



# The Conservation Alliance

Outdoor Business Giving Back to the Outdoors

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## **POLAR BEAR PHOTOGRAPHER STEVEN KAZLOWSKI TO SPEAK AT CONSERVATION ALLIANCE BREAKFAST**

*Eight Years in the Arctic Show the Impacts of Global Warming on the Polar Bear*

**Bend, Ore., December 1, 2008** – The Conservation Alliance Breakfast at the January 2009 Outdoor Retailer Winter Market will feature guest speaker Steven Kazlowski, a wildlife photographer who has accumulated a comprehensive and unparalleled portfolio of polar bears in the wild. His work documents the impact global warming is having on polar bear habitat. The breakfast, which is open to the public, is Friday, January 23, 7:00-9:00 AM at The Marriott in Salt Lake City.

During his presentation, Kazlowski will share his stunning images and observations, talk about the challenges and thrill of photographing in the Arctic, and discuss what every citizen can do to make a difference for polar bear habitat. Much of the presentation will be based on Kazlowski's new book of photographs titled *The Last Polar Bear: Facing the Truth of a Warming World*, copies of which he will sell and sign after his presentation.

"The Polar bear is global warming's canary in the coal mine," said John Sterling, Executive Director of The Conservation Alliance. "We're fortunate that Steven Kazlowski has taken the time to document these special animals in the wild, and that he will share his work with us."

Kazlowski is the only wildlife photographer who has extensively photographed the Alaskan polar bear and its critical Arctic coastal habitat, an area rapidly being affected by climate change. He is known within the photography community for his skills of observation and his determination to capture an image even in extreme weather conditions.

Kazlowski's photographs have been featured in *Sierra*, *Audubon*, *Backpacker*, *Canadian National Geographic*, *National Geographic For Kids*, *National Wildlife*, and *TIME* magazines, and he has published several books including *Alaska's Bears of the North*, *Alaska's Wildlife of the North*, and *Alaska Wildlife Impressions*.

In addition to Kazlowski's talk, The Conservation Alliance Breakfast will feature an update on recent Alliance grantees and conservation successes funded by the Alliance, as well as an update on The Conservation Alliance Legacy Fund.

The Conservation Alliance Breakfast is open to the public. For complete information, see <http://conservationalliance.com/articles>.

**About the Conservation Alliance:**

*The Conservation Alliance is an organization of outdoor businesses whose collective contributions support grassroots environmental organizations and their efforts to protect wild places where outdoor enthusiasts recreate. Alliance funds have played a key role in protecting rivers, trails, wildlands and climbing areas.*

*Membership in the Alliance is open to companies representing all aspects of the outdoor industry, including manufacturers, retailers, publishers, mills and sales representatives. The result is a diverse group of businesses whose livelihood depends on protecting our natural environment.*

*Since its inception in 1989, the Alliance has contributed more than \$7 million to grassroots environmental groups. Alliance funding has helped save over 39 million acres of wildlands; 27 dams have either been stopped or removed; and the group helped preserve access to more than 16,000 miles of waterways and several climbing areas.*

*For complete information on the Conservation Alliance, see [www.conservationalliance.com](http://www.conservationalliance.com).*