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News from Alaska's homegrown public interest nonprofit environmental law firm.

THE LAW IN ACTION TRUSTEES ATTORNEYS HARD AT WORK

As a supporter of Trustees for Alaska you believe in using the power of the law to protect our environment. What you may not know is the nuts and bolts of the legal process. There are complaints and answers, motions and opposition, and briefs and oral arguments, with lots of deadlines.

This last month Trustees for Alaska attorneys have been burning the midnight oil (not the midnight sun) to meet deadlines for filings and prepare for oral argument. We've been using all the legal tools in our chest to defend Alaska's lands, waters, wildlife and people. We've been in front of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, we've filed briefs, applied for intervention status, submitted motions to dismiss and more.

Continue reading to learn about our work to protect Resurrection Bay from dirty coal and defend Wilderness in Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

Warm regards,



Vicki Clark Executive Director

PS: Congratulations go to long-time member of Trustees for Alaska's Board of Directors Bob Childers! Alaska Conservation Foundation is honoring him with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his tireless dedication to Alaska conservation.

Save the Date: Thursday, September 18th Alaska Conservation Foundation's Conservation Awards Ceremony

LOVE ALASKA? IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PICK. CLICK. GIVE.

Alaskans can change their charitable contribution designations up until the stroke of midnight August 31, 2014.

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It is berry season in Alaska from low bush cranberries to delicious wild blueberries. Staff photo

INTERN ARRIVES, OTHERS DEPART

Meet our newest intern **Cecilia Segal**, who is here until the end of summer.

Jake Duginski, Courtney Simmons and Kelly Nokes have all completed their internships. Read what they had to say about their experience working for Trustees for Alaska.

These skilled law students contributed significantly to our legal team over the course of the summer. We thank them for their service and expect great things from them in their future law careers.

Next month we'll introduce you to a law student extern who is joining the staff for the fall.

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SEWARD DIRTY COAL LITIGATION APPEAL HEARD BY THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT

This week, five years into the case, Trustees for Alaska attorney Brian Litmans stood before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for oral argument that the Seward Coal Loading Facility is violating the Clean Water Act by spilling coal into Resurrection Bay.

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A ship is loaded with coal for delivery to foreign markets using the conveyor and shiploading system operated by the Seward Coal Loading Facility. Coal falls into Resurrection Bay during the process. Photo by Mountain Boys Media.



IZEMBEK ROAD DECISION CHALLENGED TRUSTEES INTERVENES FOR WILDERNESS

A group of Alaska Native tribes, corporation and city and borough governments representing residents of King Cove have sued the Department of the Interior over their decision to protect Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and the designated Wilderness. Trustees for Alaska, representing a coalition of conservation groups is intervening in the case to support protection of Wilderness.

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Black brandt stop during migration to feed on the rich eelgrass beds in Izembek Lagoon. USFWS photo



EPA was in Alaska this week taking testimony on its proposed restrictions on mining activities in Bristol Bay. At the Anchorage meeting testimony was 2 to 1 in favor of restrictions.

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