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## **ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$513,000 IN GRANTS**

(ANCHORAGE)—The Alaska Conservation Foundation (ACF) ratified **\$513,701** in grants at its recent Board meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

ACF's grantmaking recognizes exceptional conservation work through a variety of grantmaking programs. Recognized by the Alaska Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals for its outstanding philanthropic work, ACF grants benefit organizations and communities throughout the state. Grants for awarded at the May meeting include:

- Alaska Boreal Forest Council, Fairbanks - \$8,000
- Alaska Community Action on Toxics, Anchorage - \$16,000
- Alaska Marine Conservation Council, Anchorage - \$16,500
- Alaska Youth for Environmental Action, Anchorage - \$2,000
- Anchorage Waterways Council, Anchorage - \$6,000
- Audubon Alaska, Anchorage - \$21,000
- Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments, Fort Yukon - \$1,500
- Denali Institute, Anchorage - \$5,000
- Friends of Mat-Su, Palmer - \$8,750
- Mendenhall Watershed Partnership, Juneau - \$2,000
- Native American Rights Fund, Anchorage - \$15,000
- Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, Juneau - \$37,530
- Wrangell Mountains Center, Glennallen - \$1,000

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“Conservation groups throughout the state are doing critical work in protecting Alaska’s clean air, clean water and our special quality of life while showing that conservation and jobs can go hand-in-hand,” noted Deborah L. Williams, ACF’s executive director.

Founded in 1980 by Denny Wilcher, Celia Hunter and others, ACF is the major philanthropic link between committed donors and Alaska’s conservation community. ACF is dedicated to funding grassroots organizations in their efforts to protect and enhance Alaska’s ecosystems and provide sustainable livelihoods among Alaska’s communities and peoples. Since 1980, ACF has awarded over \$19 million in grants to over 200 organizations to help support critical conservation efforts across the state. In addition to providing funding, ACF also sponsors new programs and organizations, such as the Alaska Rainforest Campaign and Alaska Oceans Program.

For details about any of the grantees, please contact Julie Jessen at (907) 276-1917 or go to ACF’s web site at [www.akcf.org](http://www.akcf.org).

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