

# You are Invited to Join an Alaska-Canada Transboundary Gathering in Whitehorse & Carcross April 18-20, 2023



This 3-day gathering will provide intentional space for dialogue, relationship-building, and knowledge-sharing with others across Alaska, the Yukon, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories. Together, we will be focused on the intersection of ongoing efforts and opportunities around land and water planning, climate adaptation, conservation, and regenerative economies - with a highlighted focus on Indigenous-led and collaborative efforts. We expect to bring together a diverse group of representatives from Indigenous communities and governments, conservation groups, government agencies, academic institutions, and land planning and management organizations.

*April 18th and 19th*

*Stronger Together: Collaborating across the Border for our Lands and our Peoples*

*Yukon Wildlife Preserve Learning Centre, Whitehorse*

*Hosted by The Northwest Boreal Partnership (NWBP) and Alaska Outdoor Alliance (AOA)*

The first two days will focus on convening representatives from the NWBP and AOA, as well as collaborators and leaders from the Yukon and nearby regions interested in transboundary collaborations, Indigenous-led and collaborative land and water stewardship and planning, climate adaptation, regenerative economies, and healing through reconnection. We expect to have the opportunity to also engage with representatives from How We Walk with Land and Water Relationship Plan, Yukon First Nation Youth Climate Action Fellowship, and Arctic Youth Ambassadors.

This smaller gathering of 40-50 participants will be focused on relationship-building, and will build upon ideas and momentum from recent gatherings in 2022 in Alaska as we continue to brainstorm innovative ways to work together across the Alaska-Canada border on these themes. Our time together will include round robins and introductions, group dialogues and brainstorms, time spent out on the land, sharing of food and stories, and a potential for focused workshops. The NWBP will also hold their semi-annual Steering Committee Business Meeting.

*April 20th*

*Land and Water Relationship Planning Gathering: A Public Event*

*Haa Shagóon Hídí (Carcross-Tagish First Nation Cultural Learning Centre), Carcross*

*Co-organized by Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society Yukon, Northwest Boreal Partnership, Alaska Outdoor Alliance, and How We Walk with Land and Water; Sponsored by CPAWS Yukon*

The final day will culminate in a public event hosted at Haa Shagóon Hídí (Carcross-Tagish First Nation Cultural Learning Centre) will provide an opportunity for a larger gathering of 150-300 participants to hear from invited speakers about ongoing efforts regarding the themes described above, with a particular emphasis on land and water relationship planning.

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*\*\*Stay tuned for more information regarding registration, lodging and travel, and agendas for both events.*

*\*\*For Northwest Boreal Partnership members and colleagues: a *limited* amount of travel funds will be available for participants from Indigenous and non-profit organizations, Elders, youth, and other individuals.*

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