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Federal Legislation

The Great American Outdoors Act was signed into law August 4th. GAOA will allocate nearly \$3 billion per year total to conservation and public lands upkeep, including \$900 million to the Land and Water Conservation Fund and \$1.9 billion to improvements at national parks and other public spaces.

Historic Preservation Fund	FY 2020	FY 2021 Admin	FY 2021 House	FY2021 Senate
States	\$ 52.675	26.9	\$55.675	awaiting
Tribes	13.735	5.7	15.0	action
Underrepresented communities	.75	-0-	1.0	
Civil Rights Movement grants	15.50	-0-	18.0	
Civil rights – All Americans	2.50	-0-	4.25	
Historic Black colleges	10.00	8.0	10.0	
Save America’s Treasures	16.00	-0-	25.0	
Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization	7.50	-0-	7.5	

TOTALS \$ 118.67 \$ 40.6 \$ 136.425

* Figures are in millions.

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The Office of History and Archaeology is recruiting for three positions in August on Workplace. <https://doa.alaska.gov/dop/workplace/#agency-navigation-menu>

Historian III – This position serves as the State Historian and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer and is responsible for administering several historic preservation programs including the National Register for Historic Places, historic preservation tax credit, Certified Local Government, and grants programs in the Office of History and Archaeology.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alaska/jobs/2840480/historian-iii-state-historian-pcn-10-5007?keywords=10-5007&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

Archaeologist II – This position provides support to the State Archaeologist regarding State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits (SCRIP) and emergency response. The position will assist responders in meeting state and federal environmental requirements regarding cultural resources during emergency situations, such as oil spills, and pre-incident planning. This position will also assist with special projects, including the development of protocols to document and consider culturally significant places during pre-incident planning for inland oil spill response in Alaska. <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alaska/jobs/2837733/archaeologist-ii-pcn-10-5243?keywords=10-5243&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

Natural Resource Technician III – This position works in the Alaska Heritage Resource Survey/Integrated Business System Unit, entering data and digitizing documents.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alaska/jobs/2830195/natural-resource-technician-iii-pcn-10-5240?keywords=10-5240&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

COVID 19 Adjustments

OHA employees continue to work remotely. This means that correspondence, phone calls, and the processing of invoices/payments may be delayed.

While the Office of History and Archaeology staff are working remotely, we recommend people contact staff by email. **If you have a general inquiry, a project for review, or state cultural resources investigation permit application please use one of the following email addresses:**

General inquiry, geographic names, Alaska Historical Commission, etc.: dnr.oha@alaska.gov
Review/compliance, Section 106, project review: oha.revcomp@alaska.gov
State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits: oha.permits@alaska.gov

Section 106 COVID 19 guidance from the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer is available at the following link: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/shpo/shpocovid19.pdf>

The Alaska SHPO has invoked tolling effective March 19, 2020 regarding the timelines outlined in 36 CFR 800. With tolling, the 30-day regulatory clock that would allow agencies to proceed with their undertaking following non-response after 30 days does not apply. SHPO will be allowed to comment beyond the 30 days.

Tuxedni Bay Pictograph Site listed in the National Register

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places added Tuxedni Bay Pictograph Site, a rock art and processing site dated 1400- 1500 AD, to the nation's catalog of significant cultural properties on August 11, 2020. It is located within the boundaries of the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve.

National Park Service

Updates about the overall NPS response to COVID-19, including safety information, are posted on www.nps.gov/coronavirus.

National Park Service Acting Director, David Vela, who is the current Deputy Director of Operations for NPS, announced he will retire in September, 2020. The Secretary of the Interior, David Bernhardt, has designated Margaret Everson to assume the authority of NPS Acting Director. Ms. Everson currently serves as Counselor to Secretary Bernhardt and as Deputy Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Shawn Bengel will take over as Deputy Director of Operations when David Vela retires in September.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

President Trump designated Rick Gonzalez of Palm Beach, Florida, as the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation vice chairman. Gonzalez was appointed as an ACHP expert member by the President earlier this year with a term ending in June 2023.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is offering digital classrooms for their Section 106 courses: The Section 106 Essentials and Section 106 Agreements Seminar. They will use Zoomgov.com. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom.

Department of Interior:

Secretary of Interior, David Bernhardt announced he would establish the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) Coordination and Implementation Task Force to implement the department's portion of the landmark legislation. The task force will be chaired by the new NPS Acting Director, Margaret Everson. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-bernhardt-takes-action-implement-greatest-conservation-funding-law-us>

National Trust for Historic Preservation:

Annual Grants: The National Trust for Historic Preservation is accepting applications for its annual grants program. The funding ranges from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and supports preservation planning and educational projects. Application deadline is October 1. Applications are available eight weeks before the deadline. The National Trust reports that past grant projects have included engineering and architectural consulting services; tours that are accessible via smart devices; and market studies to assist in prioritizing preservation objectives. For more information visit <http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/preservation-funds> or contact Grants@savingplaces.org.

University of Alaska Museum of the North

The UA Museum of the North has new online course offering, Fundamentals of Museum Studies I, for the Fall semester at UAF. It is the first in a series of courses that are developing at UAMN to build a larger Museum Studies Program, <https://msm211.community.uaf.edu/>. For more

information contact: Stefanie Ickert-Bond, smickertbond@alaska.edu. or Angela Linn, ajlinn@alaska.edu

PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

USDA Forest Service Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Facility Improvements:

Constructing facility improvements to accommodate visitor growth.

Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=53780

Estimated comment period October 2020.

Pebble Project

The Corps of Engineers released the Final EIS. For more information visit

<https://pebbleprojecteis.com>

AK LNG

Draft Cultural Resources Management Plan is out for consulting party review.

Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:

Pebble Project

Programmatic Agreement and CRMP

Formerly Used Defense Sites Program

Programmatic Agreement

U. S. Coast Guard Base Kodiak

Programmatic Agreement and ICRMP

Kensington Mine

Programmatic Agreement

For information on how to participate in the process, or on how to review and comment on the above projects, contact Sarah Meitl, sarah.meitl@alaska.gov.

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

2020

August 18-19 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Essentials*. Digital Classroom. Two four-hour sessions on consecutive days. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$350.00 To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom.

August 20 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Digital Classroom. One four-hour session. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$300.00. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom.

September 15-16 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Essentials*. Digital Classroom. Two four-hour sessions on consecutive days. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$350.00. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom.

September 17 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Digital Classroom. One four-hour session. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$300.00. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom.

September 23-26 American Association for State and Local History annual meeting: What Kind of Ancestor Will You Be? ONLINE (AASLH, 615.320.3203 / info@aslh.org)

October 13-14 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Essentials*. Digital Classroom. Two four-hour sessions on consecutive days. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$350.00. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom.

October 15 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Digital Classroom. One four-hour session. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$300.00. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom.

October 14-17, 2020 Alaska Historical Society annual meeting and conference at Sitka, Alaska. Virtual meeting under discussion.

October 28-30 National Trust for Historic Preservation, PastForward, the National Preservation Conference, ONLINE Virtual Event (NTHP, 202.588.6000 / info@savingplaces.org)

November 10-11 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Essentials*. Digital Classroom. Two four-hour sessions on consecutive days. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$350.00. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom.

November 12 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Digital Classroom. One four-hour session. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$300.00. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

December 8-9 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Essentials*. Digital Classroom. Two four-hour sessions on consecutive days. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$350.00. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom.

December 10 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Digital Classroom. One four-hour session. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$300.00. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom