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**2017: THE ALASKA YEAR OF HISTORY AND HERITAGE**

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**Historic Preservation Fund FY 18 budget**

President Trump's FY 2018 budget proposal recommends significant reductions to the Historic Preservation Fund programs. It proposes to reduce the amount of funding for the state and tribal offices and eliminate all competitive grant programs. The House of Representative's proposed FY 2018 budget also reduces the funding for the state and tribal offices. It does, however, include funds for the underserved communities, civil rights movement, historically black colleges, and Save American

Treasures programs, although at reduced amounts for all but the underserved communities from FY 2017 levels. The Senate has not announced its FY 2018 budget for HPF programs yet.

Historic Preservation Fund:	FY 2017 Final	FY 2018 President	FY 2018 House
States	\$ 47.925*	\$ 42.1	\$46.9
Tribes	10.485	9.0	9.5
Underserved communities initiative		.500	.5
Civil rights movement initiative	13.000		10.6
Historic Black colleges/universities	4.000		3.0
Save America's Treasures grants	5.000		4.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 80.910</b>	<b>\$ 51.1</b>	<b>\$ 74.5</b>

\* Figures are in millions.

Senators Lisa Murkowski and Maria Cantwell have introduced an energy bill (S. 1460) that includes a provision to permanently reauthorize the Historic Preservation Fund. It is similar to the bill they had in the last Congress that did not get passed. Senator Murkowski hopes to pass the bill this year, then work with the House of Representatives to get it enacted.

#### Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The Office of History and Archaeology is recruiting for an Archaeologist II to lead the Review and Compliance section. The recruitment is open to Alaska residents and closes Friday, September 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The job description and application instructions are available at Workplace Alaska, the State of Alaska's online recruitment system, [www.doa.alaska.gov/dop/workplace/](http://www.doa.alaska.gov/dop/workplace/). If you have questions about the position contact Judy Bittner, 907.269.8715 / [judy.bittner@alaska.gov](mailto:judy.bittner@alaska.gov).

The draft *2018-2023 Saving Our Past: Alaska's Historic Preservation Plan* will be available by mid-month for review and comment. A copy of the plan is posted at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/planning/hpplanupdate>. Comments can be provided through the website. For more information about the plan, contact Summer Louthan, 907.269.8717 / [summer.louthan@alaska.gov](mailto:summer.louthan@alaska.gov).

The next meeting of the Alaska Historical Commission will be Wednesday, December 6, 2017. The meeting location and agenda will be announced later. For more information about the commission or the meeting contact Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / [jo.antonson@alaska.gov](mailto:jo.antonson@alaska.gov).

The Office of History and Archaeology is in a temporary office on the second floor of the Atwood Building. The phone numbers, mailing and email addresses for the office and staff have not changed.

#### 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession

Several conferences with sessions on the Alaska Treaty of Cession are happening in September and October. The Smithsonian Associates are hosting a day-long symposium, *Alaska at 150: The Big Land and the United States* in Washington, D.C. on September 16. Willie Hensley, William Fitzhugh, John Cloud, and Lee Farrow will be making presentations. At the annual Alaska Historical Society/Museums

Alaska conference, September 27-30, Willie Hensley will give a keynote address and over 30 presentations will explore the theme *Exploring the Legacy of the Alaska Purchase*. Two weeks later, October 13-17, is the biennial clan conference of Tlingit Tribes, *Haa Shagòon, Yei Sh Natosneix* at Sitka, with several panels on the Treaty of Cession and on Native rights under Russian and early American administrations.

The Alaska State Museum will open its Treaty of Cession exhibit on October 6 that will have the original Emanuel Leutze painting and 19<sup>th</sup> century documents from the State Library's collection that have recently received conservation treatment. The Museum of the North, University of Alaska Fairbanks will have an exhibit of objects in the museum and an on-line exhibit featuring artifacts from several interior Alaska archaeological sites addressing changes the arrival of Americans after the Treaty of Cession brought to the Native people and their lifeways. The Sheldon Museum at Haines will open *Across the Shaman's River* on October 27. The International Gallery of Contemporary Art in Anchorage will feature works by artists responding to the Treaty of Cession and exploring its meaning today in an exhibit that opens on the first Friday in October.

Wild Shore New Music will give performances in Homer on September 28 and Anchorage on October 1 to commemorate the Treaty of Cession. Based in New York City, several members of the group studied under composer John Luther Adams, who lived and worked in Fairbanks for many years. The group performs the work of living composers who have found inspiration through their experiences with the natural beauty and indigenous cultures of Alaska.

Sitka will hold its annual Alaska Day festival on October 18, and visitors can see the Sitka Museum's new exhibits, enjoy the parade, watch the reenactment of the transfer ceremony on Castle Hill, and attend the Governor's Ball. Other communities are hosting lectures and panel discussions. Cook Inlet Historical Society in Anchorage will have a panel discussion on October 19 at the Anchorage Museum addressing the causes and consequences of the Treaty of Cession. Panelists include Sergei Grinev from St. Petersburg, Ilya Vinkovestsky from Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, Andrei Znamenski from the University of Memphis, Joaqlin Estus, Tlingit archivist and historian, and Andrey Khalkachan from Siberia. Information on these programs, and other commemorative activities, is on the Alaska Historical Society website, <http://alaskahistoricalociety.org/about-ahs/150treaty/calendar/>.

The Alaska State Museum has a new traveling exhibit, *The View from the Future: Fifty Years after the Alaska Purchase Centennial* available. With the goal of making a permanent investment in Alaska, Governor Bill Egan established an Alaska Centennial Commission in 1962. The commission worked with 27 communities around the state to build museums, community centers, performing arts facilities, libraries, campgrounds and historical parks for the 1967 Alaska Purchase Centennial. The exhibit profiles the projects and how they not only met Governor Egan's goal but also how they benefited the communities. More information about the exhibit is at [http://museums.alaska.gov/traveling\\_exhibits/view\\_from\\_the\\_future.html](http://museums.alaska.gov/traveling_exhibits/view_from_the_future.html). For more information contact Jackie Manning, 907.465.4819 / [jackie.manning@alaska.gov](mailto:jackie.manning@alaska.gov).

The eight-panel *1860s Alaska* travelling exhibit prepared by the offices of History and Archaeology and Interpretation and Education, Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, is available to community organizations, libraries, and schools for a three-week period. The application to get the panels for exhibit is at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/designations/150Anniversary>. A companion booklet is available. Individuals interested in a copy of the booklet can get one by sending a mailing address to [dnr.oha@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov).

### National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum, a historic preservation conference and training program, will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, July 18-22, 2018. NAPC is seeking proposals from local, regional, state and national partners for educational sessions, panels, and roundtables. The steering committee has identified themes of particular interest to the expected audience: Main Street and rural resources, advocacy and community engagement, diverse and underrepresented resources, community resilience and sustainability, methods and materials, and commission potpourri. The deadline to submit a session proposal is September 29, 2017. More information is available at [www.napcommissions.org](http://www.napcommissions.org) or by contacting 757.802.4141 / [director@napcommissions.org](mailto:director@napcommissions.org)

### National Park Service updates

The National Register of Historic Places program plans to update and revise its bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register Registration Form*, also known as Bulletin 16A. Comments, clarifications, and recommendations on the current bulletin are being solicited. The deadline for comments is December 31, 2017. Feedback may be submitted at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/NRBulletinUpdate> or by email to [NR\\_Bulletin16@nps.gov](mailto:NR_Bulletin16@nps.gov). For questions or more information contact Edson Beall, 202.354.2255 / [edson\\_beall@nps.gov](mailto:edson_beall@nps.gov).

### New Advisory Council on Historic Preservation courses

The Advisory Council has several new online courses to provide training in the use of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to protect historic properties. One of the new courses addresses integration and coordination of Section 106 reviews with the National Environmental Policy Act review process, and another is targeted toward applicants for federal permits to help them better understand and participate in Section 106 reviews. More information about the courses is at <http://www.achp.gov/elearning.html>.

### Alaska newspapers available on *Chronicling America*

The Alaska State Library, Archives and Museums received a grant to get Alaska newspapers digitized and added to *Chronicling America*, a Library of Congress searchable database of historic newspapers. The first batch of Alaska newspapers has just become available on the site. One can search 1,206 issues of *The Alaska Daily Empire*, 1912-1918, 448 issues of the *Douglas Island News*, 1898-1907, and 47 issues of *The Thlinget*, 1908-1912. The link to the newspapers is <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/?state=Alaska&ethnicity=&language=>. The project is being coordinated by Leah Geibel and Anastasia Tarmann at the Alaska State Library, Archives and Museum (907.465.2940 / [leah.geibel@alaska.gov](mailto:leah.geibel@alaska.gov)).

### Alaska Association for Historic Preservation fall activities

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation will hold its third eat.drink.preserve fundraising dinner and silent auction on October 6, 2017, in Anchorage. The money raised at the event is for its 10 Most Endangered Historic Properties in Alaska grant program. Details are available at [www.aahp-online.net](http://www.aahp-online.net).

Nominations for the organization's annual Historic Preservation Award are due October 15, 2017. The award honors excellence in historic preservation throughout Alaska. Nominations can be for a project, individual, organization, or agency. The nomination form is available at [www.aahp-online.net/newsevents.html](http://www.aahp-online.net/newsevents.html).

The AAHP will hold its annual meeting November 9, 2017, in Anchorage. In addition to the business meeting, the Historic Preservation Award will be presented, the 10 Most Endangered Historic Properties grant recipients will be announced, and historian Katie Ringsmuth will talk about the Cannery project that AAHP is co-sponsoring. More information is available on the website, by calling 907.929.9870, or by sending an email to [akpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:akpreservation@gmail.com).

#### Friends of Nike Site Summit final 2017 tour

The last tour of the historic Cold War era Nike Site Summit near Anchorage is scheduled for September 9. The three-hour tours are for those ages 12 and older. Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) requires registration ten days in advance. Registration is at [www.nikesitesummit.net/nike-site-summit-tours.html](http://www.nikesitesummit.net/nike-site-summit-tours.html).

#### NOAA offers free training on collaborative meetings

Alaska Sea Grant and Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve are offering a workshop on planning and facilitating collaborative meetings, September 20-21, 2017, at the Gorsuch Commons, University of Alaska Anchorage. The trainers are with the NOAA Office of Coastal Management. The workshop is free, but limited to 35 participants. It is directed to those who facilitate workshops in Alaska coastal communities. Additional information and registration is at <https://seagrants.uaf.edu/events/2017/planning-collaborative-meetings/>

#### *This Place Matters Alaska map*

The Office of History and Archaeology has *#ThisPlaceMatters Alaska*, an interactive map with photos of historic properties around the state on its website at <http://arcg.is/1TvQihT>. To submit a place and photo, go to [bit.ly/AKThisPlaceMatters](http://bit.ly/AKThisPlaceMatters)

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#### PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

National Park Service, Update/revision of National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register Registration Form

Request for comments: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/NRBulletinUpdate> or [NR\\_Bulletin16@nps.gov](mailto:NR_Bulletin16@nps.gov)

Comments due: December 31, 2017

Contact: Edson Beall, 202.354.2255 / [edson\\_beall@nps.gov](mailto:edson_beall@nps.gov)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers / Donlin Gold Project: Draft Environmental Impact Statement and ANILCA 810 Analysis comments available. The draft programmatic agreement is

expected to be posted soon for a short review and comment period.  
Project information: [www.donlingoldeis.com](http://www.donlingoldeis.com)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers / Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline (ASAP) Project: Section 106  
Meeting, open to Tribes, tribal corporations, concurring and other interested parties  
September 14, 2017, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
BLM Alaska, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Anchorage Federal Building, 222 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Webinar: <https://www.webmeeting.att.com>, 877.336.1829 / code 7097158

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#### PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

September 1 National Park Service, National Maritime Heritage Grants 2017 application deadline  
(<https://www.nps.gov/maritime/grants/apply.htm>)

September 6-9 American Association for State and Local History 2017 annual meeting: I AM History, Austin, TX (Bethany Hawkins, 615.320.3203 / [hawkins@aaslh.org](mailto:hawkins@aaslh.org))

September 16 Smithsonian Associates symposium: Alaska at 150: The Big Land and the United States, Washington, DC (Barbara Propes, [barbara\\_propes@hotmail.com](mailto:barbara_propes@hotmail.com))

September 25-29 Window Preservation Standards Collaborative, Window Preservation Summit III, Pine Mountain, KY (Craig Potts, 502.564.7005 / [craig.potts@ky.gov](mailto:craig.potts@ky.gov))

September 27-30 Alaska Historical Society / Museums Alaska annual meetings and conference, Anchorage (Adam Baldwin, 907.929.9254 / [abaldwin@anchorage-museum.org](mailto:abaldwin@anchorage-museum.org))

October 3 Historic Preservation Education Foundation, Partners in Training grant proposal deadline ([www.hpef.us](http://www.hpef.us) / [info@hpef.us](mailto:info@hpef.us))

October 6 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, eat.drink.preserve dinner and auction to benefit the 10 Most Endangered Historic Properties in Alaska grant program, Anchorage (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / [akpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:akpreservation@gmail.com))

October 11-12 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Asbestos Awareness Training for Historic Buildings and Objects, Dearborn, MI (NCPTT, 318.356.9119 / [ncptt@nps.gov](mailto:ncptt@nps.gov))

October 13-16 Haa Shagóon, Yei Sh Natoonseix: A Conference of Tlingit Tribes and Clans, Sitka (Peter Metcalfe, 907.723.3483 / [metcom@gci.net](mailto:metcom@gci.net))

October 15 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Historic Preservation award nomination deadline (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / [akpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:akpreservation@gmail.com))

October 18-21 International Society for Landscapes, Place, and Material Culture 49<sup>th</sup> annual conference: Mormons, Miners and the American West, Salt Lake City, UT, <http://www.pioneeramerica.org/annualmeetingregister.html> (Cory Jensen, 801.245.7242 / [coryjensen@utah.gov](mailto:coryjensen@utah.gov))

October 19 Cook Inlet Historical Society, Alaska Day Program: Treaty of Cession, Causes and Consequences panel discussion, Anchorage (Judy Bittner, 907.269.8715 / [judy.bittner@alaska.gov](mailto:judy.bittner@alaska.gov))

October 29-November 1 City of Annapolis and Newport Restoration Foundation, Keeping History Above Water international conference addressing sea level rise, tidal flooding, extreme precipitation, and subsidence, Annapolis, MD (Lisa Craig, [lmcraig@annapolis.gov](mailto:lmcraig@annapolis.gov))

November 8-10 International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies, Vienna, Austria (Wolfgang Borner, #43(0)1 4000 81176 / [wolfgang.boerner@stadtarchaeologie.at](mailto:wolfgang.boerner@stadtarchaeologie.at))

November 9 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, annual meeting, Anchorage (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / [akpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:akpreservation@gmail.com))

November 13-17 Heritage Emergency National Task Force, Heritage Emergency and Response Training, <https://culturalrescue.si.edu/resources/hentf-training/>, Washington, DC (Lisa Foley, 781.259.8652 / [hentf@si.edu](mailto:hentf@si.edu) or [culturalrescue@si.edu](mailto:culturalrescue@si.edu))

November 14-17 National Trust for Historic Preservation 2017 PastForward Conference: ReUrbanism, Technology, and Health, Chicago, IL (<https://pastforwardconference.org/pastforward2017/about>)

December 6 Alaska Historical Commission meeting (Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / [jo.antonson@alaska.gov](mailto:jo.antonson@alaska.gov))

December 31 National Register of Historic Places, *Bulletin 16A: How to Complete the National Register Registration Form* comment deadline (Edson Beall, 202.354.2255 / [Edson\\_beall@nps.gov](mailto:Edson_beall@nps.gov))

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March 12-14 National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) annual conference, Washington, DC (Ted Monoson, 202.624.5476 / [monoson@ncshpo.org](mailto:monoson@ncshpo.org))

March 19-20 National Preservation Institute, NAGPRA Essentials, Anchorage ([info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org) / 703.765.0100)

March 21-24 Alaska Anthropological Association 45<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, Anchorage ([alaskaanthro@gmail.com](mailto:alaskaanthro@gmail.com))

March 21-23 National Preservation Institute, Archaeological Curation and Collections Management, Anchorage ([info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org) / 703.765.0100)

April 20 Alaska Office of History and Archaeology, Annual Workshop, Anchorage (Mark Rollins, 907.269.8722 / [mark.rollins@alaska.gov](mailto:mark.rollins@alaska.gov))

July 18-22 National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, Forum 2018, [www.napcommissions.org](http://www.napcommissions.org), Des Moines, IA ([director@napcommissions.org](mailto:director@napcommissions.org))

