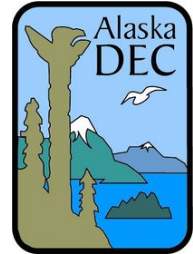


Resources for Community Based Monitoring Programs

To add a resource to this list please e-mail tyler@aoos.org with your logo, a brief paragraph description of the resource and a point of contact.

Alaska's Clean Water Actions (ACWA) – On an annual basis, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) accepts grant proposals for projects focused on stewardship and restoration projects in high priority waters, including data collection and monitoring. The ACWA program was established by the Governor's office and directed Alaska's resource agencies (DEC, Fish and Game, and Natural Resources) to coordinate resources toward the highest priority waters. The grant projects are a result of this effort. Among the previously funded monitoring activities are stream temperature monitoring in southcentral Alaska, monitoring of the Kenai River, and storm water monitoring in the Matanuska Valley. Typical awards range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Contact: Jennifer Pennington, jennifer.pennington@alaska.gov.



Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program (MAP) - MAP is a university-based, statewide, outreach and technical assistance program designed to help Alaskans wisely develop, use, conserve, and enjoy Alaska's marine and coastal resources. Map agents provide informal marine education, offer technical assistance to coastal communities related to economic development, conduct applied research, and serve as a link between the University of Alaska and marine and freshwater resource users. Marine Advisory Agents have been involved in community based monitoring, including water testing, harmful algal bloom monitoring, invasive species, and bird surveys. The agents may be able to provide assistance to other CBM programs or connect them with resources with the appropriate expertise. Sea Grant may also be able to provide access to equipment useful in community based monitoring programs such as water chemistry analysis, food safety, invasive species monitoring and harmful algal bloom analysis. Contact: Paula Cullenberg, paula.cullenberg@alaska.edu.

National Science Foundation (NSF) – NSF is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1950 "to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense..." With an annual budget of \$7.2 billion they provide funding for 21 percent of all federally supported basic research conducted by America's colleges and universities. Any program with an environmental focus that includes observations should be open to CBM. NSF also provides opportunities to forward the interaction with scientists and stakeholders to advance partnerships for new sciences. These generally come in the form of Research Coordination Network proposals. Contact: Anna Kerttula, akerttul@nsf.gov.



Alaska Native Fund – Alaska Conservation Foundation (ACF), in partnership with an Alaska Native Fund Steering Committee, launched the Alaska Native Fund (ANF) in 2011 to *advance Alaska Native priorities for protecting our land and sustaining our ways of life*. The fund provides an Indigenous framework for impacting critical environmental issues while promoting innovative strategies to strengthen the capacity of Alaska Native organizations and communities. The ANF program provides annual grants to qualifying Alaska Native nonprofit organizations and individuals to address at least one of the priority issues including food security, sustainable economic development projects, alternative energy solutions, climate change impacts, and/or holistic wellness issues. The ANF Steering Committee has identified environmental issues and strategies to be supported by the program incorporating *indigenous knowledge* is at the center of the fund’s framework, reflecting the powerful connection that Indigenous people have with their surroundings. Contact: Loren Peterson lpeterson@alaskaconservation.org.



North Pacific Research Board (NPRB) - NPRB supports peer-reviewed scientific research in Alaska waters to inform effective management and sustainable use of marine resources. Proposals are selected for funding through the annual research program or the long term monitoring program. NPRB also runs multi-institution, interdisciplinary science projects to create a more integrated understanding of Alaska’s ocean ecosystems. Current regional projects include the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea projects. Specific to community-based monitoring projects, the annual Request for Proposals has a specific section for Community Involvement projects. Through this conduit, NPRB has funded such projects as the Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team (COASST), a citizen-science bird monitoring program (projects 612 and 732), and the Pribilof Islands Community-Based Ocean Monitoring Program (project 733). Contact: Carrie Eischens, carrie.eischens@nprb.org.

