data coordinator for the Lepidopterist's Society. All welcome.

****October 16**

TRAP SAFETY SEMINAR for PETS will be held from 6:30 to 8pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Keep yourself and your four-legged companions safe by learning how to look for clues that a trap or trapline is in the area and be able to avoid it. This is a great opportunity to practice techniques with real traps in case your pet unintentionally falls into one. This seminar is presented by the Northern Lights North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA). This event is free and open to the public.

****October 16 (In-person & virtually)**

The **COOK INLET HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE** will meet from 12:30 to 3:30pm in-person at the UAA Gorsuch Commons Room 107 or online via Zoom. Free parking will be available in the Willow Lot. A draft agenda is available at <https://www.cookinletharborsafetycommittee.org/meetings>. If you wish to attend this meeting, please RSVP by Tuesday, October 14. Additional meeting information will be provided to those who RSVP.

EVENTS & MEETINGS OUTSIDE of ANCHORAGE

****September 30**

SOLDOTNA - SALMON HABITAT SOLUTION CELEBRATION will be held at 5:30pm at the Soldotna Community Action Studio. The evening will bring together community members, salmon champions, passionate volunteers, and supporters who have played a part in ensuring the health and protection of our salmon. This past summer, we collaborated with the Kenai Watershed Forum to map local streams where baby salmon live, in order to protect critical salmon habitat. The celebration will feature a solution update and a lively discussion on plans for year 2 of the project. For more information, please contact David Knight at david@inletkeeper.org, or call (907) 252-3480.

****October 5**

TALKEETNA – The **9th ANNUAL WILD SU FEAST** will be held from 5 to 8pm at the Denali Brewing Tasting Room, mile 2 of the Talkeetna Spur Road hosted by the Susitna River Coalition. This beloved community event celebrates the foods of the Susitna Watershed with a community potluck and cooking competition. 100% of proceeds support the Susitna River Coalition. Learn more and get tickets [here](#) and see the Susitna River Coalition [website](#) or [Facebook page](#).

October 7

FAIRBANKS – An Open House will be held from 5 to 7pm with a presentation at 5:30pm in the North Pole Branch Library Multipurpose Room to discuss the proposed **HOLMES ROAD REHABILITATION**. This project aims to rehabilitate Holmes Road from the Badger/Montgomery intersection to the Badger/Peede intersection. Proposed improvements include enhancements to non-motorized facilities with consideration of widened shoulders, separated paths, sidewalks, or bike lanes. Join us to: •View design concepts and alternatives; •Give feedback on preliminary screening analyses; •Receive the latest project updates; and •Ask questions and share your feedback directly with the project team. For more information on the project, go to www.HolmesRd.com. Comments will be accepted through **November 11**. For more information, contact John Netardus, Engineering Manager, at john.netardus@alaska.gov or call (907) 451-5448.

October 8

JUNEAU - CLEANER FUEL TOWN HALL will be held at the Juneau Arts & Culture Center. The event is co-hosted by SEACC, Pacific Environment, Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association, Alaska Community Action on Toxics and 350 Juneau. You'll get the opportunity to learn more about clean water solutions and speak directly to policymakers about developing outcomes. Add the event to your calendar and don't miss this opportunity to make your voice heard! What can you do? If you're an Alaska resident and haven't had a chance yet, please sign our Clean Fuels Petition and help us demonstrate the need for change to state policymakers. Are you a business owner who relies on clean water? Contact Marjorie Barker, at marjorie@seacc.org or call 907-465-7723 to learn more about how you can support the effort to reduce ship pollution.

DEADLINES

September 30

HAINES - Comments are due on the **DRAFT RESUMPTION of PUBLIC SCOPING of HAINES STATE FOREST RMA MANAGEMENT PLAN (HSF RMA MP)** after a hiatus in public planning activities since December 2024. During this initial scoping phase, the amendment was framed with the primary focus of inserting language to allow carbon offset projects as a potential use of the forest resources. After reflecting on the DOF's resource management goals within the HSF RMA and upon the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) goals to provide opportunities for carbon offset projects within Alaska's State Forest lands, the DOF has determined that additional changes to the management policy within the HSF RMA MP are necessary to best support these goals. These additional changes include the following: 1. Policy language will be

written to allow forest management including timber harvest and carbon offset projects on all land classifications within the HSF RMA. 2. Management intent for each unit will be amended from broadly defining a unit's management intent by a single resource use to defining management intent for multiple resources present on the landscape. With these adjustments to the amendment goals, the DOF would like to offer additional opportunities for the public to provide input on policy development prior to the public review of the amended HSF RMA MP draft. Four public scoping surveys and an interactive web map have been re-opened for public input through September 30. These surveys and additional plan amendment information are available at <https://forestry.alaska.gov/HSFamendment/>. Opportunities to submit comments and to participate in virtual and in-person public meetings will be announced on the plan amendment website and through the State of Alaska Online Public Notice System.

October 3

Deadline for the **CALL for ORAL PRESENTATION ABSTRACTS and POSTERS** for the **2026 MARICULTURE CONFERENCE of ALASKA** to be held March 10 -12 in Anchorage. Share your research, knowledge, and experience related to the development of mariculture in the state. Submissions will be evaluated on their relevance to the conference themes, including research, innovative practices, education, and industry growth. Farmers and community leaders are encouraged to submit. If you have questions, [contact Melissa Good](#), Alaska Sea Grant's mariculture specialist.

October 10

Comments are due on potential reforms to those **STATE REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTED by the DIVISION of WATER**. On August 4, 2025, Governor Mike Dunleavy issued Administrative Order 360, directing State agencies to identify outdated, unnecessarily burdensome, or unclear regulations and propose reforms to improve government efficiency and public service while continuing to protect Alaskans. The Division of Water is particularly interested in specific ideas for regulatory change that may: • clarify existing regulatory obligations; • reduce costs for the public, industry, or government; • improve or streamline procedures, application requirements, and review processes, for example reducing the time required to apply for a license, permit, or benefit; • reduce administrative burdens; • streamline permitting procedures; • improve communication procedures; • provide greater transparency with respect to standards, decision-making, and rationales for application processing; or • clarify interagency roles. Submit comments to <https://dec.alaska.gov/commish/public-notices/>. For more information, contact Brock Tabor at brock.tabor@alaska.gov.

October 15

Deadline for comments for the **NATIONAL PLAN for ARCTIC RESEARCH** by the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC), chaired by the National Science Foundation, on the national needs regarding the Arctic and the research necessary to address those needs. The public input provided in response to this RFI (Request for Information) will inform the update of the five-year National Arctic Research Plan for 2027-2031. To see the full notice, go to [Federal Register](#).

October 22

Deadline for comments on the **DRAFT NORTHEAST ALASKA AREA PLAN (NEAAP)** that will serve as the basis for the management of state lands and waters within the planning area for the next 20 years. This plan includes a Land Classification Order (NC-24-001) that classifies 5.3 million acres of state owned and selected land. This plan also includes a mineral order that affects 80,394 acres. When the final plan is adopted, NEAAP will serve as the basis for management of state land and waters within the plan boundary. The Northeast Alaska Area Plan (NEAAP) covers a large and mostly remote area northeast of Fairbanks that stretches from the Dalton Highway east to the Canadian border and north into the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The NEAAP includes the communities of Fort Yukon, Venetie, Arctic Village, Circle, Central, Beaver, Chalkyitsik, Coldfoot, Stevens Village, and Wiseman. The Yukon River and Yukon River Flats are prominent features within the center of the planning area. Other notable rivers include the Chandalar, Porcupine, and Charley. Much of the Steese Highway and some sections of the Dalton Highway are within the planning area. Most of the state-owned lands are in the northwest portion near Chandalar Lake and in the southern portion of the planning area, near the communities of Central and Circle. Submit comments to:

neaap.comments@alaska.gov. To see the draft NEAAP, go to <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/areaplans/neaap>.

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/CONTESTS/RFP

October 31

Deadline for applications for the **ALASKA LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANTS** from the Div. of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) for development or enhancement of facilities related to public outdoor recreation. Eligible applications include state, regional or local governments (cities, boroughs, or tribal entities) that have the legal authority to provide park and recreation services on public lands. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program provides up to 50 percent matching assistance for the cost of a project. DPOR anticipates \$1.5 million may be awarded to eligible Alaska projects. Grant requests are limited to \$25,000 minimum and \$250,000 maximum in LWCF federal share. The total project cost must be at least \$50,000 to justify a \$25,000 grant request. Submit your application at <https://dnrparks.submittable.com/submit/327058/land-and-water-conservation-fund-lwcf-grant-application>.

ITEMS of INTEREST

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the 2026 MARICULTURE CONFERENCE of ALASKA where industry leaders, experts, and professionals will be converging to explore the latest innovations, sustainable practices, and growth opportunities in the field of mariculture.

The upcoming conference will be held in Anchorage at the Hotel Captain Cook, March 10 – 12, and will include annual meetings for members of the [Alaska Mariculture Alliance](#) and [Alaska Shellfish Growers Association](#). For more information, go to <https://alaskaseagrant.org/events/2026-mariculture-conference-of-alaska/>.

NEW APU LAB will help Alaska communities **TEST for MICROPLASTICS**.

Scientists at Alaska Pacific University in Anchorage (APU) are studying how microplastics move through Alaska water, and developing the first in-state lab accredited to test water samples for microplastics. For more information, go to

[Alaska Public Media](#).

HELP SHAPE ALASKA'S 2055 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN which will guide Alaska's transportation policies and investments for the next 30 years, through 2055. The plan will define how we move people and goods by road, air, water, rail, bike, and foot to shape future priorities across the state. The plan is guided by federal and state planning requirements and sets a long-term vision for an accessible, resilient, and connected Alaska. **PLANNERS ARE ASKING for YOUR TRANSPORTATION STORIES**. Visit publicinput.com/alaskalrtp2055 to share your User Story: Your input will help DOT&PF understand what matters most to Alaskans and ensure the LRTP reflects the needs of people and communities across the state. **The**

LRTP Will: * Define Alaska's 30-year transportation vision, goals, and priorities; * Address all modes: highways, aviation, marine, rail, transit, biking, and walking; * Support resilient infrastructure, economic development, and accessible mobility; * Integrate performance measures and asset management strategies. To receive updates, go to publicinput.com/alaskalrtp2055.

The ANNUAL STATE of the CLIMATE REPORT provides a comprehensive overview of global conditions in 2024. University of Alaska Fairbanks **RICK THOMAN** was the lead editor of the **ALASKA CHAPTER** this year, and several other UAF scientists authored sections of the report. Their contributions demonstrate that increasing air, ocean and ground temperatures; greater precipitation; and declining snow and sea ice cover are transforming Alaska and the Arctic. 2024 was the second-warmest year on record (since 1900) in the Arctic. Satellite observations of plant color show that vegetation across the North American Arctic was the greenest ever observed (since 2000). And Alaska's North Slope was much greener than average. Greening is associated with the expansion of shrubs into areas where small tundra plants once dominated. Documenting these occurrences annually makes the State of the Climate a key resource for understanding and tracking climate change globally and in Alaska. The State of the Climate is a supplement to the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society and has been produced since 1996. To learn more about climate reports, review the [Quick Guide to Climate Reports](#).

ALASKA MARINE DEBRIS ACTION PLAN, including insights provided through in-person and online listening sessions, are community-built frameworks to identify and capture a picture of the marine debris issue in a specific region or state. This includes an understanding of what is already being done, the gaps and challenges, and the priority actions to address those gaps and challenges. The Alaska Marine Debris Action Plan is unique in that it captures these elements while also providing context on how the marine debris issue, and the actions needed to address it, are unique in Alaska. To see the Plan, go to [2025 Alaska Marine Debris Action Plan](#).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

October 9

Join **ALASKA TRAILS** for our **Fall Fundraiser**! This year, the fall fundraiser will be held at Hilltop Ski Area from 6 to 9pm. Tickets are \$50, and food and drinks will be provided. All proceeds go to support Alaska Trails' mission of building trails for Alaska's people, communities, and economy. There will be a silent auction with unique items from local businesses. It's also an opportunity to learn more about our programs, including the Alaska Long Trail and the Alaska Trail Stewards Volunteer Program and see stunning images and videos from our most exciting 2025 trail projects. Buy tickets here: <https://www.alaska-trails.org/fall-fundraiser>

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

****CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROJECT MANAGER II, NETWORKING and KNOWLEDGE SHARING** for **ANTHC CLIMATE INITIATIVES (Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium)** to join a dynamic team that is creating change from the local to national levels. This new position will support planning, developing, coordinating, and overseeing the activities of the networking and knowledge sharing branch. Duties include developing and leading a climate adaptation community of practice, gathering and disseminating information on current and planned climate adaptation activities statewide, coordinating peer-to-peer learning opportunities with Tribal communities, social network analysis, and publishing the CETC monthly newsletter. Benefits include access to over a dozen subsidized health insurance plans, 11 paid holidays, generous paid leave, up to 8% retirement contribution, etc. Apply to the Climate Adaptation Project Manager III position on the ANTHC jobs website or contact hrrecruiting@anthc.org with questions.

NATURALIST – EDUCATION SPECIALIST for the **ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER (AWCC)** to support and lead programs to grow the education department and reach the mission of AWCC. As our programs primarily feature Alaskan wildlife, environment, history, and geography we are seeking an applicant with a background and knowledge in these areas, especially pertaining to the dynamic ecosystem of Portage Valley. Wage ranges from \$18-\$24 per hour, DOE, with benefits available for Full Time/Year-Round employees including health care premium paid in-full by the AWCC as well as 2-weeks paid time off plus twelve paid holidays, including the employee's birthday! After one year of service, the ability to receive up to a 5% match on the employee's 403-b retirement plan. [Click HERE to view a complete job description.](#) A valid driver's license is required for all job listings. [Click HERE to apply.](#) You will be required to submit a cover letter, concise resume, and 3 professional references with phone and email contact. Applications are being accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. For more information email Lily@alaskawildlife.org.

MANAGER of TRIBAL and COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS for the **OCEAN CONSERVANCY** to support their continued commitment to building and sustaining partnerships with Tribes, coastal communities, and others in Alaska and the circumpolar Arctic. Working with the Arctic and Northern Waters team, the Manager, Tribal and Community Partnerships will nurture relationships with existing partners, including those that support Indigenous sentinel and guardian programs and other co-management and co-stewardship efforts, and cultivate new

partnerships throughout the region. To see the full position description, go to <https://www.bonsaileadershipgroup.com/mtcp>. **Application deadline is October 3.**

DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR for the **PRINCE WILLIAM SCIENCE CENTER** in **Cordova** to be responsible for coordinating fundraising events and campaigns, managing incoming donations, generating and editing communications content across multiple platforms, and overseeing the ordering and inventory of promotional items, among other important duties. Please see the [full position description here](#) for details and how to apply. Open until filled.

PROTECTING FUTURE GENERATIONS COORDINATOR for the Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT) for their research project whose ultimate goal is the cleanup of military toxics on Sivuqaq (a/k/a St. Lawrence Island) and protection of health. To see the full position description, go to <https://www.akaction.org/wp-content/uploads/Job-Announcement-PFG-Coordinator.pdf>. To apply: Please submit your resumé, letter of interest, and three references to Schwan Thoma at schawnathoma@northerncompassgroup.com. Include the words PFG Coordinator Application in the subject line. **The first round of reviews will start October 7.** Position is open until filled.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR for the **FAIRBANKS CLIMATE ACTION COALITION (FCAC)** to develop and lead a fundraising strategy, build strong relationships with funders and donors, and coordinate FCAC staff, volunteers, and partners to support FCAC's fundraising efforts in order to meet the organization's annual budget and long-term budget goals. To see the full position description, go to [Job Description](#).

TERMINAL OPERATIONS and ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING (TOEM) PROJECT MANAGER for the **PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL** in the **Valdez** office to be responsible for monitoring the actual and potential environmental impacts from the operation of the Valdez Marine Terminal and for reviewing operational and maintenance practices at the facility to help mitigate those impacts. The role also includes coordinating the volunteer efforts of the PWSRCAC TOEM Committee, managing projects and contracts, and overseeing related budgeting and administrative responsibilities. For more information, including a complete job description and details on how to apply, go to <https://www.pwsrcac.org/announcements/now-hiring-terminal-operations-project-manager/>.

DISTRICT MANAGER for the **KENAI SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT** to lead the SWCD's daily operations and long-term direction, including program development, grant writing and reporting, admin tasks, community engagement, staff management, and fostering partnerships to support voluntary conservation on the Kenai Peninsula. Additional seasonal work as field supervisor for seasonal interns and independent work on assorted conservation projects based on technical experience and ability to develop additional skills and knowledge. To see the full position description, go to <https://www.conservationjobboard.com/search/state=2/1>. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and evaluated on a weekly basis.

TONGASS ENERGY BANK LENDING DIRECTOR for **SPRUCE ROOT** in **Juneau** to be responsible for implementing the newly created Tongass Energy Bank Lending program and will play a key role in driving the program's success in coordination and support of clean energy initiatives. The Bank will focus on providing financial solutions for clean energy projects, such as establishing a revolving loan fund for renewable energy generation, energy efficiency, and beneficial electrification initiatives. Additionally, the Bank will offer debt relief and loan guarantees for renewable energy projects facing economic challenges. To see the full position description and application information, go to

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pZtZgxerAF03GFzWzAK19-hg9pKywFHku881IMkSpc4/e/dit?tab=t.0>.

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>.

ACCOUNTING and GRANTS MANAGER for the **KACHEMAK HERITAGE LAND TRUST** 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](#).

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>.

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>.

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