



Cook Inletkeeper Climate & Clean Water Intern

Location: Homer, Alaska

Background: Cook Inletkeeper, founded in 1995, is a 501(C3) Alaska non-profit working to protect the Cook Inlet | Tikahtnu watershed and the life it sustains. Taking a holistic view of the health of our watershed, we engage on issues related to salmon, rivers, marine life, coastal habitat, pollution, waste, local economy, and energy. Our staff lives and works on Dena'ina and Sugpiaq lands in Homer and Soldotna.

Internship Summary: This internship will focus on policy issues and advocacy related to Cook Inlet oil & gas, mining impacts to wildlands and salmon habitat, and climate action for resilient local communities and economies. The goals for this internship are to enhance the intern's knowledge and skill sets, while furthering Inletkeeper's organizational objectives by:

- Researching and communicating emerging impacts from oil & gas and mining development on beluga whale and salmon habitat;
- Engaging and activating a diverse range of partners around the issues of clean water and climate;
- Participating in each of our programs, including salmon habitat, energy transition, and local resilience, on a variety of tasks.

Intern Responsibilities:

- Supporting Inletkeeper's Clean Water Lead in coalition building, organizing, and advocacy including tracking relevant legislation, crafting public comments, and researching issues;
- Supporting Inletkeeper's organizing team in conducting outreach at public events on climate change, local climate solutions, and mining impacts;
- Supporting Inletkeeper's climate solution projects through volunteer coordination, data management, and communication tasks;
- Writing blog posts and newsletter pieces on issues relevant to Cook Inlet mining and oil and gas development;
- Producing maps to highlight protected lands and important natural resources around Tuxedni Bay and the West Susitna;
- Creating visuals and other compelling campaign elements to attract more action takers and build our movement against the proposed Donlin Gold and Johnson Tract mines as well as in opposition to proposed oil & gas leasing in Cook Inlet; and
- Attending meetings, workshops, and partner meetings as needed.

Intern Qualifications:

- Strong organizational skills and willingness to be flexible on a day-to-day basis
- Ability to work well alone and in a team
- Solid writing, research and interpersonal relations skills
- Familiarity with computers (Excel, Word, Adobe & GIS preferred)