



ALASKA ASSOCIATION FOR HISTORIC TEN MOST ENDANGERED HISTORIC PROPERTIES PROGRAM

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**Anchorage, Alaska (May 23, 2018)** – The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP) announces an update to the state’s **Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties for 2018**. AAHP has learned that the Historical Society of Natural History dba Pratt Museum, a property nominated and listed in 2017, is preparing to do major renovations on the current building next winter (Sept 2018 - April 2019). The Society notes that, “although the roof does require maintenance and will need to be replaced sooner than later, it does not rise to the level of most critically endangered”. While this is excellent and admirable news, another endangered Alaska treasure, the SS Nenana Sternwheeler Riverboat located in Fairbanks, will take its place. To learn more about the historic properties listed, visit [AAHP's Ten Most](#). This list is intended to bring public awareness to Alaska’s threatened historic properties. Heightened awareness often leads to increased support for the conservation of endangered historic properties, which are assets important to tourism, economic development, and the cultural heritage of Alaska. AAHP has been identifying the Most Endangered Historic Properties since 1991.

<b>Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties - 2018</b>
Bristol Bay Wooden Fishing Boats (Naknek, King Salmon, & Egegik)
4th Avenue Theater (Anchorage)
Polaris Building (Fairbanks)
Jesse Lee Home (Seward)
Three German Bachelor’s Cabin (Talkeetna)
Red John’s Cabin (Talkeetna)
Honeymoon Cabin (Chicken)
<del>Pratt Museum (Homer)</del> <u>SS Nenana Riverboat (Fairbanks)</u>
St. Michael’s Orthodox Cathedral (Sitka)
Coastal Archaeological Sites (Statewide)

The *Ten Most Endangered Grant Program* funds hands-on preservation work on endangered properties and serves as seed money to leverage funding from other sources. The program calls attention to threatened properties that define our great state, the people that live here, and the heritage we share. The nominations for this program are submitted by individuals and organizations living throughout Alaska and vetted through an AAHP committee.

Founded in 1982 as a private, nonprofit corporation, AAHP is dedicated to the preservation of Alaska’s prehistoric and historic cultural resources. To donate to the Grant Program or learn more about AAHP, please contact Carmen Bydalek (907-929-9870) at AAHP or visit our [AAHP's website](#). Please stay-tuned for details on this year’s *Ten Most Endangered Grant Program* fundraising event this fall. Thank you for your support!