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Federal legislation and funding for historic preservation programs

The Historic Preservation Fund FY 16 appropriation is \$65.41 million. It is divided into \$46.925 for State Historic Preservation Offices, \$9.985 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, \$500,000 for grants to underrepresented communities, and \$8 million for grants to preserve the sites and stories of the Civil Rights Movement. The bill did not include reauthorization of the HPF, which expired September 30, 2015. Currently there are four HPF reauthorization bills before Congress. The National Historic Preservation Amendment Act of 2015 (H.R. 2817) would reauthorize the HPF through 2025 at the current authorized level of \$150 million annually. The Energy Policy Modernization Act (S. 2012) would permanently authorize the HPF. The American Energy Innovation Act (S. 2089) also would permanently authorize the HPF. This act differs from S. 2012 in that it goes a step further towards full and permanent funding by requiring the funds to be available without the need for an appropriation. Finally, S. 556, a bill called a sportsmen's package, has a provision to permanently extend the HPF.

Office of History and Archaeology FY 17 budget

The state administration's FY 2017 operating budget proposal for the Office of History and Archaeology has a \$13,500 decrease in General Fund Match (GFM). The state funds match the annual federal Historic Preservation Fund award that provides the state 60% of expenditures for Alaska's historic preservation program (SHPO). The proposed decrease will be a larger overall reduction for the office with the loss of the federal match funds. Much of the total amount for the Office of History and Archaeology in state budget documents is authorization-to-receive grant and project money from a variety of sources including the HPF. The OHA section in the administration's budget can be found at: <https://www.omb.alaska.gov/html/budget-report/department-table.html?dept=DNR&fy=17&type=Proposed>

Alaska Historical Commission to meet February 23

The Alaska Historical Commission will meet February 23rd by teleconference to review applications for projects that will help commemorate the 150th anniversary of the 1867 Alaska Treaty of Cession. The time for individuals who wish to address the members regarding Alaska history, archaeology, or historic preservation is at 9:30 a.m. A copy of the agenda, with the conference call phone number, is available at www.dnr.state.ak.us/parks/oha/index.htm or can be obtained by sending an email to Jo Antonson, jo_antonson@alaska.gov or calling 907.269.8714.

Governor Bill Walker appointed Alisha Drabek of Kodiak to the seat designated for a historian on the Alaska Historical Commission. She earned a Ph.D. in Indigenous Studies from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Currently, she is the Senior Vice President for Community and Government Affairs, Afognak Native Corporation, and formerly was the director of the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository.

For additional information about the Alaska Historical Commission contact Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov or go to www.dnr.state.ak.us/parks/oha/index.htm.

OHA workshop and Advisory Council training in Anchorage week of April 17th

The Office of History and Archaeology is holding its annual workshop for agency professionals and consultants on Monday, April 18, 2016. The one-day workshop will be at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage. To suggest topics for the agenda contact Mark Rollins, 907.269.8722 / mark.rollins@alaska.gov.

Later the same week, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is offering two courses on Section 106 in Anchorage: Section 106 Essentials, an introduction to federal historic preservation compliance on April 19-20; and an Advanced Section 106 Seminar on April 21.

More information, including registration, is at www.achp.gov/106. If you need answers to questions contact Cindy Bienvenue, 202.517.0202 / cbienvenue@achp.gov.

Alaska Association for Historic Preservation soliciting for endangered properties list

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation wants to know about historic sites and buildings around the state that are threatened by development, abandonment, vandalism, or climate change, and are in need of preservation. AAHP has been publishing its Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties in Alaska list annually since 1991. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to contact AAHP and provide information and photographs for places to be considered for the 2016 list. The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2016, and additional information is at www.aahp-online.net/10-most-endangered.html. The list will be announced in May as part of National Historic Preservation Month. If you have specific questions about the program contact Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com.

National Historic Preservation Act turns 50

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act and the centennial of the National Park Service, the NPS Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science directorate has started a social media campaign to highlight preservation work done in all 50 states for the last 50 years. Using the hashtag #50for50 with #Preservation50 all are invited to post about places and share preservation stories. More information can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation/50for50.htm>.

There is also *Preservation50: Our Legacy, Our Future*, a nationwide initiative to celebrate the anniversary. To find and publicize events, and download the logos and get other tools, go to www.preservation50.org.

The Society for American Archaeology, the Society for Historic Archaeology, the Archaeology Channel, and the organization of registered professional archaeologists are planning to produce an interactive map supplemented by short videos as a 50th anniversary project. Burr Neely, Northern Land Use Research, is the Alaska coordinator for the Making Archaeology Public (MAP) project and is working with the Alaska Anthropological Association's Public Education Group, Jenny Blanchard, Chair. For more information contact Burr Neely, 907.474.9684 / bjn@northernlanduse.com.

Russian America conference to be held in Moscow in April

The Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences and the Kennan Institute are holding an international conference, "The History and Heritage of Russian America," on April 13-14, 2016 in Moscow. Papers presented will address the Russian Orthodox Church, Fort Ross, indigenous peoples, the joint-stock Russian-American and Hudson's Bay companies, as well as Russian-American relations and how they influenced the development of the North Pacific. The conference also will have presentations on contemporary international cooperation in the North Pacific and subarctic space around Siberia, Alaska, and Canada. The agenda with speakers and topics will be available in February. For more information contact Alexander Petrov, +7 916.531.6305 / alaska13@yandex.ru or Dave McMahan, 907.230.8880 / ugruk@hotmail.com.

Archaeological internship program for Alaska Native youth available

The Kivlii Heritage Foundation, a community-based consortium including the U.S. Forest Service, Kenaitze Dena'ina Tribe, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, University of Alaska Fairbanks Museum of the North, and Applied Archaeology International, are seeking applicants for an Alaska field school, June 1-July 30, 2016. Paid internships for Alaska Native youth are available. Students will work at sites near Juneau, Kenai, and outside Fairbanks. More information is available at www.appliedarchaeology.com.au. For a field school handbook, more information, and registration form contact David R. Guilfoyle, Coordinator, 907.297.8224 / dg@appliedarchaeology.com.au.

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities / Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Project (Quartz Creek Road to Skilak Lake Road in the Cooper Landing area), draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and draft Section 4(f) Evaluation

Project information: www.sterlinghighway.net

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities / West Susitna Surface Access Reconnaissance Study

Project information: <http://dot.alaska.gov/roadstoresources/westsusitna/index.shtml>

Bureau of Land Management Bering Sea – Western Interior Resource Management Plan

Project information: www.blm.gov/ak/planning/bswi

Contact: 907.267.1246 / 800.478.1263

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / Alaska Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) project (Docket number PF 14-21)

Contact: 202.502.8258 / efining@ferc.gov

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers / Donlin Gold Project draft EIS

Project information: www.donlingoldeis.com

Comments: due April 30, 2016

Public meetings to be scheduled starting in January

U.S. Forest Service / Chugach National Forest Plan

Plan revision: www.fs.usda.gov/chugach / Land and Resource Management

Comments: chugachplanrevision@fs.fed.us

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

February 2 National Preservation Institute: NAGPRA Essentials, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

February 3-4 National Preservation Institute: NAGPRA: Preparing for and Writing Grant Proposals, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

February 16 National Park Service: Heritage Documentation Programs student summer employment application deadline (www.nps.gov/hdp/jobs)

March 2-6 Alaska Anthropological Association annual meeting, Sitka, AK (Brinnen Carter, brinnen_carter@nps.gov)

March 8-10 National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) annual meeting and advocacy day, Washington, DC (202.624.5465 / www.ncshpo.org)

March 9-10 Alaska Library Association and Alaska Native Language Archive: Digital Heritage Preservation for Alaska Native Libraries, Archives, and Museums, Fairbanks (Sue Sherif, sue.inletview@gmail.com or <https://www.uaf.edu/anla/shn-workshop/>)

March 9-10 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT): Petrography for Archeologists, Phoenix, AZ (Tad Britt, 318.351.5641 / Tad_Britt@nps.gov)

March 16 National Council on Public History and Society for History in the Federal Government annual meeting: On the Edge of 2016: Commemorating the Past and Shaping the Future of Federal Preservation Activities, Baltimore, MD (Barbara Little, barbara_little@nps.gov or <http://ncph.org/cms/conferences/working-groups/>)

March 19-20 Goucher College, National Forum on Historic Preservation Practice: A Critical Examination of the Next 50 Years, Baltimore, MD (Richard Wagner, rwagner@goucher.edu)

March 22-23 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: Dance Halls, Juke Joints, and Honky Tonks: Placemaking and Cultural Sustainability Symposium, Lafayette, LA (<https://ncptt.nps.gov/events/dance-halls-2016/>)

March 31 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, 2016 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties nomination deadline (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com)

April 6-10 Society for American Archaeology annual meeting, Orlando, FL (www.saa.org)

April 13-14 Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences, and Kennan Institute: The History and Heritage of Russian America international conference, Moscow, Russia (Alexander Petrov, +7 916.531.6305 / alaska13@yandex.ru or Dave McMahan, 907.230.8880 / ugruk@hotmail.com)

April 13-16 Friends of NCPTT, Mid-Century Modern Structures: Materials and Preservation 2015 Symposium, St. Louis, MO (Mary Striegel, 318.356.7444 x224 / mary_striegel@nps.gov)

April 18 Alaska Office of History and Archaeology workshop, Anchorage (Mark Rollins, 907.269.8722 / mark.rollins@alaska.gov)

April 19-20 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: The Section 106 Essentials, www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html, Anchorage, AK (Cindy Bienvenue, 202.517.0202 / cbienvenue@achp.gov)

April 21 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: Advanced Section 106 Seminar, www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html, Anchorage (Cindy Bienvenue, 202.517.0202 / cbienvenue@achp.gov)

April 26-27 National Preservation Institute: GIS: Practical Applications for Cultural Resource Projects, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

April 28-30 Statewide Arts and Culture Biennial Conference, Anchorage, AK (Alaska State Council on the Arts, aksca.info@alaska.gov)

May 4-7 Canadian Archaeological Association annual meeting, Whitehorse, YT (Greg Hare or Jeff Hunston, heritage.resources@gov.yk.ca)

May 9-12 Yukon Historical and Museum Association, International Centre for Northern Governance and Development, University of Saskatchewan, and Yukon College: The North and the First World War Conference, Whitehorse, YT (conference@heritageyukon.ca / www.heritageyukon.ca)

May 9-10 National Preservation Institute: The Secretary of the Interior's Standards: Treatment Considerations, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

May 12-13 National Preservation Institute: The Secretary of the Interior's Standards: Treatment Considerations, Sitka (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

May 16-20 National Park Service 2016 Archaeological Prospection Workshop, <http://www.nps.gov/mwac/>, Tallahassee, FL (Steve DeVore, 402.437.5392 / steve_de_vore@nps.gov)

May 23-June 24 Smithsonian Institution, International Course on First Aid to Cultural Heritage in Times of Crisis, aidincrisis@iccrom.org, Washington, DC (Lori Foley, 781.259.8652 / lori.foley@fema.dhs.gov)

May 26-29 Construction History Society of America biennial meeting: Knowledge Exchange and Transference of Building Technology, Austin, TX (<http://www.chsa-5thbiennial.org/chsa-austin-callforabstracts> / melaniefeerst@gmail.com)

May 31 National Park Service, Leicester B. Holland Single-Sheet Measured Drawing Competition entry forms deadline (www.nps.gov/ndp/competitions/holland.htm)

June 21-23 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: A Century of Design in the Parks, Preserving the Built Environment in National and State Parks, Santa Fe, NM (Debbie Smith, 318.356.7444 / Debbie_Smith@nps.gov)

June 30 Historic American Buildings Survey Peterson Prize Measured Drawings Student Competition submission deadline (Mark Schara, 202.354.2166 / mark_schara@nps.gov)

June 30 National Park Service, Leicester B. Holland Single-Sheet Measured Drawing Competition entry deadline (www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/holland.htm)

July 27-31 National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum: Hip, Happening Historic Preservation@50, Mobile, AL (NAPC, 757.802.4141 / forum2016@napcommissions.org)

July 31 Historic American Landscapes Survey 2016 Challenge: Documenting National Register Listed Landscapes short format histories deadline (Chris Stevens, 202.354.2146 / Chris_Stevens@nps.gov)

August 24-26 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: Hyperspectral Imaging for Conservators, Santa Fe, NM (<https://ncptt.nps.gov/training-conferences-events/upcoming/>)

September 14-17 American Association for State and Local History annual meeting: The Spirit of Rebirth, Detroit, MI (Bethany Hawkins, hawkins@aaslh.org / 615.320.3203)

September 21-24 Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska annual meetings and conference, Juneau, AK (Bob Banghart, 907.465.2912 / bob.banghart@alaska.gov)

November 21-23 21st International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies:
Urban Archaeology and Archaeological Data: Preservation, Re-use and Repurposing, Vienna,
Austria (Wolfgang Borner, +43(0)1 4000 81176 / wolfgang.boerner@stadtarchaeologie.at)