

THE BEAR FACTS

A Quarterly Newsletter from The Alaska Coalition



ONCE MORE INTO THE BREACH...

By Dan Ritzman

Alaska is a land of superlatives. Some of our nations' greatest writers have applied labels such as "the last best place...the final frontier...the Great Land...our last chance to do it right." If you look at the numbers it is not hard to see how these labels came to be. Alaska is the largest of our United States — more than twice the size of next biggest — Texas. This land of superlatives boasts erupting volcanoes, and calving glaciers, North America's tallest mountain, (Denali), one of the longest rivers, (Yukon) and more miles of ocean coastline than the rest and the United States combined. Thankfully, due to the hard work of thousands of Americans, much of this magnificence is permanently protected for all of us.

Alaska contains 68% of America's National Park acreage, 83% of the land in the National Wildlife Refuge system, America's two largest National Forests, and 70 million acres managed by the Bureau of Land Management. These public lands are held in trust for all Americans for this and our future generations, and they contain some of the last truly intact natural wild healthy ecosystems in our nation. It's important to celebrate this wilderness, these pristine places that symbolize freedom, but we must also work to safeguard Alaska's treasures. These lands face myriad of threats from federally subsidized logging, mining, irresponsible use of off-road vehicles, road building, and oil and gas development.

The Alaska Coalition is here to help protect these lands by bringing together a diverse coalition of groups from across the country.

The Coalition is comprised of conservation, sporting, and religious organizations representing both national and local members. Over the years the Coalition has helped in a number of successful efforts to protect millions of acres of the Great Land (see Directors notes). And this spring saw one of the great conservation victories of the past decade, when the member groups and organizers working as part of the Alaska Coalition helped to stop the misguided effort to open "America's Serengeti," the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil exploration and development.

The fight in the Senate, over the fate of the Refuge, lasted for nearly eight months. It is a testament to the convictions of the members of the Alaska Coalition that they were able to maintain the momentum over the long haul. The final vote in the Senate of 54 to 46 sent a powerful message that the majority of Americans do not want to see one of its natural wonders despoiled. Eight Republicans voted against Arctic drilling, proving that conservation is bipartisan, a bedrock American value that transcends politics and party affiliation.

The Wall Street Journal summed it up this way the day after the vote:

"Wednesday's vote was a big victory for environmentalists, particularly the Alaska Coalition, a loose coalition of 500 conservation-minded groups. "This vote wasn't just about tree huggers," said Jamie Clark, a vice president of the National Wildlife

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Welcome to the Team

Hello everyone, I hope you'll spare a few minutes and allow me to reintroduce you to the Alaska Coalition. The Alaska Coalition was founded in 1970 to educate and organize Americans eager to protect Alaska's magnificent wild places for this and future generations.

In the early 1970's, after land transfers to the State and Alaska's aboriginal inhabitants, conservationists realized they needed a national campaign to ensure a portion of Alaska's remaining federal lands remained wild and free, and held in trusts for all of the American people.

The hard work and sacrifice paid off in a big way. In 1980 President Jimmy Carter signed the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) into law. This landmark conservation legislation designated over 100 million acres of federal public lands as Wilderness, National Parks, and National Wildlife Refuges.

While ANILCA achieved many great protections, much work remains to be done. Not only do more lands need permanent protection, existing parks, refuges and Wilderness areas, must be defended against threats from developers and hostile politicians.

As you will learn from reading through this newsletter, the challenges we face are daunting, but the opportunities are also unprecedented.

Not only will the Alaska Coalition continue to defend the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, but we will help with efforts to permanently protect the remaining wild places in the Tongass and Chugach National Forests. And we will continue, with your help, to stand strong against attacks on Alaska's public lands.

Please help us preserve, protect, and designate new Alaska National Interest Lands by joining the Alaska Coalition.

Thanks for reading. We look forward to working with you.

Tim Bristol/Director
Juneau, Alaska

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The Alaska Coalition

Is a coalition of over 600 conservation, sporting, and religious groups working together to protect Alaska's wild public lands.

We work to safeguard the health and wildness of Alaska's public lands from the tundra of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to the Chugach and Tongass National Forests, the lush temperate rainforests that stretch from Kodiak to Prince of Wales Island in southeast Alaska. The Alaska Coalition is a project of the Alaska Conservation Foundation.

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ACTIVIST PROFILE:

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Carol Jean Larsen is president of the Bismarck Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. To properly introduce this story, it must be mentioned that Senator Kent Conrad's grandparents founded the Bismarck Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and that Senator Conrad himself is a Unitarian.

In January 2002, the Bismarck UUF hosted our Alaska Coalition Arctic activist training at their church and had several members attend the training. Carol Jean placed a call to former ND Governor Art Link during lunch. He was there within 15 minutes. He signed up as an "American for Alaska" basically on the spot, and his endorsement meant a lot to both of North Dakota's Senators.

Carol Jean Larsen convinced her entire congregation (with the exception of 3 members – Conrad's brother, Conrad staffer, and a political reporter) to sign onto a letter to Conrad urging him to protect the Arctic Refuge. It was the first time the church had sent Conrad an issue letter on its letterhead.

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ALASKA RAINFOREST CONSERVATION ACT

By Laurie Cooper

The Alaska Rainforest Conservation Act (H.R. 2908), introduced in September 2001 by Reps. Rosa DeLauro (D – CT) and Connie Morella (R – MD), continues to draw new co-sponsors. Currently 118 members of Congress have signed onto this historic bi-partisan legislation, which would protect over 13 million acres of threatened lands in the Tongass and Chugach National Forests – the nation's two largest National Forests.

Celebrated the world over as the last great temperate rainforest, the Chugach and Tongass National Forests under the Alaska Rainforest Conservation Act will receive protection from clear-cut logging, road building, mining and other harmful development activities in these pristine forests.

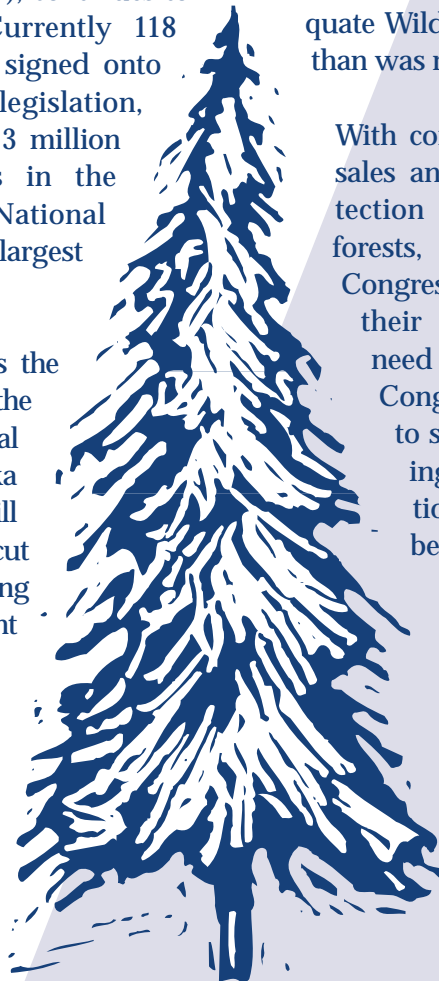
Unfortunately, the Forest Service is methodically rolling-back protections in the rainforest. In the Tongass, they are moving forward with 30 timber sales in roadless areas that

would be covered by the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, a policy supported by millions of Americans. Similarly in the Chugach, the Forest Service recently offered inadequate Wilderness recommendations – less than was recommended 20 years ago.

With continued threats of new timber sales and insufficient Wilderness protection for these two magnificent forests, more and more members of Congress are heeding the demands of their constituents that these areas need to be protected. As the ranks of Congressional co-sponsors continue to swell, the imperative of providing permanent legislative protection for these two forests will become an irresistible force!

Without congressional leadership for permanent protection, we stand to lose a one-of-a-kind national treasure. To find out more about the bill and whether or not your Member of Congress is a cosponsor, visit the Alaska Rainforest Campaign's Take Action site

(www.akrain.org).



Interior Pushes Huge Lease Sales off Alaska's Coasts

Interior Secretary Gale Norton plans massive new oil and gas leasing across Alaska's coasts, despite local government and citizen opposition. This sharply contrasts with leasing moratoria imposed elsewhere in the nation due to citizen pressure. Interior's aggressive program includes 8 new offshore lease sales covering millions of acres in the Beaufort, Chukchi, and Bering Seas, and Cook Inlet. This is a return to the massive sales off Alaska first launched by Interior Secretary James Watt in the 1980's.

First out of the gate is a series of 3 lease sales in the Beaufort Sea stretching from the Canadian border nearly to Barrow. At 9.6 million acres each, this is 10 times the size of the last sale held in this region. Interior is short-circuiting public review with a single environmental impact statement covering all three sales, now out for comment. Unlike the last Beaufort sale, Interior plans new leasing off the coast of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as well as off the Teshekpuk Lake area of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska.

Offshore lease sales jeopardize the integrity of the wilderness, wildlife and coastal habitats of the Arctic Refuge and Teshekpuk Lake as well as the marine ecosystem itself. Offshore exploration and development would cause pollution, aircraft and vessel noise and related industrial activity, and potential spills. Failure of four field tests showed industry's inability to contain and clean up an oil spill in Arctic waters during most of the year. Oil spills pose great threats to endangered bowhead whale migration and feeding areas, polar bear habitat, migratory bird, fish and other sensitive environments.

In the future, there would be intense pressure to construct sprawling onshore airports, pipelines, roads, docks, and other support facilities within the Arctic Refuge. The last Beaufort Sea lease, Sale 170, set a precedent of not leasing off the coast of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. At that time, the Interior Department cited among many rea-

sons, the lack of information on cumulative impacts on the refuge, emergency response plans, and sub-sea pipelines. That lack of information still exists.

Please comment by September 20 to:

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You may want to address these key points:

- Due to proven lack of ability to clean up oil spills in the Beaufort Sea most of the year, the risks to bowhead whales, polar bears, migratory birds, and subsistence resources are too great to allow new leasing in this sensitive area.
- Areas that were deferred or deleted from past Beaufort Sea Sales, including the area north of the coast of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, and the spring lead system should be permanently removed from the lease sales. None of the EIS alternatives address concerns about potential harm to these areas.
- Alternative 2, No Action, is the only alternative that addresses concerns about oil spill risks and impacts to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and Teshekpuk Lake (NPR-A) coastline.
- A full public EIS process, complete with hearings, should be conducted for each lease sale that is held.

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Federation. "It's about gardeners, hunters, the faith community and anglers." The coalition's campaign drew on the National Farmers Union, the Service Employees International Union and Steelworkers to nullify the political muscle of the pro-ANWR Teamsters union."

The Alaska Coalition helped gather thousands of letters, and phone calls to congressional offices, made presentations to rotary clubs, sporting clubs, and conservation leaders, held regional trainings in key states, met with newspaper editorial boards, and produced reports documenting the importance of the coastal plain for fish and wildlife habitat and the potential impacts from development. But most importantly, we worked to educate, assist and strengthen our member groups across the country.

We must remain vigilant as the supporters of oil development are well funded and will surely look for any and every opportunity to push Arctic development while the American public is not looking. Alaska's wild public lands also face a number of other current

threats, as detailed in this newsletter. For these reasons the Alaska Coalition needs your help now more than ever to help protect our last best place.



A polar bear greets President Bush in South Dakota with an Arctic Refuge Scoreboard.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

The main reason for the long running success of the Alaska Coalition is the great work done by a diverse array of concerned citizens from across America. In the past year the Alaska Coalition has established a presence in a number of key regions, working closely with local groups to help spread the word on the importance of protecting wild Alaska.

In the Northwest we hired Jody Kennedy as an organizer who worked to energize groups in Oregon. Jody introduced us to Cylvia Hayes and her organization Earth Connection – Central Oregon. We formed a partnership with Earth Connections and together we spread the word in central Oregon. Jody left the Coalition to continue her education and into the breach stepped Patrick Shannon, who worked closely with our member groups in Oregon (we share office space with the Oregon Natural Resource Council) in the successful efforts to see both Senators Wyden and Smith vote to protect the Arctic Refuge.

For a couple of months in the fall, the Alaska Coalition had an organizer in the Southwest. Working out of the Sierra Club office in Phoenix, Sean Vezino worked to demonstrate to Senator McCain that his constituents want to see our national treasures like the coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge protected. Sean built a strong base of support in Arizona, which we believe was an instrumental component of our success.

The Alaska Coalition has expanded in the upper Midwest. With the successful effort to see all four Senators from the Dakotas vote to protect the Arctic Refuge behind us, our Dakotas organizer Scott Hed is adding states and changing his title. Our efforts over the summer will involve gathering public comments on the Tongass wilderness plan in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska. Scott is now the Plains, Prairie, and Northland organizer for the Coalition.

Emily Ferry came to the Alaska Coalition after riding her bicycle 3000 miles across the United States to bring attention to the importance of protecting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Emily settled in Philadelphia to become our Mid-Atlantic organizer with responsibilities in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York and New Jersey.

In the Southeast portion of the United States we started the year with Claire Pearson organizing groups in Georgia. She built close alliances with local partner groups which were instrumental in Senator Cleland's decision to become the most recent co-sponsor of the Arctic Wilderness Bill. It was a sad day when Claire left the Alaska Coalition for other pursuits. But fortune smiled on Alaska yet again, hard working Tom Wheatley joined the team and the Alaska Coalition continues its education and outreach work in the southeast, in fact, the Coalition operation is now based a little farther south in Tampa Florida.

In addition to our own organizers we have been able to "partner" with local organizations and hire individuals on special contract. Much like our partnership with Earth Connections – Central Oregon, we worked with The Ohio Environmental Council, and the former Director of the Hoosier Environmental Council to energize the grassroots in Ohio and Indiana. We plan to continue these partnerships in the months ahead.

The next month will see our cast of organizers grow. We are currently in the process of hiring one organizer to cover Ohio and one to work on both Missouri and Illinois.

This fall the Coalition is a co-sponsor of the "Walk to Washington DC." In an effort to build on our great victory in the Senate and to keep up the drum beat for Wilderness protection of the coastal plain of the Arctic national Wildlife Refuge, author and activist Ken Madsen will "walk" with members of the Gwich'in tribe across the United States.

And finally, we are in the midst of recruiting for the late summer Wilderness Week in Washington, DC. Twice a year we host a gathering in DC of activists from across the country and Alaska to learn about the issues and spend a little time up on the Hill spreading the word first hand with their elected members of Congress. If you are interested in attending or want more information on any Alaska Coalition field activities contact any of our field personal listed in the staff box in this newsletter.

Inside the Beltway

By Ben Kornblet

This Session of Congress has been very busy from day one. The Arctic Refuge debate, one portion of a very big and bad energy bill, rolled on for more than two months earlier in the year and still is not completed. In addition, appropriations, the annual spending bills Congress must approve to keep government funded, are in full swing. As usual, the members of the Alaska Delegation are keeping us busy with bills, which could negatively impact Alaska's magnificent public wildlands Here are some of the highlights (and lowlights) of what we are working on inside the beltway this year.

Cape Fox Land Give Away (S. 2222)-This Bill would essentially saddle the American public with 3,000 acres of land that has been clearcut and carved up with roads in exchange for access to over 10,000 acres of pristine wilderness in Berners Bay, which is beloved by the residents of Alaska's capital city of Juneau for hunting, fishing, kayaking camping, whale watching on solitude

Vietnam era Land Give Away (H.R. 3148; S. 2553)-This cynical piece of legislation would allow Alaska Natives that served in Vietnam from 1964 – 1975, and any heirs of deceased veterans to select their choice of 160 acres from public lands in National Parks, Wildlife Refuges, Wilderness Areas, including the Chugach and Tongass National Forests. This bill strips Alaska's publicly held parks, refuges and national forests of their protections. This bill could create up to 800,000 acres of new in-holdings inside conservation system units. This legislation also unravels a tough, fair compromise hammered out between Alaska Native veterans and the US government in 1998.

Snowmobiles in Denali National Park (H.R. 4677; S. 2589) – The Alaska Delegation wants to open 400,000 acres of "old" Denali National Park to recreational snowmobiles. Snowmobiling has never been allowed in the core of Denali, prohibited since the dedication of the area as Mt. McKinley National Park in 1917. It would Revoke the National Park Service regulation protecting Wilderness in Denali National Park. The regulation underwent an exhaustive public process and had overwhelming public support. Out of over six thousand comments submitted, 96% of all respondents-and 91% of Alaskans-supported the closure.

Alaska Native contracting of Federal land management functions H.R. 4734-This would set the terrible precedent of allowing private corporations to manage Federal Public Lands. These lands would include conservation system units, and open the door for these private entities to play favorites in contracting, access, and management issues surrounding key fish and wildlife reserves in Alaska.

R.S. 2477-The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under Secretary of Interior Gale Norton is quietly trying to change an obscure rule called RS 2477. The proposed changes would essentially recognize tracks, trails, paths and portions of streambeds as "highways" under the 136-year-old law know as RS 2477. The implications for Alaska are disastrous. Under RS 2477, the Administration could claim over one million miles in Alaska's most valuable National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, Forests and Designated Wilderness Areas. Many claims of rights-of-way for "highways" across public lands are not valid claims, but are cynical attempts to thwart wilderness protection or otherwise break up public wild lands. It's likely any dumbing down of RS2477 right of way criteria would have large and devastating impact on many of Alaska's wildest, most remote places.

Funding for Gravina Bridge- Ketchikan, Alaska wants to build a \$190 million, mile-long bridge in place of existing, reliable airport ferry access, and is looking to Rep. Young for the funds. The proposed bridge is a colossal waste to tax money and a serious navigational hazard. It will detract from local economy and quality of life, potentially threaten roadless wildlands, Native subsistence opportunities, and impair the navigation of airplanes and cruise ships, which now bustle up and down Ketchikan's waterfront.

In addition to this list of legislation we are also keeping our eye on a couple of attempts by the Bush Administration to open up large areas of Alaska's public lands and waters to oil and gas development. The 23.5 million acre National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (Reserve), the largest expanse of undeveloped public land left in America and includes some of North America's greatest wetland habitats. This is primary habitat for threatened spectacled and Stellar's eiders, three species of geese, black brandt, and Pacific, red-throated and yellow-billed loons. Following two lease sales in a 4.6 million acre section of the Reserve, the Bureau of Land Management is planning a lease sale that will cover nearly 10 million acres.



JOIN THE ALASKA COALITION

Keep Alaska Wild!

The Alaska Coalition is composed of more than 600 conservation, sporting, and religious groups working together to protect Alaska's public lands. The Coalition needs your help to save the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and hold off attacks on the Tongass and Chugach National Forests and Alaska's other precious wildlands. By joining the Alaska Coalition you send an important message that your members do not want to see these irreplaceable wildlands despoiled.

How do you join the Alaska Coalition? It's simple. Just fill out this form indicating your organization's support for protecting Alaska's national treasures. You don't have to pay any dues, but your membership will go along way.

Of course, as a member of the Coalition you and your organization will receive some important benefits. You'll get regular updates, newsletters, and action alerts on the Arctic Refuge, the Alaska Rainforest and other Alaska conservation issues. You can use these to inform your members about important battles in Washington DC and take credit for your group's important role as a member of the Coalition.

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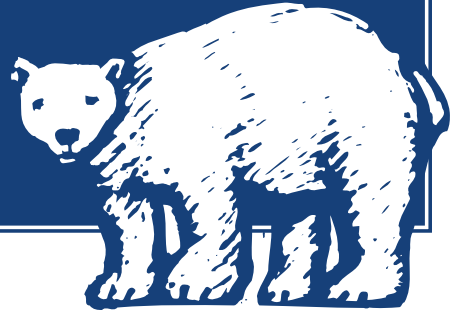
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Carol Jean Larsen helped lead a press event in Bismarck in January 2002. She spoke at the event, and helped recruit two other speakers. One was a Presbyterian minister and the other was a Native American leader (she sat in his waiting room all afternoon to get him to commit the day before the event!).

Not satisfied with just getting media coverage in Bismarck, Carol Jean also helped lead a press event in Fargo a few weeks later – this involved a 3-hour drive on North Dakota winter roads!

And she was the "Pied Piper for the Arctic." She recruited local kids from well-known families to write letters for the Arctic Refuge and then accompanied the kids to the Senators' offices in Bismarck as they delivered the letters. Not only did the kids deliver the letters, but they also educated – meeting with staff members and giving the reasons why the Arctic should be protected. She's breaking in a whole new generation of activists.

Carol Jean Larsen has been a long-time activist for many causes and she was invaluable in the effort to convince Senator Conrad to vote for Arctic protection. My work in North Dakota would certainly have been more difficult had I not met Carol Jean Larsen and the Bismarck Unitarian Universalists.



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