

**SJR**

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**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 1/29/14

FURTHER: RULES

Date of 5-Day Notice: \_\_\_\_\_  
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DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 2/10/14

Resources Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

SJR 16-OPPOSE FEDERAL AID TO CERTAIN NONPROFITS

Urging the federal government to stop providing funding, through federal agencies, to nongovernmental organizations that oppose the development of Alaska's resources.

and recommends:

- be replaced with CS SJR 16 (RES) [ ] Same Title  New Title
- [ ] adopt previous CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) [ ] Same Title [ ] New Title
- [ ] attached amendment(s)
- [ ] adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- [ ] further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
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[ ] APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>P.A. Micciche</i>	MICCICHE				✓
<i>Cliff Bishop</i>	BISHOP			✓	
<i>Tom Dyson</i>	DYSON	✓			
<i>Anna Fairclough</i>	FAYRCLOUGH				✓
CHAIR: <i>W. Giesel</i>	Giesel	✓			

**CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16(RES)**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Offered:**  
**Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS GIESSEL, Dunleavy, Kelly**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Urging the federal government to stop providing funding, through federal agencies, to**  
2 **nongovernmental organizations that oppose the environmentally responsible**  
3 **development of Alaska's resources.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 **WHEREAS**, on July 7, 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Alaska  
6 Statehood Act, which mandated that Alaskans vote to approve or disapprove the terms of the  
7 United States, thus establishing a compact between the United States Congress and Alaskans;  
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, at statehood, the United States Congress recognized that Alaska's small  
10 population would not be able to pay for government services through taxes alone; thus, the  
11 United States Congress promised the state 90 percent of revenue earned from environmentally  
12 responsible resource development on federal land in Alaska; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in joining the Union, Alaska was not merely absorbed into the federal  
14 government; Alaska did not become a state until the people went to the polls to decide  
15 whether to accept the terms crafted by the United States Congress and Alaska's designated

1 representatives; and

2       **WHEREAS**, because of those circumstances, Alaska's statehood is not simply an Act  
3 of Congress that can be amended on a whim or infringed upon by federal agencies; Alaska's  
4 statehood is a compact, otherwise known as a contract, between two sovereign parties and not  
5 amendable by one side without the other's consent; and

6       **WHEREAS** art. VIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, states that "it is the  
7 policy of the State to encourage the settlement of its land and the development of its resources  
8 by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest"; and

9       **WHEREAS** art. VIII, sec. 2, the Constitution of the State of Alaska, states that "the  
10 legislature shall provide for the utilization, development, and conservation of all natural  
11 resources belonging to the State, including land and waters, for the maximum benefit of its  
12 people"; and

13       **WHEREAS** art. VIII, sec. 4, Constitution of the State of Alaska, states that "fish,  
14 forests, wildlife, grasslands, and all other replenishable resources belonging to the State shall  
15 be utilized, developed, and maintained on the sustained yield principle, subject to preferences  
16 among beneficial users"; and

17       **WHEREAS** the mission of the Department of Natural Resources is to oversee  
18 environmentally responsible development of the state's resources by making them available  
19 for maximum use and benefit consistent with public interest; and

20       **WHEREAS** the mission of the Department of Environmental Conservation is to  
21 conserve, improve, and protect the state's natural resources and environment and control  
22 water, land, and air pollution, in order to enhance the health, safety, and welfare of the people  
23 of the state and their overall economic and social well-being; and

24       **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska, through the Department of Natural Resources and  
25 Department of Environmental Conservation, has comprehensive and stringent regulations in  
26 place to ensure environmentally responsible development of the state's resources and  
27 protection of its environment; and

28       **WHEREAS** the mission of the Department of Fish and Game is to protect, maintain,  
29 and improve the fish, game, and aquatic plant resources of the state and manage their use and  
30 development in the best interest of the economy and well-being of the people of the state,  
31 consistent with the sustained yield principle; and

1           **WHEREAS** the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is a Bureau within the United  
2 States Department of the Interior whose mission is to work with others to conserve, protect,  
3 and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the  
4 American people; and

5           **WHEREAS** the United States Department of Justice, Environment and Natural  
6 Resources Division, has the responsibility for the conduct and oversight of litigation  
7 conducted, directly and indirectly, on behalf of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;  
8 and

9           **WHEREAS**, despite the March 13, 1982, Master Memorandum of Understanding  
10 with the Department of Fish and Game, which allows the department to have primary  
11 responsibility to manage fish and resident wildlife in the state, and despite the promises in the  
12 Alaska Statehood Compact, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service awards a variety of  
13 Natural Resource Assistance Grants and contracts to nongovernmental organizations, some of  
14 which aggressively oppose the express promises to Alaskans at statehood and oppose the  
15 intent behind sec. 101(d) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, also known  
16 as the "no more" clause; and

17           **WHEREAS** the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has provided \$10,000 -  
18 \$50,000 to the Alaska Conservation Foundation in 2010 and 2011; and

19           **WHEREAS** the Alaska Conservation Foundation financially supports advocacy  
20 groups such as the Chuitna Citizens Coalition, a group whose sole purpose is to oppose the  
21 proposed Chuitna coal mine; and

22           **WHEREAS** the Alaska Conservation Foundation financially supports the Bristol Bay  
23 Protection Campaign and Cook Inletkeeper, groups opposed to the prospective Pebble mining  
24 project; and

25           **WHEREAS** the Alaska Conservation Foundation financially supports the Kachemak  
26 Bay Conservation Society, a group avowed to restricting the expansion of oil and gas projects  
27 in Cook Inlet; and

28           **WHEREAS** the Alaska Conservation Foundation has provided numerous grants to  
29 Trustees for Alaska, a group that provides advocacy and legal representation to other groups  
30 that oppose a variety of environmentally responsible resource development projects around  
31 the state, including the filing of law suits against the State of Alaska and the Department of

1 Natural Resources; and

2       **WHEREAS** the Alaska Conservation Foundation has awarded more than \$30,000,000  
3 over the last 30 years in grants to over 200 Alaska nongovernmental organizations and other  
4 entities that aggressively oppose environmentally responsible resource development projects  
5 in the state; and

6       **WHEREAS** the Alaska Conservation Foundation opposes environmentally  
7 responsible resource development projects by hiring legislative organizers, commonly known  
8 as lobbyists, to generate support in the legislature for the Alaska Conservation Foundation's  
9 legislative priorities; and

10       **WHEREAS** the Alaska Conservation Foundation has solicited support for their  
11 "efforts to keep Alaska's coal in the ground, where it belongs" and has made numerous grants  
12 to organizations opposing the environmentally responsible development of coal-related  
13 projects throughout the state, granting \$3,155,238 to organizations in 2012; and

14       **WHEREAS** the Alaska Conservation Foundation coordinates the Bristol Bay  
15 Protection Campaign, a campaign working to stop a proposed mine in the area, and provides  
16 funding for legal support; and

17       **WHEREAS** the United States Fish and Wildlife Service funded studies conducted by  
18 groups such as the Wilderness Society and Cook Inletkeeper, nongovernmental groups  
19 actively opposing environmentally responsible resource development; and

20       **WHEREAS** the Wilderness Society is a conservation organization that is focused on  
21 preventing oil and gas development and logging in the state, and Cook Inletkeeper is a  
22 nonprofit advocacy organization that has opposed a number of coal-related projects and oil  
23 and gas developments; and

24       **WHEREAS** the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and the Trust Land Office  
25 manage land to generate income to improve the lives of trust beneficiaries, whose lands are  
26 near rural resource development areas such as the Chuitna Coal Project, the Chickaloon Coal  
27 Project, the Fort Knox Mine, and the Livengood Gold Project, all of which have been  
28 aggressively opposed by nongovernmental organizations funded through the Alaska  
29 Conservation Fund; and

30       **WHEREAS** those grants and study partnerships funded and approved by United  
31 States Fish and Wildlife Service are adverse and contrary to the Alaska Statehood Compact,

1 the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the well-being of Alaskans; and

2 **WHEREAS** dispersing taxpayer funds to federal bureaus that then give those funds to  
3 nongovernmental organizations that are not working in the state's best interest is a  
4 misappropriation of public funds;

5 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Fish  
6 and Wildlife Service to stop providing grant money and contracts to nongovernmental  
7 organizations opposed to environmentally responsible resource development in the state; and  
8 be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States  
10 Fish and Wildlife Service to hire unbiased, independent firms and credible scientists to collect  
11 data and compile peer-reviewed scientific reports and documents; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature opposes any efforts by the  
13 United States Fish and Wildlife Service to hinder or delay development of the state's natural  
14 resources by funding advocacy campaigns opposed to environmentally responsible resource  
15 development in the state, thereby prejudicing the public and preempting the permitting  
16 process; and be it

17 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States  
18 Office of Management and Budget to investigate those expenditures and perform a  
19 comprehensive audit of all grants and contracts that may have been issued from taxpayer  
20 funds through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and be it

21 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States  
22 Department of Justice to exercise greater oversight of litigation underwritten by grants from  
23 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and be it

24 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States  
25 Congress to exercise greater oversight of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service budget  
26 and management of grants and contracts by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and  
27 be it

28 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States  
29 Congress to pass legislation prohibiting grants by agencies of the United States to  
30 nongovernmental organizations engaged in opposing and litigating against the  
31 environmentally responsible development of natural resources in the state.

1           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-  
2 President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner,  
3 Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of  
4 the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General of the United States; the  
5 Honorable Sally Jewell, United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Sylvia  
6 Matthews Burwell, Director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget; Robert Dreher,  
7 acting Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division; the  
8 Honorable Hilary Tompkins, Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior; the Honorable Daniel  
9 M. Ashe, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
10 and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
11 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

## Lindsay Williams

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**Subject:** 28-LS1211\N

Greetings,

I need to request a Senate Resources Committee CS final version. The resolution passed from committee with the following conceptual amendments:

Page 1, Line 10: add "environmentally responsible" before resource  
Page 2, Line 5: add "environmentally responsible" before development  
Page 2, Line 24: add "environmentally" before responsible  
Page 3, Line 28: add "environmentally responsible" before resource  
Page 4, Line 1: add "environmentally" before responsible  
Page 4, Line 2: add "environmentally responsible" before resource  
Page 4, Line 7: add "environmentally" before responsible  
Page 4, Line 14: add "environmentally responsible" before resource  
Page 5, Line 2: add "environmentally responsible" before resource  
Page 5, Line 8: add "environmentally responsible" before resource  
Page 5, Line 23: add "environmentally responsible" before development

Last, if "environmentally responsible" can be added in front of "development" in the title without complications, please do so. If you think it is more than a technical change, just let us know.

Thank you,

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## Senator Cathy Giessel

### **SJR 16 Oppose Federal Aid to Certain Non-Profits Sponsor Statement**

SJR 16 urges the federal government to stop providing funding to its federal agencies, which in turn, furnish grants to environmental nongovernmental organizations that use the money to fund efforts that oppose the development of Alaska's resources. It directs the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&WS) to hire unbiased and independent firms to collect data and develop scientific reports to help them better manage their Alaska lands. SJR 16 also opposes any effort by the USF&WS to hinder or delay development of the state's natural resources by funding oppositional advocacy campaigns or legal counsel for these organizations opposing Alaska's resource development projects.

At statehood, it was evident that Alaska's small population would not be able to fund its necessary government services through taxation of its citizens. So the United States Congress included two measures in the statehood act to help pay for the fledgling state: The first measure set aside 225 million acres of land (60% of its land) in Alaska as federal land where 90% of the profits from mineral lease sales were to be given to the state. This, however, has not come to fruition, and that figure is now 40% as of January, 2014. The second measure allowed Alaska to select 104 million acres (28% of the total land in Alaska) of unreserved and unoccupied land for the state's use and development.

The early leaders of our state realized the importance of our resources and this is reflected in Alaska's Constitution. The Constitution encourages the settlement of its land and the development of its resources. In addition, the legislature is entrusted to ensure that the people receive the maximum benefit of the natural resources belonging to the state.

The USF&WS provides grants to environmental nongovernmental organizations that actively oppose resource development in Alaska. It is unconscionable, that taxpayer money could be funneled through federal offices and bureaus to fund groups and projects that contradict the rights and uses spelled out in the Alaska Statehood Act and the state's ability to be self-sustaining. Doesn't it seem ironic for Alaskans to pay taxes to the federal government to have it then turn around and use the money to hinder their economic advancement? Providing grants to these types of organizations is not an essential function of government, nor is it in the best interests of the citizens of Alaska.

Alaska has comprehensive and stringent regulations in place to ensure responsible development of our resources while protecting the environment. It is important to Alaskans and to our economy, that we maintain the ability to develop our own natural resources. This misuse of public money does a disservice to Alaskans who have made Alaska their home and jeopardizes our ability to be self-reliant as a state.

[Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov)

# The Public Interest & Resource Development

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## Issues

1. Alaska's constitution requires protection of the public interest in the development of our land and resources.
  - Public interests include natural resource interests held in common for the benefit of all – land, air, and water – and community social structures, values, and economic interests.
2. Since 2003, statutory requirements for consideration of public interests in resource development decisions have steadily diminished.
3. In the absence of statutory direction, project reviews are fragmented and the state lacks a clear, consistent and efficient way to ensure a resource development project achieves the maximum benefit for the people of Alaska and is consistent with the public interest.

## Suggested Actions

The following are actions the legislature and administration could take to protect the public interest as required by the state constitution:

- Develop comprehensive legislation that provides for meaningful and consistent consideration of public interests in resource development decisions, including
  - (1) providing for coordinated project reviews that give the public and local governments an opportunity to effectively participate in the permitting process and for the public and agencies to review projects as a whole;
  - (2) giving local governments deference on issues of local concern; and
  - (3) establishing a way to identify state and local public interests and the means to balance those interests in the permitting process.
- Pass legislation enforcing a recent Alaska Supreme Court ruling that the state has a constitutional duty to analyze and give public notice on the cumulative impacts of oil and gas projects (*Sullivan v. REDOIL*).
- Repeal legislation passed last year in HB 129 that allows the state to hold a public comment period only once every ten years for oil and gas exploration and development in multi-million acre size areas.

On balance, the state will achieve better resource development if there are opportunities for meaningful public participation, decisions are coordinated among the agencies, and there are clear public interest criteria on which decisions are based.

## The Constitution, the Court and the Public Interest

### Alaska's Constitution

Article 8, Section 1: "It is the policy of the State to encourage the settlement of its land and the development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest."

Article 8, Section 2: "The legislature shall provide for the utilization, development, and conservation of all natural resources belonging to the state, including land and waters, for the maximum benefit of the people."

### The Alaska Supreme Court

The Alaska Supreme Court has a long history of enforcing the public interest clauses in Article 8 of the constitution.

Most recently, in a 2013 decision, the Court stated, "The legislature is tasked with the duty to determine the procedures necessary for ensuring that the State's resources are used 'for the maximum benefit of its people.'" *Sullivan v. REDOIL*.

While the Court said it is not their place to provide instruction on how the state determines what action would be for the maximum benefit of Alaskans, they found that it is their role to ensure constitutional principles are followed.

The court stated, "A bedrock principle in Article VIII of the Alaska Constitution mandates that the State's natural resources are to be made 'available for maximum use consistent with the public interest.'"

Based on its historical interpretation of this constitutional principle, the Court required cumulative impact analysis of oil and gas projects to ensure that resource development is consistent with the public interest.

MASTER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Juneau, Alaska

AND

THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Anchorage, Alaska

This Master Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game, hereinafter referred to as the Department, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, hereinafter referred to as the Service, reflects the general policy guidelines within which the two agencies agree to operate.

WHEREAS, the Department, under the Constitution, laws, and regulations of the State of Alaska (Appendix I), is responsible for the management, protection, maintenance, enhancement, rehabilitation, and extension of the fish and wildlife resources of the State on the sustained yield principle, subject to preferences among beneficial uses; and

WHEREAS, the Service, by authority of the Constitution, laws of Congress and regulations of the U.S. Department of Interior (Appendix II) has a mandated management responsibility for certain species or classes of wildlife and is responsible for the management of Service lands in Alaska, and the conservation of fish and wildlife resources on these lands; and

WHEREAS, the Department and the Service share a mutual concern for fish and wildlife resources and their habitats and both are engaged in extensive fish and wildlife conservation, management, and protection programs and desire to develop and maintain a cooperative relationship which will be in the best interests of both parties, the concerned fish and wildlife resources and their habitats, and produce the greatest public benefit; and

WHEREAS, it has been recognized in the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and subsequent implementing Federal regulations that the resources and uses of Service lands in Alaska are substantially different than those of other states; and

WHEREAS, the Department and the Service recognize the increasing need to coordinate resource planning and policy development;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AGREES:

1. To recognize the Service as the agency with the responsibility to manage migratory birds, endangered species, and other species mandated by Federal law, and on Service lands in Alaska to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats and regulate human use.
2. To manage fish and resident wildlife populations in their natural species diversity on Service lands.
3. To consult with the Regional Director in a timely manner and comply with applicable Federal laws and regulations before embarking on enhancement or construction activities on Service lands.

THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AGREES:

1. To recognize the Department as the agency with the primary responsibility to manage fish and resident wildlife within the State of Alaska.
2. To recognize the right of the Department to enter onto Service lands at any time to conduct routine management activities which do not involve construction, disturbance to the land, or alterations of ecosystems.
3. To cooperate with the Department in planning for enhancement or development activities on Service lands which require permits, environmental assessments, compatibility assessments, or similar regulatory documents by responding to the Department in a timely manner with requirements, time tables, and any other necessary input.
4. To manage the fish and wildlife habitat on Service lands so as to insure conservation of fish and wildlife populations and their habitats in their natural diversity.
5. To consider carefully the impact of any proposed treaties or international agreements relating to fish and wildlife resources on the State of Alaska which could diminish the jurisdictional authority of the State and to consult freely with the State when these treaties or agreements have a primary impact on the State.
6. To review present U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service policies and any future proposed changes in those policies in consultation with the Department to determine if modified or special policies are needed for Alaska.

7. To adopt refuge management plans whose provisions--including provision for animal damage control--are in substantial agreement with the Department's fish and wildlife management plans, unless such plans are determined formally to be incompatible with the purposes for which the respective refuges were established.
8. To utilize the State's regulatory process to maximum extent allowed by Federal law in developing new or modifying existing Federal regulations or proposing changes in existing State regulations governing or affecting the taking of fish and wildlife on Service lands in Alaska.

THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE MUTUALLY AGREE:

1. To coordinate planning for management of fish and wildlife resources on Service lands so that conflicts arising from differing legal mandates, objectives, and policies either do not arise or are minimized.
2. To consult with each other when developing policy and legislation which affects the attainment of wildlife resource management goals and objectives of the other agency.
3. To recognize that the taking of fish and wildlife by hunting, trapping, or fishing on Service lands in Alaska is authorized in accordance with applicable State and Federal law unless State regulations are found to be incompatible with documented Refuge goals, objectives, or management plans.
4. To develop such supplemental memoranda of understanding between the Commissioner and the Regional Director as may be required to implement the policies contained herein.
5. That this Master Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective when signed by the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Alaska Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and shall continue in force until terminated by either party by providing notice in writing 120 days in advance of the intended date of termination.
6. That amendments to this Master Memorandum of Understanding may be proposed by either party and shall become effective upon approval by both parties.

STATE OF ALASKA

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Department of Fish and Game

Fish and Wildlife Service

By Ronald O. Skoog

Ronald O. Skoog  
Commissioner

~~Keith M. Schreiner~~

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Regional Director, Alaska

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# ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2011



**Alaska  
Conservation  
Foundation**

## LETTER FROM BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends of Alaska,



NANCY LORD  
Credit: Linda Smogor

We're pleased to share with you this annual report highlighting some of the environmental challenges facing Alaska and the essential work that, with your help, Alaska Conservation Foundation has been able to support.

Each year, pressure increases from global interests intent on exporting Alaska's nonrenewable resources. The proposed Pebble Mine threatens Bristol Bay's enormous salmon resources—and the communities generationally attached to the land and waters of that region. Elsewhere, coal mining would destroy more salmon streams and contribute to both mercury pollution and global warming. ACF continues to play a major role in the coordination and strategic leadership of campaigns aimed at preventing these highly destructive activities.

ACF's leadership involves, however, much more than opposing projects incompatible with environmental protection and healthy communities. ACF plays a critical role in connecting groups and individuals to foster collaboration and build an influential conservation movement within Alaska. Our

Alaska Conservation Foundation builds strategic leadership and support for Alaskan efforts to take care of wild lands, waters, and wildlife, which sustain diverse cultures, healthy communities, and prosperous economies.

"theory of change" or blueprint for guiding our grantmaking and other work is solutions-based and involves building diverse partnerships and engaging Alaskans in civic action.

This year, ACF awarded more than \$3.5 million in grants supporting statewide conservation work. As the movement grows, we expect to foster enduring change—the kind that has Alaskans standing up to exploitation and protecting the lands and waters upon which they rely.

On the fundraising side, ACF continues to connect philanthropists, with Alaska's conservation organizations on the front lines. This past year, undesignated contributions from public support surpassed \$500,000. This is a remarkable accomplishment in a challenging economy; still, the needs are always greater.

We thank you all for supporting ACF. It's your commitment to Alaska and your generosity that make our work possible.

Sincerely,

Nancy Lord  
Chair, Board of Trustees

## OUR IMPACT: PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

As a funder, ACF is constantly accessing the landscape to make the best investments possible. Last year, we developed a "theory of change" or blueprint to guide our funding decisions. In 2011, we put it into action!

Multinational companies continue to aggressively pursue the extraction of Alaska's gold, copper, oil and gas and coal. With your support, we awarded more than \$3.5 million in grants to support conservation work aimed at heading off these threats and creating the necessary change to keep Alaska healthy for the long-term. Our work began this year with building the capacity of four local organizations and forging new partnerships with Alaska Natives, commercial fishermen, local community leaders and other key constituencies. At the same time, we continued to bring people together and expand the voices being heard on issues like preventing Pebble Mine and Arctic coal development.

Highlights of this year's accomplishments follow. For a complete listing of organizations and individuals that received grants this year, visit the ACF website at: [www.alaskaconservation.org](http://www.alaskaconservation.org).

Strengthening Alaska's conservation movement

\$240,000 granted for capacity building

ACF's organizational capacity-building program shifted its focus this year to

organizations that are strengthening Alaska's conservation movement by investing in the people and organizational structures needed to create enduring change.

This year, six organizations were awarded new two-year organizational capacity grants. These grants were used for staff and board development, volunteer engagement, sound business practice implementation and the development of sustainable funding models. Additionally, ACF provided support for professional training opportunities and a summer intern at each organization.

\$21,280 awarded for rapid response

ACF's rapid response program—the only fund of its kind in Alaska—is a means to respond to urgent threats and opportunities. Through an expedited process, these grants are awarded swiftly. This year, ACF provided rapid response funding to Alaska Marine Conservation Council, Denali Citizens Council, Kachemak Bay Conservation Society and Trustees for Alaska.

\$83,903 awarded to connect 22 interns to 16 conservation organizations

ACF's Conservation Internship Program connects the next generation of conservationists with Alaska. In 2011, twenty-two college and graduate students from the U.S., Mexico and Canada participated in summer internships

In FY11, ACF awarded more than \$3.5 million to support statewide conservation efforts!

at sixteen organizations across the state. Hands-on experience in Alaska prepared these future leaders to enter the job market in environmental work. In return, our organizations relied on the summer interns to assist their staff in strengthening their organizations. Now, that's capacity-building in action.

\$100,000 raised to support Alaska Native ways of life

For thousands of years, the Alaska Native people have depended upon Alaska's natural environment to support subsistence ways of life. Through collaboration, we can better understand their powerful connection to the environment and look for solutions to the issues impacting all of us.

In 2011, ACF established the Alaska Native Fund to strengthen (financial) support for Indigenous organizations and individuals dealing with the devastating impacts of unsustainable development and climate change in their communities. An Alaska Native Steering Committee developed the framework and guidelines for the Fund.

"This fund will provide Tribes and other nonprofit Alaska Native organizations support to make their conservation plans a reality," said Orville Huntington, Steering Committee member from Huslia, and Tanana Chiefs Conference Wildlife and Parks Director.

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Letters of inquiry were requested in June 2011, with the goal of awarding \$100,000 in the inaugural round of grants in fiscal year 2012. The Fund will also support a 2012 Gathering of Alaska Native organizations and funders to build understanding and leverage additional support for Alaska Native projects.

\$4,000 granted in celebration of conservations unsung heroes

Many individuals and organizations work tirelessly to protect Alaska's natural environment. ACF's 25th Conservation Achievement Awards program celebrated those unsung heroes of conservation in a ceremony held at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Each of this year's awardees was distinguished not just by an impressive body of work, but also by the ability to communicate, collaborate, and educate.

Awards went to:

Chip Thoma of Juneau, Alaska  
Cela Hunter Award for Outstanding Volunteer Contributions

Sanford Pabinowitch of Anchorage, Alaska  
Lowell Thomas, Jr. Award for Outstanding Civil Service

Oceana Wills of Homer, Alaska  
Denny Wilcher Award for Young Environmental Activists

Ann Ghicad of Seward, Alaska  
Jerry S. Dixon Award for Excellence in Environmental Education

"The Last Days of Shishmaref," Directed by Jan Louter  
Housberg Wilderness Image Award for Excellence in Film or Video

Robert (Bob) Shavelson of Homer, Alaska  
Olaus Murle Award for Outstanding Professional Contributions

Joan Kane of Anchorage, AK  
Alaska Native Writers or Storytellers on the Environment

Protecting salmon's connection to culture & economy

\$1,414,999 awarded to groups protecting Bristol Bay salmon

In Bristol Bay, Alaska, a massive open-pit gold and copper mine threatens one of the largest wild salmon runs left on Earth. This year ACF's Bristol Bay Fisheries and Watershed Protection campaign called on Washington D.C. to protect our wild salmon and the economies and culture it supports.

The campaign collaborated with a diverse group of partners to ask the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to take action to protect Bristol Bay. Many new voices joined the fight including faith-based organizations, youth groups, commercial and sports fishermen, and Alaska Native tribes. A first victory was realized in February 2011 when the EPA announced it would undertake a scientific assessment of the Bristol Bay watershed later this year to understand the impacts of large-scale mining in the region.

"The Bristol Bay watershed is essential to the health, environment and economy of Alaska," said EPA Regional Administrator Dennis McLerran. "Gathering data and getting public input now, before development occurs, just makes sense. Doing this, we can be assured that our future decisions are grounded in the best science and information and in touch with the needs of these communities."

As part of this effort, ACF's Sportsmen Alliance for Alaska (SAA) enlisted support from over 360 hunting and fishing clubs, sporting good retailers and manufacturers, lodges, guides and outfitters on a letter sent to the EPA asking them to protect Bristol Bay salmon. SAA is the only conservation entity focused on informing and engaging the hunting and angling community in conservation work in the Bristol Bay region and the Tongass National Forest.

\$162,000 awarded to manage salmon & timber in the Tongass National Forest

Wild salmon are also a vital asset of the Tongass National Forest, yet in years past managing this precious resource has not been a priority for local resource managers. Additionally, years of clear-cut logging compromised more than half of this ancient rainforest.

This year ACF joined several organizations in a ten-year campaign termed Fish, People, Place to build a durable framework for protecting the Tongass.

Drawing on lessons learned, the campaign will develop partnerships with local communities, Alaska Natives, and management agencies in the Tongass National Forest to develop new models for managing resources—from salmon to timber. This new campaign is one to watch in the future!

Collaborating to keep Alaska's coal in the ground and not polluting our air

\$1,371,000 awarded to keep Alaska's coal in the ground

With over 5.5 trillion tons of untapped coal deposits in Alaska, ACF recognizes that preventing development of Alaska's coal reserves is a vital step in mitigating global climate change. ACF's Alaska for Energy Freedom (AEF) campaign brings together 30 conservation organizations, Alaska Native tribes, and consumer groups working to keep Alaska's coal in the ground.

In 2011, the campaign focused on 3 regions—the Northwest Arctic, the Matanuska Valley and Chitna River watershed. In each of these regions, multinational companies want to extract coal and transport it to burgeoning Asian markets. The campaign worked with local communities to challenge the prospecting permits being considered by the state. AEF also reached out to national partners to begin considering a national approach to address coal exportation.

To shift Alaska's focus to energy efficiency and renewable energy, campaign partners also worked to endorse candidates for utility board elections (not public elections) who prioritized these strategies over coal use. Their efforts paid off when several of the endorsed candidates won seats on a number of Alaska's power utility association boards.

Donor Advised Funds & Endowments

To ensure Alaska's healthy future, ACF creates and manages endowments and donor advised funds for donors who have specific intention for their gifts. Here are two examples:

\$10,700 was awarded by The Studebaker Family Environmental Education Fund to the following organizations for environmental education:

- Alaska Bird Observatory
- Alaska Center for the Environment
- Alaska Youth for Environmental Action
- Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, Inc.
- Discovery Southeast
- Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center

\$4,000 was awarded by the Jeanne S. Williams Alaska Anadromous Fish Protection Endowment Fund to the following organizations:

- The Ocean Foundation
- Alaska Interfaith Power and Light
- Alaska Wilderness League

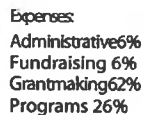
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## ACF'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

Statement of Financial Position July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011



### Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	
Grants and public support receivable	
Other receivables	
	3,209,200
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,521,595
Investments as fair value	-
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	29,455
Office equipment	5,912,491
	114,277
	-
<b>Total assets</b>	

### 2011 Ratings

For over 31 years, ACF has been a charity you can count on!

Charity Navigator: ACF received 4-stars Better Business Bureau-ACF met the 20 standards for charitable accountability EarthShare-2011 partner, combined federal campaign #12062

### Liabilities

Accounts payable	11,081,236
Accrued payroll & related liabilities	-
Grants and awards payable	-
Capital lease obligation	111,054
Gift annuity liability	58,103
	756,848
<b>Total liabilities</b>	
	890
	119,859

### Net Assets

Unrestricted	1,046,754
Board designated for endowment	-
Undesignated	-
	607,176
	882,423
Temporarily restricted	-
Permanently restricted	1,489,599
	-
<b>Total net assets</b>	
	3,670,947
	4,873,936
	10,034,482
	\$11,081,236

### YOUR IMPACT

Contributions to ACF fuel efforts to keep Alaska healthy for the long-term. Our work simply would not be possible without support from individuals, businesses and our foundation partners. Every gift ACF receives truly is special and appreciated. Thank you!

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**Alaska  
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## FY12 Grants Awarded

*Your Money at Work (as of 6/30/12)*

### Alaskans for Energy Freedom Campaign

- Alaska Center for the Environment \$5,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*GIS Support on Coal*
- Alaska Center for the Environment \$30,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Climate, Dust and Activists – Getting Fired Up Against Coal*
- Alaska Center for the Environment \$100,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Anti-Coal and Salmon Identification Project*
- Alaska Community Action on Toxics \$40,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Organizing Medical Professionals on Coal*
- Alaska Community Action on Toxics \$23,600  
Anchorage, AK  
*Support for Air Quality Monitoring in Seward*
- Alaska Conservation Alliance \$30,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Legislative strategy for the proposed Port Mackenzie rail spur*
- Alaska Public Interest Research Group \$150,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Utility Reform Campaign*
- Alaska Wilderness League \$20,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Arctic Coal Education*
- Center for Science in Public Participation \$20,000  
Bozeman, MT  
*Technical Support for AEF Campaign*
- Center for Science in Public Participation \$30,000  
Bozeman, MT  
*Technical Support for AEF Campaign*
- Chickaloon Village Traditional Council \$35,000  
Chickaloon, AK  
*Opposition to Matanuska Valley Coal Development*
- Chickaloon Village Traditional Council \$25,000  
Chickaloon, AK  
*Capacity to Oppose Matanuska Valley Coal Development*

- Chuitna Citizens Coalition \$8,000  
Beluga, AK  
*Organizing on Coal*
- Chuitna Citizens Coalition \$20,000  
Beluga, AK  
*Organizing on Chuitna Coal*
- Cook Inletkeeper \$67,500  
Homer, AK  
*Tribal Engagement*
- Cook Inletkeeper \$25,000  
Homer, AK  
*Rapid Response – Appeal of USP Decision*
- Cook Inletkeeper \$355,000  
Homer, AK  
*Chuitna Campaign*
- Friends of Mat-Su \$25,000  
Palmer, AK  
*Organizing on Coal*
- Friends of Mat-Su \$220,000  
Palmer, AK  
*Matanuska Valley Coal Campaign*
- Ground Truth Trekking \$10,000  
Seldovia, AK  
*Technical Support on Coal*
- Ground Truth Trekking \$15,000  
Seldovia, AK  
*Technical Support for AEF Campaign*
- Ground Truth Trekking \$6,000  
Seldovia, AK  
*AEF Media Library*
- Native American Rights Fund \$10,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Legal Support to the Native Village of Tyonek*
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center \$20,000  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Organizing the Interior on the Healy Experimental Coal Plant*
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center \$30,000  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Providing Grassroots Support for Anti-Coal Efforts in the Alaskan Interior and the Arctic*
- Sierra Club Foundation \$100,000  
San Francisco, CA  
*Arctic Coal Campaign*
- Trustees for Alaska \$20,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Legal Support for Coal*
- Trustees for Alaska \$300,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Legal Support for AEF Campaign*

**Total Alaskans for Energy Freedom Grants \$1,740,100 (28 items)****Alaska Native Fund**

- Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission \$6,110  
Anchorage, AK  
*Seal Habitat Protection Near Glacial Haul-outs*
- Bering Sea Fishermen's Association \$15,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Bering Sea Elders Advisory Group: Traditional Elders and Northern Bering Sea Fisheries Policy*
- International Indian Treaty Council \$10,000  
Palmer, AK  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Indigenous Women's Environmental and Reproductive Health Symposium*
- Inuit Circumpolar Council of Alaska \$10,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Traditional Knowledge/ Science Development Project*
- Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope \$10,000  
Barrow, AK  
*Alaska Native Fund – Traditional Knowledge Facilitation Project*
- Native Village of Elim \$10,000  
Elim, AK  
*Tubuktulik Watershed Assessment Project*
- Native Village of Tyonek \$10,000  
Tyonek, AK  
*Opposition to Chuitna Coal Mine*
- Organized Village of Kasaan \$18,483.08  
Kasaan, Ketchikan, AK  
*Prince of Wales Tribal Sea Otter Commission*
- Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association \$10,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Engaging Indigenous Knowledge to Reduce Chum Salmon Bycatch in the Pollock fishery*

**Total Alaska Native Fund Grants \$99,593.08 (9 items)****Bristol Bay Conservation Campaign**

- Alaska Marine Conservation Council \$22,500  
Anchorage, AK  
*Moore Family Foundation- Support*
- Center for Science in Public Participation \$25,000  
Bozeman, MT  
*Pebble Partnership Baseline Data Review*

- Center for Science in Public Participation \$46,000  
Bozeman, MT  
*Bristol Bay Campaign Support*
- National Council of Churches \$7,000  
Washington, DC  
*EcoJustice in Bristol Bay*
- Nushagak-Mulchatna Wood-Tikchik Land Trust \$5,000  
Dillingham, AK  
*Bristol Bay Fly Fishing and Guide Academy*
- Renewable Resources Foundation \$5,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*AYEA Wild Salmon Program*

**Total Bristol Bay Conservation Campaign Grants \$110,500 (6 items)**

## Community Capacity Fund

- Alaska Center for the Environment \$9,600  
Anchorage, AK  
*Merger Consultation for ACE*
- Alaska Conservation Alliance \$3,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Community Capacity – Directors Roundtable Series*
- Alaska Conservation Alliance \$10,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Community Capacity – Legislative Organizing Training*
- Alaska Conservation Alliance \$7,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Community Capacity – Database Project*
- Alaska Youth for Environmental Action \$5,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Community Capacity – Transformers Support*
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center \$5,000  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Community Capacity – Executive Leadership Support*
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center \$5,000  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Executive Support – Year 3*
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council \$5,000  
Juneau, AK  
*Community Capacity – Transformers Support*

**Total Community Capacity Fund Grants \$49,600 (8 items)**

## Conservation Achievement Awards Fund

- Alaska Marine Conservation Council \$1,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Grant designated by Dorothy Childers, winner of the 2011 Olaus Murie Award for Outstanding Professional Contributions*
- Bird Treatment and Learning Center \$1,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Grant designated by Stacy Studebaker, winner of the 2011 Celia Hunter Award for Outstanding Volunteer Contributions*

**Total Conservation Achievement Awards Fund Grants \$2,000 (2 items)**

## Conservation Internship Program

- Discovery Southeast \$6,440  
Juneau, AK  
*12 Week Education Intern*
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center \$6,440  
Fairbanks, AK  
*12 Week Arctic Intern*
- Renewable Energy Alaska Project \$6,440  
Anchorage, AK  
*Renewable Energy Fair Intern*
- Sitka Conservation Society \$6,440  
Sitka, AK  
*Using Story-Telling and Media for Social Change Organizing Internship*
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council \$6,440  
Juneau, AK  
*12 Week Tongass Forest Intern*
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council \$11,080  
Juneau, AK  
*6 Month ARM Intern*

**Total Conservation Internship Program Grants \$43,280 (6 items)**

## Jeanne S. Williams Anadromous Fish Protection Endowment Fund

- Alaska Interfaith Power and Light \$1,000  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Support for the Juneau One People, One Earth Conference*
- The Ocean Foundation \$4,000  
Washington, DC  
*Ocean Acidification Fund*

**Total Jeanne S. Williams Anadromous Fish Protection Endowment Fund Grants \$5,000 (2 items)****Leghorn Endowment Fund**

- Audubon Alaska \$1,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*General Support*
- Discovery Southeast \$2,000  
Juneau, AK  
*General Support*
- Juneau Community Foundation \$2,000  
Juneau, AK  
*General Support*

**Total Leghorn Endowment Fund Grants \$5,000 (3 items)****Organizational Capacity**

- Alaska Community Action on Toxics \$3,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Organizational Capacity – Additional Capacity Support*
- Alaska Community Action on Toxics \$3,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Organizational Capacity – Additional Capacity Support*
- Alaska Marine Conservation Council \$46,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Organizational Capacity Grant – 2012 – 2013*
- Alaska Youth for Environmental Action \$3,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Organizational Capacity – Additional Capacity Support*
- Alaska Youth for Environmental Action \$3,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Organizational Capacity Additional Capacity Support*
- Cook Inletkeeper \$3,000  
Homer, AK  
*Organizational Capacity – Additional Capacity Support*
- Cook Inletkeeper \$3,000  
Homer, AK  
*Organizational Capacity Additional Capacity Support*
- Copper River Watershed Project \$3,000  
Cordova, AK  
*Organizational Capacity Additional Capacity Support*
- Environmental Grantmakers Association \$1,000  
New York, NY  
*2011 Environmental Grantmakers Association Fall Retreat*

- Sitka Conservation Society \$3,000  
Sitka, AK  
*Organizational Capacity – Additional Capacity Support*
- Sitka Conservation Society \$3,000  
Sitka, AK  
*Organizational Capacity – Additional Capacity Support*
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council \$3,000  
Juneau, AK  
*Organizational Capacity – Additional Capacity Support*
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council \$3,000  
Juneau, AK  
*Organizational Capacity – Additional Capacity Support*
- Trustees for Alaska \$46,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Organizational Capacity Grant – 2012 – 2013*

**Total Organizational Capacity Grants \$126,000 (14 items)**

## Rapid Response Fund

- Alaska Conservation Alliance \$10,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Opposition to HB 168*
- Alaska Marine Conservation Council \$6,200  
Anchorage, AK  
*Ocean Acidification Action in State Legislature*
- Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay \$10,000  
*Mobilization for EPA Watershed Assessment*
- National Wildlife Federation \$10,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Susitna Dam Outreach*
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center \$4,100  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Travel to Village Meetings on Ambler Road*
- Nushagak-Mulchatna Wood-Tikchik Land Trust \$5,500  
Dillingham, AK  
*Rapid Response: Kemuk Mountain Fish Survey*
- Trustees for Alaska \$6,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*BSEG Rapid Response*

**Total Rapid Response Fund Grants \$51,800 (7 items)**

## Restricted Grantmaking

- Defenders of Wildlife \$8,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Wolf and Bear Co-Existence Project*
- Defenders of Wildlife \$10,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Wolf and Bear Co-Existence Project*
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center \$1,565  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Guardian Fund Payout*
- Pew Environmental Group \$195,000  
Washington, DC  
*Tongass Conservation Project*

**Total Restricted Grantmaking Fund Grants \$214,565 (4 items)**

## Strategies for Alaska's Future Fund

- Alaska Center for the Environment \$11,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Strategies for Alaska's Future*
- Alaska Conservation Alliance \$25,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Strategies for Alaska's Future*
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center \$11,000  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Strategies for Alaska's Future*
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council \$11,000  
Juneau, AK  
*Strategies for Alaska's Future*

**Total Strategies for Alaska's Future Fund Grants \$58,000 (4 items)**

## Stuebaker Family Environmental Education Donor Advised Fund

- Alaska Bird Observatory \$1,800  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Support for Environmental Education Initiatives*
- Alaska Center for the Environment \$1,800  
Anchorage, AK  
*Support for Environmental Education Initiatives – Trailside Discovery*
- Alaska Youth for Environmental Action \$1,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Support for Environmental Education Initiatives*
- Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies \$1,800  
Homer, AK  
*Support for Environmental Education Initiatives*

- Discovery Southeast \$1,800  
Juneau, AK  
*Support for Environmental Education Initiatives*
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center \$1,800  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Support for Environmental Education Initiatives*
- Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment \$1,800  
Copper Center, AK  
*Support for Environmental Education Initiatives*

**Total Studebaker Family Environmental Education Donor Advised Fund Grants \$11,800 (7 items)**

## Tongass Fish People & Place Campaign

- Alaska Wilderness League \$16,000  
Washington, DC  
*Nature Based Tourism Assessment*
- Alaska Wilderness League \$50,000  
Washington, DC  
*Tongass Salmon Watershed Campaign*
- Hydaburg Cooperative Association \$40,000  
Hydaburg, AK  
*Stewardship Conservation Coordination*
- Sitka Conservation Society \$100,000  
Sitka, AK  
*Building Community Capacity and Sustainable Economies*
- Sitka Conservation Society \$50,000  
Sitka, AK  
*Encourage Tongass Transition*
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council \$120,000  
Juneau, AK  
*Building Community Capacity and Sustainable Economies*
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council \$50,000  
Juneau, AK  
*Support grant to aid the Tongass' Transition to a Sustainable Forest Management System*
- Southeast Alaska Wilderness Exploration Analysis & Discovery \$62,000  
Juneau, AK  
*Support for Tongass People & Place*
- Trout Unlimited, Alaska Program \$30,000  
Juneau, AK  
*Education & Outreach in the Tongass*
- The Wilderness Society \$100,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Facilitation of the Tongass Transition*

**Total Tongass Fish People & Place Campaign Grants \$618,000 (10 items)**

## Watchable Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund

- Defenders of Wildlife \$2,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Living with Wolves in the Anchorage Bowl*

**Total Watchable Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Grants \$2,000 (1 item)**

**Grant Total \$3,155,238.08 (112 items)**

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### Alaska Clean Energy Campaign

- Alaska Backcountry Hunters and Anglers \$40,000  
Joseph, OR  
*Sportsmen's Outreach on Coal*
- Alaska Center for the Environment \$20,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Outreach and Organizing – Coal Issues*
- Alaska Community Action on Toxics \$40,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Organizing Medical Professionals on Coal Development*
- Alaska Conservation Alliance \$37,500  
Anchorage, AK  
*Paid Media for Energy Efficiency*
- Alaska Public Interest Research Group \$67,500  
Anchorage, AK  
*Ratepayer Movement Implementation*
- Alaska Public Interest Research Group \$25,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*AEF Priorities Strategy Development*
- Castle Mountain Coalition \$15,000  
Eagle River, AK  
*Legal Analysis of Wishbone Hill Coal Project (Grant Increase)*
- Center for Science in Public Participation \$20,000  
Bozeman, MT  
*Technical Support for Coal*
- Chuitna Citizens Coalition \$15,000  
Beluga, AK  
*Grassroots Organizing on Coal*
- Cook Inletkeeper \$5,000  
Homer, AK  
*Digital Media Coordination for Alaskans for Energy Freedom*
- Cook Inletkeeper \$62,500  
Homer, AK  
*Alaska Coal Media*
- Cook Inletkeeper \$260,000  
Homer, AK  
*Chuitna Coal Campaign*

- Cook Inletkeeper \$75,000  
Homer, AK  
*Paid Media Implementation*
- Cook Inletkeeper \$20,000  
Homer, AK  
*Fish Camp Project*
- Cook Inletkeeper \$8,000  
Homer, AK  
*Technical Experts*
- Earthworks \$25,000  
Washington, DC  
*International Coal Markets Campaign*
- Friends of Mat-Su \$89,000  
Palmer, AK  
*Matanuska Coal Organizing and Coordination*
- Friends of Mat-Su \$15,000  
Palmer, AK  
*Technical Experts for Coal Issues*
- Friends of Mat-Su \$75,000  
Palmer, AK  
*Paid Media Implementation*
- Friends of Mat-Su \$34,000  
Palmer, AK  
*Summer Organizers*
- Friends of Mat-Su \$20,000  
Palmer, AK  
*Mat Valley Coalition Outreach*
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center \$37,500  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Organizing the Interior on Coal*
- Protect Our Winters \$50,000  
Pacific Palisades, CA  
*Coal Kills Snow*
- Renewable Energy Alaska Project \$5,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*2010 Business of Clean Energy in Alaska Conference*
- Renewable Energy Alaska Project \$15,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Operating Support*
- Renewable Energy Alaska Project \$5,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Incorporating the Proposed Chuitna Coal Mine into the Theme and Messaging of Salmonstock*
- Sierra Club Foundation \$30,000  
San Francisco, CA  
*Organizing on Coal in Alaska's Arctic*
- Sierra Club Foundation \$10,000  
San Francisco, CA  
*Technical Experts*

- Trustees for Alaska \$250,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Legal Support for Coal*

**Total Alaska Clean Energy Campaign Grants \$1,371,000 (29 items)**

## Tongass Rainforest Conservation Fund

- The Nature Conservancy of Alaska \$27,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Tongass Watershed Protection- Alaska Native Outreach and Legislative Research*
- Sitka Conservation Society \$50,000  
Sitka, AK  
*Tongass Advocacy and Permanent Protection Campaign*
- Sitka Conservation Society \$25,000  
Sitka, AK  
*Strategic Media Support for the Tongass Fish, People & Place Campaign*
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council \$25,000  
Juneau, AK  
*Tongass National Forest Constituency Building Project*
- Trout Unlimited, Alaska Program \$35,000  
Juneau, AK  
*Tongass Watershed Protection- Fishermen Outreach*

**Total Tongass Rainforest Conservation Fund Grants \$162,000 (5 items)**

## Conservation Achievement Awards Fund

- Alaska Bird Observatory \$1,000  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Operating Support*
- Alaska Community Action on Toxics \$500  
Anchorage, AK  
*2010 Olaus Murie Award for Outstanding Professional Contribution, designated by Bob Shavelson*
- Alaska Youth for Environmental Action \$500  
Anchorage, AK  
*2010 Olaus Murie Award for Outstanding Professional Contribution, designated by Bob Shavelson*
- Great Land Trust, Inc. \$1,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*2010 Lowell Thomas, Jr. Award for Outstanding Civil Service, designated by Sandy Rabinowitch*
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council \$1,000  
Juneau, AK  
*2010 Celia Hunter Award for Outstanding Volunteer Contribution, designated by Theodore "Chip" Thoma*

**Total Conservation Achievement Awards Fund Grants \$4,000 (5 items)****Bristol Bay Conservation Fund**

- Alaska Marine Conservation Council \$25,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Bering Sea Elders Grant – Moore Family Foundation*
- Bristol Bay Native Association \$243,348  
Dillingham, AK  
*Bristol Bay Regional Vision Project*
- Center for Science in Public Participation \$265,000  
Bozeman, MT  
*Bristol Bay Geotechnical Data Collection and Analysis*
- National Council of Churches \$5,000  
Washington, DC  
*Eco-Justice Program – Bristol Bay Coordination*
- National Council of Churches \$2,500  
Washington, DC  
*Bristol Bay Support*
- Nunamta Aulukestai \$17,074.88  
Dillingham, AK  
*Bristol Bay – Media Work*
- Nunamta Aulukestai \$601,577  
Dillingham, AK  
*Bristol Bay Education Efforts*
- Nushagak-Mulchatna Wood-Tikchik Land Trust \$5,000  
Dillingham, AK  
*Bristol Bay Fly Fishing and Guide Academy*
- Nushagak-Mulchatna Wood-Tikchik Land Trust \$5,000  
Dillingham, AK  
*Bristol Bay Fly Fishing and Guide Academy*
- Renewable Resources Foundation \$5,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*AYEA Wild Salmon Program*
- Trustees for Alaska \$30,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Bristol Bay Campaign Legal Council (Grant Increase)*
- Trustees for Alaska \$210,500  
Anchorage, AK  
*Legal Support for Bristol Bay Campaign*

**Total Bristol Bay Conservation Fund Grants \$1,414,999.88 (12 items)****Community Capacity Fund**

- Alaska Center for the Environment \$5,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Community Capacity – Transformers Capacity Grant*
- Alaska Community Action on Toxics \$1,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Community Capacity- Mission Related Business Webinar Project*
- Alaska Conservation Voters \$15,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Community Capacity- Executive Salary Support*
- Alaska Conservation Voters \$7,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Community Capacity- Transformers Capacity Support*
- Alaska Youth for Environmental Action \$900  
Anchorage, AK  
*SOUL Train the Trainer- Capacity Leadership Pilot*
- American Littoral Society \$1,000  
Highlands, NJ  
*Arctic Funders Group*
- Bering Sea Fishermen's Association \$12,500  
Anchorage, AK  
*Bering Sea Elders Advisory Group 2011 Summit*
- Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope \$2,500  
Barrow, AK  
*North Slope Environmental Justice Conference*
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center \$8,000  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Community Capacity- Transformers Project Support*
- Pacific Environment \$912  
San Francisco, CA  
*Community Capacity- Training with Western States Center*
- Sitka Conservation Society \$900  
Sitka, AK  
*Community Capacity- Conservation Leadership Skills Building*
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council \$10,000  
Juneau, AK  
*Executive Leadership Support*
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council \$5,000  
Juneau, AK  
*Community Capacity- Board Leadership Grant*
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council \$10,000  
Juneau, AK  
*Executive Leadership Support*

**Total Community Capacity Fund Grants \$79,712 (14 items)**

## Conservation Internship Grants

- Alaska Community Action on Toxics \$4,550  
Anchorage, AK  
*Conservation Internship for Mara Hill*
- Alaska Farmland Trust Corporation \$5,205  
Palmer, AK  
*Conservation Internship for Kimberly Allen*
- Alaska Marine Conservation Council \$5,221  
Anchorage, AK  
*Conservation Internship for Camrin Dengel*
- Alaska Youth for Environmental Action \$4,550  
Anchorage, AK  
*Conservation Internship for Meghan Cavanaugh and Kevin Saechao*
- Cook Inletkeeper \$5,679  
Homer, AK  
*Conservation Internship for Eric Grazia*
- Copper River Watershed Project \$5,573  
Cordova, AK  
*Conservation Internship for Claudia Hartley*
- Discovery Southeast \$5,550  
Juneau, AK  
*Conservation Internship for Celeta Cook*
- Juneau Watershed Partnership \$7,050  
Juneau, AK  
*Conservation Internship for Lindsay Spurrier*
- Juneau Watershed Partnership \$400  
Juneau, AK  
*Internship Orientation Travel Reimbursement for Lindsay Spurrier*
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center \$5,466  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Conservation Internship for Paloma Simon*
- Renewable Energy Alaska Project \$5,498  
Anchorage, AK  
*Conservation Internship for Geoff Genzano*
- Sitka Conservation Society \$5,688  
Sitka, AK  
*Conservation Internship for Molly Casperson*
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council \$4,910  
Juneau, AK  
*Conservation internship for Jennifer Hanlon*
- Takshanuk Watershed Council \$7,050  
Haines, AK  
*Conservation Internship for Meredith Pochardt*

- Yakutat Salmon Board \$5,856  
Yakutat, AK  
*Conservation Internship for Ted Koller*
- Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council \$5,657  
Anchorage, AK  
*Conservation Internship for Elli Matkin*

**Total Conservation Internship Grants \$83,903 (16 items)**

## Organizational Capacity Grants 2011-2013

- Alaska Community Action on Toxics \$40,000  
Anchorage, AK
- Alaska Youth for Environmental Action \$40,000  
Anchorage, AK
- Cook Inletkeeper \$40,000  
Homer, AK
- Copper River Watershed Project \$40,000  
Cordova, AK
- Sitka Conservation Society \$40,000  
Sitka, AK
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council \$40,000  
Juneau, AK

**Total Organizational Capacity Grants \$240,000 (6 items)**

## Rapid Response Fund

- Alaska Marine Conservation Council \$1,780  
Anchorage, AK  
*Community Organizing for Tanner Crab Protections around Kodiak Island*
- Denali Citizens' Council \$7,000  
Denali Park, AK  
*Healy Gas Advocacy Project*
- Kachemak Bay Conservation Society \$10,000  
Homer, AK  
*Protecting Cook Inlet from Oil and Gas Expansion*
- Trustees for Alaska \$2,500  
Anchorage, AK  
*Native Community Coordination for Red Dog Mine Litigation*

**Total Rapid Response Fund Grants \$21,280 (4 items)**

## Donor Advised and Restricted Grantmaking Fund

- Alaska Bird Observatory \$1,700  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Support for Environmental Education Initiatives*
- Alaska Center for the Environment \$1,700  
Anchorage, AK  
*Support for Environmental Education Initiatives- Trailside Discovery*
- Alaska Conservation Voters \$15,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Operating Support*
- Alaska Interfaith Power and Light \$2,500  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Support from the Jeanne S Williams Endowment*
- Alaska Marine Conservation Council \$25,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*AMCC Bering Sea Elders Grant-Moore Family Foundation*
- Alaska Marine Conservation Council \$20,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Media, Communications and Outreach Staff Support*
- Alaska Wilderness League \$1,500  
Washington, DC  
*Sponsorship of Living Arctic Gala*
- Alaska Wilderness League \$500  
Washington, DC  
*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge*
- Alaska Youth for Environmental Action \$500  
Anchorage, AK  
*Support for AYEAs Annual Fundraiser*
- Alaska Youth for Environmental Action \$500  
Anchorage, AK  
*Support for Environmental Education Initiatives*
- Anchorage Waterways Council \$3,300  
Anchorage, AK  
*Operating Support*
- Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, Inc. \$1,700  
Homer, AK  
*Support for Environmental Education Initiatives*
- Discovery Southeast \$1,700  
Juneau, AK  
*Support for Environmental Education Initiatives*
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center \$1,125.30  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Operating Support*
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center \$1,700  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Support for Environmental Education Initiatives- Camp Habitat*

- The Ocean Foundation \$1,000  
Washington, DC  
*Efforts Against Ocean Acidification*
- Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment \$1,700  
Copper Center, AK  
*Support for Environmental Education Initiatives*
- Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council \$2,445  
Anchorage, AK  
*Operating Support*

**Total Donor Advised and Restricted Grantmaking Fund Grants \$3,570.30 (18 items)**

## Strategies for Alaska's Future

- Alaska Center for the Environment \$10,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Strategies for Alaska's Future- Organizing Southcentral Alaska on the IPC Priorities*
- Alaska Conservation Alliance \$25,000  
Anchorage, AK  
*Strategies for Alaska's Future- Coordination*
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center \$10,000  
Fairbanks, AK  
*Strategies for Alaska's Future- Organizing the Interior on the IPC Priorities*
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council \$10,000  
Juneau, AK  
*Strategies for Alaska's Future- Organizing Southeast Alaska on the IPC Priorities*

**Total Strategies for Alaska's Future Grants \$55,000 (4 items)**

## Watchable Wildlife Trust Fund

- Sitka Sound Science Center \$4,300  
Sitka, AK  
*Interactive Bioacoustics Marine Mammal Media Exhibit*

**Total Watchable Wildlife Trust Fund Grants \$4,300 (1 item)**

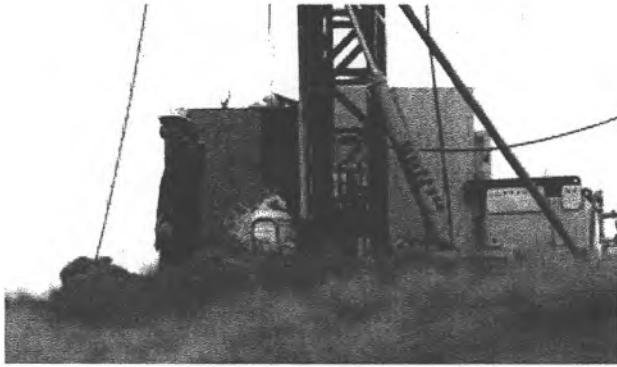
**Grand Total \$3,519,765.18 (114 items)**

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## The Threat: Pebble Mine



Exploration continues in Bristol Bay. Photo courtesy of Erin McKittrick.

The Pebble Mine threatens Alaska wild salmon and the health of the entire ecosystem that depends on them. If developed, it will be the largest open-pit mine in North America!

To extract billions of tons of raw ore from the mine, an enormous hole would be gorged in the ground—more than 2 miles across and 2,000 feet deep. The billions of tons of mine waste would be dumped into man-made lakes, created by flooding 10 square miles of land behind earthen dams more than 600 feet high. Sulfur and other chemicals would be impounded in these lakes—located in an **active earthquake zone**. And to keep things running smoothly 35 billion gallons of water would be drawn from local streams and rivers each year.

## Sustaining a Healthy Bristol Bay - a Diverse Coalition Fights Back

The grave threat posed by the Pebble Mine has united a diverse coalition. Commercial fisherman, sport anglers, Native subsistence fishermen, lodge owners, fishing guides, local businesses and environmental groups have joined together because of their shared interest in protecting this extraordinary region. The coalition is working to prevent permitting of the mine by state and federal agencies, demonstrate that the project is simply too costly for investors and secure the permanent protection of Bristol Bay.

Alaska Conservation Foundation's (ACF) Bristol Bay Protection Campaign is instrumental to this effort. ACF helps coordinate the campaign's activities and provides funding for scientific research, legal support and public outreach. The campaign includes commercial fisherman, sportsmen, lodge owners and Alaska Native villages and organizations working diligently to stop the mine.

## You Can Help!

By donating to ACF, you help support these efforts to protect Bristol Bay from the certain ruin that would be inflicted by the Pebble Mine.

## Your \$ at Work

ACF serves as fiscal sponsor of the Bristol Bay Protection Campaign to fund the scientific research, legal support and public outreach necessary to protect the Bristol Bay watershed and the communities that rely on it remaining healthy.

See the list of grants awarded with your help!

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## Updates from the Field

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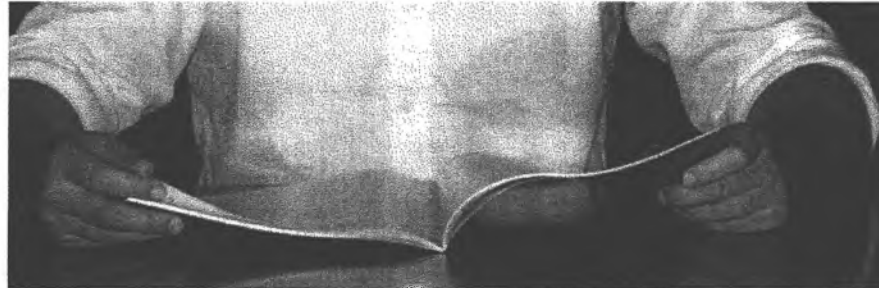
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We offer opportunities for internships in our offices in Washington, DC; Denver, CO, San Francisco, CA; Sacramento, CA; Boston, MA; and Seattle, WA. Numbers of positions vary according to location and semester.

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**Projected No. of Volunteers:**

50 - Available positions vary according to semester and location.

**Assignments:**

Assignments will vary. In general, interns assist the Division's trial lawyers in preparing cases for filing and supporting the litigation effort post-filing, and assist the Division's appellate lawyers in researching issues on appeal. Responsibilities typically include conducting legal research, drafting motions, discovery, and memoranda of law dealing with a variety of federal environmental and natural resource issues. The Division handles cases covering a broad spectrum of issues including the protection of endangered species and civil and criminal enforcement of federal pollution control laws. An internship provides an outstanding opportunity to work on cutting edge issues of environmental law.

**Salary:** Volunteer (without compensation) or work-study credit only.

**Minimum Weeks Required:** Summer – 8 weeks (full summer strongly preferred). School year – complete semester or quarter.

**Qualifications:**

First-year (second-semester), second-year and third-year law students are eligible to apply. Joint degree and LL.M students are also eligible to apply, provided they meet the eligibility requirements set forth below. First-year, first-semester law students may apply after December 1st for internships the following summer. The Department follows the National Association of Law Placement guidelines that prohibit employer contact with first-year (first-semester) students regarding summer employment prior to that date. Law students may work in volunteer positions only while attending law school. Law school graduation terminates eligibility, except for graduate law students enrolled at least half time and who are not practicing law. Prefer students with strong academic qualifications, research and writing skills and who have an interest in litigation, environmental law, and/or public interest law. Applicants must successfully complete a security clearance prior to appointment.

**To Apply:**

**Washington, DC:**

Beginning in 2014, ENRD has streamlined its application process for Washington, DC internship applications. Washington, DC internship positions now are advertised through the Symplicity job posting service (available in most law school placement offices) or this website.

**Summer 2014:** Visit your career services office to view ENRD's Symplicity job posting for Washington, DC internships : VOLUNTEER LEGAL INTERN SUMMER 2014 (ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION). Summer applications for Washington, DC internships will be accepted until January 12, 2014.

To apply for a Summer 2014 internship in Washington, DC, submit by email to [applyintern.enrd@usdoj.gov](mailto:applyintern.enrd@usdoj.gov) the following materials:

- Section application form
- Cover letter stating hours/days available to work;
- Resume (which includes your country of citizenship);
- Writing sample;
- Copy of your most recent transcript (official or unofficial); and
- Three references with contact information, including telephone and email (letters of recommendation not required).

**Fall 2014:** ENRD will begin accepting applications for its Fall 2014 Washington, DC internships in March. This website will be updated and an announcement will be listed through the career services offices on the Symplicity system at that time.

Questions about this program may be directed to [correspondence.enrd@usdoj.gov](mailto:correspondence.enrd@usdoj.gov).



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A substantial portion of the Division's work includes litigation under a plethora of statutes related to the management of public lands and associated natural and cultural resources. All varieties of public lands are affected by the Division's litigation docket, ranging from entire ecosystems, such as the Nation's most significant sub-tropical wetlands (the Everglades) and the Nation's largest rain forest (the Tongass), to individual rangelands or wildlife refuges.

Examples also include original actions before the Supreme Court to address interstate boundary and water allocation issues, suits over management decisions affecting economic, recreational and religious uses of the National Parks and National Forests, and actions to recover royalties and revenues from exploitation of natural resources.

The Division represents all the land management agencies of the United States including, for instance, the Forest Service, the Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Defense.

The Natural Resources Section is primarily responsible for these cases.

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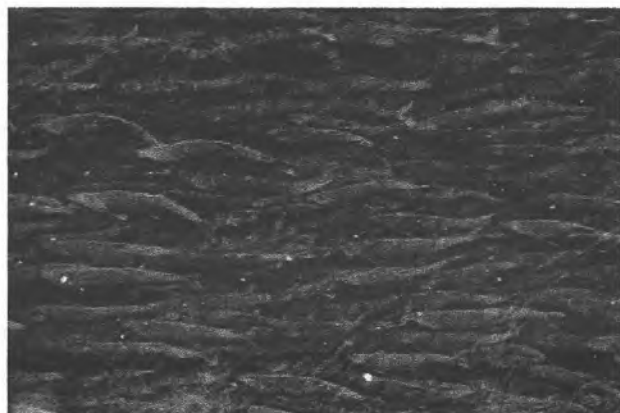


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## Bristol Bay

*Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed—lifeblood of the world's largest wild sockeye salmon runs—is threatened by plans for a gigantic open-pit gold mine.*

Alaska's Bristol Bay can be defined by one thing: SALMON. Over a half-million square miles of rivers and streams sustain the largest remaining wild salmon populations and habitat on Earth. Millions of sockeye, Chinook, chum, coho and pink salmon return from the sea to their spawning grounds in the pristine waters of Bristol Bay each year.



Spawning sockeye at Katmai National Park. Photo by Ben Knight.

In return, these salmon nourish a wild, largely unspoiled ecosystem and support a sustainable human economy. Commercial fishing boats jostle for the best position to set their nets, while anglers travel from around the world for a chance to catch salmon and trout at remote lodges. The region's Native peoples, still living their traditional ways, fill their freezers and smokehouses with fish for the coming year.

Bristol Bay teems with wildlife. Huge brown bears prowl the streams eager to fuel their bodies on salmon. And on land the Mulchatna Caribou Herd—one of the largest in Alaska at 120,000 animals—roams across the tundra. Moose, wolves, black bears, waterfowl, raptors and other migratory birds create a rich diversity.

This is a region where humans have treaded lightly and live in balance with nature. But, life in Bristol Bay may be altered forever—a plan to develop a massive open-pit gold and copper mine at the headwaters of Bristol Bay is underway. Additionally, offshore in Bristol Bay's rich marine waters, the drive to drill for oil and gas resources continues after more than 30 years.

**WHAT IS THE TRUST LAND OFFICE?**

The Trust Land Office (TLO) is a unit attached to the Department of Natural Resources that is specifically responsible for managing the land and other natural resources owned by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (The Trust). The TLO generates revenue by leasing and sales of land; real estate investment and development; commercial timber sales; mineral exploration and production; coal, oil and gas exploration and development; and sand, gravel and rock sales.

**WHAT IS THE ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY?**

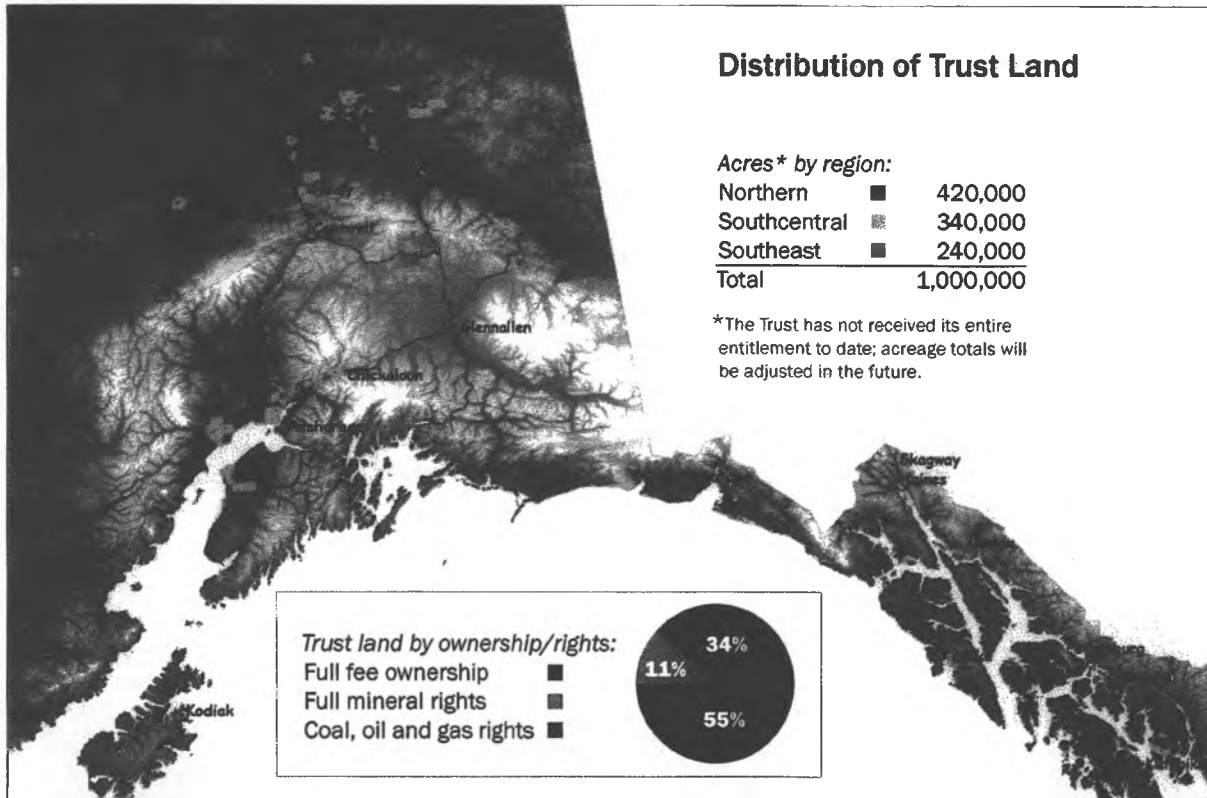
The Trust is a state corporation that administers the Alaska Mental Health Trust, a perpetual trust managed for the benefit of people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, chronic alcoholism and other substance related disorders, Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia, and traumatic brain injury. The Trust operates like a private foundation, using its resources to ensure that Alaska has a comprehensive integrated mental health program. The Trust annually budgets approximately \$26 million to support services and programs for Trust beneficiaries.

**WHY DOES THE TRUST OWN LAND?**

Prior to statehood, Alaska did not have a mental health system. Individuals with a mental disability, such as a mental illness, Down syndrome, dementia or chronic alcoholism, could be charged as an “insane person at large” and sent by the federal government to a mental hospital in Oregon. In 1956, Congress passed the Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act, entitling the Territory of Alaska to select one million acres of federal land to be used for revenue generation to support mental health services after Alaska became a state.

**WHAT IS THE TLO’s STEWARDSHIP ROLE?**

In addition to revenue generation, the TLO is charged with managing Trust lands prudently, efficiently and with accountability to The Trust and its beneficiaries. The TLO carries out its stewardship role by managing and protecting the inherent value of The Trust’s real property portfolio for today’s development opportunities and into perpetuity. Preservation responsibilities include evaluating and monitoring a long-term asset management strategy, restoration or reclamation projects, conservation easements and trespass/access controls.



## CURRENT PROJECTS ON TRUST LAND

### MINERAL:

Most of the mineral assets managed by the TLO are located on Trust land in the Interior and Southeast Alaska. Prospective mineral tracts are typically offered for exploration and development through a competitive leasing process. There has been heightened interest in leasing Trust land for gold exploration in recent years. Development of the Ft. Knox Mine and exploration at Livengood are the most visible producing and developing mines. In addition, there are several placer leases on Trust land where miners are re-mining historical workings. When completed, they will use modern reclamation techniques to restore the land for future Trust uses.

### COAL and UNDERGROUND COAL GASIFICATION:

A large portion of original Trust land was specifically selected for its abundance of coal and associated revenue-generating potential. The Trust holds active coal leases near Tyonek, Healy and Chickaloon. In addition, about 167,000 acres are under coal exploration licenses for deep coal deposits which could lead to leases being developed as Underground Coal Gasification units. Products from these leases could range from syn-gas used to power electric turbines to sulfur-free diesel or aviation fuel.

### OIL and GAS:

The Trust holds oil and gas interests throughout the Cook Inlet area and Nenana Basin. Leases have been executed with five companies and approximately 120,000 acres are currently leased. Extensive seismic work and test drilling are underway on Trust land on both sides of Cook Inlet.



Natural gas well on Trust land on the Kenai Peninsula



Gold-bearing granite mined at Ft. Knox near Fairbanks

### TIMBER:

The Trust's forest resources are located throughout Alaska. Timber sales have accounted for about 25 percent of the TLO's income over the last few years. The Trust is working with the U.S. Forest Service on a land exchange that would allow the TLO to maximize The Trust's assets and maintain revenue while preserving old growth forests bordering seven communities in Southeast Alaska.



Ken Graham Photo

Orthopedic Physicians Anchorage building on Trust land in U-Med District

### REAL ESTATE:

Some land owned by The Trust is located in areas that are well suited for residential or commercial use. These lands are made available to the public through commercial and residential leasing and an ongoing residential and commercial subdivision program. Real estate investments and developments are selected for their long-term income potential for The Trust.

### LAND SALES and MANAGEMENT:

Land sales and land use activities have contributed more than 50 percent of the total revenue generated by the TLO from inception. Trust lands generate revenue throughout the state in the form of leases, licenses, and easements. TLO land managers also sell Trust land through either the annual competitive land sale program or negotiated land sales.

# Managing Resources: Increasing Assets for Beneficiaries

Under board of trustee direction and in accordance with state statute, the Trust Land Office is specifically responsible for managing the land and other non-cash assets of The Trust. The TLO generates revenue through leasing and sales of land; real estate investment and development; commercial timber sales; mineral exploration and production; coal, oil and gas exploration and development; and sand, gravel and rock sales.

In addition to revenue generation, the TLO is charged with managing Trust lands prudently, efficiently and with accountability. The TLO carries out its stewardship role by managing and protecting the inherent value of The Trust's portfolio for today's development opportunities and into perpetuity. Preservation responsibilities include evaluating and monitoring a long-term asset management strategy, restoration or reclamation projects, conservation easements, and access controls.

## Minerals & Materials

- Fort Knox produced significant royalties during the year as the result of high gold prices and low cost production.
- A lease was signed with Kinross Gold Corporation to explore and develop resources at the Ophir Block.
- PacRim Coal submitted one of two Alaska Surface Coal Mining Control and Reclamation Act permits for the Chuitna coal project; submissions were also completed for wetlands and air permits.

## Land

- The annual competitive land sale generated revenues of \$1.1 million.
- Two Fish Lake and Island Lake road construction projects were completed.
- Work continued to increase revenue generation from existing utilities infrastructure. These agreements are long-term, steady streams of income revenue.
- The Municipality of Anchorage approved the request to consolidate tracts and vacate certain easements in the Community Park Alaska subdivision. The action netted an increase of eight acres of developable land at Bragaw and Northern Lights.

## Forestry

- A timber sale was executed near Wrangell and is expected to generate \$575,000 over the life of the contract.

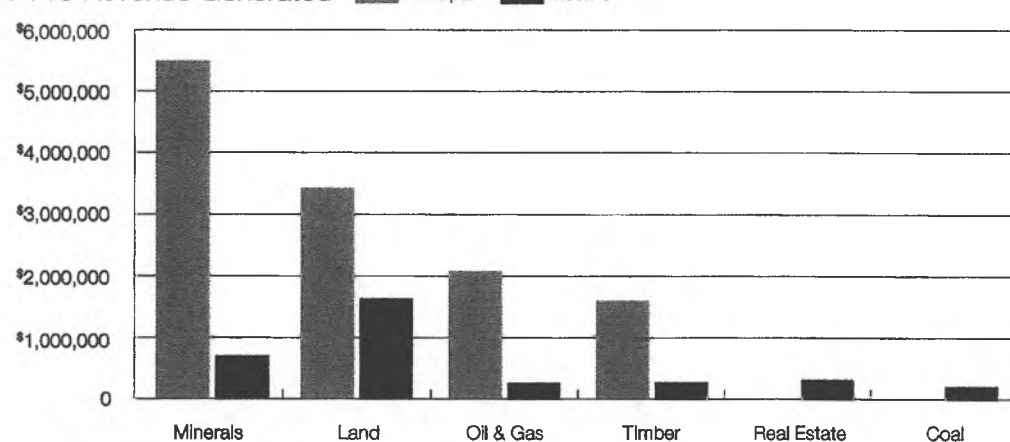
## Real Estate

- The acquisition of the IRS mail sorting facility in Ogden, Utah, under a long-term lease to the U.S. General Services Administration, was finalized. The facility will produce over \$500,000 of annual income revenue.
- A lease for a tract in the University-Medical District in Anchorage was finalized, initially bringing in over \$116,000 per year. Rents will increase over the 70-year term, potentially totaling \$14 million.

## Oil & Gas

- Aurora Gas developed new access at Nicolai Creek, North Cook Inlet, and obtained permits to drill a new gas well.
- Buccaneer Energy produced gas from the Kenai Loop Field Pad No. 1, which was joined by a second producing well in the second half of the year. Royalties for the year exceeded \$2 million.

FY13 Revenue Generated



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5 February 2014

Neil MacKinnon  
President

The Honorable Cathy Giessel  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Rosemary Hagevig  
Vice President

RE: Senate Joint Resolution 16

Joseph Kahklen  
Secretary

Dear Senator Giessel:

Frank Bergstrom  
Treasurer

The First Things First Alaska Foundation (FTFAF) wishes to express our support for SJR 16 and our appreciation for your raising this important issue to Alaskans. The First Things First Alaska Foundation is dedicated to preserving the economic viability and future of Alaska through education. There is a clear need to educate the public on the inappropriate nature of the federal government financially supporting nongovernmental organizations who are attempting to prevent Alaska developing its natural resources.

Directors  
Corey Baxter  
Richard Burns  
Gail Dabaluz  
Naomi Hobbs  
John Sandor  
Ursula Sfraga  
Scott Spickler

The introduction and hearing of SJR 16 will foster a needed public discussion of the many ways the federal government is granting federal funds to organizations who are dedicated to the opposition of Alaska developing its resources as provided in our state constitution and Alaska's Statehood Compact.

Denny DeWitt  
Executive Director

Alaska has developed a strong and comprehensive permitting process to protect our natural surroundings while developing our resource base. The federal government should respect that process and the rights of Alaska to manage its resources. Funding nongovernmental organizations to challenge and litigate against Alaska is clearly an inappropriate use of federal funding.

We believe that SJR 16 is critically important to Alaska's future ability to develop its resources and provide economic development and jobs for its citizens.

Sincerely,

*Neil MacKinnon*

Neil MacKinnon  
President

**First Things First Alaska Foundation (FTFAF) is dedicated to preserving the economic viability and future of Alaska through education. There is a clear need to educate the public on the benefits of responsible economic development and natural resource management.**

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version SJR 16  
Fiscal Note Number 1  
( ) Publish Date 2/5/2014

Identifier (file name) \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected \_\_\_\_\_  
Title SJR 16 OPPOSE FEDERAL AID TO CERTAIN Appropriation \_\_\_\_\_  
NONPROFITS Allocation \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Senator Giessel \_\_\_\_\_  
Requester Senate Resources Committee OMB Component Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY15 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY15 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)						
1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF							
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1007	I/A Rcpts (Other)							
1156	Rcpt Svcs (DGF)							
		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

POSITIONS								
Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**CHANGE IN REVENUES**

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY14) operating costs \_\_\_\_\_ (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY15) costs \_\_\_\_\_ (separate capital appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended, or repealed? \_\_\_\_\_ Discuss details in analysis section.

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)**

Prepared by Senate Resources Committee  
Division \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved by /s/ Senator Giessel, Chair  
Division \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 465-4843  
Date/Time 2/5/14 12:00 AM  
Date 2/5/2014



Council of  
**Alaska Producers**

**Comments on SJR016  
Opposing Federal Aid to Certain Non-Profits**

February 5, 2014

The Honorable Senator Cathy Giessel  
Capitol Building  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Giessel:

The Council of Alaska Producers (CAP) is writing to support Senate Joint Resolution 16 urging the federal government to stop providing funding, through federal agencies, to non-governmental organizations that oppose the development of Alaska's resources.

CAP is a non-profit trade association formed in 1992 and serves as a spokesperson for the large metal mines and major metal developmental projects in the state. Bringing together mining companies with interest in Alaska, the Council represents and informs members on legislative and regulatory issues, supports and advances the mining industry, educates members, the media, and the general public on mining related issues, and promotes economic opportunity and environmentally sound mining practices.

Alaska has a long history of responsibly managing its natural resource wealth for the maximum benefit of its people as mandated by its Constitution. CAP supports the Alaska Legislature in taking a hard stance opposing any efforts by federal agencies to hinder or delay development of the state's natural resources by providing funding used for advocacy campaigns opposed to resource development. CAP supports a permitting process that is rigorous, science based, transparent and predictable and we oppose federal funding of groups that may work to prejudice the public and preempt the process.

Thank you for introducing this resolution and for your support of responsible development of Alaska's resources.

Sincerely,

Karen Matthias  
Managing Consultant



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Growing Alaska Through Responsible Resource Development

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February 7, 2014

Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair  
Senate Resources Committee  
Alaska State Senate  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support for SJR 16: Urging the federal government to stop providing funding, through federal agencies, to nongovernmental organizations that oppose the development of Alaska's resources.

Dear Chairwoman Giessel and members of the Senate Resources Committee:

The Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc. (RDC) is writing in support of SJR 16, a resolution urging the federal government to stop providing funding, through federal agencies, to nongovernmental organizations that oppose the development of Alaska's resources.

RDC is an Alaskan business association comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's oil and gas, mining, forest products, tourism, and fisheries industries. Our membership includes all of the Alaska Native regional corporations, local communities, organized labor, and industry support firms. RDC's purpose is to expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

RDC is concerned the federal government is discouraging investment in Alaska by donating funding, through federal agencies, to nongovernment organizations (NGOs) who oppose development of Alaska's natural resources. The funding of these groups contradicts the mission of RDC to *Grow Alaska Through Responsible Resource Development*.

In recent years, lawsuits by NGOs have caused delays and other issues for projects in Alaska, often with little or no added benefit to the environment. These frivolous lawsuits have threatened Alaska jobs, businesses, and communities. An example would be Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) exploration and development. OCS activity has been hindered by NGO lawsuits, which can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to the State and project proponents. Even when projects are not ultimately stopped, the uncertainty of litigation can effectively stop progress on projects.

The NGOs involved in that type of litigation often collect large attorney fees from the federal government in lawsuits aimed at systematically stopping development in oil, mining, timber, and other industries.

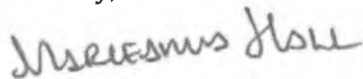
Alaska's constitution states in Article XIII, section 2, "the legislature shall provide for the utilization, development, and conservation of all natural resources belonging to the State,

including land and waters, for the maximum benefit of its people." As most of the State's funding comes from resource development, it is important Alaska be able to achieve fiscal certainty.

RDC believes the federal and state governments should strive to achieve comprehensive, responsible, and long-range fiscal plans, and the transfer of federal dollars to NGOs that oppose the development of Alaska's resources should be stopped. It is in the State's best interest to urge the federal government to stop funding these groups.

RDC thanks Senator Giessel for introducing this resolution, and urges the Alaska Legislature to pass SJR 16.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marleanna Hall".

Marleanna Hall  
Projects Coordinator



# ALASKA MINERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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February 6, 2014

Senator Cathy Giessel  
Alaska State Capitol Room 427  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Giessel:

The Alaska Miners Association writes to express its support for Senate Joint Resolution 16, urging the Federal Government to stop providing funding, through federal agencies, to nongovernmental organizations that oppose the development of Alaska's resources.

The Alaska Miners Association (AMA) is a non-profit membership organization established in 1939 to represent the mining industry in Alaska. We are composed of more than 1,500 individual prospectors, geologists, engineers, vendors, suction dredge miners, small family mines, junior mining companies, and major mining companies. Our members look for and produce gold, silver, platinum, molybdenum, lead, zinc, copper, coal, limestone, sand and gravel, crushed stone, armor rock, and other materials.

Upon being admitted to the United States, Congress recognized that while having a small population, Alaska was rich with natural resources. They realized that the state had the ability to sustain itself through the development of those resources by making them "available for maximum use consistent with the public interest." Today, lawmakers have the responsibility to implement measures that responsibly develop our natural resources: ensuring Alaska has a diverse, vibrant economy while protecting the environment, wildlife, and human health.

Despite the superb management of Alaska's natural resources, there are multiple organizations and individuals who adamantly oppose natural resource development in Alaska; choosing to ignore science and employ exaggerated, disingenuous campaigns to publicize their opposition. AMA does not believe these organizations should be funded by federal government agencies and taxpayer dollars. Therefore, we urge the passage of SJR16 to encourage the federal government to not fund them.

Thank you for introducing this resolution and protecting Alaska's economy.

Sincerely,

Deantha Crockett  
Executive Director