

WHAT'S UP

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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL EVENTS

****July 24**

Deadline to purchase raffle tickets from the **Alaska Wildlife Alliance** a chance to go to the **SPIRIT BEAR LODGE** for an all-inclusive 6 night trip package generously donated the Indigenous owned and operated lodge, and is located in the remote wild Central Coast of British Columbia, the Traditional Territory of the Kitasoo Xai'xais People and the isolated village of Klemtu. It offers exclusive access to wildlife viewing areas and cultural sites within the Unceded Traditional Territory of the Kitasoo Xai'xais First Nation. The lucky raffle winner will receive a spot on the **Fall Bear Tour** from **October 10 to 16, 2026**, with one room for either one or two people. The Fall Bear Tour revolves around the return of salmon to the wild rivers of the Central Coast. You'll spend your days visiting remote locations by boat, visiting smaller creeks and rivers on some days **IN SEARCH of the MYTHICAL SPIRIT BEAR**, and others in the shadow of the mountains to see grizzlies. Traveling by boat, you may also see humpbacks and orcas, as well as other marine life. You'll also learn about the Kitasoo Xai'xais Culture and People and visit culturally significant sites. At night, you'll return to the Lodge to enjoy a communal dinner and fantastic views, both from the ocean view deck and the comfort of your room. This once-in-a-lifetime trip is valued at \$20,000, and raffle tickets are \$10 each, with proceeds supporting AWA. Purchase tickets at https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/win-a-6-day-trip-at-spirit-bear-lodge_

November 5 – 9

SITKA- WHALEFEST hosted by the Sitka Sound Science Center, the Sitka WhaleFest brings together scientists, educators, artists, conservation leaders, and community members to explore marine ecosystems, ocean conservation, and coastal culture through public presentations, wildlife experiences, educational programming, and community events focused on the North Pacific environment. For more information, go to [Event Link](#).

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

****July 11, 18, 25**

ANCHORAGE - AMATS is holding three (3) POP-UP EVENTS to share updates on two important planning efforts: • **2052 TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)** and • **CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP)**

July 10 - EAGLE RIVER from 11am to 2pm at the Bear Pau Festival Town Square Park

July 18 – SPENARD from 9:30am to 2:30pm at the Spenard Farmers Market Under the Windmill on Spenard Road

July 25 – MOUNTAIN VIEW from 1 to 5pm at the Mountain View Street Fair – 5pm at the William B. Lyons Park & Mountain View Community Center

The project team will be available at the events listed below to answer questions, provide project information, and help you stay involved in shaping our region's transportation future.

WEBINARS & VIRTUAL

****YouTube/Videos**

ANCHORAGE – To see a number of **TRAIL GUIDE VIDEOS** from the **Anchorage Parks & Recreation**, go to <https://www.youtube.com/@AnchorageParks/videos>.

****July 17 (Webinar)**

JULY 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 August, autumn, and yes, it's already time to start talking about the upcoming winter. Join the gathering online to learn what's happened and what may be in store with Alaska's seasonal climate o learn what's happened and what may be in store with Alaska's seasonal climate. [Register for the webinar.](#)

July 21

FROM SENSORS to SAFETY: HOW ARCTIC OBSERVATIONS ARE SHAPING COASTAL FLOOD RESILIENCE in ALASKA will be presented from 11am to Noon with **SANDY STARKWEATHER**, Executive Director of the US Arctic Observing Network. Coastal flooding is one of the most urgent threats facing many Alaskan communities. In this ACCAP webinar, Sandy will walk through the U.S. Arctic Observing Network's new technical brief on coastal flooding. She will highlight how organizations such as the Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys, the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Weather Service, and the Alaska Ocean Observing System, alongside Indigenous Knowledge holders and community residents, are turning available data into forecasts, flood inundation tools, and post storm

recovery resources. Sandy will also discuss the persistent observational gaps that limit early warning lead times and long-term planning, and the priority actions identified through engagement with coastal flooding experts to help sustain and expand these critical capabilities. This webinar highlights what Alaskans are accomplishing with existing tools and explores the specific investments experts say would make the biggest difference. [Register for Webinar.](#)

EVENTS & MEETINGS in the ANCHORAGE AREA

July 8

WILDFLOWER WALK will be held from 10 to 11am at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Each summer, the boreal forest transforms into a lush and colorful landscape of plants and flowers. Join a CCSC naturalist on a wildflower walk! Discover which plants are blooming, explore plant adaptations, and learn basic skills to identify common plants. This event is \$5; please register at [Recreation.gov](#)

July 10 to September 4

Fridays until September 4 at 12:30pm

Sundays – June 28, July 12 & 24, August 9 at 1pm

EXPERIENCE WILD BIRDS UP CLOSE at a Bird TLC Ambassador Bird Program to be held at Bird Treatment and Learning Center. Learn about species-specific behavior and adaptations of birds of prey and corvids and how our avian trainers use positive training methods with the Ambassador Birds. Programs will feature one or more Ambassador Birds: Snowy Owls, Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Black-billed Magpie, and American Crow. \$10.00 for adults and children over the age of 12. Free for children 12 and younger. Programs typically last 30 - 45 minutes and are held outside under a tent. [Purchase tickets here.](#)

July 9

FLYING FREE: GIVE BIRDS a CHANCE will be held at the Bird TLC (Treatment & Learning Center) [15510 Old Seward Hwy](#). Doors open at 6 and the program starts at 7. See the Ambassador Birds! Enjoy appetizers from [Peppercini's Catering](#) accompanied by a unique brew from [Ravens Ring Brewing](#)! Bid on exciting experiences in the live auction such as: Host a Harry Potter-themed party at Bird TLC with guest appearances by one or more Ambassador Owl. Enjoy dinner prepared by AFD firefighters at Station 7 and a visit from an Ambassador Bird. Treat yourself to a behind-the-scenes experience as a Trainer for a Day with Bird TLC's Education and Behavior Curator. Plus, trips to Seward and Denali, and unique experiences in Sitka! Have fun with us and come dressed in the colors of this year's cover bird - the Black-Billed Magpie! [Buy your tickets here!](#)

****July 14**

GOOSE LAKE BEACH PARTY AND OPEN HOUSE will be held from 4:30 to 7pm at the Goose Lake Park beach. This **fun, family-friendly event** is your chance to experience what Goose Lake Park could look like with expanded programming while checking out draft concepts of what the park could look like in the future. **Come enjoy food, activities, and an evening by**

the lake while taking time to share ideas, provide feedback, and shape the future of Goose Lake Park!

****July 15**

Join the Anchorage Audubon Society to see this month's **HIGH TIDES** hit our waters from 6:30 to 7:30am. There are some really big tides in mid-July, which is a great way to see birds up close at the Audubon bench along the coastal trail. Come join us at the mouth of Fish and Chester creeks - at the Audubon wayside and bench - to see birds up close and learn more about this dynamic birding hotspot. More information about this location can be found [here](#).

****July 16**

The **HISTORY of the CAMPBELL TRACT** will be presented at 7:30pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Join us as we explore the history of the BLM Campbell Tract, 730 acres of public land in the heart of Alaska's largest urban area! This place's history spans from its role in World War II to the hard-fought conservation efforts that led to it becoming a beloved community space. This program will start indoors, include an interactive activity, and end with a short walk in the forest.

July 16

The **ANNUAL ZOO BREWFEST** will be held from 6 to 10pm, Zoo Brew features the best brews in town, with local craft beer and cider from a variety of Alaskan breweries. The event also features local food trucks with fare for purchase and LIVE MUSIC by H3! Ticket holders will receive a set number of drink tickets to be redeemed at the brewery stations for 5oz pours. Your ticket purchases directly support the expenses of our busy orphaned wildlife season. Your attendance also supports local breweries, food trucks and music. This is a 21+ only event with ID required for entry. Entry: Online ticket sales, scanned at the gate. Tickets: \$65 per Taster Ticket, \$40 per Designated Driver Ticket. Each ticket holder receives a glass with the event logo. [Buy Tickets Today!](#)

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HISTORY of the CAMPBELL TRACT will be held from 5 to 7:30pm at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Join us as we explore the history of the BLM Campbell Tract, 730 acres of public land in the heart of Alaska's largest urban area! This place's history spans from its role in World War II to the hard-fought conservation efforts that led to it becoming a beloved community space. This program will start indoors, include an interactive activity, and end with a short walk in the forest.

**** July 19**

Enjoy an **AVIAN AFTERNOON: BIRD-INSPIRED FUN for the FAMILY** at the Bird Treatment and Learning Center from 1 to- 3pm. Bring the whole family and enjoy special appearances by Bird TLC's Ambassador Birds, bird-inspired crafts and activities, owl pellet dissection, and face painting. Plus, booths and activities with the Alaska Botanical Garden, Alaska Children's Museum, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and the Anchorage Audubon Society. Purchase ticket at <https://givebutter.com/birdprograms26>.

July 22

WORLD WAR II and the CAMPBELL TRACT WALK will be held from Noon to 2pm starting at the Campbell Creek Science Center. During World War II, the Army Corps of Engineers built four small airstrips in Southcentral Alaska, including one at Campbell Tract. Within the trees and shrubs are old foxholes and airplane parking spots. There is much to see if you just know where to look. Join us for a walk to learn about WWII history of Campbell Tract and find hidden pieces of the past. This event is \$5 per person; please register at [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

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EVENTS & MEETINGS OUTSIDE of ANCHORAGE

July 25, August 15

SITKA – Sitka Conservation Society's Fundraising Cruises will be held on the following dates:

July 25 - REDOUBT SALMON will Depart: 9am Return: 11am. Visit Redoubt Falls, watch spawning salmon, perhaps spot feeding bears, and learn more about the history and stewardship of this vital cultural and subsistence site.

August 15 - WILDERNESS CRUISE will Depart: 5pm Return: 8pm. Unwind on an evening journey through the Tongass Wilderness with SCS Executive Director **ANDREW THOMS** while exploring its landscapes, stories, and stewardship.

DEADLINES

July 6

Deadline for comments on the BLM scoping document to **PREPARE an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) ON A MAJOR RULE CHANGE THAT COULD FAST-TRACK FUTURE OIL DEVELOPMENT in the NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE-ALASKA**. The analysis in the EIS will inform and support a rulemaking that the BLM is undertaking to provide a streamlined approach to permitting procedures for the future oil and gas production sites and associated rights-of-way in the NPR-A. This effort is in response to a petition requesting the BLM amend its regulations to create a new program for authorization and construction of production sites and authorization of associated rights-of-way. The rulemaking will establish pre-defined criteria for defined and repeatable common activities with similar environmental effects, such as roads, pipelines, gravel pads, ice roads, camps, and associated rights-of-way, that when met by an applicant, will result in streamlined permitting for qualifying production sites. Submit comments to <http://eplanning.blm.gov> (NEPA number: DOI-BLM-AK-0000-2026-0012-EIS) or Email NPR-A_ProductionSite_EIS@blm.gov. For more information, see the Federal Register notice at [Federal Register](https://www.federalregister.gov) :: [Notice of Intent To Prepare](https://www.federalregister.gov)

an Environmental Impact Statement for Production Site Development in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.

July 7

FAIRBANKS - Comments are due on the proposed **CHENA RIVER WALK STAGE III SEGMENT 1** to expand the Chena River Walk to the north side of the Chena River from the Peger Road/Phillips Field intersection to the Chena River pedestrian bridge crossing at Pioneer Park. The project is needed to provide a new segment of multi-use pathway along the north side of the Chena River that fills a connective gap in the existing Chena River Walk recreational pathway which currently extends east-west along the south side of the river from Peger Road to Barnette Street in downtown Fairbanks. By completing this proposed segment, the path will provide a continuous, separated, multi-use path from downtown all the way to University Avenue. Similarly to other segments, the proposed path is anticipated to serve recreational and transportation non-motorized users. The project may include sections of boardwalk adjacent to the river. For more information about the project, please see the project website at: <https://dot.alaska.gov/nreg/chena-walk/>. For more information of to submit comments, contact Ivet Hall, Engineering Manager, at (907)-451-5386 or email ivet.hall@alaska.gov. To see map and area picture, go to [Chena_Rvr_Project_Area_6-3-2026.pdf](#).

July 13

FAIRBANKS-DELTA AREA - Deadline for comments on the **DRAFT AREA FIVE YEAR SCHEDULE OF TIMBER SALES (FYSTS)** that includes proposed timber sales for fiscal years 2026 to 2030. The 2026 FYSTS is a scoping document that outlines proposed timber sale activity to be undertaken on Tanana Valley State Forest and other State land over the next five years; it is not a decision document. The draft of the Five-Year Schedule is available at: <https://forestry.alaska.gov/timber/fiveyearschedules>. For more information, go to [2026_FYSTS_FbxDelta_Public Notice.pdf](#).

July 14

HOMER – Comments are due on the proposed noncompetitive sale state land located at 1432 Bay Avenue. To obtain the notice, Preliminary Decision (PD), or instructions on submitting comment, go to <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/landsales/> or <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/>. To submit comments or for direct inquiries, contact Kathryn Young email at kathryn.young@alaska.gov email. To see map & picture of area go to [UA Homer 234752 PD signed complete.pdf](#).

July 14

ANCHORAGE – Comments are due on the and information on the proposal to **REHABILITATE POTTER DRIVE FROM ARCTIC BOULEVARD TO DOWLING ROAD** to modernize the existing roadway, extend the roadway service life, enhance the safety and capacity of the facility, and provide safe non-motorized user accommodation. In addition to resurfacing, the proposed project would include the following: Upgrade curb ramps to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards; Intersection improvements and pedestrian improvements

(including ADA improvements). For more information and to submit comments, contact Heidi Zimmer, Regional Environmental Manager, at heidi.zimmer@alaska.gov.

****July 17**

Comments due on the **DRAFT STATE FISCAL YEAR 2027 (SFY27) INTENDED USE PLANS and PROJECT PRIORITY LISTS** that identify the available funds and the types of projects and activities eligible to receive low-interest loans. The draft Intended Use Plans outlines the State Revolving Fund Program's plan for administering the Base, General Supplemental and Emerging Contaminants funding. The Intended Use Plans provide information about the available funds and the types of projects eligible for this funding. Through the State Revolving Fund Program, the Alaska Clean Water Fund and the Alaska Drinking Water Fund provide low-interest loans for drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and other eligible water quality projects. The Intended Use Plans are required by federal statutes and regulations. The Intended Use Plans will be included in the funding applications submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Input from the public can help refine these planning documents and ensure the SRF Program considers local needs and concerns. For more information or to submit comments, contact of Environmental Conservation at (907) 334-2681 or email peggy.ulman@alaska.gov.

****July 22**

VALDEZ - Comments are due on a DNR & DOT&PF Preliminary Decision (PD) for a **DESIGNATED MATERIAL SITE** for a material site designation to extract riprap from a 154-acre area at the end of Burma Road, off of Milepost 74 of the Richardson Highway approximately 76 miles northeast of Valdez. (DNR proposes establishing an approximately 154-acre site as designated material site to allow for issuance of material sale contracts. The scope of this decision is to determine if it is in the State's best interest to designate this section of the Richardson Highway as a material site, and what, if any, additional operating approved requirements should be implemented specific to this site. The proposed material site location falls under the Copper River Basin Area Plan (CRBAP) under the Tonsina Lake Management Unit 14 is designated as Forestry, Public Recreation, and Wildlife Habitat, which convert to the classifications of Wildlife Habitat Land, Public Recreation Land, and Forest Land. This area, located to the west of the Richardson Highway and northeast of the Tonsina Lake is largely used for hunting, fishing, trapping, and recreation. All state land in the management unit will be retained in public ownership and managed for multiple use. Primary surface resource values are managed for dispersed public recreation, fish habitat, wildlife habitat, and forestry. All uplands are open to mineral location, however, Tonsina Lake and Tonsina River are closed to mineral entry to protect salmon spawning and rearing habitat, resident fisheries, and public recreation values. The subject material site is not located within an organized borough. and require consideration of whether the material site impacts traditional and existing uses of the site. The Tonsina River approximately 1 mile north of the site flows east from Tonsina Lake to the Copper River at 19-mile of the Edgerton Highway. The river is a glacial fed system with class III – IV whitewater and has excellent fishing for king and coho salmon as well as some sockeye salmon. Dolly Varden and Arctic grayling are abundant and burbot and lake trout may also be caught. Floating the river is for experienced whitewater boaters only. Jet boats are not used on

this river. State law requires that when the department is disposing of any interest in state land, DNR identify navigable and public waters, and easements necessary to ensure access along the water is to be reserved unless regulating or limiting access is necessary for other public purposes. For more information or to submit comments, contact Naelene Matsumiya at (907) 269-855 or email naelene.matsumiya@alaska.gov.

July 24

FAIRBANKS – Comments are due on the **FAST PLANNING FFY2023-27 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT #3**. This Amendment proposes to add two new projects – **AIRPORT WAY CONNECTED CORRIDOR** and **NORTH POLE 5TH AVENUE PARK ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS**. Find TIP Amendment #3 and the comment form online at <https://fastplanning.us/tip/>. For more information, contact Jackson Fox, FAST Planning Executive Director, at (907) 205-4276 or email jackson.fox@fastplanning.us.

**July 30

CANTWELL – Deadline for comments on the Preliminary Decision by DNR for a **DESIGNATED MATERIAL SITE** for a **NEGOTIATED MATERIAL SALE** of approximately 70-acre material site located along the Parks Highway about 26 miles south of Cantwell, near Antimony Creek. The applicant is applying to designate this location for material extraction and purchase 600,000 cubic yards (cy) of material to be extracted from this site, summer 2026 through summer 2031. The designation would carry the following stipulations which are to be applied to all future contracts:

- A riparian buffer of 300 feet is imposed along each side of the East Fork Chulitna River and Antimony Creek landward from the ordinary high water line (OHW);
- A riparian buffer of 50 feet is imposed along each side of the unnamed creek landward from the ordinary high water line (OHW) in the north boundary of site;
- A vegetation buffer of 100 feet is imposed along the Parks Highway;
- DMLW has consulted with ADF&G and the USFWS, and while there has been a report of a trumpeter swan nest in the general vicinity, neither agency noted significant concentrations of nesting in the area. Additionally, the Susitna Matanuska Area Plan notes that trumpeter swans are typically found in wetter areas. The majority of this site is upland forest; and a no-disturbance zone is imposed on the wetlands in the northeast corner of the site;
- Prior to contract issuance, DMLW will consult with USFWS to determine proper measures to mitigate impacts to trumpeter swan nesting. The scope of this decision is to determine if it is in the State's best interest to designate this area along the Parks Highway near Antimony Creek as a material site, and what, if any, additional operating requirements should be implemented specific to this site.

To see the full public notice, go to <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/Attachment.aspx?id=162747>. For more information, contact Leiana Cox at Leiana.cox@alaska.gov or call 907) 269-5047.

July 31

Deadline for comments on the **DRAFT POLICY FRAMEWORK, VISION & GOALS TECHNICAL REPORT** of the **ALASKA'S LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2055**. This document establishes the vision, strategic goals, and objectives that will guide transportation planning and investment decisions across Alaska over the next 30 years. It reflects input from Alaskans,

transportation partners, existing statewide plans, and federal and state planning requirements. The draft addresses four statewide priorities: *Access & Connectivity; * Safety & Reliability; * Economic Competitiveness; and * Stewardship & Innovation. To review the draft and submit comments click the button below, or visit <https://publicinput.com/j85355#tab-73384>. Your feedback will help refine the final vision and policy direction for Alaska's transportation system through 2055. For more information, go to <https://publicinput.com/j85355#tab-73384> or contact alaskalrtp2055@publicinput.com.

****July 31**

ANCHORAGE – Comments are due on the Notice of Intent to begin Engineering and Environmental Studies and Floodplain Encroachment on **CHUGACH WAY REHABILITATION** from **SPENARD ROAD TO ARCTIC BOULEVARD**. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety, extend the service life of Chugach Way, and address deteriorating pavement conditions and aging infrastructure. The project will also evaluate opportunities to incorporate pedestrian facilities, improve drainage where limited infrastructure exists, and address minor operational concerns. The proposed project may encroach into the unmapped base (100-year) floodplain associated with Fish Creek. Project activities that may impact the unmapped base floodplain include culvert replacement, placing of new fill for constructing pedestrian facilities, replacing and/or installing roadside hardware, relocating utilities, and vegetation clearing and grubbing. Replacement of the culvert conveying Fish Creek would be a functionally dependent use of the floodplain. No longitudinal encroachments, significant encroachments or net changes to the base flood elevation are anticipated. For more information or to submit comments, contact Heidi Zimmer, Regional Environmental Manager, at heidi.zimmer@alaska.gov.

****July 31**

DELTA/FAIRBANKS – Comments are due on the request from the Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) for a **PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT (PUE) through BIG DELTA STATE HISTORICAL PARK** to construct, operate, and maintain a distribution power line in the Big Delta State Historical Park (near Rika's Landing building). The easement would measure approximately 240 feet in length and 30 feet in width, more or less, and cross state land, to the adjacent Whitestone boat launch property. The easement request term is in perpetuity. For more information or to submit comments, contact Diana Lehman at 907-451-2722 or email diana.lehman@alaska.gov or go to [ADL 422877 GVEA PUE Big Delta State Historical Park Application.pdf](#).

****August 2**

Comments are due on the **2024-2027 STIP AMENDMENT #6 (Statewide Transportation Improvement Program)**. To review the proposed amendment, go to <https://dot.alaska.gov/links/pdp/> which includes maps, data summaries, and detailed project information and comparisons. This amendment proposes limited and targeted updates to nine transportation projects. To provide comments please go to the interactive website: <https://dot.alaska.gov/links/pdp/>.

GRANTS/AAWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/CONTESTS/RFP

ITEMS of INTEREST

****Register for the MOOSE LOOP TRAIL CHALLENGE** to be held **September 12 to 19**. The sixth annual Moose Loop Trail Challenge is a community challenge to walk, run, or bike the amazing Anchorage 32-mile Moose Loop trail system that loop around the city before the snow flies. This family-friendly event is a fundraiser for the Anchorage Park Foundation. Register today and spend the summer exploring local trails, building up your Moose Loop miles, and getting ready for a fun week of adventure this fall. Bike, walk, or run a 5K, 10K, Mini Moose or mighty Moose (51.5K) [Register](#).

ANCHORAGE RECYCLING INFORMATION (Compiled by Alaska Common Ground)

[Recycling Where and What to Recycle](#) – Overview of recycling facilities in Anchorage

[Materials Recovery Facility](#) – The MRF is open for the summer again! Located across the street from the Central Transfer Station on 56th Avenue in midtown in between Old Seward and Homer Drive at the Materials Recovery Facility. Accepts #1,2, and 5 plastics, wood waste, and organic waste. *Hours:* Monday through Saturday from May 1 to October 31 – 8:30am to 3:30pm. CLOSED on Sunday. Fees apply.

[How Do I Recycle These Items?](#) How to responsibly dispose of a variety of items.

[Alaska Scrap and Recycling](#) – Free drop off, they accept a wide variety of metals.

[Wood Lot Info](#) – Hours, fees, and acceptable materials.

[Composting Info](#) – Curbside and drop off options.

All About Plastics!

[Alaska Plastic Recovery](#) – Converts #1, 2, 5 plastics into recycled plastic lumber or “Grizzly Wood.” Learn how you can drop off plastic and purchase Grizzly Wood.

[Plastic Free 907](#) – This site provides resources for dealing with your plastics. Plastic Free 907 is a coalition of Alaskans who want to make a difference in the fight against plastic pollution in our communities, our oceans, and other waterways.

Reduce and reuse retail opportunities

[Blue Market AK](#) – An “old world” grocer with a zero-waste model, both retail and online purchasing available.

[Fashion Pact](#) – Donated clothing and home goods with 30% of every item sold given back to local nonprofits selected by the donor and buyer (Choose Alaska Common Ground when you donate or purchase!)

Garden and Yard

[Yarducopia](#) – Hosts three community composting drop off sites in Anchorage and curbside pickup for a small fee in some areas.

RESEARCHER WOULD LIKE HELP with a research project that will look at public use cabin logbooks and entries from specific dates to gather information around how people are using third-spaces unprompted to talk about things happening in the world. With an aim to better understand the operations and activities regarding continued access to public use cabins during the pandemic. If you are staying at **any** public use cabins this summer and would be interested

in helping to collect data (taking photographs of the logbooks) please fill out the following form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLV2JYm730vXvWPwNwEyCyrP4rY7O9UaFdZSA8_jtjeWfBUg/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=112790346030263055437.

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](#).

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.

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>.

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/695ff1352ab0fb016d8ac9b1/1767895349351/Intern+Job+Description+2026.pdf>. To apply, send your resume and cover letter to Sam Lavin, Curator at sterns@alaskazoo.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ALASKA TRAILS will have the following opportunities to volunteer to improve trails:

August 8 - MUKTUK MARSTON ACCESS TRAIL BRUSHING

September 26 - SUNNYSIDE FLAT TOP TRAIL TUNE UP

In addition to making trails safer and more pleasant, volunteer events bring together people who want to make a difference in Chugach State Park. Alaska Trails organizes the events

July 11

Join **ALASKA TRAILS** for a day of volunteer trail work on **HORSETAIL FALLS CONNECTOR TRAIL**! Volunteers will meet at the Whittier Public Safety Building. No experience necessary and all training and tools will be provided. A BBQ will follow the event! Learn more and RSVP at:

<https://www.alaska-trails.org/event-details/horsetail-falls-connector-trail-take-2-2>

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

****STAFF ATTORNEY** for the **SOUTHEAST ALASKA CONSERVATION COUNCIL (SEACC)** who will work independently and as part of a team, including with staff, community members, and partner organizations such as Alaska Native Tribes, commercial fishermen, business owners, local government officials, hunters and fishers, and other conservation groups. The ideal candidate will thrive in a rapid-fire environment with hard-working colleagues. This work will entail significant collaboration with outside attorneys, technical experts and others. This role is less focused on leading litigation and more ensuring our standing to influence regulatory outcomes with high-quality statutory basis in technical comments and sustained participation in permitting and planning processes. *At minimum candidates MUST have:* Juris Doctorate or LLM in Environmental Law; Familiarity and experience with environmental law. Familiarity with the federal regulatory process, including NEPA environmental review, notice-and-comment rulemaking, and agency appeals; An understanding of Alaska government and politics; Genuine commitment to SEACC's conservation mission and the communities of Southeast Alaska. This role is a full-time, exempt position, and the salary range for this role is between \$78,000 and \$115,000 with exact salary dependent upon experience. Where you will work: To see a full position description, go to www.seacc.org/hiring. To apply, submit your cover letter, resume, and a writing sample of no more than 25 pages to admin@seacc.org. Please put 'Job Application – Staff Attorney' and your last name in the email subject line.

****OUTDOOR EDUCATION COORDINATOR** for the **ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION** to connect people of all ages to Anchorage's parks, trails, and natural spaces through environmental education, outdoor learning, and community engagement. This position leads hands-on education programs, builds partnerships with schools and community organizations, supports stewardship opportunities, and helps create meaningful outdoor experiences for youth, families, and community members. The ideal candidate is an organized, collaborative, and passionate outdoor educator with experience in youth programs, community engagement, or related fields. See the [full job description](#) for position details, qualifications, benefits, and application instructions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for the **ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN (ABG)** for a collaborative, strategic, and mission-driven leader. Located on 110 acres within Anchorage's boreal forest, ABG is a beloved public garden and nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting people with plants and the natural world through horticulture, education, recreation, and stewardship. For more information about the position, including qualifications, responsibilities, salary, and application details, please review the full [Executive Director position description](#)..

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 <https://alaskarenewableenergy.org/reap-is-hiring-rural-energy-manager-i-or-ii/>.

ALASKA STATE DIRECTOR for **THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY** to provide an experienced and visionary leader. This role plays a lead role in developing and overseeing implementation of TWS' projects within the state, engaging a cross-disciplinary team on nationally significant campaigns, and positioning TWS as a trusted collaborator with partners, funders, and decision makers. We are looking for candidates with experience to help cultivate and expand relationships as well as influence elected officials, media outlets, and opinion leaders on TWS' work and priorities in the state. The pay range for this position is \$120-\$130,000 and TWS provides generous health, retirement, and other benefits. The preferred location is Anchorage, other Alaska locations may be considered. Regular in state travel and periodic out of state travel required. Learn more and **apply HERE by July 19**.

FINANCE MANAGER for the **ALASKA OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM (AOOS)** to oversee AOOS's financial operations and support the ongoing transition from our fiscal sponsor, the Alaska SeaLife Center. The successful candidate does not need to be based in Anchorage but must reside in Alaska and be available to travel to Anchorage as needed. Candidates must submit a cover letter and resume to Sheyna Wisdom, Executive Director, at wisdom@aoos.org **by close of business on July 10**. If you have any questions, please contact Sheyna directly. [Click here for the full position description](#).

CLIMATE & CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM MANAGER for **The ALASKA CENTER** to lead the design and implementation of advocacy strategies around our “Clean Energy for All Alaskans” initiative, advance equitable climate policies, supporting clean energy programs, defending against harmful legislation, and amplifying Alaskans’ voices in public processes around energy democracy, while centering those who are most impacted by climate change. To see the full position description, go to <https://alaskacenter.bamboohr.com/careers/53>. To apply, please complete the form on this website, including submitting all requested materials. Position open until filled. No phone calls, please.

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 <https://sustainablesoutheast.net/announcement/operations-manager/>. 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.

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). To see current positions available, go to <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/misc/accinstr.htm#interp>.

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>.

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.

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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