

Alaska Peace Center Community News and Events on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska (on Mondays, 10am)
Week of May 8th, 2017

Briefly:

In the recent past:

Calls to Protect Education Funding:

Ongoing:

- 1 "Pre-existing conditions"
2. call for an international assessment of Fukushima's impact to the Pacific Ocean.
3. restrictions on density, safety, and height on civilians

4. \$110 million to build a new immigrant detention center

In the near future:

5. City Council mtg
6. Live discussion about whistleblowing and transgender rights in prison.
7. FCAC Policy & Politics Working Group mtg
8. Arctic Council Rally
9. How to Re-Invent an Economy — community talk

10. Northern Center joins coalition in lawsuit to uphold Arctic protections

11. HJR 22 "...Outer Continental Shelf Development".

12. Cost of Healthcare in Alaska.

13. more [Week of the Arctic](#) roundtable & workshops

14. [suicide prevention training](#)

15. Week of the Arctic Health Concerns Workshop

16. ORGANIZER TRAINING

17. Kids for Environmental Action mtg

After this week:

18. Arbor Day.

19. (NAEC) Annual Meeting!

20. 5th Annual Peace Feast

21. - Emma's Revolution concert

22.-- Alternatives to Violence Project Advanced workshop

Outside Alaska

Send Friendship to Russia - send the petition at WorldBeyondWar.org.

May 5-7 [National War Tax Resistance Gathering: Raising the Stakes: Resistance and Community Survival in Troubled Times](#)

[Resources for Peace, Justice, and Sustainability;](#)

In more detail:

In the recent past:

Calls to Protect Education Funding: North Pole students walked out of classes Friday to rally for protection of their educational opportunities; Sunday, there was a community rally in Fairbanks. Fbks Daily News-Miner editorial of 5-7-17 writes "SN 103 still robs almost \$70million from the fund feeding the [Alaska Performance] Scholarship..[and] restrict it to students who are least likely to be in need of aid to continue their education....SB 103, as passed by the Senate, would be a step backwards."

Ongoing:

1 "Pre-existing conditions" that could hike insurance premiums under latest Trumpcare proposal: see <https://time.com/money/4763609/pre-existing-conditions-ahca/>

2. " urge ANTHC to call for an international assessment of Fukushima's impact to the Pacific Ocean." from dy:

"Hello, Here's a small sampling of data and observations related to Alaska's exposure to Fukushima's fallout. As I believe you know, the exposure has been ongoing for more than six years. The initial releases and subsequent leakage is significant and unparalleled in toxic content. The wrecked reactor complex leaks 24/7 into the North Pacific Ocean and into the prevailing westerlies. This is an unprecedented disaster - nuclear fuel is leaking into the ocean. There is no level at which radiation is safe. Japan is in violation of every environmental treaty ever signed...and few sense the emergency. We need look no further than Fukushima as the cause of the UMEs seen along the coasts of Alaska, PNW and California over the last six years. Birds, fish, starfish and mammals have died in great numbers. How much more evidence is needed before hard questions are asked? Voiced aloud in every corner of the state's media. I urge ANTHC to call for an international assessment of Fukushima's impact to the Pacific Ocean. Such a call has not been made by a government or an NGO. This is a serious omission. An independent scientific assessment is the first step to understanding Fukushima's impacts to Alaska and its waters. ANTHC is perfectly placed to make the demand.
Respectfully submitted, Douglas A. Yates, 479-8300

<https://nukeprofessional.blogspot.com/2014/01/further-analysis-on-2011-alaska.html>

[Nuke Pro: 11,000 Wikileaks documents related to Fukushima](#)

3. "JLUS" **restrictions on density, safety, and height on civilians** around military bases are supposed to be discussed at community meetings in May; Borough planners have not updated available information nor responded to requests for updated information. Contact info@alaskapeace.org if this issue concerns you.

4. " Private prison company Geo Group just signed a **\$110 million** contract with the Trump administration **to build a new immigrant detention center** in Texas. Right now, we're witnessing a renewed rush of private prisons pushing anti-immigrant legislation to maximize profits." per Brave New Films, documenting this issue.

In the near future:

Monday, May 8th: Legislative committee hearings and public : Call ahead 452-4448 to confirm no changes!

5. 7pm Fairbanks **City Council mtg** at City Hall.

Tuesday, May 9th:

6. This Tuesday the ACLU will hold a **Facebook Live discussion** about our client, Chelsea Manning, and **issues related to whistleblowing and transgender rights in prison**. Visit our Facebook page at 10am Alaska time, [2 pm Eastern on Tuesday, May 9th to watch the live stream.](#): <https://www.facebook.com/aclu.nationwide>

7. 7-9pm FCAC **Policy & Politics Working Group mtg** fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com 907-374-5950

Wednesday, May 10th:

8. 5:30-8pm **Arctic Council Rally - Protect Our Climate: Defend the Sacred** at Thompson Cultural & Visitors Center, 101 Dunkel St, Fairbanks: Secretary of State and climate denier Rex Tillerson is in town for the official ministerial meeting hand off of the Arctic Council. This is a huge and rare opportunity to showcase, nationally, that Alaskans are against CEO's in leadership positions. Please join us and recruit all Alaskans to participate in this protest so we can show the over 150 media outlets that are registered that Alaskans stand together against injustices of all kinds, in this case climate injustice being forced on the Arctic Nations. For more info or to share please see our Facebook page here: <http://bit.ly/2pVYJQb>.

9. 7-8pm **Lessons from Iceland: How to Re-Invent an Economy — community talk** at 2nd fl. Worthington Building (Above the Childrens' Museum): Presentation by Halla Hrund Logadottir, a Louis Bacon Environmental Leadership Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School and the former Director of Iceland's Reykjavik University School of Energy at Reykjavik University. Moderated by Gwen Holdmann, Alaska Center for Energy and Power; UAF Alaska is in the midst of an economic downturn that has highlighted the state's reliance on a limited number of industries. Iceland, with a population smaller than Anchorage, is an inspiring case study in how a small, remote nation with limited domestic resources or wealth can create a sustainable economy based on developing its local energy resources. Once one of the poorest countries in Europe, Iceland has developed into one of the highest income per capita countries in the world and

continues to reinvent itself as it recovers from the near-collapse of its economy in 2008. Today, Iceland's economy is stronger than ever, booming, with growth in numerous high-paying industry sectors, a robust small business sector, and a growing agricultural industry that produces 45% of the food consumed in Iceland domestically. Join us to learn about Iceland's journey, as we hear perspectives from a senior member of the Iceland energy sector, followed by an open discussion with Fairbanks community leadership about what lessons Alaska can learn from Iceland's experience.
<http://akarctichost.org/program/community-talks-1>

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10. Northern Center joins coalition in lawsuit to uphold Arctic protections

On Wednesday, the Northern Center, along with several other environmental advocacy and justice groups, [filed a lawsuit challenging President Trump's reversal of Arctic and Atlantic Ocean protections](#). Last week, the president issued an executive order removing the permanent protections put in place by President Obama in December 2016 with leadership from the Arctic communities most affected by offshore drilling. There is no legal precedent for removal of such protections.

Thursday, May 11th:

11. 11:30am, PUBLIC TESTIMONY at Legislative Info Office 3rd fl Sadler Bldg: House Arctic Policy, Economic development and Tourism Committee **HJR 22 "Support Outer Continental Shelf Development"**.
12. 3pm House State Affairs Committee Presentation: The Price (and Cost) of Healthcare in Alaska.
13. more **Week of the Arctic** with more details at <https://sites.google.com/view/fafcalendar/home>
 - 8:30am Arctic Mayors' Roundtable
 - 9am One Health Concerns in a Changing Arctic - Workshop
 - 9am What Is the Arctic We Need to Sustain the Global Climate System? - workshop
 - 9am Aerospace Opportunities in Alaska & the Arctic - workshop
 - 3pm Locally-based Participatory Monitoring - Workshop
 - 7pm From Northern to National News: The Challenges of Covering a Changing Arctic

14. 6-8pm **QPR Class (suicide prevention training)** at 818 26th Ave, Fairbanks: QPR stands for Question, Persuade, Refer.

This 2 hour course guides participants on how to become a Gatekeeper. Gatekeepers can be anyone, but include parents, friends, neighbors, supervisors etc. and many others who are strategically positioned to recognize and refer someone at risk of suicide. recognize suicide warning signs, and how to help. This class is free and open to anyone in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Participants will receive a certificate of completion. The location is at 818 26th ave. Our office is around the back and upstairs. To sign up go to: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczah_HAM_sOZ9h99Gh2vYr9-JR5W1FY9XTEmBSwvzMNBS2lw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Friday, May 12th:

15. 9am-2pm **Week of the Arctic One Health Concerns in a Changing Arctic - Workshop** in Rooms 103/105 - Margaret Murie Building, 982 Koyukuk Dr.: Changes in climate, economics, and policy have altered the availability safety and subsistence food sources as well as promoting the invasion and expansion of zoonotic diseases in the Arctic. We will discuss root causes, management approaches, and concerns for the future relative to these concerns. Capacity is limited, please email cagriseto@alaska.edu to **request letter of invitation**. <http://akarctichost.org/program/one-health-concerns-changing-arctic-workshop> Contact: Cathy Griseto Phone: 907-474-192

Saturday, May 13th:

16. --9:30am-2pm: **ORGANIZER TRAINING** at Cold Climate Housing Research Center, 1000 Fairbanks st, Fairbanks
PLEASE SHARE! Good day movement makers, The Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition and Native Movement would like to invite you to the **third in a series of organizer trainings designed to share organizing tools and build a more unified strengthened Justice focused movement in the Interior**.
Who: Anyone with passion and commitment to making positive change in our community.
What we will focus on: *civics 101 & campaign strategy*. We will discuss how to support candidates who are running, upcoming open seats and next steps, and candidate training (for those who would like to stay later to learn).
Food: Coffee, tea, and lunch will be provided for all participants. Please let us know if you have any dietary needs.
Child care will be provided if you let us know your needs in advance.
Cost: We are accepting a small donation of \$10 to help offset the cost of food. If you are unable to donate, that is OK! We want this to be accessible to everyone.
RSVP to Jessica Girard (girard@northern.org) by May 10th if you plan on attending.

This training will be organized and facilitated by local campaign managers. We look forward to mobilizing our movement with each of you!

With hope,

Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition & Native Movement

Native Movement is an Indigenous-led non-profit organization with over 13 years of experience in providing leadership and organizing support toward building healthy and sustainable communities. Native Movement's work aims to justly and equitably transition our communities toward the positive and lasting change we seek through the lens of environmental justice, climate justice, economic justice, social justice and Indigenous rights, in short a "just transition."

Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition, through education and advocacy, will mobilize Fairbanks and Interior Alaska communities toward action to mitigate and adapt to climate change. We seek to elevate climate solutions and foster a fair, equitable, & just transition to sustainable communities — locally, regionally and globally.

Sunday, May 14th:

17. 1pm **Kids for Environmental Action mtg** at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd, Fairbanks

After this week:

18. Monday, May 15th, will be **Arbor Day**. The local Arbor Day Committee will plant some trees earlier as well as on Arbor Day. Schoolchildren will help with many of the plantings.

19. Save the Date for Northern Alaska Environmental Center (NAEC) Annual Meeting!

Friday, May 19

@ 5:30 pm

please join us for our Annual Members' Meeting

at our office

830 College Road, Fairbanks

This evening is an opportunity for our members to get together, share a meal, and learn about the last year's work at the Northern Center. We'll provide a main dish, beer, and good company; please bring a side dish or dessert. And do you have a friend or relative who's new to Fairbanks and/or would like to learn more about how to get involved and stay informed? Bring them too!

We'll keep you posted with more event details, and look forward to seeing you soon.

20. --Saturday June 3rd: **5th Annual Peace Feast** at Pioneer Park 12-2, featuring folks and groups who have been enhancing peace, justice, and sustainability. info@alaskapeace.org

21. -Saturday June 3 **Emma's Revolution concert** 8pm at UUFF **Keep the Resistance going with an inspiring concert from "activist power duo" Emma's Revolution:** listen & read why you will want to be there, at: <https://madmimi.com/s/48f80a>. Also check out their song "Who Lies, Who Dies, Who Pays, Who Profits?"

Tickets available at Gulliver's Books and Grassroots Guitar, or via info@alaskapeace.org or 687-8821.

22.---conflict resolution/ **Alternatives to Violence Project Advanced workshop** this June 9-11 in Fairbanks Contact Carrie 750-1049.

Outside Alaska

Send Friendship to Russia - send the petition at WorldBeyondWar.org.

Legislative Action

<https://www.veteransforpeace.org/take-action/legislative-action/>

- a. The **SANE Act S 831** would save taxpayers approximately \$100 billion over ten years by scaling down, delaying, or canceling a variety of obsolete nuclear weapons programs [as] FY2017 continues to fund the insane "modernizing" of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems that will cost taxpayers ...nearly \$100 million wasted every day for thirty years on weapons we have signed treaties to get rid of.
- b. The **People's Budget HR 1534** follows a similar plan and distributes savings to human and environmental needs.

Trainings, Speakers, other activities:

<http://www.paceebene.org/event/> <http://nonviolencetraininghub.org/> <http://www.codepink.org>

--From Veterans For Peace: ...

May 5-7 National War Tax Resistance Gathering: Raising the Stakes: Resistance and Community Survival in Troubled Times

Aug 9-13 - VFP Annual Convention-"Education Not Militarization", Chicago

Resources for Peace, Justice, and Sustainability:

Alaska Peace Center Open Hours Fridays 5-7pm through May: Come browse our library of literature & media relevant to peace, justice, and sustainability, have a cup of tea or coffee; discuss what's going on, or watch a movie.

Email Alaska Peace Center at info@alaskapeace.org. The website is updated: www.alaskapeace.org; also Facebook.

We have many local, state, national, and international events and resources listed and available: please contact us at info@alaskapeace.org for more information and details, or to get on our email list, to which the expanded news brief is sent.

Northern Alaska Environmental Center <http://northern.org/>

Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition calendar: <http://fairbanksclimateaction.org/index.php/events-and-meetings/>

Fairbanks Activist Forum calendar: tinyurl.com/FBXcalendar

MarchonFBX: Rapid Response Alerts Hashtag **#FBXaction** for spur of the moment actions.

Fairbanks North Star Borough assembly meets alternate Thursday evenings:

<http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/cp/Documents/FNSB%20MEETING%20DATES%20AND%20DEADLINES.pdf>

2017 Alaska State Legislature... <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/start.asp>

Legislative information office [LIO]: 452-4448, in AlaskaUSA bldg. on Sadler Way just south of HomeDepot

Alaska's Congressional delegation: Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121;

Rep.DonYoung in DC: t.202-225-5765 or toll-free 1-866-990-5979/fax 202-225-0425; in Fbks 456-0210/f.456-0279; in Anch 907-271-5978/f.907-271-5950;

Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov; AK *offices* in Fbks 100 Cushman St ste 307; Anch: 4241 B st, ste 203

Sen.LisaMurkowski in DC: t.202-224-6665; Fbks-t.456-0233/fax 451-7146; Anch-907-271-5978/f.877-857-0322; JNU-586-7277/f.(907)586-7201;

Wasilla-376-7665/f. 376-8526; Kenai-283-5808/f.283-4363 *Email* via: murkowski.senate.gov;

AK *offices* in Fbks-Federal Bldg101- 12th Ave, ste 329; in Anch-510 L St, ste 600; JNU-800 Glacier Ave, ste 101; Kenai-805 Frontage Rd ste 105; Ketchikan-1900 First Ave,ste 225.

Sen.DanSullivan in DC:t.202-224-3004; in Fbks-456-0261/f.451-7290; Anch 907-271-5978/f.258-9305; JNU-586-7277/f.586-7201; Wasilla-357-9956/f.-9964;

Kenai-283-4000/f.4401; Ketchikan-225-6880/f.-0390 *Email* via: sullivan.senate.gov/contact; AK *offices* in Fbks-Fed Bldg 101 12th ave ste 328;

Anch-510 L St ste 750; JNU-800 Glacier ave ste 101; Wasilla-851 E.Westpt Dr.ste309; Kenai-805 Frontage Rd ste 101; Ketchikan-1900 1stave ste 225.

A reminder! Today and every day: visit, call, email, write your legislators, congresspersons and city and borough assemblies and write letters to the editor about issues being acted on and affecting peace, justice, and sustainability.

May Peace be with you! Have a good week!