



**Job Title:** Advocacy Specialist

**Reports to:** Science & Executive Director

**Salary:** DOE plus benefits (generous paid vacation/sick leave, health insurance, matching retirement plan)

**Location:** Homer, Alaska

**BACKGROUND:** In the wake of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill, a group of concerned Alaskans came together around their love for Cook Inlet. They were outraged at the abuses they saw in Cook Inlet, so they sued several oil and gas corporations for toxic dumping in Cook Inlet's rich fisheries. Remarkably, they won, and used the settlement funds in 1995 to start Cook Inletkeeper, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the Cook Inlet watershed and the life it sustains. Over the past twenty-five years, Inletkeeper has become a leader in the Alaska conservation movement, pioneering novel science, organizing and advocacy efforts to press for corporate accountability, government transparency and lasting social change. Now, Inletkeeper seeks a smart and motivated individual with strong research, interpersonal and advocacy skills to play a leading role in the organization's climate, fossil fuel and salmon policy work.

This position requires a confident individual with a variety of skills, including strong research, writing, public speaking and strategic thinking.

The Advocacy Specialist is responsible for the following:

- Coordinating Cook Inletkeeper's advocacy on energy, mining and other issues affecting climate, water quality and fish habitat;
- Devising policy positions and white papers, reviewing and critiquing draft permits and other authorizations and generally interpreting and analyzing laws, policies and rules;
- Conducting research and writing for internal and external communications, including blogs, opinion pieces, newsletters, etc.;
- Collaborating with Inletkeeper's organizing and communications staff to create and implement campaign strategies, actions and events;
- Building and maintaining relationships with a broad range of stakeholders, including industry representatives, agency personnel, Native tribes and corporations, interest groups and Cook Inletkeeper members and supporters;
- Representing Inletkeeper at public meetings, workshops and events and embracing forward-thinking communication strategies that connect with a broad public;

- Working with the Science & Executive Director to identify and secure funding to support Inletkeeper's mission; and
- Performing other duties as may be necessary to fulfill the goals and objectives of Inletkeeper.

The ideal candidate will have:

- Strong critical thinking, research, presentation, public speaking and writing skills;
- Demonstrated ability to build relationships with a broad range of coalition partners, and work with diverse stakeholders;
- Excellent listening, learning and retention skills;
- Demonstrated ability to manage multiple projects and deadlines simultaneously;
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively both as part of a team and independently;
- Ability to maintain a positive attitude despite a difficult political environment;
- Strong motivation to press for social and environmental change;
- Enthusiasm about an organizational culture and structure that fosters collaboration, communication, equity and trust;
- Knowledge of Alaska, and law and science experience preferred; and
- Desire to live, work and play in an incredible community surrounded by uncommon beauty.

The Advocacy Specialist is a Permanent Full-Time Position, working 40 hours per workweek. Position open until filled. To apply, send cover letter, resume and three references to Sue Mauger at [sue@inletkeeper.org](mailto:sue@inletkeeper.org). For more information, contact Sue by email or at 907-235-4068, ext. 24

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