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## ***Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019***

*reporting on events & issues of peace, justice, and sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska,  
broadcasting on Sundays, 8am & 6pm on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM/kwrk.org Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska. Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
March	all month	<b>Women's History Month</b> - "Theme for 2019: Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence." (For details, see information in the March 4 edition, at <a href="http://alaskapeace.org">alaskapeace.org</a> .) <b>Sobriety Awareness Month</b> (For details, see information in the March 4 edition, at <a href="http://alaskapeace.org">alaskapeace.org</a> .)	
		<b><u>To Contact your Elected Public Officials,</u></b> see lists of contact information at the end of this news brief	
Monday March 18	6:30-8pm	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>FCAC Regenerative Economy Working Group</b> -If interested, please follow the link to contact the group.	Native Movement Conference Rm
		<b>Delta Extension Week</b> Extension Week in Delta will be March 18-22. Ten workshops will be offered on <b>farming and garden topics, fermentation and cooking with barley, paper making and attracting birds</b> to your yard. See <a href="#">the full schedule</a> . Call Extension in Delta at 895-4215 for more information or to register.	Delta Career Advancement Center
Tuesday March 19	Deadline	...for applications for the <b>COMMUNITY BASED CLIMATE CHANGE, HEALTH &amp; EQUITY STRATEGY GRANT</b> Access the application packet <a href="#">at this link</a> or <a href="https://kresge.org/sites/default/files/library/cche-rfp-application-packet1.pdf">https://kresge.org/sites/default/files/library/cche-rfp-application-packet1.pdf</a> .	
March 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup>	2-4pm 6-8pm	What can the U.S. Forest Service do for you? Find out March 19 and 20 as representatives from the U.S. Forest Service present, " <b>Alaska Forest Health Protection: Plants, Pathogens and Pests</b> " The March 19 presentation is a focused talk for agency professionals, resource managers and interested public from 2 to 4 p.m., while <b>March 20</b> is a continuation for the public from 6 to 8 p.m... Speakers and topics include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Tricia Wurtz, Ph.D., ecologist</b>, -some of the <b>invasive plants that are currently spreading in Interior Alaska</b>, and what agencies and private landowners can do to prevent them from infesting their lands. Discussion will cover the current status of Elodea, bird vetch, creeping thistle and spotted knapweed. Methods for controlling bird vetch will be briefly discussed.</li><li>• <b>Loretta Winton, Ph.D., forest pathologist</b>, - recognizable &amp; damaging <b>tree diseases of Alaska's boreal forest</b>. She will describe pathogen identification, the type of damage caused by each, and where we have found them. Key examples are an aggressive canker disease of aspen and the conks and mushrooms of stem decay fungi.</li><li>• <b>Stephen J. Burr, Ph.D., forest entomologist</b>, <b>key insect pests</b> currently impacting Alaska, with a focus on Interior forests. He will discuss the spruce beetle outbreak, impacts of leaf mining insects on urban and forest trees, distribution of defoliating insects, and methods for monitoring and assessing forest health...</li></ul>	UAF University Park Building, 1000 University Ave., Room 108.

		We hope you can join us! Please help us spread the word about these presentations by sharing the <a href="#">workshop flier</a> with anyone who may be interested. Thank you!	
		<b>Fbks Economic Development Corp. Energy Task Force mtg:</b> Alaska Native Lands into Federal Trust Discussion II - Professor Bell-Jones. FEDC contact info: 330 Wendell ave, ste E, Fbks; 452-2185	
	6 pm	Advise your friends in <b>Anchorage: AO2019-15 (Toxic-Free Children Ordinance)</b> will protect Anchorage's children, firefighters, and families by eliminating toxic flame retardant chemicals from children's toys, children's products, and upholstered furniture... Please come to the <b>public hearing</b> and show your support... ! If you can't make it, your assembly member still needs to hear from you, <a href="#">take action by calling and emailing them here!</a> <i>from Alaska Community Action on Toxics</i>	Anchorage: <a href="#">Z.J. Loussac Library</a>
<b>Wednesday March 20</b>		<b>17 years of U.S. invasion</b> and occupation of the oil-rich land: Iraq	
	Comments are due	...on the supplication package for an <b>OIL DISCHARGE PREVENTION and CONTINGENCY PLAN</b> for <b>PETRO STAR, INC.</b> For more information or to submit comments, contact Jill Stockbridge at 907-451-2362 or email <a href="mailto:jill.stockbridge@alaska.gov">jill.stockbridge@alaska.gov</a> .	<b>FAIRBANKS</b>
	5:30 pm	<b>Fairbanks Open Radio - KWRK-LP 90.9 FM - weekly mtg.</b> For more information: <a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a> , or 374-0577 Help support this important alternative news source by learning to help program, with publicity, or recording voices in our community.	3535 College Rd, suite 203
<b>Thursday March 21</b>	4 pm 1-17,2-21, 3/21/19	Fbks Diversity Council Accessibility Committee mtg. Repeats every month on the third Thursday. <a href="https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/bc-diversity/page/fdc-accessibility-committee-3">https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/bc-diversity/page/fdc-accessibility-committee-3</a>	City Hall, 800 Cushman St.
	7 pm	<b>Peace Choir performance at Children's Museum</b>	
<b>Friday March 22</b>	<i>Public comment period ends at 5 pm AKST.</i>	<b>Public hearings will be held the COMMISSIONER'S ANALYSIS AND PROPOSED DECISION on the RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASE for the DONLIN NATURAL GAS PIPELINE</b> in [Bethel 3/4/19; Aniak 3/6; Skwentna 3/13]. The proposed Donlin Pipeline would transport natural gas from the Beluga Natural Gas Pipeline system to the Donlin Gold mine. The 14-inch diameter pipeline would originate 7.7 miles north of the Beluga Power Plant and terminate at the Donlin Gold mine site, approximately 10 miles north of the community of Crooked Creek. Of the proposed 315-mile-long pipeline, approximately 207 miles would be located on State of Alaska owned lands. The proposed pipeline would have a maximum operating pressure of 1,480 pounds per square inch gauge and be buried for most the route. The operating pipeline right-of-way lease would include one compressor station and one metering station. Donlin has requested a 150-foot-wide right-of-way for pipeline construction and a 50-foot-wide right-of-way for operations. Additionally, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing to close the lands within the proposed ROW, plus 100 feet on either side, to mineral entry for the protection of the pipeline. The mineral order would take effect upon issuance of the ROW lease and end upon the expiration or termination of the lease. The order would potentially affect up to 14,706 acres of State-owned lands, reducing to roughly 6,250 acres after construction. Documents concerning the proposed ROW lease and Mineral Order are available at <a href="http://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Documents/SPCS/PublicNotices/Donlin/1.24.19DonlinROWADL231908CAPD.pdf">http://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Documents/SPCS/PublicNotices/Donlin/1.24.19DonlinROWADL231908CAPD.pdf</a> . Deadline for comments is March 22. To submit comment of for more information, contact the State Pipeline Coordinator's Section at (907) 269-6479 or email <a href="mailto:spco.records@alaska.gov">spco.records@alaska.gov</a> . <i>from <a href="mailto:whatsup@npogroups.org">whatsup@npogroups.org</a>.</i>	<i>from Native Movement <a href="mailto:mail@networkforgood.com">mail@networkforgood.com</a> Stand with communities of the Bethel region and people across the state to oppose the Donlin Mine.</i> <i>Please comment. <a href="#">Learn more HERE.</a></i>
	8am - Noon	<b>Nenana Community Health Fair</b> Complete health fair schedule: <a href="https://alaskahealthfair.org">https://alaskahealthfair.org</a>	406 E 2nd St (corner of 2nd & C Streets), Nenana
	7 pm	<b>ANCHORAGE: Native Movement is supporting &amp; speaking at <i>The Day the Water Died</i> film screening &amp; panel discussion...</b> Click <a href="#">here</a> to learn more.	Wilda Marston Theater at the Loussac Library

<b>Saturday March 23</b>	8-11 am	<b>Salcha Community Health Fair</b> Complete health fair schedule: <a href="https://alaskahealthfair.org">https://alaskahealthfair.org</a>	Salcha Elementary, 8530 Richardson Hwy.,
	11am - noon	<b>2019 Programs at Creamer's Field - Preschool Nature Discovery</b> - For children 3-6 yrs old "Figuring Out FOX" 907-452-5162 <a href="http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org">www.friendsofcreamersfield.org</a>	Creamer's Farm House 1300 College Rd
	10-2	"Anchorage and Fairbanks community members check it out! <b><i>Native Movement</i></b> will be offering, " <b>Untangling Colonialism – Decolonizing Advocacy</b> " — a training for advocates, organizers, and community leaders. [This training] delves into a history of colonization and its current manifestations. We will briefly cover United States Federal Indian Policy carried out dominantly in the lower 48 and its expansion into Alaska policy and the implications on Alaska Native peoples. And we will go into the spectrum of decolonizing strategies; from various personal, institutional, and systemic pathways forward. All of our training sessions utilize a range of activities and discussions designed for participants from a diversity of ages and backgrounds. RSVP via the <a href="#">Google Doc.</a> "	<b>Fbks:</b> CCHRC ----- Anchorage: Fri, 3/22, 10am -2pm at the <a href="#">Anchorage Public Library</a> (Mountain View)
	7:30pm	<b>Music in the Woods</b> - "featuring the <b>South Cushman Social Club!</b> Lisa Sporleder and other great Fairbanks musicians will be playing 'an assortment of rock, blues, folk, a few well-known tunes we've turned sideways, and stuff we like that defies category.' If you haven't been to a MITW show before, this is the one to start with, no matter what your musical preference! Suggested donation \$10. See you here!"	UFF, 4448 Pkes Landing Rd
<b>Sunday March 24</b>	10:30am	<b>Jeff Clements</b> (see Monday, March 25, below) "will be speaking to the [UFF] fellowship about <b>what we can do to help restore equal access to democracy</b> , a core principle of Unitarian Universalism. Join us for a special coffee hour talk back with Clements after the service."	UFF, 4448 Pkes Landing Rd
	4:30 pm	<b>Zero Waste: 2nd Workshop Session Added</b> <i>The [recent] Saturday workshop sold out almost immediately, so Brittany has graciously agreed to do a second workshop session on Sunday afternoon.</i> Join us for a <a href="#">conversation with Brittany Karns</a> , known on social media as ZeroWaste Fairbanks. Brittany will share easy tips and hacks for reducing and eliminating waste from your everyday life. Brittany has been on her own <a href="#">Zero Waste journey</a> for a couple of years, and she's passionate about sharing ideas and inspiration for living a less wasteful, more meaningful life. She notes that it isn't really possible to live with ZERO waste in Fairbanks (or most places in the world) but it is entirely within reach to make better choices and live more intentionally, with less negative impact on the planet. You can waste less, save more and live well! This workshop is for you if you're interested in producing less waste, using fewer toxic ingredients in your home and on your body, and learning new things! <b>Note: The Zero Waste Workshop is a free event, but space is limited to 20 participants. <a href="#">Click here</a> to register for the Sunday session.</b>	Co-op Market Grocery & Deli, 526 Gaffney Road Fbks
		<a href="#"><u>Next Week</u></a>	
<b>Monday March 25</b>	last day to submit comments	<b>Submit Feedback on the VA Mission Act</b> - On February 22nd, the Department of Veterans Affairs proposed rules that for the first time would establish "access standards," under which covered veterans must be offered the option of receiving care from a non-VA provider if VA cannot meet such standards. They are open for comment but only for 30 days. The last day to submit comments is March 25th. You can see the Save Our VA Working Group's <a href="#">Talking points</a> or check our <a href="#">our website</a> for more info! Also be sure and check out this <a href="#">great flyer</a> to educate others!"	<a href="#"><u>You can submit comments here.</u></a>
	6 pm	<b>Big Money v. The People: Alaska Campaign Finance Speaking Tour</b> - by Jeff Clements, on the front lines of the fight to overturn <i>Citizens United</i> *, and he runs <a href="#">American Promise</a> , an organization pushing for an Amendment to overturn it. Sponsored by the Pol. Sci. dept. at UAF If you need to update or cancel your RSVP, use this link: <a href="http://www.americanpromise.net/big_money_v_people_university_fairbanks?e=07a276fc90bcd85060df97f171c0cd64">http://www.americanpromise.net/big_money_v_people_university_fairbanks?e=07a276fc90bcd85060df97f171c0cd64</a>	Bunnell Building 1790 Tanana Lp Schaible Auditorium, UAF

		<p>Please feel free to invite others to join you with this link:  <a href="http://www.americanpromise.net/big_money_v_people_university_fairbanks?recruiter_id=93647">http://www.americanpromise.net/big_money_v_people_university_fairbanks?recruiter_id=93647</a>  American Promise <a href="http://www.americanpromise.net/">http://www.americanpromise.net/</a>  * The 2010 U.S. Supreme Court case that decided that corporations are people for the purposes of legitimacy of campaign contributions (but not for going to jail, etc.)</p>	<a href="#">Google map and directions</a>
	6:30pm	<p><b>Fairbanks City Council Mtg</b> (twice per month on Monday evenings*) <a href="#">Agendas</a> and calendar at <a href="https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/">https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/</a> This page contains a link to live City Council Mtgs and other City Board and Commission Mtgs, when available. Please click the Listen Live image below to start streaming the audio. Council Mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio. Listen live on your iPhone! Mixlr now has an iPhone/iPad app (<a href="http://bit.ly/163ZvLg">http://bit.ly/163ZvLg</a>) via the iTunes Store. Once you get the app set up, you search for city_of_fairbanks and you will be able to follow our audio stream (<a href="http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/">http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/</a>)!" <a href="#">Agendas</a></p>	Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman Street
Wednesday March 27	Deadline for proposals	<p>...to the <b>Federal Subsistence Board to CHANGE FEDERAL REGULATIONS for the SUBSISTENCE HARVEST of WILDLIFE on FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS</b>. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/01/31/2019-00424/subsistence-management-regulations-for-public-lands-in-alaska-2020-21-and-2021-22-subsistence-taking">https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/01/31/2019-00424/subsistence-management-regulations-for-public-lands-in-alaska-2020-21-and-2021-22-subsistence-taking</a> or contact Thomas C.J. Doolittle, Office of Subsistence Management; (907) 786-3888 or email <a href="mailto:subsistence@fws.gov">subsistence@fws.gov</a>.</p>	
	5:30pm	Fairbanks Open Radio, <b>KWRK-LP FM</b> , weekly mtg.	
	6-8pm	<p><b>Exxon Valdez to the Arctic Refuge: The Irony of the Petro-Welfare State</b> –30 years after the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, we will gather and hear from Philip Wight, an Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Year Fellow and History Ph.D. Candidate at Brandeis University. Philip will share findings from his dissertation, which focus on the history of the Pipeline System from 1941-2007. Following the presentation we will hear from a panel of Alaskans experts who will all help advance our thinking about how the dependence on the pipeline continues to affect traditional cultures, northern climate and our ability to move away from an oil economy. <a href="#">RSVP on Facebook</a>.</p>	Bread Line 507 Gaffney Rd
Thursday March 28	12-1 pm	<b>Fairbanks Housing &amp; Homeless Coalition March Mtg.</b> Agenda includes introductions, treasurer update, State Budget Concerns, Case Conferencing, <a href="#">Arctic Alliance for People [AAP FB]</a> , and Agency Updates.	Council Chambers of City Hall
	6 pm	<i>Regular FNSB Assembly mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough)</i>	Borough bldg,
Friday March 29	Comment Deadline	<p><b>No Road to Ambler</b> - The dates for completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS) were extended to March 29... To submit public comments related to this proposed project, please email: <a href="mailto:BLM_AK_AKSO_AmblerRoad_Comments@blm.gov">BLM AK AKSO AmblerRoad Comments@blm.gov</a> Or mail to: Ambler Road Scoping Comments, 222 West 7th Avenue, Stop #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513. from Native Movement <a href="mailto:mail@networkforgood.com">mail@networkforgood.com</a></p>	
	6 pm eat, 7 - film	<b>Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code</b> - potluck, film, & discussion co-sponsored by Alaska Peace Center, University Community Presbyterian Church (UCPC), and Native Movement. More information as it gets closer. <a href="#">Flyer here</a> .	UCPC, 3510 College Rd
Saturday March 30	8 - 11am	<b>Healy Community Health Fair</b> Complete health fair schedule: <a href="https://alaskahealthfair.org">https://alaskahealthfair.org</a>	Tri-Valley School, 400 Suntrana Rd.,
	1-4pm	<b>Programs of Creamer's Field - An Afternoon With Owls</b> For all ages - Come learn about all things OWLS. Dave Dorsey of Bird TLC will again give a presentation with "Ghost" the Snowy Owl education bird. Education and craft opportunities available for all ages. <a href="tel:907-452-5162">907-452-5162</a> or <a href="http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org">www.friendsofcreamersfield.org</a>	Morris Thompson Visitor Center
March 30 - April 4, 2019	1pm	<b>A Call for a Mass Mobilization to Oppose NATO, War &amp; Racism:</b> Protest NATO, 1 PM Saturday, March 30, 2019. Additional actions will take place on Thurs April 4 at the opening of the NATO meeting	Washington, DC, Lafayette Park

		<p>April 4, 2019, will mark the 51st anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., the internationally revered leader in struggles against racism, poverty and war.</p> <p>And yet, in a grotesque desecration of Rev. King's lifelong dedication to peace, this is the date that the military leaders of the North American Treaty Organization have chosen to celebrate NATO's 70th anniversary by holding its annual summit meeting in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>To add your endorsement to this call, please go here: <a href="http://www.no2nato2019.org/endorse-the-action.html">http://www.no2nato2019.org/endorse-the-action.html</a></p> <p>If your organization would like to join the UNAC coalition, please click here: <a href="https://www.unacpeace.org/join.html">https://www.unacpeace.org/join.html</a></p> <p>from WorldBEYONDWar: <b>No to NATO — Yes to Peace Festival</b> We plan a peace festival to advocate the abolition of NATO, the promotion of peace, the redirection of resources to human and environmental needs, the demilitarization of our cultures, and the commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech against war on April 4, 1967, as well as his assassination on April 4, 1968. Learn more, sponsor, volunteer, submit ideas, find lodging and transportation at <a href="http://notonato.org">notonato.org</a></p>	(across from the White House)
<b><u>Mark Your Calendar: Events After Next Week</u></b>			
Fri, April 5	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	<b><a href="#">Fairbanks Beginning Farmer Expo</a></b> - will bring together emerging and experienced farmers with non-profit, private, and government resource organizations. The Expo will provide participants with an understanding of the challenges and prospects of establishing a viable farm business in Alaska, including a pragmatic, step-by-step overview on how to get started... This event is open to the public. Those who are serious about pursuing farm careers in Alaska are encouraged to attend. Admission is \$40 and includes access to the event, a light breakfast, coffee service, and lunch catered by Raven Landing. Parking is free. <b>Advance registration required by April 4.</b> <a href="#">Add to Calendar</a>	Raven Landing Community Centr 1222 Cowles St. Fbks <a href="#">View Map</a>
	6:30- 7:30pm	<b><a href="#">:: Denaakk'e Through Bird Songs with Susan Paskvan.</a></b> “During the K'edon Ts'ednee times, a time long ago, the animals and birds were able to talk to each other. Many of our beliefs originated during these legendary times. The bird songs tell about events that happened during the K'edon Ts'ednee times.” Join us to learn about the Denaakk'e language of Interior Alaska and its remarkable vocabulary to describe bird songs - or should I say bird conversations?	Morris Thompson Center
Saturday April 6	5 pm	<b><a href="#">::: 27th Annual Fabulous Feminist Fundraiser.</a></b> supports lobbying efforts on behalf of women, children & families. Proceeds from this event support the Alaska Women's Lobby and local advocates to lobby on behalf of Alaska's women, children & families.	Westmark Hotel, Fbks
<b>Tues 4/9</b>		<b><a href="#">UAF Research and Creative Activity Day, April 9</a></b>	
<b>Saturday April 13</b>	8am- noon	<b><a href="#">Fairbanks Community Health Fair (Spring 2019 Event)</a></b>	Carlson Center, 2010 2nd Ave.
		<b><a href="#">April 13: Tim Easton benefit concert for the Northern Center.</a></b> We're so excited that songwriter Tim Easton will be back in Alaska, and will play another benefit concert to support our work, this time at UAF's The Pub. Keep an eye out for more details and ticket information, coming soon!	The Pub at UAF
<b>Friday 4/19</b>	noon	“Dear teachers and friends, The KEA kids at Boreal Sun Charter School are organizing with the support of their head teacher a <b>school district wide Earth Day celebration on Friday 4/19 at noon.</b> This would entail a field trip to the downtown park... We are hoping that you can help by spreading the word to other teachers or your children's teachers, and show your interest in participating. Please contact Elisabeth Hilker or myself with suggestions, ideas and comments. Thank you, Silvia Daeumichen, Kids Environmental Action < <a href="mailto:silviadaeumichen@gmail.com">silviadaeumichen@gmail.com</a> >	
Saturday April 27	7 pm	Fairbanks Peace Choir Concert	<b>UUFF</b>
<b>Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup></b>	12-2pm	<b><a href="#">7th Annual Peace Feast</a></b> , with free barbecue and featuring various folks who have been doing work that promotes peace, justice, &/or sustainability in Interior Alaska. All Welcome! <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a> for more information.	Square Dance Pavilion Pioneer Park, Airport Way

## Good News category:

**A stay of execution for 737 people on death row** . *from the Innocence Project*: “[March 13,] California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a moratorium on the death penalty under his tenure, a decisive step in eliminating the chance that an innocent person is executed in the state of California. The 737 people on California’s death row, the largest of any state in the nation, have been granted a stay of execution.

‘Our death penalty system has been, by all measures, a failure,’ Gov. Newsom stated in a [press release](#). ‘It has discriminated against defendants who are mentally ill, black and brown, or can’t afford expensive legal representation. It has provided no public safety benefit or value as a deterrent. It has wasted billions of taxpayer dollars. Most of all, the death penalty is absolute. It’s irreversible and irreparable in the event of human error.’” [Read more...](#)

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Now available via internet link, the Spring 2019 edition of [Peace In Our Times](#) includes “**A Planet in Crisis: The Heat’s on Us**” by former Alaskan, Dahr Jamail, a Truthout staff reporter, is the author of The End of Ice: Bearing Witness and Finding Meaning in the Path of Climate Disruption, The Will to Resist: Soldiers Who Refuse to Fight in Iraq and Afghanistan, and Beyond the Green Zone: Dispatches From an Unembedded Journalist in Occupied Iraq. Jamail has reported from Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Turkey and has won the Izzy Award and the Martha Gellhorn Award for Investigative Journalism. Dahr came to Fbk more than once s to speak about what he saw in Iaq in the early years of the U.S. invasion and occupation. There are many other good articles in *Peace In Our Times* as well.

## Peace | Justice | Sustainability

### **from Veterans For Peace Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>: Veterans Call on U.S. Troops to Resist Illegal Orders to Invade Venezuela -**

“Veterans For Peace (VFP) calls on all members of the U.S. military to refuse illegal orders to intervene in Venezuela. Furthermore, VFP urges all U.S. military leaders to inform the president that they will order their units to stand down from preparations to invade Venezuela.

Illegal, immoral and irresponsible U.S. actions, including “sanctions” (economic war) have already taken a great toll on the people Venezuela. Nonetheless, the vast majority of Venezuelan people and military are standing firm against foreign intervention. Now there is a very real possibility that President Trump will order U.S. troops to intervene in Venezuela, whether through a direct invasion and occupation, or through support for irregular counter-revolutionary forces. This would likely lead to a widening war that could spread to other Latin American countries and the Caribbean, bringing increasing suffering to the peoples of Latin America and the U.S.

It is illegal under both U.S. and international law to launch a military attack against another nation unless it is clearly in self-defense, and is approved by the United Nations. There are a number of options for GI's who do not wish to follow illegal orders. Veterans For Peace wants service-members to be fully informed as they make profound choices with possibly serious consequences. We urge GI's facing possible deployment to contact the National Lawyers Guild Military Law Task Force at (619) 463-2369 and/or [help@militarylawhelp.com](mailto:help@militarylawhelp.com) for referral to a civilian attorney to discuss your options. Many of their member lawyers are willing to do an initial pro-bono (free) consultation. [Read Entire Statement](#) [See Press Release](#)

Also, Sen. Jeff Merkley just introduced a bill to block Trump’s path to war — and we need to act fast to get our senators behind it before Trump plunges ahead toward war. [Urge Congress to sign on to Sen. Merkley’s bill S.J.Res. 11 to oppose unauthorized military intervention in Venezuela!](#)”

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**SHOP & SHARE** Would you like to help a neighbor in need by buying an extra carton of eggs or quart of yogurt? Ask your [Co-op Market Grocery & Deli] cashier to show you the Shop & Share menu. We've partnered with the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to make it easy for you to give direct food aid to a family experiencing food insecurity. Visit our website to learn more about [Shop & Share](#). *from co-opmarketoutreach@ak.net*

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**“Protect Bristol Bay Stop Pebble Mine!** The public has until May 31 to submit comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for this proposed project. Learn more about how to make comments and what all the concerns are from our partners at [United Tribes of Bristol Bay](#).

-- *from Native Movement [mail@networkforgood.com](mailto:mail@networkforgood.com)* Stand with communities of the Bethel region and people across the state to **oppose the Donlin Mine**.

Public commenting period **ends on March 22 at 5 pm AKST**. Please comment. [Learn more HERE](#). *Announcing: Our Anchorage & Fairbanks Spring Trainings!*

Check out our list of upcoming trainings, RSVP for trainings, or request a training for your community -- all on our [website](#).

*from VFP: "Introducing a New Podcast!"* - This podcast is the first in series to be produced by **Courage to Resist** in collaboration with the **Vietnam Full Disclosure effort of Veterans for Peace**. This year marks 50 years of GI resistance, in and out of uniform, for many of the courageous individuals featured.

The first featured interview is Randy Rowland: During the Vietnam War era, the Presidio Stockade in San Francisco was a military prison notorious for its poor conditions and overcrowding with many troops imprisoned for refusing to fight in the Vietnam War. When Richard Bunch, a mentally disturbed prisoner, was shot and killed on October 11th, 1968, Presidio inmates began organizing. Three days later, 27 Stockade prisoners broke formation and walked over to a corner of the lawn, where they read a list of grievances about their prison conditions and the larger war effort and sang "We Shall Overcome." The prisoners were charged and tried for "mutiny," which carried the death penalty. Several got 14 to 16 years of confinement. Meanwhile, disillusionment about the Vietnam War continued to grow inside and outside of the military. [Listen now!](#)

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**American Frnkenfish** added to imports from Norway and Chile - "U.S. regulators[FDA - Food & Drug Administration] gave the green light to salmon genetically modified to grow about twice as fast as normal, but the company behind it [AquaBounty] may face legal challenges before the fish can be sold domestically... [They are] already sold in Canada, where it doesn't have to be labeled as genetically modified... [T]he disclosure regulation [in the U.S.] uses teh term "bioengineered" [vs] "genetically modified" and...campanies can provide the disclosure through codes that have to be scanned... [T]here are] concerns about it getting in the environment [and] breed with wild fish... Companies are also working to develop a variety of gene-edited crops and animals.". *from FDNM 3-10-19*

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**"Rotary Foundation Accepting Applications for Peace Center Fellowships** - Deadline May 31, 2019 - Each year, the [Rotary Foundation](#) selects up to a hundred professionals from around the world to receive fellowships to study at one of its peace centers.

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops leaders who serve as catalysts for conflict prevention and resolution. In just over a decade, Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than a thousand fellows for careers in peace-building, many of them serving as leaders at international organizations or who have started their own peace-building organizations." *Read more about it at <http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/rfp9477-rotary-foundation-accepting-applications-for-peace-center-fellowships>.*

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*from Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks::* "The Social Justice Committee is **collecting bedding, towels, and basic kitchen necessities to support the successful transition of previously incarcerated community members** with assistance from the Fairbanks Reentry Coalition. The collection box is in the foyer. Contact Alison Carter at [alisoncarter2@yahoo.com](mailto:alisoncarter2@yahoo.com) for more information."

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#### **Green New Deal:**

*--Millions of New Jobs in the Fight against Climate Change; ---Living Wages for All Working People ---Single-Payer Health Care: Medicare For All ---Fully Funded Public Schools, Free College Tuition Student Debt Forgiveness---Clean Energy instead of Fossil Fuel and Nukes, Fracking and Drilling ---An End to Perpetual War GP.org*

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*from Union of Concerned Scientists: "...on the full scale of issues that affect our lives, from chemicals in household products to sustainable, affordable food creation. [Urge your legislators to cosponsor the Scientific Integrity Act today.](#) *

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**Opportunity to help sponsor peace/justice/sustainability ad on the rear of a Borough bus:**  
The Alaska Peace Center is sponsoring the following ad on the rear end of a Borough bus

**3% of U.S. military  
spending could end  
starvation on earth.**  
alaskapeace.org

*Number explained: [worldbeyondwar.org/explained](http://worldbeyondwar.org/explained)*

(inspired by the need for alternative messaging from ghastly military-covered borough busses.)

***Will you help sponsor this bus panel at \$120 for a month or a week at \$30?***

Mail check to:

**Alaska Peace Center  
3535 College Rd Ste 203  
Fairbanks AK 99709-3722**

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**THANK YOU!**

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## To Contact your Elected Public Officials

**Fairbanks City Council Mtg** (twice per month on Monday evenings\*) **Agendas and calendar** at <https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/> This page contains a link to live City Council Mtgs and other City Board and Commission Mtgs, when available. Please click the Listen Live image below to start streaming the audio. Council Mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio. Listen live on your iPhone! Mixlr now has an iPhone/iPad app (<http://bit.ly/163ZvLg>) via the iTunes Store. Once you get the app set up, you search for city\_of\_fairbanks and you will be able to follow our audio stream ([http://mixlr.com/city\\_of\\_fairbanks/live/](http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/))! Location: Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St.

**Email Fairbanks City Council** people (keep it polite, positive, and honest, and remember that any information you share about your identity and story is public record).

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OR call our City Council people (feel free to leave a message after 5PM if that's easier)

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OR! leave a comment here: <https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/citycouncil/webform/contact-council>

**Fbks Diversity Council (FDC)** "...to provide a citizens forum, serve as a diversity advisory board, and recommend adoption of a Diversity Action Plan for the community. The FDC supports many different cultural and social activities in our community..." FDC meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The FDC includes 15 public members (3 appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and 12 appointed by the City of Fairbanks). The FDC comes together to discuss and work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. Contact info: [cityclerk@fairbanks.us](mailto:cityclerk@fairbanks.us) or 907-479-6702

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