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Working together for healthy watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula

Gratitude

by Dan Pascucci, KWF Education Specialist

There is a simple science experiment that is performed in elementary school classrooms across the globe. It comes in many forms, but the basic idea is that a student takes a seed, gives it sun, soil, water, and air, and watches it grow. For me, it was a bean seed tucked into a wet paper towel in a clear plastic cup. I was able to witness the first sprout, see the roots start to spread, and eventually replant my baby bean into soil so it could grow into a small bean plant. There was no harvesting of any food from the plant, but the impact of witnessing life sprouting from a tiny bean was unforgettable.

One of the reasons the experiment works so well is that we know that a seed will grow if it has the right environment. Of course, the teacher knows that a small plant will grow from the seed, but there is a difference between telling and showing. For a student just learning how seeds grow, the result is nothing less than magic. The magic was in the seed. The other important part of the lesson is the simple fact that soil won't grow anything unless something is planted in it.

The Kenai Peninsula is fertile ground for a program set out to connect students to their environment. Being surrounded by incredible ecosystems including forest and stream habitats isn't enough, though. Twenty four years ago, the seeds of the Kenai Watershed Forum's Adopt A Stream program were planted. A group of students at Kalifornsky Beach Elementary School were brought down to Slikok Creek to learn about becoming responsible stewards of the wonderful aquatic resources on the Kenai Peninsula.



Adopt-A-Stream began as a collaboration of the US Fish and Wildlife Service with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, transitioning to USFWS, then to collaboration between USFWS and the Kenai Watershed Forum, and finally, the Kenai Watershed Forum took over sole responsibility for the program. As a result, Adopt-A-Stream has grown exponentially and works with more classes and students every year.

Here we are now, twenty four years later, and the Adopt-A-Stream program now has sprouted and planted roots as an important venue for environmental education on the central Kenai Peninsula. With over 7,500 student contacts per year in over 27 classrooms, Adopt-A-Stream continues to connect students to their environment, and to create informed community members year after year.

There was a magic in watching a bean sprout when I was in second grade, but it cannot match the magic of seeing the Adopt-A-Stream program continue to grow and spread roots to area schools and around the community. The bean I planted never produced food, but Adopt-A-Stream continues to produce informed citizens and promises to continue that productivity for years to come thanks to support from the community, schools, and from the magical place we all live.

In this season of gratitude, I am thankful for the opportunity KWF has had to grow and become so productive in its work with young people over the years.

A huge, heart-felt Thank you!

This issue of Currents will focus on all the people, organizations, businesses, foundations, and partners that have offered your support in so many ways. Our success is your success, there is no way we can make the difference we have made over the past 18 years without volunteers, donors, and those of you who are simply willing to stand up and voice your opinion on keeping the Kenai Peninsula watersheds healthy and vibrant. We appreciate you!

~ Robert Ruffner, Executive Director



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Our mission is "working together for healthy watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula". KWF is a dynamic and maturing organization that is poised to serve the Kenai Peninsula and the State of Alaska with increasing effectiveness in the near and distant future.

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A Letter From KWF Board President

Dear Friends, Neighbors, and KWF Supporters,

Back in 2009, KWF decided we needed a five-year action plan. Something we could frequently refer back to as we headed forward. Something that would serve to ground us and keep us focused. Thus was born The Way Forward: Action Plan for 2010-2015. I have to admit, it was with great trepidation that I realized it was now time to revisit the long-term planning process. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" has always been one of my mottos, and KWF is definitely not broken. However, the more I thought about it, the more excited I got about redoing the five-year plan.

I pulled out the "old" plan and read through it. I was thrilled to see how much progress we had made. Right there on the very first page, in the very first goal and strategies for success that we had set for ourselves: Increase the community's awareness and knowledge about water and our environment through expansion of our K-12 education program to include a summer camp. We had done it! Other goals, like KWF will work to restore and repair conditions that threaten the long-term health of our watersheds will be ongoing for many years. That doesn't mean we haven't made huge strides forward with culvert replacement, our research program, and invasive weeds work, just that there is still much to be done. As I kept reading, I saw accomplishments everywhere!

So now, instead of feeling like we are trying to fix something that ain't broken, I feel more like we are renewing our vows. It will be great to look at where we have been and think about all the places we can go. It will be wonderful to renew our commitment to our mission and our community.

Sincerely,

Leslie Morton

KWF Calendar of Events

Winter Speaker Series is back at the Gillman River Center!

This series of monthly evening talks brings scientists, storytellers, historians and other experts to the Gillman River Center for evening talks designed to entertain as well as educate. Presentations focus on the natural and cultural history of our Kenai Peninsula. All of the programs are free and open to the public, and refreshments will be provided. Come to the Gillman River Center for an evening of enjoyment and learning! Programs begin at 7pm.

December 17: Timothy Mullet, Ph.D. will present his research on snowmachine noise on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.

January 14: Robert Ruffner, KWF Executive Director, will present the priorities and threats the Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership have identified on the Kenai Peninsula.

February: TBA

February 7, 2015 • Frozen River Fest

Defy the winter cold and join the party outdoors! Live music, bonfires, food vendors, games and a beer garden with all proceeds going to charity. This is a family friendly event with activities for all ages. Come and celebrate with us at Soldotna Creek Park on Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 3 - 6pm. Proceeds from the event support Kenai Watershed Forum and T200!

February 9 & 10, 2015 • CESCL Training

AK-CESCL training explains the erosion process and how to obtain and comply with the EPA NPDES Construction General Permit. NPDES compliance is required for all projects that disturb a total of one acre or more of soil, and a Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead-trained person is required on all USACE and ADOT&PF projects as of January 1, 2008. The course will describe the key elements of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and provide detailed instructions on how to maintain a SWPPP, and select, install and maintain stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs). This AK-CESCL class also meets requirements for recertification. Who should attend? Anyone working on Alaska DOT roads, commercial and residential builders, project engineers, natural resource managers and anyone responsible for creating, maintaining or evaluating a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. Visit www.kenaiwatershed.org for more information.

May 14-17, 2015 • Kenai Birding Festival

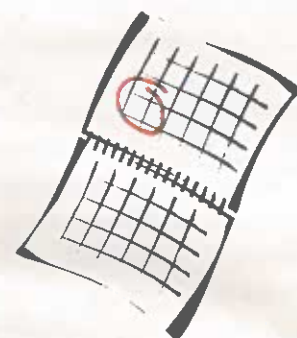
A birding MUST with workshops, outings, rafting trips, films, art shows and more! Alaska's Kenai Birding Festival is full of activities designed for birders of all levels, including young and beginning birders. This 3-day event showcases the beautiful state parks, fantastic wildlife refuge and pristine beaches that draw thousands of birds to the Kenai Peninsula each year. For more information, including a detailed schedule, visit www.kenaibirdfest.com.

May 30 & June 27, 2015 • Stream Watch Ambassador Orientation

Make a difference this summer: Become a Stream Watch Ambassador! Ambassadors provide a stewardship presence on the river by sharing information on ethical angling, bear safety and river health. Meet river enthusiasts from across the state, enjoy a volunteer campsite and make a difference by protecting local rivers. For more information contact StreamWatch@kenaiwatershed.org or (907) 398-4304.

June 12, 13, 14, 2015 • Kenai River Festival

Let's Celebrate! Free, Family Fun for Everyone! The 25th annual Kenai River Festival, grew out of the Kenai Watershed Forum's desire to provide a free, fun setting for the community to celebrate the river that gives so much. Learn how to give back to the river keeping it healthy and productive for generations to come. Legendary festival highlights include 20 foot long magical Luq'a the salmon, world famous pioneer salmon dinners, Run for the River 5K/10 mile race, free riverside entertainment and more. To learn more, visit www.kenaiwatershed.org.





A Cornucopia of Thanks

by Lisa Beranek, Stream Watch Coordinator

A cornucopia is a common symbol of harvest and thanksgiving. And much like the horn shaped container brimming with abundance, so was the 20th year of Stream Watch.

Founded in 1994 by the Chugach National Forest and a group of concerned citizens, Stream Watch has grown into an award winning volunteer program promoting river stewardship on the Kenai, Kasilof and Russian Rivers. Jointly administered by the Kenai Watershed Forum, dedicated volunteers receive all of the training and supplies, including volunteer campsites, to share information on river protection and bear safety while completing river stewardship projects.

The Stream Watch program has many things to be thankful for, especially during the 20th year of the program. We are thankful for our founding members—Tom Reale, Elaine Reale, Ron Gravenhorst, Larry Benz and many others—and to the 60+ members who keep this program active. We are thankful to be able to say that through dedicated volunteers, funders and supporters, the program has thrived for 20 years and will continue to make a difference this year and beyond with continued support.

Throughout this year we were able to celebrate these accomplishments through special events like the KWF Wild & Scenic Film Reception in Anchorage and a special reception through the generous support of the Cooper Landing Princess Lodge. We were also able to provide additional volunteer support through two internships funded through Trout Unlimited and the Alaska Conservation Foundation as well as purchase new river protection supplies through funding from ERM Foundation, the Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership and the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund.

In addition to funder appreciation, we are especially grateful for those that donate their time on the ground to make a difference on peninsula rivers. Over the course of two decades Stream Watch volunteers have come from near and far (Anchorage to Anchor Point and even out of



state) spending 15,000+ hours to remove 10,000+ pounds of litter, 530+ pounds of fishing line and 4 fish passage barriers while sharing river protection information with 43,000+ people so that they could make informed decisions while on or near the water. Every day people doing extraordinary things.

This year marks a milestone and we could not be more appreciative of the myriad of support in our Stream Watch cornucopia. Many thanks to each volunteer and supporter for growing strong roots and making a difference! This program and its successes would not exist without you.



"Volunteering on the river has been enjoyable, beneficial and enlightening for us. Working with user groups has been one of the most rewarding experiences we've had in nearly 30 years of living in Alaska."

Tom Reale, founding volunteer

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"We took time to educate several gentlemen from out of state who were very receptive to our suggestions. Later on, we saw them educating a family about what we shared with them! Stream Watch at its finest!!"

**Alexis, Stream Watch Volunteer**

### Stream Watch Stats • 1994 to present

**15,000+**  
on-river  
volunteer hours

**10,000+**  
pounds of riverside  
debris removed

**530+**  
pounds of fishing  
line collected and  
recycled

**4**  
fish passage  
barriers removed  
to reconnect fish to  
healthy habitat

**43,000+**  
people educated  
to make informed  
decisions on or near  
the water



## Valuing Sense of Place

By Branden Bornemann, GIS Specialist

As a young boy I romanticized about a place untouched by humans by incessantly reading Jack London's tales of the Alaskan wilderness. It wasn't long before I found true north a little closer to home while exploring Sigurd Olson's descriptive poetry of the legendary wilderness that spread from northern Minnesota to Hudson Bay. In time I discovered the fiery polemic Edward Abbey and was soon concerned about the pressures facing a landscape I hadn't yet laid eyes upon. A little later I discovered Aldo Leopold's A Sand County Almanac, which spoke about a land ethic that seemed easily and sensibly applicable to all landscapes. Then there was John Muir's scripture, a true testament to the impact nature and a landscape, especially in time and place, can have on one's life.

These writers helped me establish a unique, meaningful and lasting bond with places I had never seen before, let alone walked on any of their sacred grounds. What those authors were doing was establishing a sense of place for the landscapes they valued, an idea I have come to know deeply and cherish as a geographer. To geographers, sense of place can be defined simply as the "affective bond between people and place or setting". In all of its glory, the concept of "sense of place" has myriad definitions in a multitude of different fields of study; it is special because it is something unique to us as individuals yet strengthened and often times defined directly through shared cultural values. Deeply shared cultural beliefs help us establish and sustain our own sense of place and to seek out others that value similar things, more often than not leading us to protect those things most sacred to us.

For London his writings were somewhat of a fulfillment of his own idolization and desire to explore the vast Alaskan wilderness, all the while preserving the stories of the people that did and inspiring many more to create their own (myself being one of those people). Olson's words inspired the creation of the largest protected wilderness east of the Mississippi, spanning an international border and conserving a tangled web of water made up of equal parts history, spirituality, serenity and ecology. Abbey spoke about environmental anarchy in the name of conservation and against development, his words as important today as they have ever been as we now live in a time where we see the mighty Colorado River unable to reach the sea it persistently seeks.

Leopold pointed out to anyone interested in conservation that sound sci-

ence doesn't necessarily have to come from quantifiable metrics, he taught people the value and significant impact they can have by being acutely in-tune and appreciative of the world around them. Finally, Muir's gospel like defense of the Sierra Valley and the "big trees" helped guide an entire nation's policy on the importance of setting aside and protecting wild areas not only for their extrinsic value, but just as importantly for their intrinsic value. Muir's attempt at creating a sense of place through spiritual and cultural values in the Sierras led to the establishment of the Sierra Club and arguably the National Park System, two organizations that today share Muir's vision of preserving places in the natural world in hopes of offering us opportunities to rejuvenate our souls within those wild places for perpetuity.

Having and sharing a sense of place within our community helps us grow and strengthen our bonds with one another. It leads us to appreciate and conserve things like wildlife, habitat and the countless beautiful landscapes which surround us, helping to define who we are, where we live and why those things are essential to our well-being. To me it is the most valuable gift we can give to one another during this holiday season, a shared appreciation of the natural world we are blessed to be a part of on the Kenai Peninsula.

When we begin to value these things together, we begin to define what it means to have a sense of place and to cherish those feelings so we may pass them on to the next generation, just as many others have done for us. As you and your family and friends take stock of the things you are thankful for this holiday season, share with one another the natural world around us and how its significance is tantamount to our spiritual and physical well-being; when that connection is made, it is hard to lose sight of the importance of conserving and protecting our natural world for those people yet to experience it.



## We LOVE our Interns!

By Rhonda McCormick, Accounting Manager (& Intern Adopted Mom)

We are so thankful for the quality interns we have had the pleasure of hosting. They have done a tremendous amount of work in all of our focus areas ~ research, restoration and education. They had a hand in many projects like.... Reed Canary Grass, Turbidity, Hydrocarbons, Flow, Culvert Assessments, Anchor River Restoration, Temperature Monitoring, Summer Camp, Stormwater Drainage, Fish Trapping and, of course, the Kenai River Festival! (Just to name a few). We are proud of each and every one of them and we know many of our successful projects have relied highly on their dedication to KWF. We have no doubt these young people will change the world ~ and already are! Here is an update on where they are and what they have done since their time at the Kenai Watershed Forum:

### David Stahl (Summer 2013)

- Graduated from U of Pennsylvania with degree in Earth Science
- Awarded Phi Beta Kappa distinction – top 5% of senior class
- Prestigious award for senior thesis: "Turbidity on the Kenai River of Alaska: A Regression Analysis"
- Working as a data analyst for comScore in Reston, Virginia
- Spent summer 2014 in Europe; hiked the Fjodruta (100 mile long trail through the mountains of Norway)

### Joe Charbonnet (Summer 2010 & 2011)

- Graduated from Georgia Tech with BS in Environmental Engineering
- Graded from UC Berkeley with MS in Environmental Engineering
- Currently working on PhD at UC Berkley
- To Nicaragua three times with Amigos for Christ to work on water systems
- Working in the National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center for Reinventing the Nation's Urban Water Infrastructure
- Is engaged to Elizabeth Jones (they met at KWF!)

### Violet Zerbe (Summer 2013 Camp Assistant)

- Graduated with degree in Social Policy and Environmental Science from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois
- Working in Missoula, Montana for Paul Weaton
- Interested in returning to Alaska long-term

### Elizabeth Jones (Summer 2010 & 2011)

- Graduated from MIT with Bachelors in Environmental Engineering
- Graduated from UC Berkeley with MS in Environmental Engineering
- Working in San Francisco Bay Area for Carollo Engineers as an environmental consultant, working





# Together we can win the battle against Invasive Species

By Edgar Guerron Orejuela, KWF Environmental Specialist

Invasive species have been around the Kenai Peninsula for a long time, so you may wonder why everyone talks about invasive species now and not before? That may seem to be the case, but the truth is that many non-profits, tribal organizations and governmental agencies have been working hard, for many years, to keep Alaska free from these unwanted visitors. This task is not easy, and in some cases we already lost the battle and species are here and well established, forcing us to learn to live with them. So why are invasive species such a hot topic nowadays? The answer is fairly easy, because some of them are threatening salmon habitat and in consequence they are threatening the salmon fisheries from which many of us benefit.

At the Kenai Watershed Forum we concentrate our efforts on two invasive species that threaten salmon habitat, Reed Canarygrass and Elodea. Even though Reed Canarygrass grows on land and Elodea grows in the water, both species are highly aggressive and outcompete native vegetation.

## Reed Canarygrass

Reed Canarygrass (RCG) is a sod-forming, perennial, cool-season grass that reproduces by seed and root growth. It is known to dominate the shorelines of rivers, streams, lakes, and wetlands. Also, RCG has the potential to dramatically alter stream geomorphology by encroaching into the channel, altering fluvial dynamics, and increasing silt levels. When water bodies become more narrow and turbid, the amount and quality of salmon habitat is greatly reduced.

RCG has been observed growing in the channel of both the Kenai River and small streams around the Peninsula but no negative effects have been observed as of yet. While RCG is unlikely to have any demonstrable negative impacts on the channel of large rivers and streams, such as the Kenai River for instance, there is a chance that it might negatively affect habitat in small streams.

Every year KWF visits sites around the Kenai Peninsula where RCG is present. At each site we use different and/or multiple techniques to control RCG from spreading into different systems.

We will continue our efforts to maintain streams free from RCG thus providing better habitat for salmon.

## Elodea

Elodea is a submerged aquatic plant with herbaceous stems, submerged leaves and floating flowers. It spreads mainly vegetatively, which means that small fragments of the plant are enough to start an infestation in a new place. Being able to survive freezing temperatures, Elodea is the first submerged aquatic invasive plant in Alaska.

Elodea is known because of its aggressiveness and its capability of compromising the water quality of lakes and creeks as well as severely impacting native fisheries. Elodea can grow fast and abundantly, making boat and floatplane traffic very difficult. Additionally, Elodea is a major concern for landowners on infested lakes and creeks because it reduces the value of their property.

On the Kenai Peninsula, Elodea was first found in September 2012 in Stormy Lake (Nikiski). During the summer of 2013, partners in the Kenai Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) surveyed more than 60 high-risk lakes with a positive outcome, "only" three lakes north of Nikiski where infested with Elodea. The infested lakes are: Daniels Lake, Stormy Lake, and Beck Lake.

This past winter the CWMA and a few dedicated Daniels Lake residents developed a strategic plan to eradicate Elodea from all three lakes. By the beginning of June 2014 everything was in place to start treatment. All three lakes treated according to schedule and results have been very encouraging, with high percentage of Elodea death within the first weeks. A second treatment took place in mid September with the expectation that very low levels (< 8ppb) of herbicide will continue affecting Elodea all winter.

Because the objective is to completely eradicate Elodea from all three lakes, we will continue our efforts to ensure the success of this project.

## How can you help?

Prevent the spread of Reed Canarygrass and Elodea by cleaning ALL your gear and equipment before leaving one site (waders, boats, trailers, floatplanes, fishing gear, etc.). Tell others!! Share this information with your friends and neighbors. These invasive species are a real threat to salmon and our way of life. For more information please contact us at [invasives@kenaiwatershed.org](mailto:invasives@kenaiwatershed.org) or call 907-260-5449.



*We would like to extend a special thanks to all our project partners and volunteers because without your assistance and cooperation this project's success would be limited.*

## Partners

- CWMA
- Alaska Association of Conservation Districts
- Homer Soil and Water Conservation District
- Kenai Soil and Water Conservation District
- Resurrection Bay Conservation Alliance
- National Resources Conservation Service
- UAF Cooperative Extension Service
- Kenai Peninsula Borough
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Kenai Refuge
- U.S. Forest Service
- National Park Service
- Cook InletKeeper
- Donald E. Gillman River Center

## Volunteers

- Cook Inlet Academy
- Soldotna High School - Cross Country Running Team
- Boy Scouts of America
- Chevron Environmental Management Company
- Kenai River Professional Guide Association
- North Star Paving and Construction

on Master Plans for cities (determining future water resources and needs) and helping cities plan for immediate drought relief in California

- Spent post graduate summer exploring Italy and Scotland
- To Nicaragua twice to work with Amigos for Christ
- Engaged to Joe Charbonnet (they met during their KWF internship!)

## Megan Haserodt (Summer 2009 & 2011)

- Graduated from Hope College, Michigan with Bachelors in Geology
- Spent summer 2013 and 2014 in Anchor Point, with partial funding from Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership, working on thesis project
- Graduated from University of Wisconsin, Madison with MS In Geoscience
- Working as a hydro-geologist for Foth in Duluth Minnesota
- Recent fellowship at Saguara National Park

## Maia Matarrese (Summer 2008)

- Graduated from University of Alaska with dual Bachelors of Science degrees in Civil Engineering & Geology

- Works for Baker-Hughes-Rockies Region as a Field Engineer II-LWD/MWD in North Dakota, Utah, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado
- No children, but 2 dogs – Bruno and Bella
- Has traveled all over the United States

## Samantha Fox (Summer 2009)

- Graduated from MIT with BS in Environmental Engineering
- Graduated from Stanford with MS in Environmental Engineering
- Living in Anchorage, Alaska, working for Geosyntec Consultants
- No kids – but dog named Daisy
- Has traveled to Dubai, Brazil and Iceland
- Recently engaged!

## Jeff Sires (Summer 2012, 2013 & 2014)

- Graduated with a Bachelors in Civil Engineering from University of New Hampshire
- Spent part of summer 2014 in Peru working with UNH Students Without Borders on a water quality project he designed
- Plans to spend an indefinite amount of time in the Colombian Amazon in a village working on a water

filtration system through a Maine non-profit.

**We are grateful for the countless hours our interns have dedicated to healthy watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula! We wish them all the best in their future endeavors. It will be fun to see what these talented young people accomplish!**

Keep an eye out for updates from our other interns!

Kati Dutcher  
Olivia Pfeifer  
Elizabeth Dailey  
Hannah Lemont  
Miriam Jones  
Bill Garthwaite  
Bethany McMillin  
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## Mom, what do you do at work?

By Josselyn O'Connor, Development Director

My daughter came home from school yesterday and asked me "Mom, what do you do at work?". I get this question every once in a while. Sometimes I give her a long, detailed answer about donor relations, leveraging corporate support or talking to people about their estate planning. It is fun to see the reaction a 6 year old has to such a technical answer. It usually results in an eye roll or an additional question like "What's an estate plan?". But on this day I simply said, "Honey, I get to thank people for doing good." She looked up at me and said, "Wow, you must have lots of good days."

I will never forget this day. It was a very good day.

Last week I visited a KWF member at her home to thank her for her very generous gift. As we sat at her kitchen table overlooking the beautiful Kenai River it wasn't long before we both had tears in our eyes. She was overwhelmed with the conservation work we are doing on watersheds and how her gift would greatly impact that work for generations. I was completely overwhelmed with her generosity and dedication to our mission. She was thanking me as I was thanking her. It was a rare moment where I could see and feel the powerful, emotional connection we all have to our rivers, to our community and to each other.

Today, I give thanks to you, our members, supporters, and friends. You are profoundly important to us and the mission we strive to fulfill everyday. We are grateful for your generosity and your commitment to healthy watersheds.



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