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Stream Watch: Volunteers Making a Difference on the Kenai Peninsula

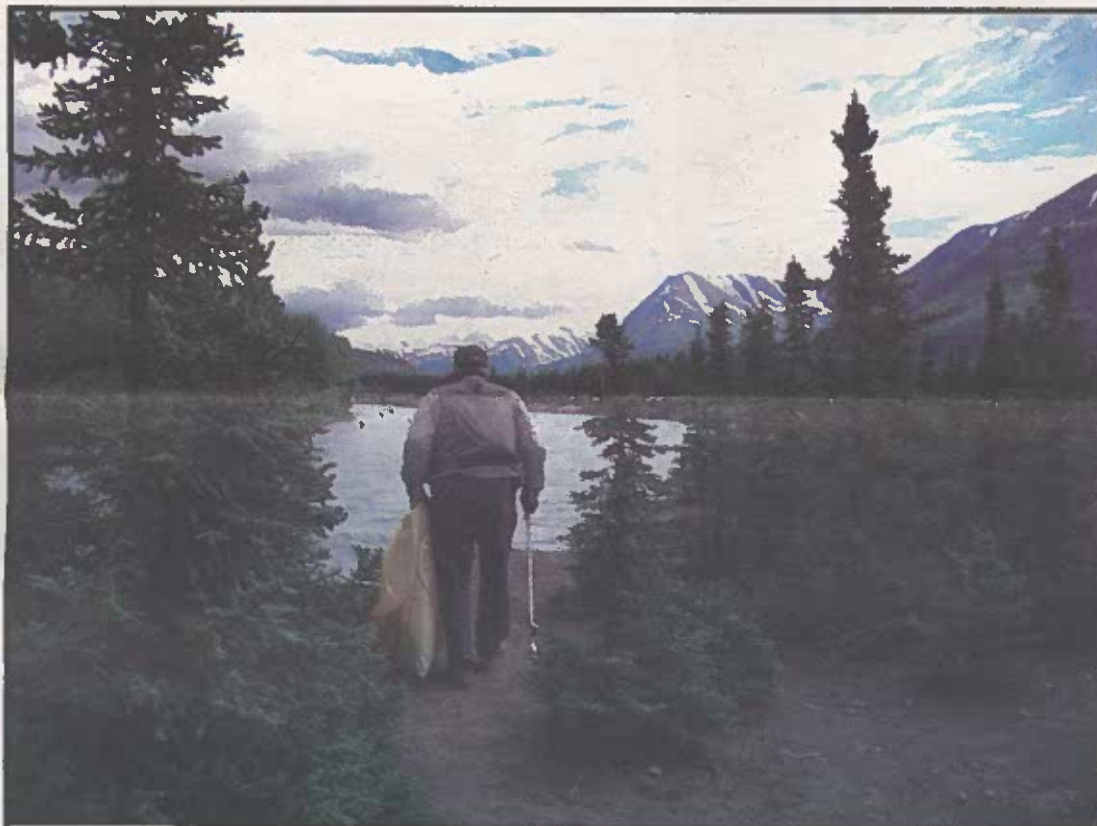
Stream Watch is taking the Kenai Peninsula by storm! Kenai Watershed Forum is expanding the award winning Stream Watch volunteer program to protect the lower Kenai River this summer.

By Lisa Beranek, Stream Watch Coordinator



You may have seen Stream Watch Ambassadors out at your favorite fishing hole; talking with anglers, mending habitat protection fences or recycling mono filament line. Ambassadors are trained volunteers who spend at least 24 hours on the river between June and September to promote river stewardship through peer-to-peer education. Educational messages can vary greatly from fishing regulations and ethical angling to bear safety and river stewardship. The program has grown immensely from its meager beginnings.

In 1994 the USDA Forest Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service came together to discuss the huge impacts on the Russian River and Upper Kenai due to record numbers of river users. The summertime visitor rush had been drastically impacting the river for years. Riverside areas, or riparian areas, were trampled by river users. Riparian plants are vital to a healthy river system and a good salmon fishery. Not only do the plants shade the river and provide a food source for bugs, an important fish food source, but their roots help stabilize riverbanks keeping soil from entering the stream where it can smother fish and fish eggs. The river's health was in danger. Something needed to be done. (Stream Watch, continue on Page 5)



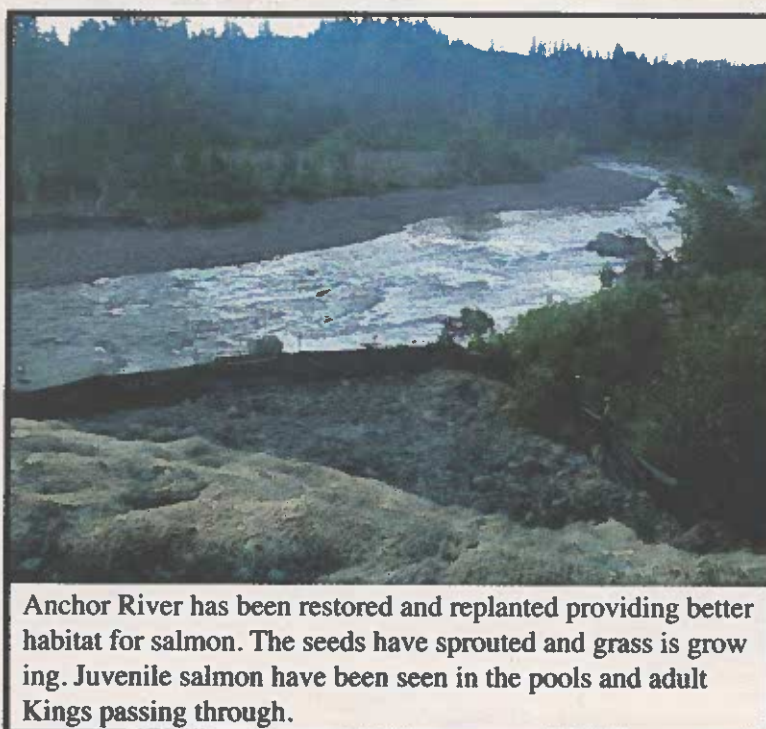
Stream Watch volunteers make an impact on our local watersheds. The program has expanded to the lower Kenai River!

Anchor River work complete

KWF restored a section of the Anchor River that had rerouted itself through a gravel pit in 2002

Many changes occurred during the 2002 flooding events on the Kenai Peninsula. Major roads washed out, people were stranded in a few locations and much work was required to get our road infrastructure put back in place. One of the changes that first went unnoticed was a case where the Anchor River began to flow through a gravel pit that was previously constructed within 25' of the river's bank.

(Anchor River, continue on Page 7)



Anchor River has been restored and replanted providing better habitat for salmon. The seeds have sprouted and grass is growing. Juvenile salmon have been seen in the pools and adult Kings passing through.

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Mike Edwards from the USFWS teaches fishing ethics and much more at the Kenai River Festival in June. Read more about this fantastic event on Page 6.



Look for KWF's new fun, photo cut-outs around town this summer! A great opportunity to take a fun pic!

A Message from our Board of Directors

Dear KWF Members and Friends,

Summer in Alaska brings many wonderful things - long summer days, return of the salmon, visitors, outdoor community activities, camping trips and hikes to name a few. The Kenai Peninsula comes alive. We encourage you to take a step back and reflect on the importance the waters and watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula mean to you and your family. It is clear all residents and visitors of the Kenai Peninsula gain from the natural resources this great land holds. From recreational to economic opportunities, we all live and play in a very special place!

KWF staff has been in high-gear since early May. We are half-way through the field season and so far the accomplishments have been nothing short of amazing. Anchor River restoration, Kaslof River dunes protection efforts, new summer camp, Kenai River Festival, new building project, and a Seward bridge and culvert project are all certainly highlights from this summer. And we're not done yet! We have several culvert projects on the horizon and several exciting events yet to come.

We thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you on the water or in the mountains soon! Have a great summer!

Sincerely,
KWF Board of Directors



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KWF Calendar of Events



September 3, 2011 • Train Ride on AK Railroad's Denali Car from Seward to Anchorage

This very special trip is made possible through the generous donation from AK Railroad Corporation, Alaska Sealife Center, and ERA Alaska. Guests will travel from Kenai Airport to Seward for a behind the scenes tour of the AK Sealife Center then board the Denali Car for a delightful evening trip from Seward to Anchorage. The Denali Car is a 1929 railcar restored in the 1980s by the Rasmuson Foundation. To say the Denali Car is elegant would be an understatement! Once arriving in Anchorage, guests will be transported to the airport for flight back to Kenai. This special trip is being offered to individuals donating to KWF's Capital Building Campaign this summer at the \$2,500 level. Please contact Josselyn O'Connor (907) 260-5449 for more information.

September 10, 2011 • Great KWF Farm Fest Ridgeway Farms • Noon to 8pm

A down-home country festival just like you remember from your childhood. Complete with hayrides, live folk/bluegrass music, hay maze, huge kid's carnival, farm contests, silent & bucket auction, BBQ dinners, guessing games, local foods booth, pie & bake sale, beer garden, and much, much more! All to benefit Kenai Watershed Forum!

Spotlight on Volunteer

Anna Fisher takes Kenai River Festival to new Heights!

KWF has been organizing the Kenai River Festival for over 13 years. Prior to KWF, what we like to call the "mothers of the festival" gave generously of their time and energy to present this community event. The festival has grown tremendously and taken many different turns, but the essence remains the same to provide a free, fun setting for people to learn more about the river, how we impact it by our activities, and what we can do to keep it healthy and productive for generations to come. One volunteer stands out and has completely embraced this event. That volunteer is Anna Fisher.

Anna has been the Education Chair for the festival for the past two years. In these two short years, Anna has streamlined the organizing and execution of the children's education booths. She has implemented systems of communication and tracking that make the education element of the festival extremely efficient and organized. In addition, Anna has engaged agencies and organizations new to the festival enhancing the educational experience for all festival goers. She is a ray of sunshine every time she walks in the door and has been a delight to get to know and work alongside. We are grateful for all she has done for KWF and the Kenai River Festival.

Anna grew up in the Mat-Su Valley and attended Colony High School. Upon graduation she attended the University of Northern Colorado and received her degree in History with an emphasis in Education. She returned to Alaska and began her career working for the Mat-Su School District. Anna married Kyle Fisher in 2007 in Wasilla. Kyle was transferred with Lynden to the Kenai Peninsula in 2008. Anna has been working for the Kenai Peninsula School District in Homer as a history teacher at Homer High School. She is the girls soccer coach, sponsor of student government, and was elected to the Homer High School Site council.

In her free time she enjoys exercising her two dogs Rampage and Domino, fishing, and traveling.

KWF is important to her because its emphasis on preservation AND education. Educating children and encouraging young stewards of our watershed and environment is critical to the future of our area.

Hats off to Anna for all of her support and time to make this year's Kenai River Festival one of the best ever! Many thanks!



Anna with a beautiful Kenai King in 2010.

Summer Camp... and Adventure for us ALL!

Four weeks in and we're having FUN!

By Hannah Romberg, KWF Summer Camp Assistant

In every profession, there are a certain number of things that you cannot plan for. However, when one is working with children, there is not much that you CAN plan for. When we took our first walk down the river boardwalk, Dan and I didn't anticipate that when you're only three and a half feet tall, the spider webs on the dock would be more visible (and interesting) than the birds on the river. We didn't realize that singing the "River Song" could turn a group of rowdy students into calm, awe-struck children in a matter of seconds, and we certainly didn't think about how frequently we would have to take bathroom breaks. Although there are unexpected surprises throughout each day, both delightful and terrifying, each session of summer camp can be counted as a great success.



Camp Director, Dan Pascucci leads the campers down to the mouth of Slikok Creek in song.

Our adopt-a-stream camp was a great learning experience for us all. As the kids (ages 9-12) learned all about pH, turbidity, and stream health, Dan and I learned about the trouble with offering seconds during snack time, how cleaning carpet squares can quickly turn into a disaster, and that kids can handle poor weather and schedule changes better than we sometimes give them credit for. We started off the week with name games, nature walks, and "watershed relays", kept going strong as we learned about insect parts and the salmon life cycle, and ended camp with an attack on dandelions and trash around Soldotna Creek Park.

As we started our first "Small Fry" camp the next Monday, we got to introduce a whole new group of fifteen 6-8 year olds to the joy of an Alaskan summer spent outside. The kids loved our "bird on a stick" craft that later turned into a scavenger hunt; they enthusiastically used their "owl eyes" to carefully search for their birds as we walked to the Soldotna Creek bridge. Dan and I enjoyed teaching about the parts of plants, reading stories, and decorating the inside of our yurt with the animals that the kids created during craft time. We ended the week with a well-received concert full of songs about fungus, spawning salmon, and photosynthesis after a morning of picking up trash and playing games.

Our first week of "Smolt Camp" had lower enrollment than we expected, so we made the decision to open the camp to all students aged 6-12. What an adventure! We had nine awesome kids who were patient with us as we adjusted our activities to be appropriate for all ages. The students were delighted when we caught an extraordinary number of "baby salmon" in our fish trap, and saw more types of birds than they knew existed. This group also helped us attack another

invasive plant around the park- red sorrel. If you've noticed how nice the park has been looking lately, take the time to thank a Fur, Fins, Feathers, Flowers and Fun camper!

As Dan and I took a week off to regroup, reorganize, and relax, we both had many more things to list on our "things that went great" list, as opposed to our "things that were less great" list. If the kids have been learning half as much as we have, and been having at least as much fun, then I would say we have (at least slightly) improved something that's already close to perfect: an Alaskan summer.



GENEROUS CAMP SUPPORT

This year's pilot camp is made possible through generous support from ConocoPhillips and Wells Fargo. Their commitment to enriching the lives of the youth in this area is tremendous. We are grateful, many thanks!

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Going on a bug hunt! Campers get to explore every bit of Soldotna Creek Park... even the tiniest of creatures.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Thank you! The scholarships available this year are made possible by generous contributions from the following businesses.

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Update on Kasilof River Special Use Area (KARSUA)

In February 2010 Kenai Watershed Forum along with sixteen different entities representing diverse interests came together and wrote a letter to Governor Sean Parnell asking for action at the mouth of the Kasilof River. Habitat degradation and water quality concerns associated with the intense use of the area were at the top of the list of concerns addressed in the letter. This effort spearheaded by KWF initiated the process of creating a management system to conserve and protect the area.

A draft decision was issued in September 2010. The draft decision was open for public and agency comment for 70 days. During this comment period, three public meetings with state officials were held in addition to several local meetings. 163 comments were received.

In May 2011 the State of Alaska issued a final decision to designate the state lands of the lower Kasilof River area as "Special Use Lands" to be known as the Kasilof River Special Use Area (KARSUA). This final decision complements and updates the draft decision based on public input. We are very pleased with the outcome.

The newly established KARSUA includes approximately 1,010 acres of state owned and managed lands and integrates a system of management designed not to limit overall public use, but to manage it, while providing for increased public enjoyment of the areas' special resource values. (<http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/kasilof/>)

Adoption of this special area is the first step in creating a structure that will help protect and aid in management of the area. Formal adoption of agency regulations is the next step.

Additional Efforts

In addition to KARSUA, there has been a tremendous community effort underway to install fencing to protect the Kasilof dunes and wetlands from damage caused by vehicles and ATV's.

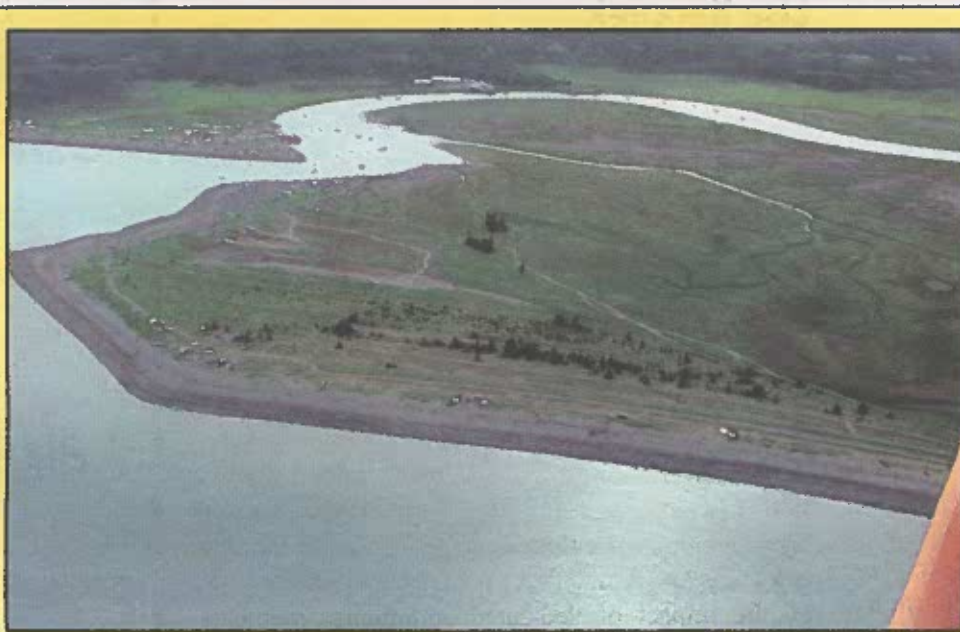
Brent Johnson and the Kasilof Regional Historical Association approached the State Legislature for grant funding to install a permanent fence near the dunes. AK DOT donated used guardrail and posts from Kodiak and Quartz Creek DOT sites. Twenty-one volunteers were involved in collecting the materials and erecting the fence, some for a day and some for a week.

We commend the Kasilof Regional Historical Association for all of their efforts to secure funding, volunteers, supplies, etc. to see this project through. To date, 4,575 feet of permanent fencing has been set with an additional 500 feet of temporary fencing. Signs have been posted stating that vehicles may not be used beyond the fence, and it all appears to be working. The intent is to acquire more materials from AK DOT this fall and finish the fence. We will continue to support this project in any way we can.

As you can see, there are many that hold dear the area surrounding the mouth of the Kasilof River. I challenge you to find two more dedicated people than Melinda Hampton and Dylan Holloway. These two extraordinary young women felt so strongly about the protection of the Kasilof dunes that they chose this issue as the focus for their Caring for the Kenai (CFK) project. CFK is an award winning environmental contest administered by Kenai Watershed Forum that challenges high school students to answer the



Permanent fence at the mouth of the Kasilof River to protect the dunes was installed by a team of volunteers under the direction of Brent Johnson and the Kasilof Regional Historical Association.



Top: Aerial view of the mouth of the Kasilof River and dunes in July 2010. Below: Portion of the temporary fencing installed by volunteers earlier this summer. Efforts are being made to acquire additional supplies to extend the permanent fencing through this area.

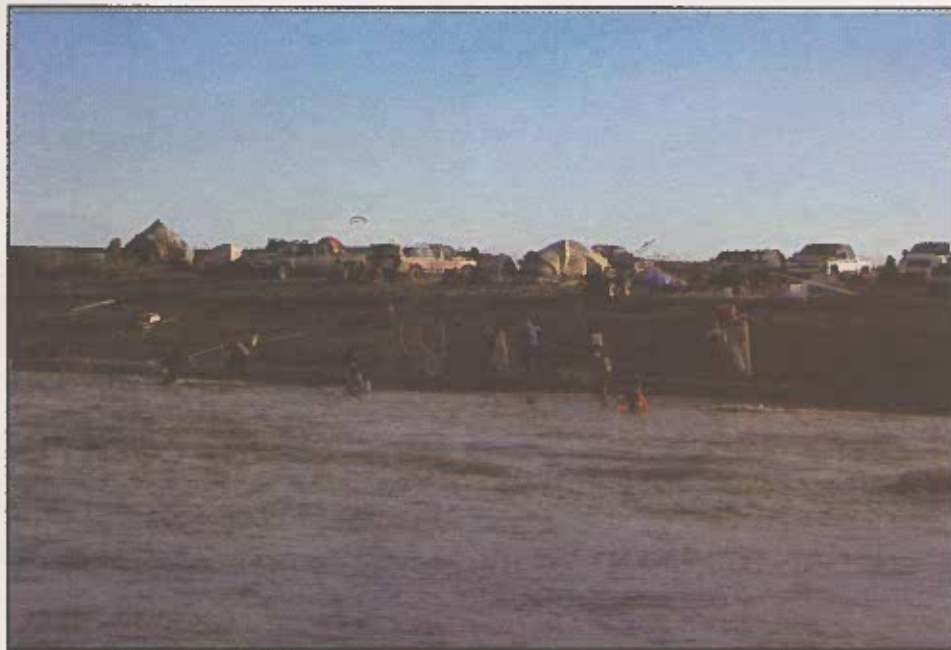


question "what can I do, invent, or create to better care for the environment on the Kenai Peninsula?" Melinda and Dylan with the help of their teacher, Phil Morin from Nikiski High School, spent countless hours writing letters, researching, volunteering, and tweaking their project. It was their enthusiasm and commitment that helped launch much of the efforts to protect the important dunes near the mouth of the Kasilof River.

Melinda and Dylan took 2nd place out of over 500 entries this year. These two young women have very bright futures and we thank them and wish them all the best.

There is no doubt the Kasilof River is a special place. The land, water, fish, and wildlife values within KARSUA are held in high esteem by a diverse representation of area residents and the general public who use the area for a variety of purposes, principal among them being fishing and general recreation. (<http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/kasilof/>)

We are pleased to play a role in conserving this special area for the next generations and offer our sincerest appreciation to all the folks that have helped along the way.



KWF Welcomes Lisa and Branden to the team!

You'll see some new faces around KWF this summer!

Branden Bornemann

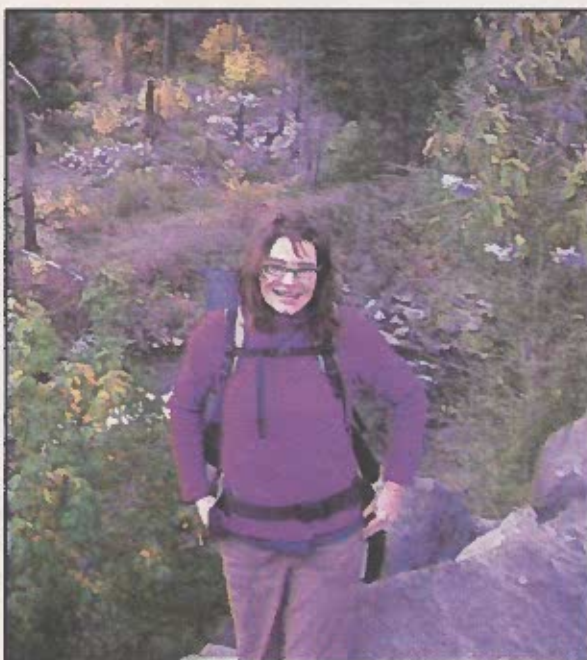
Branden comes to KWF with a strong technical and analytical interdisciplinary environmental background. He completed a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Geography in 2007 and a Master of Environmental Management in Earth System Science and Policy in 2009, both from the University of North Dakota. The focus of his academic career was the application of Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System (GIS) technologies in the field of environmental science, with an emphasis on wildlife and habitat management.

While a graduate student in 2009 Branden completed a graduate work study with the Forest Service in Moose Pass, Alaska. This opportunity provided him a vast introduction to the many various professionals working, researching, and volunteering on the Kenai Peninsula, specifically on the Russian and Kenai Rivers. After completing his graduate Branden joined SWCA, Environmental Consultants as a GIS/Environmental Specialist, where he had worked before accepting a job with KWF. He is extremely pleased to have the opportunity to work towards the conservation of the natural and cultural resources of the Kenai Peninsula again.

Branden grew up in North Dakota and has lived in seven different states, including Alaska. When not working he enjoys all things outdoors and is passionate about carrying his professional interests into his personal pursuits. He is an avid "paddler adventurer" and has spent countless trips to wilderness areas only accessible by kayak or canoe. He also loves to share his passion for the outdoors with others. When he is not outdoors and/or on the water you can find him



reading, practicing amateur photography, and loving life with his one year old retriever/border collie mix named Bear.



Lisa Beranek

Lisa Beranek joins Kenai Watershed Forum as the new Stream Watch Coordinator. Stream Watch is a volunteer driven peer-to-peer education and river stewardship program working to make a difference on the Kenai Peninsula. We are excited to expand the Stream Watch program and we are happy Lisa will be leading the charge. With a degree in natural resource management, a professional certificate in non-profit management and over 6 years of volunteer management experience, Lisa is very excited to be in Alaska to help protect the Kenai River.

Originally from Michigan, by way of Washington state, Lisa enjoys working in the great outdoors with great people. As a three time AmeriCorps Alumnus and a life long volunteer, Lisa is continually inspired by the impact of dedicated community members. Most recently Lisa coordinated a regionally recognized salmon restoration program in Vancouver, Washington. Backpacking, cross-country skiing and anything water related top her list of favorite outdoor activities. Lisa can also be found on her bike, behind a book or planning her next adventure.

A big welcome goes out to Lisa and Branden! We are excited and pleased to have them part of the KWF family!

Stream Watch (continued, Page 1)

In response to the 150,000 pairs of boots tromping down to the Russian—Kenai River each year, fishing boardwalks and fenced critical riparian areas were created. As a compliment to the fencing and boardwalks, the Stream Watch program was developed. Stream Watch volunteers shared information on the importance of plants and their protection to the health of the river system. The first year 16 volunteers walked the Russian—Kenai River promoting river stewardship making hundreds of contacts each season. The program has evolved greatly in the last 16 years. Currently over 85 trained Stream Watch Ambassadors walk designated sites on the Kenai Peninsula promoting river stewardship. Each season volunteers donate over 900 hours to make contact with 4,000 people and collect over 500 pounds of trash.

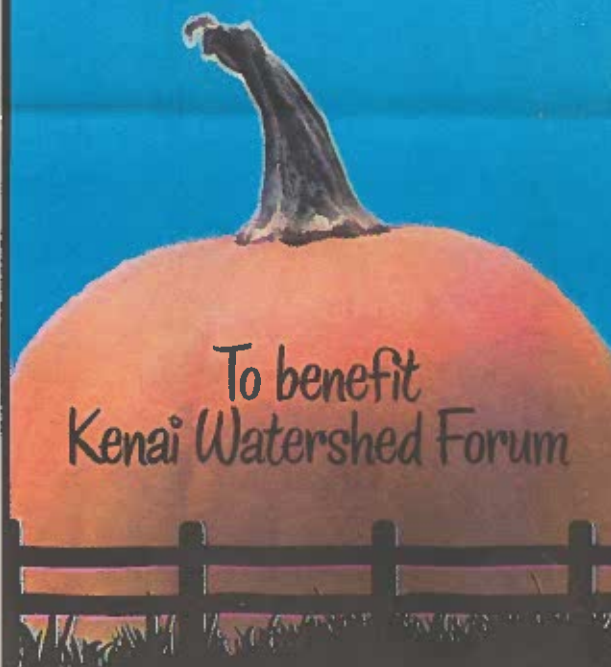
This summer includes more growth as the Forum expands the program to protect the lower Kenai River through grant funding from the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund and partnerships with the City of Soldotna, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, and Alaska State Parks. The program expansion includes areas along the lower Kenai River including Bings Landing, Moose Range Meadows, Centennial Park and the mouth of the Kasilof River. Stream Watch Ambassadors will compliment conservation efforts at these sites by providing an on-site presence to share information and give river users an opportunity to ask questions. Messages have adapted, trained volunteers have increased and sites have expanded but one thing remains the same: The Stream Watch volunteer program plays a vital role in keeping the great outdoors great!

The Stream Watch program would not exist without dedicated volunteers and program partners. Partners include Alaska Geographic, Alaska Recreational Management, Alaska State Parks, City of Kenai, City of Soldotna, ConocoPhillips, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Kenai River Sportfishing Association and the USFWS Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. This year the Peninsula Shed Company and Sportsman's Warehouse have supported the program through donations as well.

If you are interested in learning more about the Stream Watch program or you would like to keep the great outdoors great, contact the Kenai Watershed Forum's Stream Watch Coordinator Lisa Beranek at (907) 398-4304 or StreamWatch@kenaiwatershed.org.

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*10,000 people help celebrate our great treasure,
the Kenai River at the 21st Annual Kenai River Festival*

By all accounts this year's festival was another great success! We had over 10,000 people help us celebrate. For 21 years, folks have been coming together to celebrate our great natural resources and to learn more about how we impact them with our actions. It is hard to imagine how the festival can get any better after all these years, but it always does. The educational component was enhanced with several new, hands-on activities for children, the live music selection was lively and fun, the food vendor booths were delicious, especially the famous salmon dinners! We even gave away an iPad 2 to one lucky little guy who completed 10 of the educational booths! Many thanks to all the volunteers that help make this event so special. We're always thinking ahead and very much looking forward to the 2012 Kenai River Festival!



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The Kenai Watershed Forum would like to thank the following local businesses and organizations that support our efforts and this event. The Kenai River Festival is truly a community partnership and would not be possible without their generous support. **THANK YOU** for your commitment and community spirit!

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Anchor River (continued, Page 1) When the flood cut through the bank and found the lower depression left by the abandoned gravel mining operation the river made some quick adjustments. In response the river filled in the pit with gravel from upstream and dramatically changed its course over a ½ mile reach of stream. Many of the changes didn't have consequences for salmon and other river critters, but some did. The two big changes that were left behind that needed to be addressed were: 1) the 20' dirt berms that the river continued to erode into and deposit that dirt on salmon spawning beds and 2) the channels width and depth was out of character compared to all other natural locations on the river. In addition to these physical changes, the previous pit operations left behind a non-functioning excavator full of hydraulic fluid, a 55 gallon drum of used oil and an off road belly dump-trailer.

This July, KWF worked with North Star Paving and worked to correct the two long-term problems that the abandoned gravel pit left behind. All of this metal debris and potential pollution was removed during our restoration effort. It will take some time to see if our efforts were truly a success, but by all indications we have put the river back in its range of natural conditions and are very pleased to bring this large scale restoration effort to fruition. In the next newsletter, we will elaborate on this project and provide an update on how the river is adjusting to our efforts.



Top Left: Pre-restoration bank; Top Right: Rootwad placement; Bottom Left: Trailer removal prior to bridge removal; Bottom Right: King salmon making way up the Anchor River

Building Up - Soberg House Restoration & Renovation

Progress continues on the Soberg House renovation

Construction has begun! The building was turned over to Blazy Construction on June 27 and already looks considerably different.

Old windows were removed and listed on The Freecycle Network, a website where you can list stuff you are giving away. Additional window holes have been cut and all windows have been framed in. Windows will be replaced with triple pane high-efficiency windows.

Robert built the retaining wall near the rear of the building for the lower level entry. The Blazy crew will begin building the staircase this week. In addition, the footings in the basement will be poured this week and plumbing work will begin soon.

The crew is reinforcing the floor joists on the main level to accommodate the weight of the in-floor radiant heating system.

There have been several upgrades to the scope of work from the original project design. Doors and windows, insulation, electrical, and the mechanical/energy systems have all been upgraded to maximize energy efficiency and help with our LEED certification.

We have also hit a significant milestone in the LEED process. The US Green Building Council (USGBC) requires four data uploads into their system: preliminary design, final design, preliminary construction, and final construction. We recently completed and uploaded the first of our four data submissions for the project. USGBC will review the submission and respond in the next several weeks.

Many have asked about the plans for the exterior landscaping of the building. Although formal plans have yet to be designed, we do know we'll

be building a rain garden!

What's a rain garden? A rain garden is a depression in the landscape designed to catch and filter the water that runs off your roof, driveway, walkway, compacted lawn areas and other impervious surfaces. Rain gardens act as buffers by filtering stormwater runoff and improving water quality before it reaches storm drains that eventually flow into streams, rivers and lakes. We are working with Mike Edwards from the US Fish & Wildlife Service to design and develop our rain garden. Many thanks to the US Fish & Wildlife service for providing a \$25,000 grant to help support this portion of the project.

We are on target for an early October completion.



KWF Membership - Help shape our Future

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

It is more important than ever to become engaged and help shape the future of our watersheds. Everyone that lives and plays on the Kenai Peninsula is responsible for its future. Membership in the Kenai Watershed Forum gives you an opportunity to help shape the future of our watersheds and celebrate KWF's ongoing commitment to healthy natural resources. Please participate and support KWF through our membership drive; become part of the largest community united by a common mission of "working together for healthy watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula."

We encourage you do your part and make a financial contribution to KWF. We continue to provide quality education, restoration, and research to the residents and visitors to the Kenai Peninsula and need your help to continue serving our communities.

KWF wishes to thank the following for their recent, generous membership support.

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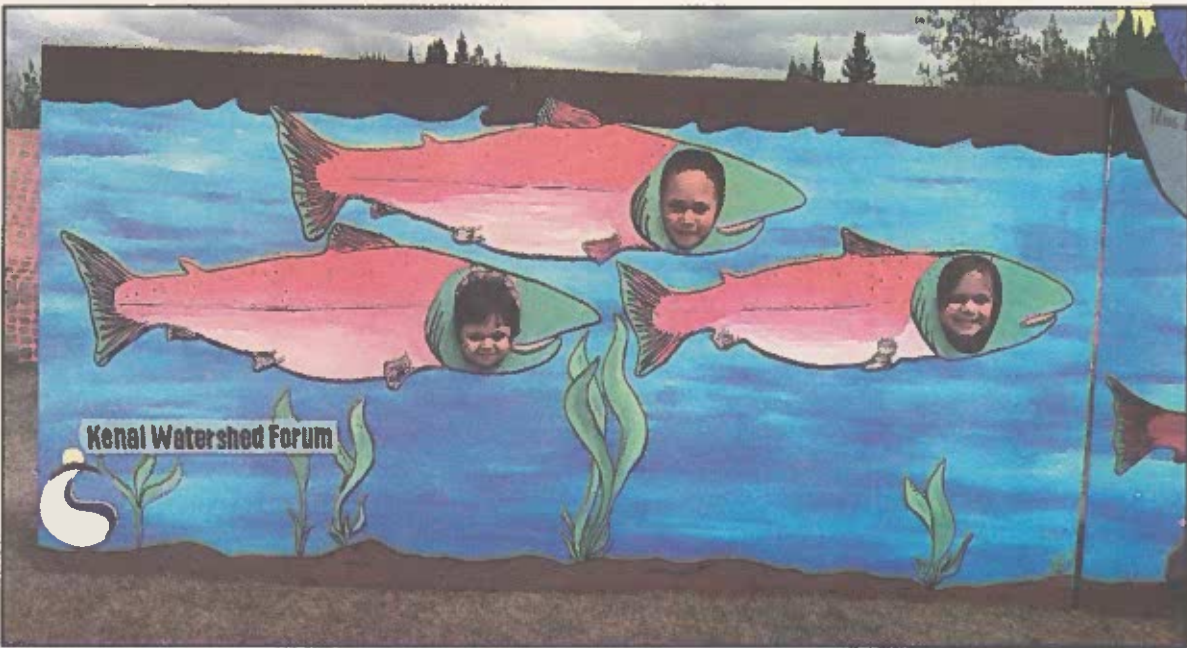
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Capital Building Campaign

Getting close to our \$632,500 goal

We are grateful for all who have chosen to support this project. Because of their generosity and commitment to healthy watersheds we have reached 75% of our goal! But we still aren't there yet. Please consider supporting this project through an expression of support.



For a complete list of donors please visit <http://office.kenaiwatershed.org/buildingcampaign>

A special thanks to the following who have all contributed to the Capital Building Campaign.

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Here is your chance to give something back! Help support our mission through a financial contribution. Everyone who lives and plays on the Kenai Peninsula benefits from remarkable natural resources. Your membership gift gives you a role in shaping the future of the Kenai Peninsula watersheds. You will enjoy our newsletter, Currents, invitations to special events, and many other unique benefits.

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By Phone - Call us at 907-260-5449. We'll be happy to take your information over the phone.

Online - Donate to KWF faster and easier through our website and use our secure online donation tool. Visit: www.kenaiwatershed.org and click on "Ways to Give".

Planned Giving - Think of the Kenai Watershed Forum when preparing your long-term financial plans. A bequest is a wonderful way to leave a legacy and ensure our watersheds are healthy for generations. Please call us for more information about estate planning options, 907-260-5449.

Stock or Real Estate - KWF accepts gifts of appreciated stocks, bonds, and mutual funds to support our work. Donating the full value of your shares is a quick, easy and tax-efficient way to make a lasting contribution to watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula. Please contact Josselyn O'Connor, josselyn@kenaiwatershed.org or 907-260-5449.

Volunteer - There are many ways you can help preserve the health of our watersheds. We have volunteer opportunities year-round and can always use an extra set of hands. Call us at 907-260-5449 for more information about current volunteer opportunities.