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While serving on AQRC's Board, **Marilyn Sigman**, wondered what might be learned from the way indigenous people have responded to ecological changes over the thousands of years they have lived around Cook Inlet and the southern Alaska coast. She will share her insights and read from her book *Entangled*.

**AQRC Annual Meeting, Monday, October 29, 2018**  
"People & Ecological Change in the Gulf of Alaska"

You are invited to the....

**ALASKA QUIET RIGHTS COALITION**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Featured speaker  
**Marilyn Sigman**

**Monday,  
October 29, 2018  
7-9pm**

**Campbell Creek  
Science Center**

## **Entangled** by Marilyn Sigman

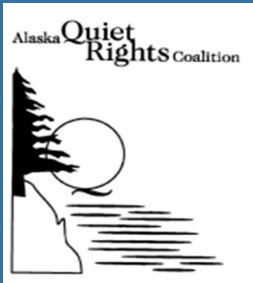
People and Ecological Change in the Gulf of Alaska

Homer author-naturalist Marilyn Sigman will be presenting her new book, *Entangled*, that explores the interactions and entanglements of people and their environment in the Gulf of Alaska over the last 9,000 years and what we may learn about possible human responses to times of rapid climate change.

"*Entangled* will delight not just readers intrigued with Alaska's resources and cultural history but all those concerned with what it means to know and honor a home place."

~ Nancy Lord, author of *Fishcamp and Beluga Days*





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# BALLOT FOR AQRC BOARD ELECTIONS 2018-2020

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please fill out and return the ballot in the enclosed envelope by October 29, 2018.



**Vote for four:**

Cliff Eames    Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Will Elliott    Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Thom Ely    Yes\_\_ No\_\_

Meera Narayanan    Yes\_\_ No\_\_

## AQRC News

*by Brian Okonek and Cliff Eames*

We lost a remarkable friend last Spring. AQRC founding member Susan Olsen passed away on April 10, 2018. Her passion to explore Alaska’s natural beauty in her backyard as well as in remote wilderness areas awakened in Susan a unique appreciation that attracted her to these places. She particularly loved the natural soundscapes and worked tirelessly to bring its’ importance to the attention of the public and land managers. More often there are news articles about how the natural soundscape is deteriorating and how excessive, unrelenting noise is affecting humans and wildlife. Susan’s decades of public testimony and comments concerning noise pollution has prompted land managers to consider the natural soundscape as an important part of management planning. Despite the ongoing negative impact that mechanical noise has on wild and human soundscapes, this important issue continues to be overlooked, and to call for few regulations which are rarely enforced. Many thanks to all of you who continue to follow in Susan's footsteps and her dedication to protecting our right to hear the natural sounds of our wild and natural places.

### Will there be designated Wilderness in the Chugach National Forest?

#### Comments due November 1.

The 5.4 million acre Chugach NF currently contains no designated wilderness areas. The Forest Service is accepting comments on its Draft Plan and EIS through November 1. AQRC supports Alternative D, which would recommend 97% of the Nellie Juan-College Fjord Wilderness Study Area to be designated as wilderness.

The Wilderness Act prohibits snowmachining in Wilderness and recreational snowmachining is not permitted in Wilderness Outside. The prohibition should apply to Alaska as well. Tell the Forest Service to prohibit recreational snowmachining in WSA's and future Wilderness areas.

### Recreational snowmachining in Wilderness? Comments due October 31.

Several years ago, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve (WRST) initiated a Backcountry and Wilderness Stewardship Planning effort which did not produce a plan and now it is "closed and incomplete". A major planning issue was whether recreational snowmachining in designated Wilderness is legal. AQRC believes it is not. WRST is now holding "community listening sessions" which may or may not lead to future planning efforts. Comments will be accepted through October 31. Please tell the Park that recreational snowmachining in designated Wilderness is illegal and should not be allowed.

### WHAT TO KEEP YOUR EYE ON

The recreational use of drones is growing at a fast pace. Their use over public lands can disturb people recreating as well as wildlife in critical habitat areas, wildlife refuges, sanctuaries, state parks and state recreational areas. Alaska public land managers are planning to address how drones will be regulated as each separate land management plan is updated. AQRC believes drone use should be prohibited over these special areas.