

Understanding Alaska's Economic Enemy



A Closer Look at the Environmental Groups
Looking to Dim Alaska's Bright Energy Future
& the Idealogues Who Fund Them

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Alaska has become
“Ground Zero” for
ENGO fundraising and
advocacy efforts...



Alaska Youth for Environmental Action - Alaska Center (for the Environment) - Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT) - Alaska Conservation Alliance - Alaska Conservation Foundation - Alaska Conservation Voters - Alaskans Against Climate Destruction (New Venture Fund) - Anchorage Park Foundation - Alaskans for Energy Freedom - Audubon Society - Center for Biological Diversity - Cook Inletkeeper - Earthjustice - Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition - Greenpeace - GreenStand - Green Star of Interior Alaska - Kachemak Bay Conservation Society - Northern Alaska Environmental Center - Northern Forum - Oceana - One Fish Foundation - Our Revolution-Alaska - PacificWild - Peninsula Rivers Conservancy - SalmonState (New Venture Fund) - Sierra Club-Alaska Chapter - Sitka Conservation Society - Susitna River Coalition - The Salmon Project - Trout Unlimited-Alaska - Trustees for Alaska - World Wildlife Fund



National Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

Mission: “NRDC works to safeguard the earth—its people, its plants and animals, and the natural systems on which all life depends.”

Finances (From their 2020 Annual Report):

Revenue - \$197.6M (94.7% from grants & direct contributions)

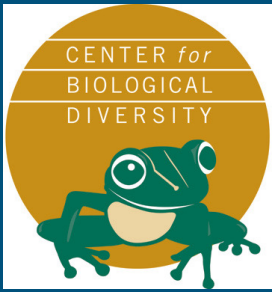
Top donors:

Marty & Dorothy Silverman Foundation - \$250K
Joseph & Marie Field Environment Foundation - \$125K
The Arjun Gupta Community Fund - \$50K

Alaska Leadership: Niel Lawrence, Alaska Director (non-Alaskan, based between Olympia, WA & San Francisco, CA)

Major Projects Targeted: ANWR, Willow/NPR-A, Pebble, Tongass, Ambler, King Cove Road

Strategies: Litigation, co-lobbying and advocacy with like-minded groups like Defend the Sacred, Save Bristol Bay, etc.



Center for Biological Diversity

Mission: “At the Center for Biological Diversity, we believe that the welfare of human beings is deeply linked to nature — to the existence in our world of a vast diversity of wild animals and plants. Because diversity has intrinsic value, and because its loss impoverishes society, we work to secure a future for all species, great and small, hovering on the brink of extinction. We do so through science, law and creative media, with a focus on protecting the lands, waters and climate that species need to survive.”

Finances (From their 2019 Form 990):

Revenue - \$20,512,577 (91% from grants and contributions)

Top donors:

Foundation for the Carolinas - \$2.0M

Sandler Foundation - \$800K

Caroll Petrie Foundation - \$750K

Major Projects Targeted: Alaska efforts focus on Endangered Species Act

Strategies: Waging “innovative legal and grassroots campaigns”, extensive media campaigns, policy advocacy.



Sierra Club- Alaska Chapter

Mission: “Protect wild places and wildlife; keep our air and water clean; ensure a clean energy future; curb climate change; ensure safe, healthy communities

We work around the clock for stronger environmental and energy laws to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, protect our oceans and fragile coastal environments, and help protect millions of jobs.

Finances (From their 2021 Annual Report):

Revenue - \$233.9M (91% from grants & direct contributions)

Top donors:

Adelaide & Charles Link Foundations (unknown amt)

Phillip Theodore Bee Charitable Trust (unknown amt)

Alaska Leadership: Andrea Feniger, Executive Director

Major Projects Targeted: ANWR, Pebble, NPRA, Tongass, Izembek

Strategies: Rallies, events, petitions, “keep it in the ground” campaign



Earthjustice

Mission: “Earthjustice is the premier nonprofit public interest environmental law organization.

We wield the power of law and the strength of partnership to protect people’s health, to preserve magnificent places and wildlife, to advance clean energy, and to combat climate change.”

Finances (From their 2021 Audited Financials):

Revenue - \$173,725,207 (93% from grants and contributions)

\$44 million spent on litigation in 2021

Top donors:

The JPB Foundation - \$7.5M

John & Catherine MacArthur Foundation - \$2.0M

Dianne & David Stern (former NBA Commish) Foundation - \$2.0M

Alaska Leadership: Carole Holley, Exec. Director

Major Projects Targeted: ANWR, Tongass, Willow, gold placer mining practices

Strategies: Litigation



Trustees for Alaska

Mission: “We use the law to protect and defend Alaska’s lands, waters, wildlife and people.”

Finances (From their 2020 Annual Report):

Revenue - \$1.445M (74% from grants, 23% from direct contributions)

Top donors:

444S Foundation (Sierra Club-affiliated)

Alaska Conservation Foundation

Patagonia

True North Foundation (New Venture Fund)

Alaska Leadership: Vicki Clark, Exec. Director

Major Projects Targeted: Willow, ANWR, Ambler, Izembek (King Cove Road), Pebble, Cook Inlet lease sale

Strategies: Lawsuits, submitting public comments on behalf of multiple ENGOs.

Clients: See next page

The Alaska Center
Alaska Community Action on Toxics
Alaska Quiet Rights Coalition
Alaska Wilderness League
Alaska Wildlife Alliance
Alaskans FOR Wildlife
Animal Legal Defense Fund
Arctic Audubon Society
Audubon Alaska
Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society
Center for Biological Diversity
The Center for Large Landscape Conservation
Coalition to Protect America's National Parks
Conservation Lands Foundation
Cook Inletkeeper
Copper Country Alliance
Defenders of Wildlife
Denali Citizens Council
Earthworks
Environment America
Eyak Preservation Council
Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition

First Peoples Worldwide
Food & Water Watch
Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges
Friends of McNeil River
Gwich'in Steering Committee
Humane Society of the United States
Humane Society Legislative Fund
Kachemak Bay Conservation Society
League of Conservation Voters
McNeil River Alliance
National Audubon Society
National Parks Conservation Association
National Wildlife Federation
National Wildlife Refuge Association
Native Movement
Natural Resources Defense Council
Northern Alaska Environmental Center
Rewilding Institute
SalmonState
Seeding Sovereignty
Sierra Club
Sovereign Iñupiat for a Living Arctic

Southeast Alaska Conservation Council
Stand for Salmon
Wild Salmon Center
WildEarth Guardians
The Wilderness Society
Wilderness Watch
Winter Wildlands Alliance

FY20 COALITION PARTNERS

Brooks Range Council
Center for Science and Public Participation
Earthjustice
Friends of the Earth
The Nature Conservancy
Oasis Earth
The Pew Charitable Trusts
Susitna River Coalition
Trout Unlimited
United Tribes of Bristol Bay



Alaska Conservation Foundation

Mission: “We protect Alaska’s unique landscapes and ways of life by supporting conservation leaders, organizations, and initiatives.”

Finances (From their 2021 form 990):

Revenue - \$2.75M (66% from grants and direct contributions)

Note: They have an \$13M endowment!

Top donors (\$100K and above):

Natural Resources Conservation Service

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Fran Berger Charitable Organization

The Volgenau Foundation

True North Foundation

Don and Pam Lichty

Alaska Leadership: Michael Barber, Exec. Director

Major Projects Targeted: ANWR, Pebble, Tongass

Strategies: Fund other ENGOs and anti-development initiatives, direct (lobbying) advocacy.

(see next page for 2021 ENGO funding)

Alaska Center - \$31K
AKPIRG - \$12K
Alaska Wilderness League - \$6K
Audubon Alaska - \$6K
Cook Inletkeeper - \$48.5K
Gwich'in Steering Committee - \$28K
Northern Alaska Environmental Center - \$33K
Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP) - \$50K
Susitna River Coalition - \$32K
Trustees for Alaska - \$30K
United Tribes of Bristol Bay - \$22K



Trout Unlimited Alaska (Save Bristol Bay)

Mission: “The Save Bristol Bay team at Trout Unlimited is led by Alaskans working to ensure that one of the last thriving wild salmon fisheries on the planet may continue for future generations.”

Finances (From their 2021 Form 990):

Revenue - \$70.2M (89% from grants & contributions)

Top donors:

Edgerton Foundation (Los Angeles-based; typically only supportive of fine arts)

Alaska Conservation Foundation

The Turner Foundation (Chicago-based)

Alaska Leadership: Nelli Williams, Alaska Program Director; Meghan Barker, Bristol Bay Organizer

Major Projects Targeted: Pebble

Strategies (from their website): “We partner with sportfishing lodges and local leaders, and work to ensure that the regional fishing and hunting heritage, Alaska Native traditions, and the many economic contributions of Bristol Bay remain intact.”



Alaska Center (for the Environment)

Mission: “We engage, empower, and elect Alaskans to stand up for our clean air and water, healthy communities, and a strong democracy.”

Finances (From their 2019 Form 990):

Revenue – \$1.76M (89% from grants and contributions)

Top donors:

Alaska Conservation Foundation - \$31K

Gates Foundation - \$30K

NorthLight Foundation (NYC) - \$25K

(<https://www.northlightfoundation.org/Alaska>)

True North Foundation - \$25K

Alaska Leadership: Vacant– Executive Director

*Louie Flora, GA Director, Running for State House

*Genevieve Mina, Board Member, Running for State House

Major Projects Targeted: Pebble, Eklutna Dam Removal

Strategies: Grassroots organizing, protests, elections



Cook Inletkeeper

Mission: “Protect Alaska's Cook Inlet watershed and the life it sustains.”

Finances (From their 2020 Annual Report):

Revenue - \$1.13M (93% from grants & direct contributions)

Top donors:

Patagonia - \$50K

Alaska Conservation Foundation - \$48.5K

Harder Foundation - \$35K

Orange County Community Foundation - \$30K

World Wildlife Fund - \$10K

Alaska Leadership: Sue Mauger, Science and Exec. Director

Major Projects Targeted: Pebble, Cook Inlet O&G

Strategies: (From its website) “Inletkeeper uses a unique blend of advocacy, science and outreach...[and] amplifies and implements its advocacy and science through a combination of community organizing and strategic communications.”



Northern Alaska Environmental Center

Mission: “The Northern Alaska Environmental Center promotes conservation of the environment and sustainable resource stewardship in Interior and Arctic Alaska through education and advocacy.”

Finances (From their 2020 Form 990):

Revenue - \$412K (91% from grants and direct contributions)

Top donors:

NorthLight Foundation - \$100K

Alaska Conservation Foundation - \$33K

Alaska Leadership: Currently, without an Exec. Director, with Elisabeth Dabney as the Interim ED.

Major Projects Targeted: Willow, Ambler

Strategies: Advocacy (direct, targeted), along with co-promotion and engagement with their subordinate relationships (FAI Climate Action Coalition, Native Movement, SILA, Solarize FAI) and others.



SILA (Sovereign Iñupiat for a Living Arctic)

Mission: “To create space for healthy communities, spiritually, mentally, and physically; fostering the connection between people, culture and land.”

Finances (From their website):

Revenue – They run all donations and financial programs through the Northern Alaska Environmental Center.

Alaska Leadership: Siquñiq Maupin, Exec. Director

Major Projects Targeted: Willow

Strategies: Zealous & direct advocacy (up to being arrested during protests), submitting public comments, official partner of Build Back Fossil-Free campaign, as well as the Native Movement.



Gwich'in Steering Committee

Mission: “To protect the calving grounds of the Porcupine caribou herd, the Arctic Refuge, and the Gwich'in way of life.”

Finances (From their 2019 form 990):

Revenue - \$355,000 (99.9% from grants)

Top donors:

Seattle Foundation (racial/social justice-driven)

NorthLight Foundation (NYC)

Currents of Change (MA, climate/social-justice)

Alaska Conservation Foundation

Alaska Leadership: Bernadette Dementieff, Exec. Director

Major Projects Targeted: ANWR

Strategies: Lawsuits, direct advocacy in D.C. and worldwide, submitting public comments, pressuring companies to not insure or finance drilling in the Arctic.

Now That You Know About Them...

Here are three things you can do:

1. If you see something, say something.
2. Engage with pro-responsible organizations to amplify a common message – silence is consent.
3. Stop doing business with those companies and organizations who are trying to harm Alaska.