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### **Federal legislation and funding for historic preservation programs**

Congressional authorization for the Historic Preservation Fund expires September 30, 2015. Created by Congress in 1966, the HPF provides funding to State Historic Preservation Offices, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices and Certified Local Governments to carry out the federal historic preservation programs. The HPF is funded from outer continental shelf leases not taxpayer dollars. The National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers and its

preservation partners are asking for permanent reauthorization of the HPF and full funding at \$150 million a year (the current appropriation is \$56.4 million, less than half that amount).

Representatives Michael Turner (R-OH) and Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) introduced the National Historic Preservation Amendment Act of 2015 (H.R. 2817) to reauthorize the HPF. The bill would extend the HPF for 10 years, through 2025, at the current authorized level of \$150 million annually. Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Maria Cantwell (D-WA) introduced the Energy Policy Modernization Act, a comprehensive energy package that includes permanent authorization for the Historic Preservation Fund, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and creates a \$150 million annual National Park Service maintenance fund. The money for all of these programs would be from outer continental shelf leases. The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee approved the bill last month.

It is important that Alaskans let our congressional delegation know of the importance of historic preservation programs and the need for full funding of the Historic Preservation Fund to preserve and protect Alaska's historic properties.

President Obama's proposed budget for FY 16 (October 1, 2015-September 30, 2016) has \$89.1 million for the Historic Preservation Fund, a significant increase over the FY 15 appropriation of \$56.4 million. The budget proposes \$46.9 million for state programs (same as he proposed for FY 15), \$10 million for tribal programs (\$1 million increase), \$500,000 for the underrepresented grant program (same as FY 15), and two new programs: \$30.5 million for a grant program related to the civil rights movement, and \$2.5 million for historically Black colleges & universities to preserve civil rights movement resources. The administration's proposed budget reduces funding for National Heritage Areas, funded under the Recreation and Preservation Account, by fifty percent to \$10.0 million.

The House Interior Appropriations Committee has made its FY 16 budget recommendations. The recommendations are \$60.91 million for Historic Preservation Fund programs--\$48.925 million for SHPOs, \$8.985 million for THPOs, and \$500 thousand for underrepresented grants, all the same as they recommended last year. The committee added \$4.5 million for civil rights grants. For other preservation programs, the committee recommended \$19.671 for National Heritage Areas, and \$6.08 million for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

The Senate Interior Appropriates Committee has made its FY 16 budget recommendations as well. The committee recommended \$55.91 million for SHPOs and THPOs (same as FY 15 enacted levels), \$500 thousand for underrepresented grants, and \$5 million for civil rights movement grants. The committee recommended level funding for the National Heritage Areas at \$20.321 million, a little more than the House proposal, and level funding for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at just over \$6 million.

The House passed the National Defense Authorization Act with Section 2853 that allows heads of federal agencies to block or revoke National Register nominations for reasons of national security and calls for the National Park Service to create an expedited de-listing process. The Senate Armed Services subcommittee did not include the section in its mark-up of its companion

NDAA bill that has been sent to the full committee to act on and send to the full Senate for a vote. The Administration's Statement of Administrative Policy (SAP) on the bill objects to the provision.

The Senate passed a road, rail and transit funding bill, HR 22, referred to as the DRIVE Act, last month. The bill has a section disturbing to historic preservationists, Section 11116 that would eliminate Section 4(f) and essentially replace it with Section 106. Stephanie Meeks, President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, wrote an editorial in *The Hill* urging retention of the existing Section 4(f) program: <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/249489-the-drive-act-throws-history-out-the-window>.

### Alaska Historic Preservation Conference October 20-22

The Office of History and Archaeology is hosting an Alaska Historic Preservation Conference in Anchorage, October 20-22, 2015. Donovan Rypkema, a recognized leader in the economics of historic preservation, will give a keynote address Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> and elaborate on his comments in sessions on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Since 1983, Rypkema has consulted with public and non-profit sector clients on downtown and neighborhood commercial district revitalization and reuse of historic structures. In 2012 the National Trust for Historic Preservation awarded him its Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award.

The conference is for local government planning staff, historic preservation commissions, elected officials, planning commissions, and historic preservation practitioners. The second day will address local historic preservation programs. A local government specialist from the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development will address commission procedures, and other conference sessions will include presentations about Alaska's local government preservation programs, preservation incentives, and heritage tourism.

An agenda and registration information is available at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/misc/ahpconfagenda2015.pdf>. For more information about the conference contact Summer Rickman (907.269.8717 / [summer.rickman@alaska.gov](mailto:summer.rickman@alaska.gov)).

### It's Denali! And other Alaska Historical Commission news

The Alaska Historical Commission has been the state's geographic names review board since 1993. Its predecessor, in the then Department of Community and Regional Affairs, voted to change the name of North America's highest mountain from Mt. McKinley to Denali in 1975. The board's action, along with a resolution from the Alaska State Legislature and a personal petition from Governor Jay Hammond, went to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names for consideration. The U.S. Board held public meetings on the proposed name change in Washington, D.C. and Anchorage in 1977, and indicated it planned to consider the name at its December 1977 meeting. Prior to the meeting, the Ohio congressional delegation introduced a resolution in Congress to retain the name Mount McKinley in perpetuity. The U.S. Board then followed its policy to not consider geographic name issues that were the subject of pending congressional legislation. The Alaska Historical Commission steadfastly supported the 1975

state board's action, revisited the issue on numerous occasions, and formally reaffirmed the action in 2001 and 2009. Alaskans, too, throughout the state, continued to ask about and advocate for the change. Noting it had been forty years since Governor Hammond first petitioned for the name change and the continuing widespread support by Alaskans for the name, Sally Jewell, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, issued a Secretarial Order on August 28, 2015, under the authority granted to her office by a 1947 law, to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali. Hooray!

As part of his duties, Lt. Governor Byron Mallott serves as chair of the Alaska Historical Commission. The Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska invited him to attend their annual meetings and conference to be held at Cordova in late September. He has accepted the invitation, and will be giving a talk Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> to those attending. Under his leadership, the Alaska Historical Commission has been discussing how to involve all Alaskans in commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alaska purchase in 2017. Ideas are being sought and the commemoration will be addressed at the next meeting of the Alaska Historical Commission, scheduled for December 8, 2015 in Anchorage. Detailed information on the Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska meetings is available at [www.cordova2015.org](http://www.cordova2015.org).

#### Alaska Association for Historic Preservation news

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation announced its Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties for 2015 in July. The properties are:

- Kake Cannery, Kake
- Igloo Hotel, Cantwell vicinity
- Hi-yu Mine, Fairbanks vicinity
- Ole Dahl Cabin #1, Talkeetna
- Historic Old Bering Hill Chapel, Adak
- Alaska Railroad Montana Station Water Tower, Montana Creek
- 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Theatre, Anchorage
- Dexter Roadhouse, Golovin
- Buckner Building, Whittier
- Ipiutak Archaeological District, Point Hope

The threats to these properties range from demolition, to neglect, to leaking roofs and unstable foundations. The AAHP provides small grants for several properties on the list to start fund raising campaigns or collect information on a building's condition and preservation needs. On September 26, 2015, the AAHP is holding a special eat.drink.preserve. event at Anchorage's Pioneer Schoolhouse, 437 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, to raise money for the grant program (<http://www.planetreg.com/Ten.Most.Event>).

The association is seeking nominations for its 2015 Historic Preservation Award to recognize a project, organization, agency, or individual that exemplifies the highest standards and significant accomplishments in historic preservation in Alaska. The deadline for nominations is October 16, 2015.

More information and nomination and donation forms are at [www.aahp-online.net](http://www.aahp-online.net) or by contacting Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / [akpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:akpreservation@gmail.com).

### History and museum groups to meet in Cordova

The Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska are holding their annual meetings and conference in Cordova, September 30-October 3, 2015, hosted by the Cordova Historical Society and Museum. The City of Cordova has just completed a new building, The Cordova Center, a multi-use facility with the centennial museum, community library, city administrative offices, and a theatre. Historic rehabilitation work has been underway on several historic Cordova buildings, including the Pioneer Igloo Hall, the Red Dragon Community Center, and St. George's Episcopal Church. The Alaska Historical Society's theme for the conference is *Trade Routes and Crossroads in the North Pacific*, with a keynote address by Alaska's Writer Laureate Frank Soos. Museums Alaska's theme is *Joining Forces: Communities and Collaboration*, kicked off with a keynote address by Lath Carlson, director of the Living Computer Museum in Seattle. Lt. Governor Byron Mallott is scheduled to talk with members of the history and museums communities and to engage in planning for commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alaska purchase. More information on the program and special events and registration information are at [www.cordova2015.org](http://www.cordova2015.org).

### Cook Inlet Historical Society seeks grant applications

The Cook Inlet Historical Society awards several grants to help educators and researchers of Alaska history. The upcoming deadline for applications for the Brian Davies Memorial Grant and John Reeder Memorial Travel Grant is October 31, 2015. More information about the grants and how to apply can be found at [www.cookinlethistory.org](http://www.cookinlethistory.org)

### Nominations sought for Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities

The Alaska Humanities Forum and State Council on the Arts are seeking nominations for their 2016 Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities. There are a number of award categories, including Alaska Studies Educator of the Year, Distinguished Service to the Humanities, Margaret Nick Cooke Award for Alaska Native Arts and Languages, Business Leadership Award, Arts Advocacy Award, and Individual Artist Award. The deadline to submit nominations is September 15, 2015. The nomination form is at <http://bit.ly/2016GovAwardsAK>. For more information contact the Alaska Humanities Forum at 907.272.5341 / [nkempfel@akhf.org](mailto:nkempfel@akhf.org).

### Preservation Action's new leadership

Preservation Action, the national non-profit organization that advocates for historic preservation, announced that Russ Carnahan and Debra Carnahan will lead the organization. Russ Carnahan represented the St. Louis, Missouri region in the U.S. House of Representatives. As a congressman, he chaired the bi-partisan Historic Preservation Caucus. As a state legislator, he championed Missouri's state historic tax credit. Debra Carnahan is a former state and federal

prosecutor and judge. In St. Louis she presided over a Problem Property Court that enforced laws to maintain and restore properties and historic buildings, and served on the board of directors of the Landmarks Association of St. Louis, Inc. More information about the organization and its programs is at [www.preservationaction.org](http://www.preservationaction.org).

### Advisory Council on Historic Preservation updates

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has developed its Electronic Section 106 Documentation Submittal System (e106) for federal agencies to notify the council of a finding of adverse effect, to invite the council to be a consulting party, or to propose development of a programmatic agreement for undertakings. The form is available at the council's website, [www.achp.gov](http://www.achp.gov). For more information, to comment, or get questions answered contact Tom McCulloch, 202.517.0222 / [tmcculloch@achp.gov](mailto:tmcculloch@achp.gov).

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has scheduled its Defining the Area of Potential Effects webinar for September 22; to repeat on September 30, 2015. Additional information about the webinar and to register is available at [www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html](http://www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html).

### National Historic Preservation Act turns 50

Historic preservationists have started *Preservation50: Our Legacy, Our Future*, a nationwide group to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of passage of the National Historic Preservation Act in 2016. The mission is to honor and raise awareness of the public value of historic preservation and to unify, diversify, and grow the preservation community to continue it for the next fifty years. Partners and collaborators include private sector leaders in preservation, public agencies, and national, tribal, state, and local preservation organizations. To join the planning discussion, take a national survey, find and publicize events, download the six Preservation50 logos, and get other tools, go to [www.preservation50.org](http://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 50<sup>th</sup> 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. To suggest sites to include, volunteer to provide content, or to get more information contact 907.474.9684 / [bjn@northernlanduse.com](mailto:bjn@northernlanduse.com).

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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](http://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](http://www.blm.gov/ak/planning/bswi)

Contact: 907.267.1246 / 800.478.1263

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / Alaska Energy Authority, Susitna-Watana  
Hydroelectric Project

Project information: [www.susitna-watanahydro.org/](http://www.susitna-watanahydro.org/)

U.S. Forest Service / Chugach National Forest Plan

Plan revision: [fs.usda.gov/chugach/](http://fs.usda.gov/chugach/) Land and Resource Management

Comments: [chugachplanrevision@fs.fed.us](mailto:chugachplanrevision@fs.fed.us)

U.S. Forest Service / Tongass National Forest Sustainable Cabin Management Project

Environmental Assessment: <http://go.usa.gov/WQEk>

Contact: Victoria Houser, 907.826.1614 / [vhouser@fs.fed.us](mailto:vhouser@fs.fed.us)

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#### **PRESERVATION CALENDAR:**



September 10-12 Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, & Museums, 2015 International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums, Washington, DC (ATALM, [www.atalm.org](http://www.atalm.org))

September 14 National Park Service, Shared Beringian Heritage Program project proposal deadline (Katerina Wessels, 907.644.3602 / [katerina\\_wessels@nps.gov](mailto:katerina_wessels@nps.gov))

September 15 Alaska Humanities Forum and Alaska State Council on the Arts, 2016 Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities nomination deadline, <http://bit.ly/2016GovAwardsAK> (Alaska Humanities Forum, 907.272.5341)

September 16-20 American Association for State and Local History, annual meeting: The Power of Possibility, Louisville, KY (Bob Beatty, 635.320.3203 / [beatty@aaalh.org](mailto:beatty@aaalh.org))

September 22 (same course September 30) Advisory Council on Historic Preservation webinar: Defining the Area of Potential Effects ([webinar@achp.gov](mailto:webinar@achp.gov))

September 26 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, eat.drink.preserve., Anchorage, <http://www.planetreg.com/Ten.Most.Event>. (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / [akpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:akpreservation@gmail.com))

September 25 Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board Certificate of Excellence Award nominations due (Dean Dawson, 907.465.2926 / [dean.dawson@alaska.gov](mailto:dean.dawson@alaska.gov))

September 30-October 3 Alaska Historical Society / Museums Alaska annual meetings: Trade Routes and Crossroads in the North Pacific and Joining Forces: Communities and Collaboration, Cordova (Mimi Briggs, 907.424.6665 / [mbriggs@cordovamuseum.org](mailto:mbriggs@cordovamuseum.org))

October 14-15 National Park Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office, Maritime Cultural Landscape Symposium, Madison, WI (Daina Penkiunas, 608.264.6511 / [daina.penkiunas@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:daina.penkiunas@wisconsinhistory.org), <http://wihist.org/maritime-symposium>)

October 16 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, 2015 Historic Preservation Award nomination deadline, [www.aahp-online.net](http://www.aahp-online.net) (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / [akpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:akpreservation@gmail.com))

October 20-22 Office of History and Archaeology: Historic Preservation Conference and Certified Local Government training, Anchorage (Summer Rickman, 907.269.8717 / [summer.rickman@alaska.gov](mailto:summer.rickman@alaska.gov))

October 20-21 CyArk 2015 summit: Resilience through Innovation, Berlin, Germany (Makenna Murray, 510.832.5440 / [www.CyArk.org](http://www.CyArk.org))



October 28-November 1 Wooshteen Kanax̄tulaneeḡí Haa At Wuskóowu / Sharing Our Knowledge: Haa saaxú, haa latseení / Our Names, Our Strength; A Conference of Tlingit Tribes and Clans, Juneau ([clanconference@gmail.com](mailto:clanconference@gmail.com) / [clanconference.org](http://clanconference.org))

October 31 Cook Inlet Historical Society, Brian Davies and John Reeder memorial grant program application deadline, [www.cookinlethistory.org](http://www.cookinlethistory.org) (Bruce Parham, 907.248.6867 / [bparham@gci.net](mailto:bparham@gci.net))

November 2-5 Urban Archaeology of Vienna: 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies, Vienna, Austria (Wolfgang Borner, 43.01.4000.81176 / [wolfgang.boerner@stadarchaeologie.at](mailto:wolfgang.boerner@stadarchaeologie.at) )

November 3-6 National Trust for Historic Preservation: PastForward 2015, Washington, DC (NTHP, 202-588.6100 / [conference@savingplaces.org](mailto:conference@savingplaces.org))

December 8 Alaska Historical Commission meeting, Anchorage (Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / [jo.antonson@alaska.gov](mailto:jo.antonson@alaska.gov))

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January 28 Alaska Humanities Forum and State Council on the Arts, Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities ceremony, Juneau (Alaska Humanities Forum, 907.272.5341)

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

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](mailto:barbara_little@nps.gov) or <http://ncph.org/cms/conferences/working-groups/>)

April 21-22 Alaska Office of History and Archaeology workshop, Anchorage (Mark Rollins, 907.269.8722 / [mark.rollins@alaska.gov](mailto:mark.rollins@alaska.gov))

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

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](mailto:conference@heritageyukon.ca) / [www.heritageyukon.ca](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:info@npi.org))

July National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum, Mobile, AL (NAPC, 706.369.5881 / [napc@uga.edu](mailto:napc@uga.edu))