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## *Community News and Opportunities for Action,*

*reporting on events and issues of peace, justice, and sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska, broadcasting on Sundays, 8am & 6pm on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska.*

**WEEK of APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

*Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
<b>month of Sun 4/15</b>	<b>April 12-4 p.m.</b>	<b>Sexual Assault Awareness Month</b> — <b>Green Dot bystander training</b> *Register by emailing <a href="mailto:aecross3@alaska.edu">aecross3@alaska.edu</a> — Bears, Beers and Bystanders, <b>April 18</b> , the Pub, 7-8 p.m. *21 and older only — Chillin' and Grillin', <b>April 21</b> , MBS, 8 p.m.-midnight — Denim Day, <b>April 25</b> , Wood Center multilevel lounge, noon-2 p.m. — Take Back the Night, <b>April 26</b> , Constitution Park, 6-8 p.m. These events sponsored by the Nanook Diversity and Action Center, Resource and Advocacy Center, Student Activities Office, the Pub, Student Leadership and Involvement, and Residence Life. Contact <a href="mailto:uaf-ndac@alaska.edu">uaf-ndac@alaska.edu</a> or 474-6311 for more information.'	UAF campus <i>Murie rm 103/105</i>
		<p>(Some) Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up</p> <p><b>This week in the Alaska Legislature:</b></p> <p>-- <a href="#">HB 151</a> DHSS;CINA; FOSTER CARE; CHILD PROTECTION -- <a href="#">SB 134</a> TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RTS;GUARDIANS + <a href="#">HJR 21</a> FEDS RESPECT STATE REG OF MARIJUANA + <a href="#">HB 123</a> DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH CARE COSTS -- <a href="#">HCR 23</a> PROTECT WILDLIFE FROM FOREIGN PATHOGENS -- <a href="#">HB 38</a> WORKERS' COMP; DEATH;PERM PARTIAL IMPAIR -- <a href="#">SB 198</a> UAA LONG-ACTING CONTRACEPTION STUDY -- <a href="#">SB 208</a> MARCH: SOBRIETY AWARENESS MONTH -- <a href="#">HB 28</a> COSMETICS INGREDIENTS DISCLOSURE -- <a href="#">SB 127</a> CRIMINAL LAW;PAROLE;PROBATION;SENTENCING -- <a href="#">HJR 30</a> URGE U.S. SUPPORT OF REFUGEES *+ <a href="#">HJR 11</a> CONGRESS: OVERTURN CITIZENS UNITED V. FEC -- <a href="#">HB 214</a> BREE'S LAW; DATING VIOLENCE PROGRAMS -- Public Comment - Ratification of Contracts Related to Complaint -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled * <i>Schedules often change. Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO). In Fbks: 452-4448</i></p> <p>. Many topics **Streamed live on AKL.tv**</p> <p>*****</p> <p><i>per FDNM 4/14: "Legislature will work past 90-day mark.... After passing a budget, other priorities include crime bills and education funding*... House Majority Leader Rep. Chris Tuck, D-Anchorage, said that the next two days could include a large number of bills for the House... Edgmon estimated that the session could finish next Friday while Kelly estimates a longer working time concluding around day 105..." *In the late days of the 2017 legislative session, various bills got passed without notice, such as the Military Facility Zones, which allows military industries to get special preferential treatment that may not be allowed by our borough Comprehensive Land Use Plan.</i></p>	<p>Go to <a href="http://www.alaskapeace.org">www.alaskapeace.org</a> "Community News" for a link to <a href="#">Community organizations &amp; contact info</a> for local, state, and federal government representatives.</p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>See the legislative schedule &amp; links to related info here:</b></p> <p><b><u>4/15-22</u></b></p> <p>*****</p> <p><i>Alaska's Congressional delegation:</i></p> <p>Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121</p> <p><b>Rep Don Young</b> in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: <a href="mailto:donyoung.house.gov">donyoung.house.gov</a>;</p> <p><b>Sen Lisa Murkowski</b> in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: <a href="mailto:murkowski.senate.gov">murkowski.senate.gov</a></p> <p><b>- Sen Dan Sullivan</b> in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: <a href="mailto:sullivan.senate.gov">sullivan.senate.gov</a></p>

Monday April 16	6 pm	<b>Reconvened Regular Borough Assembly Mtg</b> -for agenda items not completed at last Thursday's mtg. <a href="#">See details at this link</a> . Facilities will be on the agenda as well as Ordinance 2018-12, To Be Referred To Committees Or Commissions, Amending FNSBC Title 18 Regarding Agriculture & Livestock In Various Zoning Districts Including To Add Urban Livestock & Market Gardens As Allowable Uses, + Adding & Amending Definitions & Standards; and Ordinance 2018-06 To Be Introduced And Advanced To Public Hearing Amending Chapter 18.104 FNSBC Regarding Notification Of Rezoning, Conditional Uses, And Variances And Amending Procedures For Rezoning And Conditional Use Permits.	Borough Bldg Assembly Chambers
Tuesday April 17	5:30-9 pm	<b>Public mtg in Fairbanks re BLM</b> Notice of Availability for the Alpine Satellite Development Plan (ASDP) for the Proposed Greater Mooses Tooth 2 (GMT2) Development Project. Public Comment Period for the Draft Supplemental EIS ...will end on May 7, 2018.	Morris Thompson Center
	6 pm	<b>FNSB Air Pollution Control Commission mtg</b> to incl. 2 "quasi-judicial hearings" for NOASH Variances "for use approval of nonborough listed solid fuel burning appliance" at 3170 College Rd. & 307 W 5 <sup>th</sup> ave, North Pole	Borough Bldg Assembly Chambers
Wednesday April 18	4pm	<b>Meeting of the Fairbanks Arbor Day Committee:</b> contact ritchiemusick@gci.net	Dept. of Natural Resources, 3700 Airport Way
	6:30- 8:30pm	If you are interested in <b>learning about Creamer's Field</b> and doing <b>interpretive nature walks</b> , join us Wednesday evening. Contact Friends of Creamer's Field <a href="mailto:director@friendsofcreamersfield.com">director@friendsofcreamersfield.com</a> or 452-5162	1300 College Rd.
Thursday April 19		FNSB Finance Committee & Committee of the Whole Immediately After; See details at <a href="http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Calendar.aspx">http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Calendar.aspx</a> & <a href="http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Documents.aspx">http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Documents.aspx</a> . Reports will incl energy efficiency & opportunities.	Borough Bldg Assembly Chambers
Saturday April 21	12 noon	<b>Earth Day Wild Species Walk - Join us as we Celebrate Earth Day and Diversity</b> Noon- music & speakers; Walk begins at 12:30 <b>Costumes &amp; Masks representing different species are encouraged!</b> Please all pets must be on leashes! The Species walk will be followed by a "Council of all Beings" Sponsored by KEA! <b>Kids for Environmental Action! For more info contact Susan Grace 479-0780.</b>	Univ Community Presbyterian Church 3510 College Rd, Fbks t: (907) 479-6728
	11am -1pm	<b>NAACP* regular mtg</b> see <a href="http://www.facebook.com/naacp.alaska">www.facebook.com/naacp.alaska</a> * The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.	
	6 - 10pm	26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fabulous Feminist Fundraiser: 907-978-6572	
Sunday April 22	4pm	The Interfaith Working Group is co-hosting a <b>Prayer Circle for Peace</b> with a focus on care for the earth and creation. People from a wide variety of faith traditions will present an expression—e.g., a song, prayer, meditation, dance for the earth and creation. A potluck will follow the circle.	JP Jones Community Ctr, 24th & Rickert st More info: Charley Basham 479-2006
	5-8pm	<b>Co-op Market Grocery &amp; Deli listening session #1</b> What do you value about your 5-yr-old co-op? What do you envision? (#2:Tues 6/5; #3:Tues 7/31)	JP Jones Community Center, 24th & Rickert St
		<b><u>After This Week</u></b>	
Mon, 4/23	3- 4:30pm	<b>Renewable Energy</b> - GVEA board <u>meetings</u> generally occur on the fourth Monday of the month. Please join FCAC members to encourage our utility to aggressively incorporate renewable energies into our grid. For talking points or more information please contact our <a href="#">RE working group</a> .	CCHRC

Wed, 4/25	5:30pm	<b>Domestic Violence Walk:</b> FNA is hosting a walk to bring attention to domestic violence in the community on April 25 <sup>th</sup> . Pls contact Amber Taylor <a href="mailto:ataylor@fairbanksnative.org">ataylor@fairbanksnative.org</a> for more info.	starting at 315 Wendell Ave.
Thurs 4/26	12-1pm	<b>Fairbanks Housing &amp; Homeless Coalition</b> April Mtg Coalition Updates: Rapid Re-Housing Update; Coordinated Entry Training, Community Conversation	Council Chambers of City Hall, 800 Cushman St.
Fri, 4/27	6pm	<b>Alaska Peace Center Potluck &amp; Presentation: VietNam 50 yrs later: Impressions of the People and Reflections on the War &amp; its Legacies.</b> Vietnam is full of vibrant energetic people pulling themselves out of poverty caused in large part by a century of colonization by the French; decades of war with the French, Japanese, French again, Americans, Cambodians and Chinese; and 2 decades of economic isolation by America & its allies. They are happy, pragmatic people with a strong sense of history and a rich literary tradition, who are simultaneously looking toward the future. Alan has just returned from 5 weeks in Viet Nam where he was part of the Veterans For Peace delegation to the 50th anniversary commemoration of the My Lai Massacre on March 16. He will report on that commemoration and also provide an update on the two main legacy issues remaining from the war: unexploded ordnance and agent orange dioxin contamination. These are heavy issues, but the overall attitude to them in Viet Nam is one of optimism and moving beyond them to a peaceful and productive future. Alan probably won't be able to stop himself from also commenting on other aspects of his trip unrelated to wars and violence. For more information call Veteran For Peace Alan Batten: 488-3205	Sharon & Sean's Dome Home, <a href="#">159 Kniffen Rd.</a>
Sat, 4/28	10am	<b>Mothers' Day Purse Project:</b> at 10am, with a mothers' luncheon at 11:30am. This is a great event that has a big impact on the ladies it helps, but the project is in need of more items, especially full size shampoo & conditioner. More info: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/1188051684658041/?ti=cl">https://www.facebook.com/events/1188051684658041/?ti=cl</a> To donate: <a href="https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f054da4ab2aa7f58-mothers">https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f054da4ab2aa7f58-mothers</a> To provide for the luncheon: <a href="https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f054da4ab2aa7f58-potluck">https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f054da4ab2aa7f58-potluck</a>	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (1500 Cowles St)
	12- 4 pm	<b>Spring Migration Celebration</b> Planning is ongoing for this event which will be held on April 28th, 12-4 pm. We need volunteers. Contact Lissa if you want to know more! <a href="mailto:director@friendsofcreamersfield.com">director@friendsofcreamersfield.com</a> 452-5162	
	10am-3pm	<b>Fbks Climate Action Coalition General Mtg</b> - Join our ongoing vision toward a just transition in Alaska!! This is the perfect event to come and learn about FCAC and how you can engage! We will continue our community's strategic action for change while picking up a conversation on the intersects between climate action and other important issues across the state and how this overlap moves us towards a just transition. We will meet at 9:30a to catch-up and share a warm drink. Child-care and a lite lunch will be provided.	CCHRC
	7pm	<b>Spring Concert Fairbanks Peace Choir</b> -suggested donation \$10; dessert follows concert.	UUUFF
April 30th and May 1st		from Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition <a href="mailto:fairbankshomeless@gmail.com">fairbankshomeless@gmail.com</a> "A 2-day training on Individual Placement & Support (IPS), the evidence-based supported employment model. Trainer: Sandy Reese from The IPS Employment Center <a href="http://ipsworks.org">ipsworks.org</a> ."	
Thurs 5/3	9:30am - 12:30pm	<b>Coordinated Entry Training</b> Mike Sanders at <a href="mailto:fairbankshomeless@gmail.com">fairbankshomeless@gmail.com</a>	auditorium of Noel Wien Library, 1215 Cowles St.
Fri, 5/4	9am-noon	<b>FHHC Panel Discussion about homelessness and social services in Interior Alaska:</b> As part of the National Low Income Housing Coalition's Week of Action.... the Outreach Committee [will] begin planning. If you....wish to help plan this event please let Eloy know. & if any organization(s) would like to help cover catering costs, please let me know. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. <a href="mailto:fairbankshomeless@gmail.com">fairbankshomeless@gmail.com</a> free and open to the public	Wedgewood Resort and Conference Center (212 Wedgewood Drive)
Thurs, 5/10	10-noon	<b>Reentry Coalition Graduation Ceremony:</b> This is the coalition's second graduation ceremony and marks an important milestone for Fairbanks returning citizens. The event will highlight the successes and struggles of reentering the community following incarceration. For more information please contact Marsha Oss at <a href="mailto:reentrycasemanager@iacnv.org">reentrycasemanager@iacnv.org</a> .	
<i>May 12 -13<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>10a - 2p</i>	<b><i>Non-Violent Direct Action Training:</i></b> Nonviolent action are techniques outside of institutionalized behavior for social change that challenges an unjust power dynamic using methods of protest, noncooperation, and intervention without the use or threat of injurious force. Join us to strengthen and diversify our tactics in Fairbanks. We will offer a 1.5 day intensive training on NVDA. Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com">fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com</a> and also share with your networks if your groups will use these tools for change.	<b>CCHRC</b>

		:: <a href="#">May 12-June 4: Dalton Highway Clean-up with Northern Alaska Tour Co.</a>	
Fri, 5/21		Arbor Day To help, contact FBKS ARBOR DAY COMMITTEE 2018 via <a href="mailto:ritchiemusick@gci.net">ritchiemusick@gci.net</a>	
Thurs. 5/24	5-7pm	<a href="#">Alaska Peace Center mtg.</a> Come help plan directions and events to increase peace, justice, and sustainability. <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a> or <a href="http://www.alaskapeace.org">www.alaskapeace.org</a> or 479-0981 for more information.	<a href="#">APC office, 3535 College Rd, suite 203, above Fuji restaurant</a>
OPEN THROUGH SEPT. 2018	hours through May 31 Mon- Sat 9 AM - 5 PM	<b>Decolonizing Alaska</b> is a multimedia visual art exhibit featuring contemporary <b>artists exploring and responding to Alaska's history of colonization</b> . A collaboration of more than 30 diverse Alaska artists, both Native and non-Native, the exhibit introduces new ideas around Alaska culture. Artists move beyond stereotypical ideas to inspire conversation around self-definition and express ideas about identity separate from those that permeate popular culture. <a href="#">Learn more about the exhibit</a>	University of Alaska Museum of the North Special Exhibits Gallery 1962 Yukon Dr. Fbks Admission \$0, \$5, \$8, \$14
Fri, 6/8		:: <b>June 8: SAVE THE DATE for NAEC annual Donor Appreciation Picnic!</b> This is a fun, informative opportunity to connect with our members and supporters, share updates on our work, share a meal. Mark your calendars now, & stay tuned for details...	
Saturday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12-2pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Feast - potluck, featuring folks who have been working for peace, justice, &/or sustainability locally	<a href="#">Pioneer Park Square Dance Pavilion</a>
June 11th		First week of Camp Habitat contact Friends of Creamer's Field <a href="mailto:director@friendsofcreamersfield.com">director@friendsofcreamersfield.com</a>	
Wed, 7/4	TBA	<b>July 4<sup>th</sup> Music FEST:</b> Unity Outreach Inc. is hosting their 25 <sup>th</sup> annual Music FEST. They are looking for agencies to provide services or table at the event. The event is free, open to the public, and thousands of people attend each year. This is a great opportunity to get the word out about your agencies. For more information please contact <a href="mailto:barbiebaumgartner@gmail.com">barbiebaumgartner@gmail.com</a>	Pioneer Park
Fri, 7/13	TBA	<b>July 13<sup>th</sup> Resource Fair:</b> Christine Charron & Meagan Scheer from Access Alaska have taken the lead on planning a community resource fair...[to] feature a number of presentations, snacks made through a collaboration between Access Alaska and the Stone's Throw program, and opportunities for table outreach. This event is free and open to the public. For more information please contact Meagan at <a href="mailto:mscheer@accessalaska.org">mscheer@accessalaska.org</a> or Christine at <a href="mailto:ccharron@accessalaska.org">ccharron@accessalaska.org</a> .	in Breadline Inc.'s garden area

### Good News category:

[ACLU of Alaska](#) 4/12/18: **"Anchorage voters defeat Prop 1, & uphold basic protections for our transgender neighbors!"** Anchorage has made history. For the first time in the country, a standalone ballot initiative that targeted transgender people for unfair treatment was soundly defeated last week... We should celebrate this historic, hard-fought win, but we know there is more work to be done. **There are still communities in Alaska that do not have clearly articulated protections for LGBT people...** tomorrow the tireless fight to protect the rights of ALL Alaskans continues. Sincerely, Joshua A.Decker, Executive Director P.S. For the latest updates on the fight for civil liberties, check out our [website](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)."

from <[info@endslaverynow.org](mailto:info@endslaverynow.org)>: "On Wednesday, April 11th 2018 President Trump signed the FOSTA-SESTA bill into law in the United States. **Celebrate the passing of FOSTA-SESTA and help others in your community understand why the law is necessary to fight for victims of sex trafficking.** [More Info Here](#) [This] will make it possible for federal and state prosecutors to target websites that host sex-trafficking ads, and enables victims and state attorneys general to file lawsuits against those sites. FOSTA is the nickname for the bill with its title, "Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act." The bill went into effect immediately, making its impact felt across the United States. As a result of this passing, the ad-sharing website Backpage.com was shut down—the website that is the focus of the 2017 documentary, "[I Am Jane Doe](#)." Celebrate these recent successes with members in your community and help others understand how these laws will help fight and protect victims of sex trafficking. Help end slavery!"

### Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, and/or Issues not specific to Alaska

#### Peace

A link re the militarization of our youth:  
["High School Firing Ranges by State - National Coalition to Protect Student Privacy...](#) military shooting programs in Alaska H.S., including FBX, Nenana, and n.pole, apparently?" ... "Alaska has 11 schools with military shooting programs, according to the Civilian Marksmanship Program. **Alaska ASVAB Testing, 2015-16:** a total of **2,476** students were tested in Alaska. Of the **1918** juniors & seniors that were tested, only **9.96%** were tested under Option 8. The remaining juniors & seniors had their test results sent to recruiters without parental consent."

#### Justice

from [aclu@aclu.org](mailto:aclu@aclu.org)\*: "This week Oregon joined Washington to become the **second state to adopt a law protecting net neutrality**. The governors of Montana, New York, New Jersey, Hawaii, and Vermont all signed net neutrality executive orders earlier this year. The actions of these states – and we're expecting many more to follow – demonstrate how much of the country is willing to fight for net neutrality protections.

**While states are leveraging their own power, we need to keep up the pressure on Washington.** Because of activists like you, 50 senators agreed to take our side – but we're still **1 senator short of majority needed to use the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to**

#### Sustainability

[Northern Alaska Environmental Center:](#) "During the GMT2 comment period, BLM will hold public mtgs in Nuiqsut, Utqiagvik, Atqasuk, Anaktuvuk Pass, Anch, & Fbks. Review the Executive Summary for the GMT2 Draft Supplemental EIS [here](#). Comments may be submitted by e-mail ([blm\\_ak\\_gmt2\\_comments@blm.gov](mailto:blm_ak_gmt2_comments@blm.gov)), by mail (GMT2 SEIS Comments Attn: Stephanie Rice [222 West 7th Avenue, #13 Anchorage, AK 99513-7504](http://222 West 7th Avenue, #13 Anchorage, AK 99513-7504)), by fax ((907) 271-3933. Attn: GMT2 SEIS Comments), you can hand-deliver your comments to the BLM Public Information Ctr in the federal Bldg, [222 W. 7th Ave, Anchorage](http://222 W. 7th Ave, Anchorage), or through public testimony..

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**“Missile testing dates to be classified** By Sam Friedman SFRIEDMAN@NEWSMINER.COM Under a new Missile Defense Agency policy, the government will no longer announce a public calendar of upcoming missile tests. The agency will, however, give pilots and boat captains a safety heads up about a week before any test launches and will be announcing the results of tests after their completion... The schedule will be available to Congress in a classified document...

The Interior is home to most of the Missile Defense Agency's Ground-Based Midcourse Defense interceptors, one of several missile defense tools in the MDA arsenal. Fort Greely has 40 interceptors... Although it's the main interceptor site, Fort Greely is not used for missile defense testing. Testing of the GMD system has taken place in Alaska at Kodiak Island's Pacific Spaceport Complex. The Missile Defense Agency has used the Kodiak launch facility to launch mock warheads to be shot down by interceptors at Vandenberg or from Kwajalein Atol in the southern Pacific Ocean. So far, 10 of 17 interceptor tests of the Groundbased Midcourse system have been successful.\* Garton said the missile agency will continue to report the success or failure of tests after they are completed....

Kodiak has also been used to test another missile defense product, a truckbased missile known as Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD." from [newsminer.com](http://newsminer.com) 4-11-18. \*"successful" has been debated.

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*Trump ordered missile attacks on Syria,* “On the eve of the arrival in Syria of the inspectors of Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW),” is Blowing Up the Lack of Evidence, per an [article by retired Col. Ann Wright](#).

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June 4-15: Ctr for Nonviolence & Peace Studies - 19th Annual International Nonviolence Summer Institute [LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING IN KINGIAN NONVIOLENCE CONFLICT RECONCILIATION](#)

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**“:: Sticking to Paris climate goals could mitigate sea ice decline..** according to a new study published on Monday in the peer-reviewed journal *Nature Climate Change*. *Arctic Sounder*. “ via NAEC

**overturn the FCC's decision.**

**Will you send a message to your senators so that we can tip the scale in favor of a fair, free, and open internet? Regardless of whether you contacted your senators before – or where your senators stand – Congress needs to know that we're still watching this fight.**” \*American Civil Liberties Union

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*from Friends of Creamer's Field:* “**We need volunteers** to help with the planning and organizing as well as the day of **Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk** This arts in nature event is going to be on Father's Day this year, June 17th.”

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*from [info@standforsalmon.org](mailto:info@standforsalmon.org) on 4/12:* **“Don't let international corporations silence Alaskans** You may have seen the news yesterday: the opposition to the Yes for Salmon ballot initiative just raised \$2 million... from international corporations with headquarters in Tokyo, London & Houston TX. They DO NOT want to stop and listen to you as part of a new public process to improve development around salmon streams... Nearly 42,000 people helped put this issue on the ballot...If salmon are essential to you, now is the time to show the corporate funded opposition that we will not back down.”

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**“:: Draft Walker climate policy urges Alaska to transition away from fossil fuels.**

The state of Alaska should reduce its use of fossil fuels, increase investment in renewable energy and plan for a global transition away from oil & gas. Those are some of the first recommendations from Gov Bill Walker's climate change task force... The [20-person team](#) was appointed by the governor last fall to write a state climate policy. KTOO.

**“:: Cross-Canada pipeline on hold because of opposition.** The announcement came after another wave of civil disobedience

against the project over the weekend, following [mass demonstrations against the pipeline less than a month ago](#). More than 172 people have been arrested in the past month, including university professors, First Nations leaders and elders, members of parliament, city officials, celebrities and ordinary citizens by the score. *Seattle Times.*” via NAEC

“...We still expect the Department of Interior to release a Notice of Intent (NOI) ... on the Arctic Refuge front, [which] will start a 60-day comment period, and a series of public mtgs. Now is a good time ...to gather our thoughts, put words on paper (or, more likely, onto the internet), and share with your community. If you ... don't know where to start, contact us at [info@northern.org](mailto:info@northern.org), and we can help you...

“Last week, Governor Walker asked the state legislature to use most of the \$10 million he requested for seismic surveys in the Coastal Plain to improve the state's emergency services instead, stating that the funds are not needed for seismic right now.

“Meanwhile, Canadian Gwich'in Refuge defenders and politicians have been drawing attention to a 1987 treaty signed by President Reagan with Canada, requiring both governments to "take appropriate action to conserve the Porcupine Caribou Herd and its habitat."

“This week, American Rivers released the **33rd annual Endangered Rivers report**, which "highlights 10 rivers whose fate will be decided in the coming year, and encourages decision-makers to do the right thing for the rivers and the communities they support."

“(Colville) **Kuukpik River** in the Western Arctic is **named 8th Most Endangered**, due to the administration's energy policies pushing for expanded development in the region. The Kuukpik is a major watershed that drains into the Beaufort Sea, and provides rich habitat for northern wildlife. [Learn more about this river & others here](#).

**“News Camp Habitat Summer 2018 registration now open.** Camp Habitat offers summer nature education and ecology programs for kids ages 4-11. See [this page for more info](#), plus Camp Habitat job postings!

**“:: Meet the Fairbanks teen who's suing the U.S. government over climate change.**

Nathan Baring's...began to feel like the voices of young people weren't taken seriously in the political sphere. So when a nonprofit legal organization called Our Children's Trust came looking for young Alaskans to join a suit trying to get the government to change its energy policies, he went for it. *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*.

**“:: New Zealand bans all new permits for offshore oil & gas exploration.** Prime minister Jacinda Ardern said it would help “protect future generations from climate change” and promised nobody would be losing their job as a result. “Unless we make decisions today that will essentially take effect in 30 or more years' time, we run the risk of acting too late and causing abrupt shocks to communities and our country,” she said at a press conference on Thurs. *Independent UK.*” via NAEC

## The Pentagon Budget as Corporate Welfare for Weapons Makers

by William Hartung, [TomDispatch](#) 02/27/2018

"Imagine for a moment a scheme in which American taxpayers were taken to the cleaners to the tune of hundreds of billions of dollars and there was barely a hint of criticism or outrage. Imagine as well that the White House and a majority of the politicians in Washington, no matter the party, acquiesced in the arrangement. In fact, the annual quest to boost Pentagon spending into the stratosphere regularly follows that very scenario, assisted by predictions of imminent doom from [industry-funded hawks](#) with a vested interest in increased military outlays.

The figures contained in the recent budget deal ... as well as in President Trump's budget proposal for 2019, are a case in point: \$700 billion for the Pentagon and related programs in 2018 and \$716 billion the following year. Remarkably, such numbers far exceeded even the Pentagon's own expansive expectations... just the approximately \$80 billion annual increase in the department's top line between 2017 and 2019 will be ...higher than the gross domestic products of more than 100 countries; and larger than the entire military budget of any country in the world, except China's... [The] Pentagon increase..., combined with the Trump tax cut for the rich, funds ballooning deficits as far as the eye can see -- a total of [\\$7.7 trillion](#) ... over the next decade...[v.] [proposed cut](#) of \$120 billion in the domestic spending levels both parties agreed to. The biggest reductions include a 41% cut in funding for diplomacy and foreign aid; a 36% cut in funding for energy and the environment; and a 35% cut in housing and community development. And that's just the beginning. The Trump administration is also preparing to launch full-scale assaults on [food stamps](#), [Medicaid](#), and [Medicare](#). **It's war on everything except the U.S. military.**

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-- Jackson Brown: *Soldier of Plenty*

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