

Alaska Coastline Conservation

An approach to a cleaner environment in Alaska and Beyond!

A meeting between Directors Kevin Burnell, Bill Thorvilson, and Rich Gundersen in spring of 2023 set in stone the formation of Alaska Coastline Conservation, an Alaska 501 (C) 3 Non-profit. Out of the meeting a solid focus was created to attack the pollution on the Alaska Peninsula. Each of us understands the importance of cleaning our environment to get rid of pollution created by mankind. Our organization will commence its first remediation effort in the Spring of 2025. Please let us describe in this post our plan of action.

There are several facets to the Peninsula trash removal that include equipment acquisition, agreements with conservationists, staging of equipment on the Peninsula, removing trash from the beaches, and transportation of the trash to a recycling plant. The following are brief plans of action with descriptions of the effort and for brevity sake not a complete description of the operation.

Equipment Acquisition: To make the project happen we need equipment. From on-site connectivity to super sacks to place trash in; we need equipment and supplies. We will be soliciting large companies to try and get donations but do know we have to buy items like chain saws, shovels, protective gear, picks, axes, and any other tool we need to get trash off the beaches. This is a small list of equipment but we will also need to rent helicopters to transport bags of trash from beaches to off beach barges that will be stationed in the Wide Bay area. From there we transport the trash to either Anchorage or Seattle where the final destination is processing trash and recycling everything we can.

Removing Trash From Beaches: We will be cleaning the beaches with the help of conservationists, scientists, philanthropists, and many people who will volunteer to help us clean the beaches. The amount of trash is immense,

and it requires tremendous amounts of help hours to make a dent in the trash. All of our group will be transported to the beach locations and individual tents set up for everyone. All accommodation will be made so our group will be comfortable during the operation.

Transportation Of Trash For Recycling: The collection and transportation of trash from beaches to final destination has been well thought out. Logistically speaking the conservationists will collect and place trash into super sacks. Very large heavy-duty bags that can be lifted when full of trash. The bags will be lifted off the beach using helicopters. The helicopters will transport the bags to a barge that will be anchored offshore. The barges are set up to accept the trash bags in preparation of shipping the trash to a destination where it will be recycled. Two locations may be Anchorage or Seattle. At the final destination the trash will be recycled and items that can't be disposed of properly will go to landfills.

Conclusion: Alaska Coastline Conservation just got started. We are starting to get donations and are hopeful to get some sizable donations from philanthropists. This effort will take years to complete. And may never be complete until we educate all we can to preserve our land and oceans by not polluting them.

From all of us – Thank you