

WHAT'S UP

May 7, 2026

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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

May 11 & 12 (In-person & virtual)

WHITTIER - The 8th ANNUAL PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND NATURAL HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

will be held online and at the Public Safety Building in Whittier. With the theme of "Sound Reflections," new and returning speakers will share the latest news and research from around the Sound, including sessions on land management, sea stars, landslides, ocean monitoring, and more. Monday's sessions (1-5pm followed by coffee and a social) are designed especially for the outdoor educator and guiding community, though all are welcome. Tuesday's sessions will run 9am to 4:30pm. All sessions are free and open to the public. Please visit princewilliamsound.org for more information and to view previous years' recordings or contact info@princewilliamsound.org with questions.

May 11-14

ANCHORAGE – The 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRAINING SYMPOSIUM of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS (NAEP).

<https://conference.naep.org/>. Enthusiastic environmental professionals from across the country gather each year to share in the opportunity to gain experience about new projects, share technical knowledge, network with other industry professionals, and engage with environmental leaders. NEPA training, poster sessions, and mobile workshops are always part of the fun. The 2026 conference will be held at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center in Anchorage.

May 15 – April 2027 (Updated information)

The Anchorage Museum, in partnership with the North Pacific Research Board (NPRB), will host an exciting **NEW EXHIBIT on ARCTIC MARINE SCIENCE** that focuses on the UAF research vessel, the **R/V SIKULIAQ**. Alaska's R/V Sikuliaq is one of the most sophisticated research vessels in the world, supporting science to better understand Alaska's marine ecosystems. The exhibit will feature images and science from NPRB's Arctic Integrated Ecosystem Research Program (IERP). <https://www.nprb.org/arctic-program>.

May 28 – 31

YAKUTAT – The 15th ANNUAL YAKUTAT TERN FESTIVAL celebration spotlights Yakutat's extraordinary natural and cultural resources, with a special focus on Aleutian Terns, one of the few places where they breed. Expect a rich mix of field trips, workshops, keynote talks, art, native cultural programming, and family-friendly experiences. The region hosts one of the largest known Aleutian Tern colonies in Alaska, offering rare birding opportunities and habitat

conservation importance. Register to attend at: <https://www.yakutatnature.org/>. For more information, go to [The 15th Annual Yakutat Tern Festival](#).

December 8 - 10

ANCHORAGE – The 21st ALASKA BIRD CONFERENCE will be held at the Marriott Anchorage Downtown. The theme for the conference is **NEXT STEPS for BIRDS**. This year's theme focuses on the major changes affecting bird populations and the ways we monitor them, emphasizing both the challenges and opportunities ahead. The conference sessions will explore three key areas: 1) Tracking the distribution and abundance of birds in Alaska, 2) Conserving Alaska's long-distance migrants in the Neotropics, and 3) Changes in funding and focus. The conference welcomes participation from students, Indigenous knowledge holders, scientists, and the public. **The deadline for the call for abstracts is October 1**. For the conference website, go to <https://alaskabirdconference.org/>

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS/OPEN HOUSE

****May 20**

ANCHORAGE - Public Meeting No. 3 will be held on the **SEWARD HIGHWAY: O'MALLEY ROAD TO DIMOND BOULEVARD PROJECT** from 4 to 6pm in the Dimond Center Hotel Conference Room. This project from Dimond Boulevard to O'Malley Road will improve safety, access, and connectivity for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. Come learn about the process to rescope this project, share feedback on the draft purpose and need, and contribute to developing solutions. For more information, go to www.sewardhighway.info or [contact](#) Ryan Harris, Acting Project Manager, at 907-269-0568.

****June 2**

ANCHORAGE - Public Meeting No. 2 will be held on the **AMATS: FIREWEED LANE REHABILITATION PROJECT** from 5 to 7pm at The Nave. This project proposes to rehabilitate Fireweed Lane from Spenard Road to the Seward Highway to improve safety, bring the roadway and non-motorized facilities up to current design standards, improve motorized and active transportation needs, and address business circulation and access along the corridor. In January 2026, this road was reclassified as a Collector in the MOA Official Streets & Highways Plan. The project team has been refining design alternatives, as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process before selecting an alternative to move forward into final design. Learn about the refined alternatives, ask questions, and share comments directly with the project team. For more information and/or to submit comments, go to www.FireweedLane.com.

****June 3**

PALMER – Public meeting #2 will be held on the **GLENN HIGHWAY: ARCTIC AVENUE to PALMER-FISHHOOK ROAD SAFETY & CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS** will be held from 5 to 7pm at the

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is hosting their second public meeting for the Glenn Highway: Arctic Avenue to Palmer-Fishhook Road Safety & Capacity Improvements (AA2PF) project on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. with a presentation at 5:15 at the Palmer Train Depot. The project team is asking the public to help share feedback on the draft purpose and need, design variants for intersections, non-motorized pathways, and more! Comment deadline is July 3 to glennarctic2palmerfishhook.com. For more information, contact info@glennarctic2palmerfishhook.com.

WEBINARS & VIRTUAL

May 11 (Webinar)

CULTURE AMONG KILLER WHALES in ALASKA will be shown at 6:30pm with **DAN OLSEN**, Fisheries Biologist, featuring current research about the benefits of grandmothers and mothers in multi-generational learning as it relates to foraging, behavior, and reproductive success. Dan began recording killer whale calls and studying their dialects in 2004 and has been involved with research on acoustics, behavior, and diet composition ever since. He completed his Masters in Fisheries Biology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 2017 and also works as a naturalist in the Antarctic and Arctic. [Register for May 11.](#)

****May 12 – June 16 (Webinars)**

The **REGENERATIVE OUTDOORS VISIONING WORKSHOP SERIES** presents the following programs from Noon to 1:30pm sponsored by the Alaska **Outdoor Alliance**:

May 12 - STORIES, CULTURE AND NARRATIVE presented by **PRINCESS JOHNSON**, Native Movement & producer of award-winning, PBS Series, “Molly of Denali” [Register.](#)

May 19 - BUSINESS & LIVELIHOODS with, **GABE SJOBERG**, Alaska Youth Stewards & **KEVIN ALEXANDER**, Dean, UAF Community & Technical College. [Register.](#)

May 26 - OUTDOORS RX with **JIM BECK**, Mat-Su Health Foundation & TBA. [Register.](#)

June 2 - POLICY & GOVERNANCE will be given by **CANDACE NIELSEN**, Aleut Corp. & TBA. [Register.](#)

June - 9 - THE NO VOICE, ILARION with ‘**KUUYUX**’ **MERCULIEFF**, Global Center for Indigenous Leadership & Lifeways & **KENZIE ENGLISHOE**, Chair, Tanana Chief Conference, Emerging Leaders Youth Advisory Council. [Register.](#)

June 16 - METRICS/MEASURING WHAT MATTERS with **RACHEL ROY**, Sitka Chamber of Commerce & TBA. [Register](#).

Sessions will be recorded. Watch/listen here: [Foundations - Workshop 1; Infrastructure - Workshop 2; The Commons - Workshop 3](#).

May 13 (Webinar)

OUR PLANT NEIGHBORS: EXPLORING HOW COMMON ALASKA PLANTS, BOTH NATIVE and INTRODUCED, are connected to our holistic wellbeing will be presented at Noon by the UAF Cooperative Extension Service. [Register here](#).

****May 20 (Webinar)**

PLANTING for SUCCESS: ECOREGIONAL PLANTING GUIDES will be presented by **MADDIE DONG**, Pollinator Partnership, at Noon via Zoom. Learn about its new planting guides for Alaskans who want to create pollinator friendly habitat, supporting our native pollinators throughout the growing season. Hosts: UAF Cooperative Extension Service & AK Native Plant Society [Register here](#).

****May 20 (Webinar)**

COAST-X 2026: A 2,000-MILE SNOWMACHINE TRAVERSE CONNECTING COMMUNITIES, COASTAL CHANGE, and KNOWLEDGE from BETHEL to UTQIAGVIK will be presented by **BENJAMIN JONES** and **PHILLIP WILSON** with the UAF Institute of Northern Engineering at 11am. In this webinar, Benjamin and Phillip will share reflections and observations from the 19-day Spring 2026 traverse, which brought together field observations, community engagement, and lived experience on the land and sea ice. Traveling over snow, sea ice, frozen lakes and rivers, and tundra, they discussed coastal erosion, permafrost thaw, sea ice conditions, and changing travel routes with tribal councils, corporation board members, educators, students, and community members along the way. Through these conversations, they learned directly from residents about local priorities and pressing environmental change issues. This presentation will be informal and story-driven, featuring photos, field experiences, and discussion of how COAST-X contributes to building stronger connections between UAF research, communities, and coastal resilience efforts across Alaska. [Register for the webinar](#).

****May 21 (Webinar)**

HIDDEN HARMS: HOW PLASTICS & CHEMICALS in PLASTICS AFFECT the DEVELOPING BRAINS of CHILDREN will be presented at 11am by CHE-Alaska and ACAT. The speakers **MAUREEN SWANSON, Dr. CARMEN MARSIT, and. SUE**

SCHANTZ will examine the emerging science on how plastics, (and the chemical additives used in their production) as well as microplastics themselves, may affect children's brain development and overall health. Learn more and register for the webinar [here](#)

****May 22 (Webinar)**

MAY NWS ALASKA CLIMATE OUTLOOK BRIEFING will be presented by **RICK THOMAN**, Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Preparedness, at Noon. During this month's Climate Outlook Briefing, Rick will review recent and current climate conditions around Alaska, discuss forecasting tools, and finish up with the Climate Prediction Center's forecast for June and the remainder of the summer. Join the gathering online to learn what's happened and what may be in store with Alaska's seasonal climate.

****May 27 (Webinar)**

The **BAD SEED: UNWANTED VARIETIES in WILDFLOWER SEED MIXES** will be presented by **GINO GRAZIANO** (UAF Cooperative Extension Service) from Noon to 1pm. Wildflower seed mixes are sought after to add beauty to a landscape and habitat for a variety of pollinating insects. Some of the plants in wildflower seed mixes can be weedy, spreading beyond where they were planted, and in some instances become invasive. We will review wildflower species that have become invasive, and weedy species to look out for when you purchase a wildflower mix.

EVENTS & MEETINGS in the ANCHORAGE AREA

Now – 17

Join the **ANCHORAGE CREEK CLEANUP** and be part of a community effort that removes tons of trash from local streams. Pull on boots or hop in a canoe to help remove trash from Anchorage's waterways and protect fish, wildlife, and our community. Grab your gloves and get involved—your creek needs you! [Sign Up Here](#)

May 11

WHAT'S the DEAL with WEEDS? The ECOLOGY and PHILOSOPHY of INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT will be presented from 6 to 7pm at the King Street Brewery. What's the deal with weeds? They seem to be everywhere, but what exactly is a weed? Are all weeds invasive plants? This presentation led by **HANNAH THOMPSON** explores the ecology and philosophy of invasive species management in a changing world. Hosts are the Alaska Native Plant Society, Great Land Trust & Anchorage Soil & Water Conservation District. [EVENT FLIER/RSVP](#).

May 12

Urban Harvest: **GROW YOUR NATIVE BERRY PATCH** will be held from 6 to 8pm at the Anchorage Museum Seed Lab, [111 W. 6th Ave](#). This hands-on class will teach you how to plan and start a native berry patch, both from seeds and cuttings. **JOSH SMITH**, of [Bear Mountain Forest Nursery](#), will lead the workshop and help participants plant seedlings to take home. Cost: \$5 materials fee. Tools and materials provided. Registration required. This is a collaboration between the Anchorage Museum and the UAF Cooperative Extension Service. [Register](#)

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**May 16

Join the Alaska Chapter of the Sierra Club in **CLEANING UP UNIVERSITY LAKE AREA** from 10am to 1pm. Material and boats will be provided to facilitate trash pickup. You do not need to attend the full 10am-1pm window to participate. Join for whatever portion of the clean up you are able. Coffee and lunch will be provided. Register here:

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=701Po00001j0XBIIA2&mapLinkHref=https://maps.google.com/maps&daddr=Sierra%20Club%20University%20Lake%20Cleanup%20for%20Anchorage%20Waterways%20Council@61.185763,-149.80233>.

May 16

CLEAN ANCHORAGE'S LAKES at the ANNUAL FLOTILLA from 9am to 1pm. Bring your canoe, kayak, raft, or waders, and join us for a one-of-a-kind cleanup with Anchorage Parks and Recreation, Anchorage Park Foundation, Anchorage Waterways Council, and Team Orange! The Anchorage Flotilla focuses on cleaning hard-to-reach areas of Anchorage's Lakes. Volunteers will help improve water quality, preserve natural habitats, and keep our local waterways beautiful for everyone to enjoy by picking up litter and debris in and around our lakes. Sign up at <https://dash.pointapp.org/events/607905>.

**May 23

WILDFLOWER TRAIL WALKS will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Alaska Botanical Garden on Alaska Public Gardens Day for guided walks along the Verna Pratt Wildflower Trail. Arrive anytime between 10 and 2. Admission is by donation. Hosts: Alaska Botanical Garden & Wildflower Garden Club of Alaska.

**May 23

A **WILDFLOWER GARDEN WORK PARTY** will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Join Anchorage volunteers who maintain the Campbell Creek Science Center's wildflower gardens. Gardening equipment is provided. Come for the whole time or sign up for one shift. Lunch will be provided. [RSVPs REQUESTED](#) Host: Alaska Native Plant Society.

****May 27**

The **ANCHORAGE BIRDING TRAIL RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY** will be held at 5pm at the Westchester Lagoon canoe/boat launch. Join Audubon Alaska and partners for the grand opening celebration of the Anchorage Birding Trail. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be followed by a bird walk around Westchester Lagoon led by Audubon Alaska staff. The Anchorage Birding Trail features 35 birding sites, stretching from Whittier to Westchester Lagoon and the Chugach Mountains. The virtual trail offers maps, site amenities, driving directions, and species checklists. Register for the free event at www.mobilize.us/audubon-ak/event/900464/.

EVENTS & MEETINGS OUTSIDE of ANCHORAGE

May 13

HAINES - Take a tour of our new **RECYCLING CENTER** from 4 to 6pm and see what we are planning. The actual service will begin sometime this summer, but this is a time to celebrate our progress. For more information, call (907)314-2209 or email hainesrecycle@gmail.com.

May 14

SUTTON – Field Trip: **PALEOBOTANY HIKE** will be led by **CURVIN METZLER** hosted by the Alaska Native Plant Society. The road is rough and rutted, vehicles need adequate clearance and a skillful driver. Limit: 7 participants. [CONTACT US for details/RSVP](#).

May 15 - 25

INDIAN – SELF-GUIDED PLANT HIKE is available with numbered markers placed beside plants on the lower section of the Indianhouse Trail. The trail begins at 104.5 Seward Highway.

May 16

PALMER - The **4TH ANNUAL ONE HEALTH FEST**, hosted by [Onward & Upward](#) in, celebrates the vital connection between people, animals, and the environment through a day of fun, learning, and community spirit. Kicking off with the [“Tater Trot” 5K OCR fun run](#) at 10:30am, the festival officially begins at 11am and features a vibrant lineup of live music including favorites, The Robotz, Aspenyarrow, and the Triple Black Diamonds. Attendees can enjoy delicious food from Fish On Camp Grill, explore nature journaling, yoga, drumming circles, rock climbing, and discover a variety of engaging vendors. This free, family-friendly event invites everyone to experience the heart of One Health in action. More info at <https://www.onwardandupward.org/one-health-fest-2026/>

May 17

FIELD TRIP - Early snowmelt makes Windy Corner one of the first places to find emerging spring plants near Anchorage. Expect 3 to 4 hours, two miles, on the Turnagain Arm Trail. This trip led by **DENNIS and ANNIE RONSSE** is limited to 10 participants; a liability waiver is required. [CONTACT US](#) for details/RSVP. Host: Alaska Native Plant Society.

May 17

PALMER The REVEL ADVENTURE CLUB will hold a **GET READY FOR SUMMER EVENT** from 3 to 5pm at the Palmer Brewing Company. Learn about the club and Mat-Su trails, get a printed summer events schedule, sample craft beers made right here in Palmer, Kombucha and NA beers available, enjoy the outdoor fire pit. Everyone is welcome at this free event! [Please RSVP!](#)

****May 20**

DELTA JUNCTION – A NATIVE PLANT WALK will be held from 6 to 8pm. Learn how to identify common native plants that thrive in Delta Junction, how and why to incorporate them into your gardens, and what benefits they will bring to you, your pollinators and our local wildlife. [Register here/event flier](#) Hosts: Salcha-Delta SWCD, UAF CES & Delta Career Advancement Center

****Mar 24**

JUNEAU- A NATIVE PLANT WALK will be held at Jensen-Olsen Arboretum at 1pm. Join **GINGER HUDSON** for a guided native plant identification walk on the grounds of the Arboretum. See Marsh marigold, *Caltha palustris*, and Deer Heart, *Maianthemum dilatatum*, much more. [RSVPs requested_](#)Host: Jensen-Olson Arboretum

****May 27 – 29**

GAKONA – 2026 YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT (YES) will be held at the Buster Gene Memorial Hall. This program is hosted by Native Village of Gakona, please call their office to sign up. (907) 822-5777. This year's theme is "In Our Hands." Students in grades 1-8 are invited.

****June 7**

HATCHER PASS – The 2026 RECYCLING REVIVAL will be held at the Skeetawk Ski Area starting at 1pm. Live music. Silent auction. Beer garden. Food trucks. Lift rides. Face painting. Family friendly. This is a low impact event. Don't forget your reusables and bring a lawn chair to his is outdoor event with limited seating. Dress warm or bring a blanket. It gets chilly in the mountains. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for this event, or donating to the silent

auction, please contact us at info@valleyrecycling.org or call 907.745.5544. No tickets. Save trees. Only \$20 at the gate. [More Info](#) .

****May 31**

UNALASKA - A training will be held from 1 to 5:30pm at the PCR that allows you to participate in **CITIZEN SCIENCE** by taking on a **ONCE MONTHLY BEACH WALK** to **TAKE DATA** on **BEACH CONDITIONS** and on **BEACHED BIRDS** (aka washed-up and dead). These data provide vital information on seabird mortality in your area. Check COASST.org for more info and RSVP to coasst@uw.edu so we know how many snacks to bring! Training is free, but we do ask for a \$50 materials fee to take a survey kit home. This offsets the full cost of COASST materials. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Allie Brown, COASST Participant Coordinator, at aebrown4@uw.edu

DEADLINES

May 23

Deadline for comments on the **WEST SUSITNA ACCESS ROAD PROJECT DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA)** that establishes a framework for phased identification, evaluation, and treatment of historic properties as project design and construction progress. It also outlines procedures for consultation, monitoring, inadvertent discoveries, and ongoing reporting. It outlines the process by which DOT&PF, in coordination with consulting parties, will identify, evaluate, and resolve potential effects to historic properties associated with the project. The Draft Programmatic Agreement is available on the project website at [West Susitna Access Public PA Review - PublicInput](#). Comments may be submitted online through the website or by email to dot.WestSu@alaska.gov. This public review is being conducted in coordination with, but is separate from, ongoing government-to-government consultation with Tribal entities under Section 106. Tribal review of the Draft PA began in March and will continue as needed. Tribal consultation remains a distinct process and is not replaced by public comment. For more information, contact the project team at dot.WestSu@alaska.gov or go to <https://dot.alaska.gov/westsusitnaaccess/>.

May 24

ANCHORAGE – Comments are due on the Notice of Intent to **Begin Engineering and Environmental Studies and Floodplain Encroachment** on the **MULDOON ROAD PAVEMENT PRESERVATION** from **DEBARR ROAD** to **JBER GATE NUMBER 3**. The proposed project encroaches into the regulatory floodway associated with the South Fork Chester Creek. The regulatory floodway is conveyed via a bridge on Muldoon Road, near the DeBarr Road intersection. The proposed project may also encroach into the base (100-year) floodplain associated with the North Branch of South Fork Chester Creek. Project activities that could impact the regulatory floodway and floodplains would include vegetation clearing and

grubbing, and hardware installation. Bridge repairs and culvert replacement or repair would be functionally dependent uses of the regulatory floodway and floodplains. No net changes to base flood elevations are anticipated. For more information or to submit comments, contact Heidi Zimmer, Regional Environmental Manager, at heidi.zimmer@alaska.gov.

June 7

PRINCE of WALES - Deadline for comments on the **Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** for the **TWIN MOUNTAIN II TIMBER SALE PROJECT**. The project is comprised of two separate areas – the Red Bay area on the north end of Prince of Wales Island, and the Stoney area near Naukati on the west-central portion of the Island. The draft EIS describes three alternatives: no action (Alternative 1), the proposed action (Alternative 2), and one other action alternative (Alternative 3). Both action alternatives include timber harvest, road construction, and related activities. The alternatives represent different project designs intended to respond to issues raised by the public, while addressing the purpose and need for action. The draft EIS also describes and compares alternatives based on the estimated resource effects of implementation and how well they meet management objectives. The Forest Service’s proposed action is expected to produce approximately 28.6 million board feet of timber from 1,655 acres of national forest land, generate up to \$6.65 million in labor income for the timber industry, and support an estimated 113 to 121 jobs. The project will also include 0.9 miles of new National Forest System road, 12.4 miles of temporary road construction, and reconditioning approximately 24.5 miles of existing roads. Public feedback during this comment period will help refine these management actions and ensure the final project addresses key environmental and community concerns. The Forest Service will also hold a subsistence hearing, as required under Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. To review the draft EIS and supporting documents, open “Project Documents” on the project website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r10/tongass/projects/58626>.

June 7

Comments are due on the updated **NON-METROPOLITAN LOCAL OFFICIAL COOPERATION PROCESS (NMLOCP)** that establishes the policy and procedures used by DOT&PF to cooperate with non-metropolitan local officials in the development of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), in accordance with federal requirements. This update meets the five-year requirement and incorporates process improvements, updated coordination practices, and lessons learned since the previous adoption in February 2021. The NMLOCP defines how DOT&PFO: * Engages and coordinates with local officials in non-metropolitan areas; * Provides opportunities for participation in statewide planning processes; * Ensures compliance with federal cooperation requirements separate from broader public involvement procedures. To see the draft update, go to [NMLOCP 2026 Draft, April 2026](#) and to see the current & Approved NMLOCP (2/2021) go to [Approved Consultation Process, Feb 2021](#). For more information and to submit comments, contact Jennifer Bowman at bowman@alaska.gov, with subject: NMLOCP Comment. For more information, go to <https://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/areaplans/related/pubinfo.shtml>.

GRANTS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/CONTESTS/RFP

May 31

The **OCEAN CONSERVANCY**, with support provided by a 2024 award from the NOAA Marine Debris Program, is accepting applications for the **LARGE MARINE DEBRIS REMOVAL PROJECT** for the removal of large marine debris, including derelict fishing gear, from remote and hard-to-reach marine environments. This competitive opportunity is focused on projects addressing debris in remote environments, bulky debris requiring special resource to remove, such as boat parts (no vessels), construction materials and tires; and abandoned, lost or discarded fishing gear, also known as "ghost gear," including large fishing nets and "gear balls" containing tangled masses of rope, traps and other fishing equipment. Learn more about the funding opportunity, including eligibility and how to apply, on the [Ocean Conservancy's Large Marine Debris Removal Project's website](#).

ITEMS of INTEREST

To see the **THREE SHORT FILMS made by the teens of the **COMMUNITY of SITAI SAQ (BREVIG MISSION)** that explore how a changing climate and dangers from the proposed Graphite One Mine are threatening the community's lands and subsistence resources. To view the films, go to [three amazing short films](#).

The **TRANSPORTATION ASSESSMENT has been updated to reflect input received during the public comment period and Focus Groups. This document provides a high-level assessment to determine how the current system is performing and understand national and statewide trends that will help inform the 2055 vision. All comments were reviewed and incorporated where appropriate and a [full comment/response matrix](#) is available. To see the full Assessment, go to <https://publicinput.com/Customer/File/Full/c49b5329-27f7-4dd6-8cf5-93ddd21760ce>. To see the summary of the focus groups, go to <https://publicinput.com/Customer/File/Full/0d807957-a6f9-4698-bd9f-a0fc16352154>.

FELLOWSHIPS/INTERSHIPS

PART-TIME INTERN (10–15 hrs./week) | Spring–Fall | for the **ANCHORAGE WATERWAYS COUNCIL**. Hands-on outdoor education focused on macroinvertebrates, creek health, and youth environmental learning (K–12). Includes field-based creek classes and community event outreach. Training provided; experience welcome but not required. Available now. Contact awc@anchoragecreeks.org.

TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE TECHNICIAN for the **YUKON RIVER**

DRAINAGES FISHERIES ASSOCIATION through our Andrew Firmin Young Fisher Internship for the 2026 summer field season. The TEK technician will be responsible for conducting culturally centered TEK interviews with Yukon River Elders and knowledgeable community members about their observations and concerns of the Yukon River. For more information please see: <http://yukonsalmon.org/job-opening-tradition-ecological-knowledge-tek-technician/> or contact Grace grace@yukonsalmon.org for more information

CHUGACH REGIONAL RESOURCES COMMISSION have opened applications for an **INTERN POSITION IN OUR TRIBAL FISH and WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT**. Apply here: <https://crrcalaska.org/career-opportunities/>. As part of their Tribal Youth Training Program, they are hiring an intern to work on their summer fish. Anyone can apply; preferences will be taken for Tribal members ages 18-26 as part of the Tribal Youth Training Program. For more information, call Dustin at 907-980-2144 or email dustin@crrcalaska.org.

NATURALIST FELLOWSHIP for the **ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER (AWCC)** at **Portage** provides a unique opportunity for individuals seeking a temporary, full-time volunteer experience at the AWCC. With a minimum commitment requirement of two months, working a minimum of 32 hours per week, participants are given the short term and rigorous opportunity to live on site, join our team, learn about AWCC operations, and gain valuable career skills. These dedicated volunteers are interested in learning about our organization, mission, and wildlife and desire to share their knowledge with others. Fellowship candidates may secure funding through their university, a grant, scholarship, or similar and work as sponsored volunteers. While preference is given to applicants being sponsored for a fellowship, we will accept volunteer applications without sponsorship. Applicants should indicate their sponsorship status in the Fellowship application form and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. While applicants can indicate departmental preference in their application, participants will have duties in both our Education and Animal Care departments, with tasks such as presenting daily talks and tours, assisting with school programs, preparing animal diets, and cleaning habitats. Tasks in this program are given on a scale of earned responsibility, starting with a training and orientation that includes learning about the animals in our care and shadowing staff. Apply here <https://awcc.bamboohr.com/careers/31>.

FACILITIES INTERN, KITCHEN INTERN and VOLUNTEERS for the **WRANGELL MOUNTAINS CENTER** to work at our remote campus in McCarthy, AK, for the upcoming 2026 summer season, in support of our art and science focused, place-based community programming. Applicants should be available for late May- early September, although some exceptions may be made. Internships entail 30/hour work weeks and hiring will prioritize skills in Facilities and Kitchen, but we are also interested in Garden experience and Media/Communications skills. See [position description](#) for details and how to apply.

HUSBANDRY INTERN for the **ALASKA ZOO** provides the opportunity to learn alongside professional animal care staff about basic animal husbandry. Tasks may include but are not limited to: feeding, cleaning, enrichment, and training. For more information, go to <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/59b9ecdabebafb8293096530/t/695ff1352ab0fb016d8ac9>

[b1/1767895349351/Intern+Job+Description+2026.pdf](https://alaskazoo.org/b1/1767895349351/Intern+Job+Description+2026.pdf). To apply, send your resume and cover letter to Sam Lavin, Curator at [sterns@alaskazoo](mailto:sterns@alaskazoo.org).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

****June 6**

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY will be celebrated with two fun volunteer events, hosted by **ALASKA TRAILS**. Join us as we improve the Horsetail Falls Connector Trail and the Panorama Trail. Together, we'll leave the trails better than we found them! No experience is necessary, and all training and tools will be provided. Learn more and RSVP at:

<https://bit.ly/ATvolunteerevents>

****June 13**

Join **ALASKA TRAILS** for a day of volunteer work on the **MERIDIAN LAKE TRAIL** in Chugach National Forest! Volunteers will improve tread and drainage on the trail. The event is from 10am to 4pm. Volunteers will meet at the Meridian/Grayling Lake Trailhead. No experience necessary and all training and tools will be provided. Learn more and RSVP at:

<https://www.alaska-trails.org/event-details/meridian-lake-trail-take-1>

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

****LEGAL and POLICY ANALYST** for **SEACC (Southeast Alaska Conservation Council)** to work closely with the Policy Analyst and campaign staff and will be an analyst and commenter on a wide array of technical and legal documents and permit applications and lead our participation in processes with significant regulatory and legal components. This work will entail significant collaboration with outside attorneys, technical experts and others. **Compensation:** This role is a full-time, exempt position, and the salary range for this role is between \$78,000 and \$105,000 with exact salary dependent upon experience. The top half of this range is intended for Director level candidates, the bottom half is intended for Analyst candidates. For more information, contact Raylynn Lawless, Operations Director, at (907) 586-6942; Cell: (907) 723-7694 or email raylynn@seacc.org.

FISHERIES PROGRAM MANAGER and a **PROGRAM COORDINATOR** for the **ALASKA MARINE COMMUNITY COALITION** to play a key part in advancing AMCC's programmatic work, supporting policy engagement, strengthening connections with fishing communities, and helping carry our priorities forward. If you're passionate about Alaska's fisheries and want to be part of a small, hardworking team showing up where decisions are made, we'd love to hear from

you. [Learn more and apply on our website.](#)
[Apply Today.](#)

OPERATIONS MANAGER for the **SOUTHEAST ALASKA WATERSHED COALITION** located in **Juneau** to be responsible for SAWC's day-to-day financial and operational needs including grant and financial management, bookkeeping, compliance, and other administrative and office duties. \$30-40 per hour DOE plus benefits
20-30 hours/week with potential for full time. For the full position description, go to [Operations Manager posting April 2026.docx](#). To apply, please email a cover letter, resume, and three references to Rob Cadmus at rob@sawcak.org. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

PROTECT ALASKA'S ELECTIONS has the following positions available:

FAIRBANKS ORGANIZER as a **Fairbanks or North Pole** based organizer with a passion for teamwork, community, and our election system! [Learn more.](#)

SOUTHEAST ORGANIZER as a **Juneau/Sitka/Ketchikan** based organizer with a passion for teamwork, community, and our election system! [Learn more.](#)

ORGANIZING DIRECTOR to lead a team of organizers and volunteers across the state. [Learn more.](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR - Experienced video editor with social media expertise. [Learn more.](#)

ALASKA STATE PARKS HAS SEASONAL JOBS for ALASKANS THROUGH the ALASKA CONSERVATION CORPS (ACC). Tasks will vary and may include trail work, maintenance, fee station, or office work. ACC workers work a 20 - 40-hour week. To apply, fill out the application and return it to the park office(s) of your choice (addresses listed below). Most positions begin in late May or early June. Some offices will start recruitment as early as March. To see current positions available, go to <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/misc/accinstr.htm#interp/>

STAFF ATTORNEY for TRUSTEES for ALASKA in Anchorage, to work to protect a wild and vibrant Alaska where fish, wildlife, and people thrive. We take on the most pressing conservation issues in Alaska for a variety of clients who bravely fight for their rights and for the health and cultures of Alaska for future generations. We work on issues ranging from oil and gas extraction and large mining projects to public land use, air and water pollution, and the protection of wildlife. The staff attorney candidate must have at least 4 years of legal experience overall. Ideal candidates would have at least 2 years of experience working in environmental law, including litigation, as well as experience working on Alaska-specific issues. All candidates should have a proven ability to foster coordination and cooperation among diverse groups to achieve goals. This is a full-time position with benefits. For instructions on how to apply please go to <https://trustees.org/trustees-employment/>

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGER 3: WATER SECTION CHIEF (PCN 10-1315) to oversee a team of water management professionals responsible for administering the activities of four units within the Section: Alaska Hydrologic Survey, Dam Safety and Construction, Water

Reservations, and Water Management. To see the full position description, go to <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alaska/jobs/5305064-0/natural-resource-manager-3-water-section-chief-pcn-10-1315>. **This position is open to Alaska Residents only. Deadline for applications is May 11.**

ALASKA STAFF or SENIOR ATTORNEY for the **CENTER for BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY** to work to protect the state's wildlife, public lands, and oceans. The primary focus of this role is impact litigation, with additional administrative advocacy and environmental campaign work. For the full position description and to apply, please visit <https://biologicaldiversity.bamboohr.com/careers/150>.

SCIENTIFIC and ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM MANAGER for the **PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL (PWSRCAC)** to lead the Council's work related to scientific research and environmental monitoring associated with oil transportation and marine operations in Prince William Sound. The role supports the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) comprised of volunteers, and works closely with staff, scientists, industry representatives, regulators, and other stakeholders. Candidates should have a bachelor's degree or higher in environmental science, engineering, marine science, or a related field, along with at least three years of relevant professional experience in scientific research, environmental monitoring, oil spill response, or a related field. (Position located in Valdez; however, Anchorage may be considered depending on the selected candidate.) To see the full position description, go to <https://www.pwsrcac.org/announcements/now-hiring-environmental-science-project-manager/> To apply, go to <http://www.tinyurl.com/Science-Monitoring-PM>. First review of applicants will occur on May 11.

LOCAL FOODS EDUCATOR for the **TIDELINES** to run the kitchen at our Good River Campus, prepare daily meals for 12-25 individuals during the work week, and teach culinary skills to college-age students. This is a seasonal, full-time position running June 1 to November 12th, 2026 (dates somewhat flexible). For the right person, this position is renewable in future years, and some winter work may be available. Please [follow this link](#) for a full job description and application instructions. Application Deadline: Rolling. For further information, please contact Laura Marcus at laura@tidelinesinstitute.org. All the information is at tidelinesinstitute.org/employment.

OUTER COAST (SITKA) has the following positions available:

RECRUITMENT LEAD drives the recruitment of students to Outer Coast. and is all about relationship-building: engaging with students, educators, counselors, families, and community partners; traveling across the state to connect with communities; and supporting young people as they navigate their next steps and explore opportunities in higher education. Through this work, the Recruitment Lead helps connect students with Outer Coast's place-based educational programs and supports students through the application and admissions process. Though travel is a component of the role, this position is in-person and based in Sitka. For more information, contact rachel@outercoast.org. [Learn more and apply](#)

[here](#).

OPERATIONS LEAD is responsible for stewarding the complex, interrelated systems that allow Outer Coast to succeed as both a school and a non-profit. This role sits at the center of the institution's operational life, holding together administrative, financial, authorization and accreditation, admissions, and programmatic systems. This is an ideal role for someone with a high level of detail-orientation and analytical thinking: tracking many moving parts, preventing things from slipping through the cracks, and building creative solutions to systems challenges. This role is in-person and based in Sitka. For more information, contact rachel@outercoast.org. [Learn more and apply here](#).

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SUPPORT LEAD 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](#).

STEWARDSHIP ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST for the COPPER RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT (CRWP) to provide educational stewardship experiences for youth and adult participants throughout the Copper River watershed. Programs will largely be field-based and involve hands-on stewardship activities, including stream and lake clean-ups, habitat restoration, removal of invasive species, and collection of native seeds involving youth and adults in activities that result in positive, tangible impacts to the watershed. For more information go to <https://copperriver.org/about-us/job-opportunities/> or contact executivedirector@copperriver.org or call (907) 424-3334.

LEARNING ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST 1, 2, or 3 for the **ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER** in Seward. The Education Specialist is responsible for developing and delivering engaging interpretive learning experiences that emphasize conservation, empathy, scientific inquiry, and inclusivity, highlighting Alaska's unique ecosystems, wildlife, and cultural heritage. This role engages diverse audiences through onsite programs, virtual learning, and community outreach, while also supporting the creation and maintenance of educational projects. Open Until Filled. Start: ASAP. This is a Full-Time position with benefits. Please submit a resume, cover letter and letter of recommendation with your application on our website: alaskasealife.org. To see the full position description, go to https://workforcenow.cloud.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=0a9a1c4f-3abe-4539-802c-c5aa05a5b97f&cclid=19000101_000003&lang=en_US&jobId=30227&jwId=SYS:JW:001

ENERGY POLICY ANALYST for the **APIRG (Alaska Public Interest Group)** to lead research and analysis on energy policies and regulations in Alaska. A strong candidate will be a skilled researcher and an engaging communicator who can navigate complex regulatory systems, analyze policy solutions, and advocate publicly toward a larger vision of sustainable, equitable, and affordable energy across Alaska. **The position is open until filled**. Apply and see the full job description at akpirg.bamboohr.com/careers.

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIST for **COOK INLETKEEPER** who can craft compelling campaigns, build media relationships, and translate complex environmental issues into accessible, action-driven messaging. Permanent, full-time & great benefits. Learn more at www.inletkeeper.org/jobs

PROGRAM COORDINATOR for the **ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION** to help grow a healthier, greener Anchorage! If you love being outside, working with volunteers and youth, and leading hands-on projects like tree plantings, forest restoration, and community park events, this could be the perfect fit. Join a collaborative, mission-driven team making a visible difference in parks and neighborhoods across our city. Check out the full job description and how to apply [here](#). Applications are open until filled,

RURAL ENERGY MANAGER for the **RENEWABLE ENERGY Alaska PROJECT (REAP)** to work with remote Alaska communities, national laboratories and other partners to support the transition to cleaner and more resilient energy systems. The Rural Energy Manager is a new position that will support rural communities in advancing their energy goals and increasing adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions – from utility-scale projects to building-level improvements. To see the full position description and application information, go to [the job post on our website](#). The position will be open until filled.

AYEA YOUTH LEADERSHIP COORDINATOR for **ALASKA YOUTH for ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION (AYEA)** at **The ALASKA CENTER EDUCATION FUND** to lead workshops, summits, and leadership opportunities that empower Alaska youth ages 13-18 to build advocacy, community organizing, and public-speaking skills. This role supports youth-led action projects and statewide convenings while coordinating logistics, partnerships, and mentorship throughout the year. To learn about the AYE program [go here](#), and to view the job description and apply - [go here!](#)

NATURALIST - SEASONAL for the **ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER** to support and lead educational and interpretive programs to reach the mission of the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center (AWCC). This is a Full-time, 30-week Seasonal position. Preferred Dates: Early April – November. As a team member of a small not-for-profit, the ideal candidate will show their ability to work with flexibility shifting between duties. Amongst team members all programs and tasks required to complete educational programming are assigned to work collaboratively, exact programs and tasks may vary over the duration on the position to adjust for strengths and growths. 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. Preference will be given to applicants who may return for multiple seasons. Wage is \$16-\$18 per hour DOE. A valid driver's license is required for all job listings. [Click HERE to view a complete job description and apply](#). Questions? Email education@alaskawildlife.org

PART-TIME SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR - CONTRACT POSITION for the **ALASKA**

WILDLIFE ALLIANCE to help us share stories about Alaska's wildlife and the challenges they face, grow our online community, and inspire conservation action among our members and the general public. Applicants should have 2+ years of social media management experience, with experience making short-form video content, and be comfortable with Meta Suite, Google Suite, and Canva. The position is up to 20 hours a week, with a flexible, remote schedule. Click [here](#) for a full job description and how to apply. Questions? Email chelsey@akwildlife.org.

AQUATIC BIOLOGIST. For the **TYONEK TRIBAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT (TTCD)** to implement fisheries and habitat monitoring and restoration, research, and projects throughout the remote 6.6-million-acre tribal conservation district. This position oversees project research and development, grant writing and reporting, field logistics, remote fieldwork, and data collection and analysis. TTCD's current fisheries and habitat projects are focused on invasive northern pike management, salmon population monitoring and research, habitat mapping and monitoring, fish passage restoration, watershed monitoring, and terrestrial and aquatic invasive plants surveys and control. This position is based in Anchorage and involves day and multi-day travel to remote western Cook Inlet communities (Tyonek, Beluga, and Skwentna) and other locations primarily during summer months. For more information please visit our website at <https://ttcd.org/job-opportunities/>

DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE for **The ALASKA CENTER** to deepen donor engagement, execute multi-channel fundraising campaigns, and support major fundraising initiatives that sustain our mission. To see the full position description and application form, go to https://alaskacenter.bamboohr.com/careers/48_

The **NORTH ALASKA ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER (NAEC)** has the following **CONTRACTOR POSITIONS** available: • Coalition & Policy Support Contractor; • Media & Communications Contractor; • Bookkeeping & Financial Operations Contractor; • Grant Writer, Donor Engagement & Philanthropic Partnerships Contractor. We encourage interested individuals—and especially those from Alaska Native, rural Alaska, and underrepresented communities—to apply. Full details are available at [Now looking for contractors- RFPs live - Northern Alaska Environmental Center](#).

SUMMER COORDINATORS, NATURALISTS, & EDUCATORS with the **CENTER for ALASKAN COASTAL STUDIES** in **Homer** and **Kachemak Bay** to lead educational programs for children, school groups, locals, and visitors to Alaska. [Summer seasonal staff](#) are employed in these four unique locations: the [Wynn Nature Center](#) (a 145-acre boreal forest preserve), [Inspiration Ridge Preserve](#) (a stunning mosaic of forest, bogs, meadows, ponds and creeks), [Peterson Bay Field Station](#) (a semi-rustic facility across Kachemak Bay and accessible only by boat), and the [Yurt on the Spit](#) (exploration of invertebrate life living on and around the Homer harbor docks). Timing: Most summer positions run from May 26 to September 1 with a few endings slightly earlier due to the nature of the position. Compensation: \$19-21/hour depending on responsibilities, with shared housing in Homer provided (\$22-24/hour without housing). CACS will continue to accept and review applications until the role is filled. To see the full position description and more information about our organization, go to

<https://akcoastalstudies.org/employment>.

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 Thomas at wnathoma@northerncompassgroup.com. Include the words PFG Coordinator Application in the subject line. 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](#).

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