DEAR SUPPORTERS:

Trustees for Alaska began celebrating our 40th Anniversary in Fiscal Year 2014. We’ve come a long way from our humble beginnings as a one-person operation. Many people played a role back in those early days, but none more than Anchorage icon, Peg Tileston, and the Environmental Defense Fund’s Executive Director, Rod Cameron. They saw a gap in the Alaska conservationists’ toolbelt—the ability to enforce the law to protect Alaska’s environment. With foundation funding and local support, Trustees for Alaska went from idea to institution.

For four decades, Trustees for Alaska has taken on state and federal agencies and big industry to defend our natural resources. We don’t always win, but we always make a difference. Those who would ignore constitutions, statutes, and regulations face legal enforcement by Trustees for Alaska.

In 2014, Trustees for Alaska took action for areas and issues crisscrossing the state: from protecting the Arctic and Izembek National Wildlife Refuges, to saving salmon in the headwaters of Bristol Bay to keeping Alaska’s coal in the ground and not contributing to the world’s greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.

We couldn’t do what we do without the steadfast support of our donors. It is because you have faith in us and invest your financial support in us that we can provide our legal services where it is needed most, free-of-charge. You are a critical part of the Trustees for Alaska legal team and can feel proud of our legal successes to protect Alaska’s lands, waters, wildlife, and people.

Thank you!

Victoria Clark
Executive Director
Stopping the Pebble Mine
Trustees for Alaska attorneys appeared before the Alaska Supreme Court in December 2013, in an important constitutional case seeking to hold the State accountable for protecting the world’s most productive salmon fishery from the decades of exploration activities at the Pebble Project. Trustees represents Nunamta Aulukestai (“Caretakers of our Land” in Yup’ik), Bristol Bay residents Ricky Delkittie, Sr. and Violet Willson (now deceased), former Alaska First Lady Bella Hammond, and Constitutional Convention Delegate and scholar Victor Fischer. The goal of the case is to obtain public notice and an evaluation of the impacts of large-scale industrial mining exploration at the Pebble Project before permits are issued.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) initiated an analysis under Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act for the Bristol Bay watershed where the Pebble mining project is proposed to determine whether large-scale mining should occur in the headwaters of the world’s premiere salmon fishery. EPA’s Proposed Determination released in July 2014 would restrict environmentally damaging impacts on the salmon fishery. In response Pebble initiated several lawsuits challenging EPA’s authority. Trustees for Alaska represents clients in these cases and continues to use the law to stop the Pebble Mine.
**Seward Coal Loading Facility**
The Seward Coal Loading Facility must now get a permit to control its coal discharges into Resurrection Bay. The US Court of Appeals unanimously decided the Seward Coal Loading Facility was violating the Clean Water Act (CWA) with unpermitted discharges of coal into the bay. Trustees for Alaska argued to the three-judge panel for our clients, Alaska Community Action on Toxics and the Alaska Chapter of the Sierra Club, to overturn the district court’s decision that found the Facility in compliance with the CWA.

**State Coal Program**
Alaska’s punitive “loser pays” rule for legal challenges to coal mining was knocked down by the federal Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement in response to Trustees for Alaska’s petition that the rule makes the State’s coal mining program inconsistent with federal requirements. Alaskans shouldn’t be penalized for using the law to stop destructive coal mining practices harmful to our salmon streams and our health.
Defending the Arctic Refuge

Once again the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was under attack. And once again Trustees for Alaska stepped in to protect the Arctic Refuge from oil and gas exploration. This time, it was a lawsuit brought by the State of Alaska against the Department of Interior’s repeated denial of oil and gas exploration applications. We intervened in the case on behalf of nine groups and organizations.

National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska

A Federal Judge ruled the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers violated the law when it approved a permit for ConocoPhillips to build a road and several bridges through the ecologically valuable Colville River Delta. The court held that the Corps did not adequately explain its decision not to prepare a supplemental environmental analysis for the project.
**MARINE ECOSYSTEMS**

*Bering Sea Elders Group*

Trustees for Alaska represented the Bering Sea Elders Group, in conjunction with the Native American Rights Fund, to negotiate an agreement with the Alaska Seafood Cooperative to help reduce halibut bycatch in the Bering Sea. The agreement lays a foundation for understanding the yellowfin sole and halibut fisheries, establishes trawl boundaries, and a 20-mile protective boundary around Cape Newenham to protect walrus. Trustees also works with the Bering Sea Elders and Alaska Marine Conservation Council to protect the Northern Bering Sea trawl boundary.

**WILD LANDS & WILDLIFE**

*Protecting Izembek*

Wilderness protections remain for an internationally important waterfowl migration stop in Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, following Interior Secretary Sally Jewell's decision that a road and land swap would be too harmful. Trustees for Alaska worked with a coalition of conservation groups to provide legal comments on decision documents, including the extensive Environmental Impact Statement for the project. We are now defending that decision in court on behalf of coalition groups.
Each year interns arrive to spend their summer with Trustees for Alaska. They conduct legal research, draft pleadings, participate in client meetings, and assist with litigation. Interns provide critical legal support to Trustees while they gain valuable on-the-ground legal experience for their future careers.

FY14 interns, Kelly Nokes, Jacob Duginski, and Courtney Simmons (left to right) successfully scaled Flattop on an evening outing after working hard at Trustees for Alaska during the day. Not shown is intern Cecilia Segal who arrived later in the summer.

Brandon Cobb, a third-year law student at Lewis & Clark Law School spent the fall semester at Trustees for Alaska in exchange for class credit.
### REVENUE

- **Grants**: 55% ($519,500)
- **Individuals**: 16% ($149,117)
- **In-kind Revenue**: 17% ($165,343)
- **Interest**: <1% ($1,270)
- **Other**: 1% ($11,602)
- **Colleen Burgh Fund for Science and the Law**: 11% ($100,000)

**Total Revenue**: $946,832

### EXPENSES

- **America's Arctic**: 25% ($288,622)
- **Clean Air & Water**: 17% ($194,666)
- **Climate Change**: 30% ($345,050)
- **Marine Ecosystems**: 7% ($78,695)
- **Wild Lands & Wildlife**: 6% ($68,942)
- **Administration**: 8% ($96,869)
- **Fundraising**: 8% ($96,463)

**Total Expenses**: $1,169,307

### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

**September 30th**

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| Total Liabilities and Net Assets| $413,270   | $647,903   |
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FOR SCIENCE AND THE LAW
Trustees for Alaska was saddened by the passing of Colleen Burgh in 2014. She served on Trustees’ Board of Directors in the 1980s and shaped our legal and conservation efforts during that period. We are touched that Colleen and her husband, Jim Stratton, wanted to recognize her dedication to conservation science with the establishment of the Colleen Burgh Fund for Science and the Law. The fund is dedicated to acquiring scientific expertise to help Trustees win cases critical for Alaska conservation. Thank you to all the wonderful donors that contributed to Colleen’s fund!
Trustees for Alaska works alongside many organizations in defense of Alaska's most valuable assets—its natural heritage. We never charge for our legal services. Groups that we represented and helped Trustees make a difference in FY14 include:

Alaska Center for the Environment
Alaska Community Action on Toxics
Alaska Marine Conservation Council
Alaska Quiet Rights Coalition
Alaska Wilderness League
Alaskans for Energy Freedom
Ambler Traditional Council
Association of Village Council Presidents
Audubon Alaska
Bering Sea Elders Group
Castle Mountain Coalition
Center for Biological Diversity
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National Audubon Society
National Parks and Conservation Association
National Wildlife Refuge Association
Native Village of Point Hope
Native Village of Port Graham
Natural Resources Defense Council
Northern Alaska Environmental Center
Nunamta Aulukestai
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