# Stream Watch 2026 Season Summary

***Volunteers Making a Difference Since 1994***



Volunteers at Russian River Willow Planting stewardship day with Lakeview Outfitters (Lauren Crane, 2026)

**Introduction**

Stream Watch is a national award-winning volunteer program promoting river stewardship on the Kenai Peninsula. A group of enthusiastic citizens and the US Forest Service founded Stream Watch in 1994 in order to share river protection information with visitors on the Russian and Kenai Rivers. After the popularity of the program grew, the Kenai Watershed Forum adopted the program in 2011 and now runs it jointly with the Forest Service. Over 32 years, the program has grown to incorporate additional sites on the Russian, Kenai, and Kasilof Rivers.

Today Stream Watch volunteers assist land management agencies with stewardship of important recreational sites and help ensure the health of the region's watersheds. Stream Watch volunteers remove litter found in high-use natural areas; install habitat protection fencing; complete fish habitat restoration projects; and share critical information with the general public on river stewardship, agency regulations, and bear safety during the summer season (June-September).

In the past 32 years, Stream Watch volunteers dedicated 35,048 hours of time within the program, provided peer-to-peer education to 99,483 members of the public, picked up 55,581 pounds of trash, and recycled 1,771 pounds of fishing line. Alongside these successes, the program helped revegetate 3+ miles of riverbank by installing habitat fencing and encouraging visitors to use boardwalks and designated river access points.

Volunteers can participate in Stream Watch either as a trained "Ambassador" by committing to at least 24 hours of service each season, or through participation in a "Stewardship Day" where individuals, groups, or businesses help with a one-day, river protection project.

- Northern Peninsula Program
    - Kenai-Russian River Confluence (including Angler Trail & Falls Trail), Kenai-Russian River Ferry
- Central Peninsula Program
    - Bings Landing, Moose Range Meadows (East & West), Centennial Park, N. Kenai Beach, Kasilof River State Recreation Site, and the Kasilof River Special Use Area
- Southern Peninsula Program
    - Clam Gulch, Deep Creek, Ninilchik, and Anchor Point
- Ambassador Volunteer Season:
    - Northern Peninsula Program: June 1—September 1
    - Central Peninsula Program: June 1 – September 30
    - Southern Peninsula Program: July 1 – September 30



Fence installation at the Russian River by Stream Watch staff and interns. (Chris Haberbush, 2026)

**Season Recap**

Stream Watch wrapped up another impactful season in 2026. A total of 61 volunteers were trained, including 15 new participants this season. More than 120 individuals, trained and untrained, participated in Stewardship Days. This season also saw typical amounts of trash and fishing line collected in spite of below average sockeye numbers for the season, with 4,126lbs of trash and 188lbs of fishing line collected. Additional Stream Watch impacts, compared to previous years, can be seen in the table below (Table 1).

**Table 1:** 2015-2026 Stream Watch Program Statistics

| Year | **2026** | **2025** | **2024** | **2023** | **2022** | **2021** | **2020** | **2019** | **2018** | **2017** | **2016** | **2015** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Volunteer Hours | 2442 | 2402 | 2691 | 2414 | 1894 | 2263 | 862 | 1557 | 1896 | 1504 | 1282 | 1492 |

**Table 1 Continued:** 2015-2026 Stream Watch Program Statistics

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Public Contacts | 2989 | 6595 | 9166 | 9117 | 3476 | 5759 | 2256 | 4031 | 2616 | 3962 | 2870 | 4618 |
| Trash (lbs.) | 4126 | 4539 | 3420 | 4487 | 2654 | 2925 | 4590 | 4258 | 6921 | 3110 | 2413 | 1808 |
| Fishing Line (lbs.) | 188 | 181 | 136 | 131 | 254 | 138 | 99 | 127 | 124 | 81 | 75 | 148 |
| Cigarette Butts | 2652 | 4033 | 7163 | 5006 | 6957 | 6789 | 3072 | 5549 | 3485 | 2257 | - | - |

**Table 2:** Site Specific Data from the 2026 Season

| Site | Travel Mileage | Hours | Number of Contacts | Pounds of Trash | Pounds of Line | Cigarette Butts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Northern Peninsula** | | | | | | |
| Russian River Campground | 7214 | 587.75 | 1794 | 228.71 | 30.83 | 1158 |
| Russian River Ferry | 811 | 84.25 | 207 | 85.22 | 16.12 | 358 |
| **Central Peninsula** | | | | | | |
| Bings Landing | 762 | 59 | 71.57 | 29.61 | 27.01 | 39 |
| Centennial Park | 719 | 384.5 | 234 | 681.63 | 73.29 | 515 |
| Moose Range Meadows | 809.6 | 297.5 | 250 | 78.95 | 28.78 | 267 |
| Kasilof | 536 | 76 | 61 | 224.2 | 1.55 | 116 |
| Kenai Mouth | 186 | 28.5 | 334 | 15 | 1 | 20 |

**Table 2 Continued:** Site Specific Data from the 2026 Season

| **Southern Peninsula** | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Deep Creek | 122 | 73.5 | 3 | 750.75 | 0 | 0 |
| Anchor River | 80 | 20 | 0 | 20.5 | 0 | 94 |
| Ninilchik River | 172 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 9 |
| **Other** | 101 | 15.33 | 27 | 10.3 | 6.7 | 27 |
| **Orientations** | - | 192 | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | | | |
| **Stewardship Days** | 1956 | 530 | 0 | 1989.28 | 0 | 0 |
| **Totals:** | **13,347** | **2,322** | **2,958** | **4,103** | **180** | **2,472** |

Table 2 shows the distribution of Stream Watch activities across all program sites. The Northern Peninsula program, which includes the Russian River Ferry and Russian River Campground, is where Stream Watch originated in 1994. The Russian River Campground regularly sees the highest numbers for volunteer hours and travel mileage, and this year was no exception. The Russian River Ferry also saw high numbers of travel mileage and public contacts, but remains low compared to the campground. Stream Watch will seek new ways moving forward to encourage ambassadors to spend time at this equally high use site.

Among the Central Peninsula sites Centennial Park saw the highest numbers this season for pounds of trash and line collected as well as volunteer hours donated. Kasilof recorded the largest amount of trash removed this season, most of which resulted from our Trashercise Tuesdays events. This site includes the Kasilof River Recreation Area as well as the north and south side of the Kasilof Beach, which typically contains larger trash items.

In the Southern Peninsula, activity levels have increased but remain low compared to the central and upper peninsula. These sites are located farthest from the major population centers on the peninsula, and are mostly patrolled by volunteers that reside in Kasilof, Clam Gulch, Ninilchik, and Anchor Point. This season, volunteer Dan Skipwith alone removed over 750lbs of debris from the beaches in the Deep Creek/Clam Gulch area. This statistic only serves to highlight the need for an increased

Stream Watch presence at southern peninsula sites. To strengthen the program's presence in the Southern Peninsula, the Stream Watch Coordinator will focus on hosting additional marine debris cleanups in this area. Providing additional opportunities for volunteers to serve in this area will encourage volunteers to spend more time at southern peninsula locations and will inherently increase Stream Watch presence during the events.

In Table 2, "Other," refers to volunteer activities such as data entry, cleaning fishing line at home, visiting high use sites without supply sheds available, and other tasks that are not included on the Stream Watch data sheets. "Orientation" is a tally of the time spent by volunteers doing the online or in-person orientation, which was automatically considered six hours of volunteer time upon completion. "Stewardship Days" refer to scheduled work days with volunteers such as habitat fencing, beach cleanups, or outreach events. Stewardship Days often result in high numbers of debris removed over a short time period, and serve to raise awareness of the high impacts of recreation seen on the peninsula.




395.5lbs of trash in the back of the KWF truck after the last Trashercise Tuesday event. (Lauren Crane, 2026)

**Program Administration**

Stream Watch is jointly administered by Chugach National Forest and Kenai Watershed Forum. To fulfill its mission, Stream Watch operates cooperatively with the following land management agencies:

- US Forest Service, Chugach National Forest (Russian River Recreation Site)
- US Fish and Wildlife Service, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge (Kenai-Russian River Ferry, Moose Range Meadows)
- Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Alaska State Parks (Bings Landing, Kasilof River Recreation Area, Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik Recreation Sites ) & Division of Mining Land and Water (Kasilof River Special Use Area)
- City of Soldotna (Centennial Park)
- City of Kenai (Kenai Beach)

Stream Watch activities are primarily conducted by volunteers. The Chugach National Forest and the Kenai Watershed Forum hired the following staff to facilitate volunteer activities:

- Volunteer Coordinator, Christopher Haberbush (Kenai Watershed Forum)
- Interagency Management Coordinator, Alex McLain (Chugach National Forest)
- SCA River Technician, Bella Kroboth (Chugach National Forest)
- Jr. Stream Watch Technician, Haley Buckbee (Kenai Watershed Forum)
- Stream Watch Intern, Sam Trussell (Kenai Watershed Forum)
- Stream Watch Intern, Lauren Crane (Kenai Watershed Forum)



Stream Watch Intern, Lauren Crane, installing mono tubes along the Russian River. (Trussell, 2026)

**Program Funders**

Funding from a variety of agencies and organizations makes Stream Watch possible. Cash funding or in-kind contributions for the 2026 season was provided by the following entities: Alaska Conservation Foundation; Alaska Department of Natural Resources—Alaska State Parks and Department of Mining, Land and Water; Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund; Alaska Recreational Management; Chugach National Forest; City of Soldotna; City of Kenai; Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council; Kenai National Wildlife Refuge; Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership; Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge; Kenai Watershed Forum; the Mullen Family; Sovereign Nation of the Kenaitze; and private donations.

| **Major Program Funders** | **In-kind** | **Cash** |
|---|---|---|
| AKDNR: Division of Mining Land and Water | | X |
| Alaska Conservation Foundation | | X |
| Alaska Recreation Management | X | |
| Alaska State Parks | X | |
| Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund | | X |
| Chugach National Forest | X | X |
| City of Kenai | X | |
| City of Soldotna | X | |
| ConocoPhillips | | X |
| Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council | | X |
| Kenai National Wildlife Refuge | X | |
| Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership | | X |
| Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge | X | |
| Kenai Watershed Forum | X | X |
| Mullen Family | | X |
| Soldotna Credit Union 1 | X | |
| Sovereign Nation of the Kenaitze | X | |

**Stream Watch Outreach and Volunteer Recruitment**

Recruitment for the program occurs year round through a variety of methods. For the 2026 season, Stream Watch maintained both a digital and physical presence in the community to raise awareness about the program, promote responsible stewardship of natural resources, and encourage public involvement. Digital outreach is a program-wide effort managed by the Stream Watch Coordinator and

Jr. Stream Watch Tech and supported by KWF's Community Engagement Coordinator and seasonal interns. Program information is disseminated through social media platforms such as Instagram and Facebook, as well as a newsletter shared with Ambassadors during the season. Social media posts and newsletters feature announcements on upcoming events, recaps of past activities, as well as a range of educational content pertaining to conservation and recreation on the Kenai Peninsula.

Much of the program's recruitment success can be attributed to its physical presence in the community. Flyers were posted at local shops throughout Kenai and Soldotna, and presentations were given at several public events. Educational and recruitment booths were present at events such as World Fish Migration Day: A Day on the River, the Soldotna Wednesday Market, and a Pint Night with Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. These booths provide opportunities for staff and volunteers to engage in more in-depth discussions with those interested in joining the program.

Stream Watch is also largely promoted through word of mouth by staff and volunteers while patrolling high use sites. Program staff encouraged volunteers to share information on how to get involved as well as bring friends/family to stewardship days so they can gain firsthand experience with the program. The majority of new volunteers join the program as a result of a positive interaction with a current Ambassador. Volunteers sharing their positive experience with the program remains one of the most valuable recruitment tools the program has.

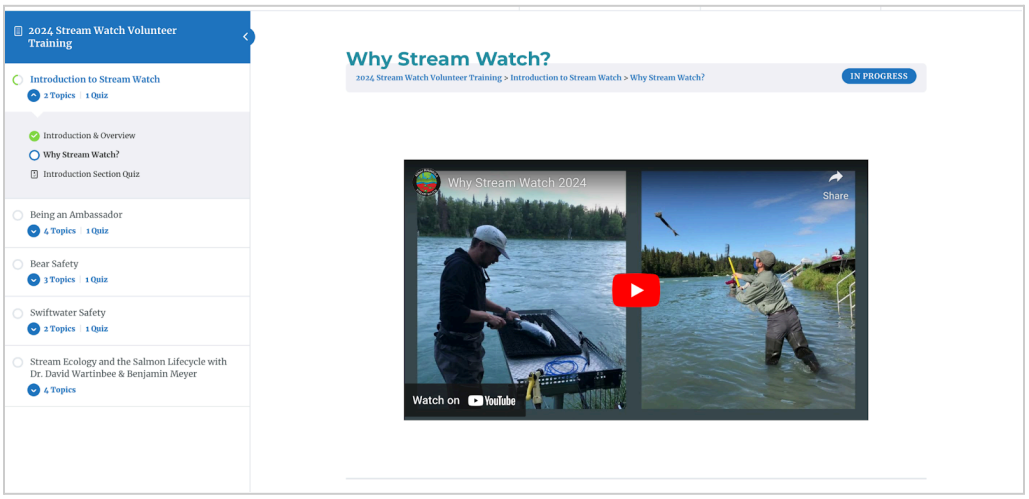
**Ambassador Training/Orientation**

In-person orientation was held at the Kenai Wilderness Princess Lodge on June 6th. A total of 30 ambassadors, both returning and new, were present that day. Orientation covered program history, how to engage the public, Stream Watch sites, and bear safety through a series of presentations. Additional activities were conducted in order to make the orientation more engaging for volunteers. These activities included peer-to-peer education scenarios and bear spray training. Princess Lodge continues to support the program through donating the venue and lunch for the annual orientation.

Online orientation was made available to volunteers who were unable to attend the in-person orientation. This online option also allowed volunteers recruited after the in-person orientation to receive the required training in order to volunteer with the program. After volunteers completed the training, they met with a coordinator at a Stream Watch site for an on-river meeting. At this meeting they received their volunteer uniform, walked through a Stream Watch cache, and performed hands-on bear spray training. Overall, 31 ambassadors took the online training.



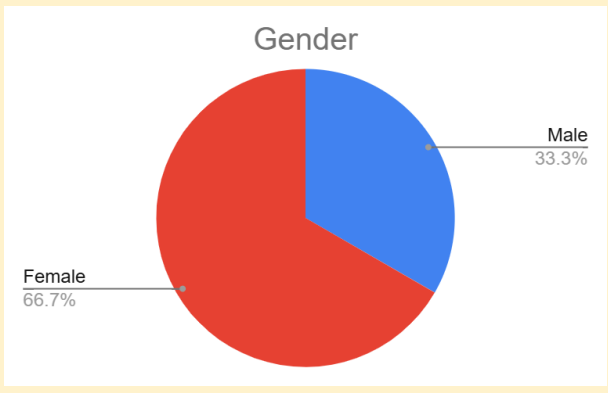
Ambassadors at in-person orientation hosted at Princess Lodge. (Lauren Crane, 2026)

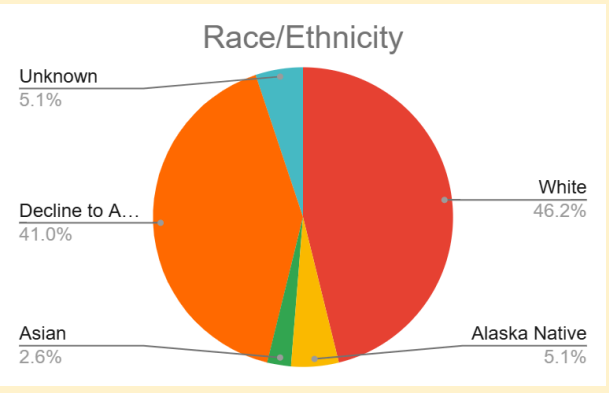


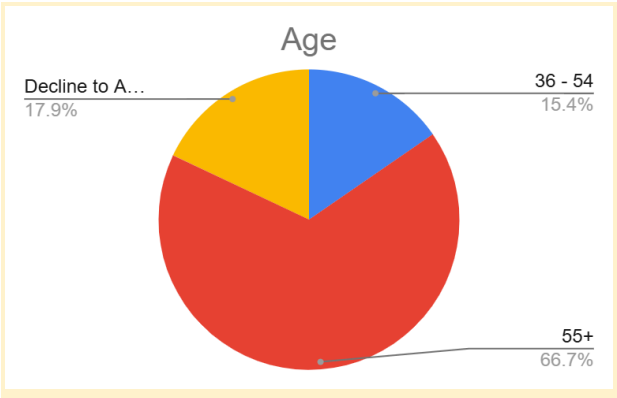

Screenshot from the online volunteer orientation.

## Ambassador Demographics/Surveys

Demographic information was collected from Stream Watch ambassadors as part of the Forest Service volunteer agreement paperwork. For the 2026 season, all ambassadors were required to fill out a USFS volunteer agreement in case they chose to volunteer at upper river sites. As seen in the charts below, most ambassadors are older than 55, and the majority are white. Female is also the predominant gender of Stream Watch volunteers. One of the continued goals of the Stream Watch program is to diversify volunteer participation across all demographic categories. Stewardship Day participants are typically younger and more diverse than ambassadors, but their information is not captured in the demographic data. Including stats from the Jr. SW program, 142 volunteers under the age of 20 participated in events during the 2026 season.




Volunteer surveys were also produced and sent to all ambassadors involved in the program during the 2026 season. Overall, feedback from participants was positive with several valuable suggestions for improvement. Nearly all volunteers that filled out the survey noted feeling appreciated by program facilitators and indicated that they would be returning to volunteer with Stream Watch for future seasons. Volunteers also felt that the variety of experiences offered to them were enough that involvement didn't feel repetitive or boring. Training and supplies available were noted as sufficient to help volunteers feel prepared for regular stewardship activities with the program.

There was some constructive feedback given during volunteer surveys including volunteer partners, public handouts, and the length of training, and ease of scheduling volunteer shifts. The majority of volunteers have established partners that they perform stewardship activities with, however, some individual volunteers noted that it was difficult to locate others to patrol with. Program staff will focus on other ways to make information more widely available to those looking for volunteer partners as well as developing a method for volunteers to easily schedule and track shifts.

Finally, regularly returning volunteers noted that training was too long for those that have been a part of the program for many years. The majority of content included in training is required by the program. To deal with this issue, staff has started to incorporate more guest speakers and hands-on

portions to training. Although this won't shorten the majority of the content, it will make training more engaging and fun for volunteers returning to the program.

**Habitat Restoration**

In the spring of 2023, the Kenai Watershed Forum was awarded funding by the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund to perform a habitat restoration project on the Mullen Conservation Easement, located in Soldotna. The project thus far has consisted of spruce tree cabling, the re-establishment of native vegetation, and the installation of new signage to inform visitors of the project and special regulations set on the property. Increasing vegetation and decreasing foot traffic on the bank were the main focuses for this season.

The first revegetation effort took place on May 17, 2025, in partnership with Kenai Design Co., who installed live willow stakes along sections of the riverbank with exposed soil. A second effort followed on May 29, 2025 supported by an FFA group from Iowa. During their trip to Alaska, the group took time to assist KWF staff with planting and watering additional plant plugs and live willow stakes.

Stream Watch staff also paired with personnel from the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust (KHLT) and State Parks to install “Area Closed” signs along the bank of the property. These signs were installed in effort to discourage visitors from walking along the bank and trampling newly planted vegetation.

Revegetation efforts, maintenance, and monitoring continued throughout the remainder of the 2025 summer season. By the end of the growing season, many of the live willow stakes had sprouted new leaves and appeared to be successfully taking root in their new locations. However, similar success was not observed with many of the other vegetation plugs planted earlier in the season.

During the 2026 summer season, a funding extension was granted and KWF, KHLT, and State Parks collaborated to acquire the permits needed to install a semi-permanent fencing along the riverbank. This barrier is intended to discourage foot traffic, reduce vegetation damage, and protect the existing spruce tree cabling. The fencing was installed on July 31st and there is evidence that the site experienced reduced foot traffic during the salmon fishing season compared to previous years likely due to the presence of the fence as well as the reduced fish numbers this season. Stream Watch and other KWF continue their efforts to stabilize the riverbank through ongoing revegetation work and spruce tree maintenance as needed, as well as install and maintain the semi-permanent fencing during the fishing season until permits are secured for a permanent fencing option.



Semi-permanent habitat protective fencing. (Sam Trussel, 2026)

**Kenai/Kasilof Dipnet Booth**

The Dipnet Booth is a volunteer-staffed information table located at the entrance to Kenai Beach off of South Spruce St. in Kenai, Alaska and the entrance of the Kasilof River Special Use Area off of Kasilof Beach Stub. The booth is facilitated by Kenai Watershed Forum's Stream Watch program with support from Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, the City of Kenai, Alaska Beluga Monitoring Program, and Alaska Wildlife Alliance. The booth started in 2018 in order to inform the public about public health threats posed by bacteria problems produced by fish and seagull waste on the beach. The booth's focus has grown to include additional information on regulations, emergency orders, fish identification, health concerns, invasive species, belugas, and other work being done by Stream Watch and KWF. Along with

education, booth volunteers also conduct trash cleanups and give away stickers, tide books, regulation books, various brochures, and more.

Both the Kenai and Kasilof Dipnet Informational Booths were staffed by KWF and Stream Watch volunteers. Alaska Beluga Monitoring Program also shared the opportunity with their volunteers. Dipnet Booth shifts were four hours long and scheduled to coincide with each day's expected high tide– typically the busiest time on the beach for anglers and visitors. The Dipnet Booth operated on Kenai Beach from July 10 until July 31 with a total of 5 shifts filled. The Kasilof Dipnet Informational Booth was active from June 25 to August 7. Despite limited coverage, volunteers and staff successfully engaged with a total of 167 visitors across both beaches.



Recreationists utilize the Kasilof Beach personal use fishery. (Christopher Haberbush, 2026)

**Marine Debris Cleanups**

Stream Watch has increased its focus on coastal issues over the past eight years. One of the program's most notable marine debris cleanup efforts is the "Trashercise Tuesday" series. Trashercise Tuesday is hosted 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday during the dipnet season at Kasilof Beach. The event gathers volunteers to help remove significant amounts of litter left behind at the dipnet fishery. Over the course of five weeks, 1,234.28lbs. of trash were removed from the beach. Ambassadors donated 85 hours of their time towards Trashercise Tuesday efforts this season.

In an effort to expand Stream Watch's impact on marine ecosystems, the program partnered with Surfrider Foundation for a clean up of North Kenai Beach, as well as the Kenaitze Indian Tribe for a beach clean up at South Kenai Beach. Stream Watch also encouraged ambassadors to conduct patrols in coastal marine ecosystems. Volunteers who enjoy marine patrols most often visited the north and south Kasilof Beaches.



Staff and volunteers with large debris removed from S. Kenai Beach (Alana Shaw, 2026)

**Stewardship Events**

Throughout 2026, multiple stewardship events were held to engage large groups of people in hands-on conservation efforts. The summer season featured the return of several popular Stewardship Days from previous years, as well as the introduction of  new events to the program.

On June 13th, for the second year in a row, Stream Watch partnered with representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Loons, Line, and Lead program for an educational stewardship day. Staff and volunteers met at Kelly Lake Campground for an educational hike around the lake to learn about loons and their nesting habits, to pick up litter, and—most excitingly— look for loon nesting pairs. The event was promoted to both Stream Watch Ambassadors and the general public. A total of 10 people attended, 4 of which were not current Ambassadors. As this was the second year of the event, USFWS staff had a good idea of where nesting loons could be spotted on the lake. After a short hike the group spotted a nesting pair at the island on Kelly Lake and was able to spend time observing the pair through binoculars and a spotting scope.

Stream Watch hosted a variety of Stewardship Days from classics like Trashercise Tuesdays to new events like the Moose Range Meadows Info Booth (see Table 3 below). The Moose Range Meadows Information Booth was launched in 2026 in collaboration with the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge in an effort to reach a variety of river users with educational messaging. This event was hosted on Thursdays on a recurring basis during the height of sockeye season from July 2nd to July 23rd. Staff also cleaned fishing line, and as they did so engaged with the public, sharing information about the harmful impacts of improperly discarded fishing line, ethical angling practices, and other educational topics regularly shared by the program. Of the many curious visitors who stopped by the booth, several expressed interest in getting involved and asked for more information on how to sign up. This event not only created opportunities to connect with the general public but also helped build new relationships and recruit new volunteers. Members of both Stream Watch and Jr. Stream Watch attended this event, creating a valuable opportunity for mutual learning and connection between the two groups.




Intern Sam Trussel and volunteer Gene Horning manning the Stream Watch Wednesday Market booth (Haley Buckbee, 2026)

**Youth Involvement**

In an effort to engage a younger demographic of volunteers, Jr. Stream Watch, supported by Stream Watch, partnered with several organizations to host youth Stewardship Days. Jr. Stream Watch is designed to provide youth ages 13-18 with opportunities to explore careers in conservation and foster stewardship, especially at high-use Stream Watch sites. There is a portion of overlap between activities offered by Stream Watch and Jr. Stream Watch, however, with a smaller group size, Jr. Stream Watch is able to focus on the individual interests of participants more. In 2026, Jr. Stream Watch successfully recruited two local volunteers who logged a combined 94 volunteer hours by participating in habitat fencing installation, tabling events at Moose Range Meadows, water sampling to determine risk of invasive mussels, and the implementation of a Flybrary at Centennial and Moose Range Meadows West and East parking lots. A Flybrary is essentially a little-free-library but for fishing tackle. Jr. Stream volunteers built the Flybraries and stocked them with used gear collected during patrols and sorted during line cleaning events. The Flybraries were a favorite project of the Jr. Stream Watch volunteers and a great way to give collected tackle a second life. Jr. Stream Watch plans to build and implement more Flybraries next year at the Russian River, Bings Landing, and the Kasilof River Boat Launch.

Youth Stewardship Days were facilitated in collaboration with organizations including Kenai Mountains Turnagain Arm (KMTA), Apogee Adventures, and the Salamatof Tribe. Stream Watch and Jr. Stream Watch also participated in the Kenai Recreational Sportfishing Association Spring Clean-Up in which approximately 450 students participated in a river clean up throughout the Kenai River area. KWF hosted roughly 80 students at Soldotna Creek Park as a part of the clean up. Stewardship Day activities varied based on location and partner needs, but included litter cleanups, restoration projects, educational walks, and trail maintenance. Engaging large groups of youth volunteers helped foster a deeper understanding and appreciation for the natural areas of the Kenai Peninsula. By involving youth, Stream Watch aims to prepare the next generation to support and protect our natural resources by equipping them with valuable knowledge and hands-on experience. In total, 226 youth were engaged in the program, contributing 1,233 volunteer hours.




Jr. Stream Watch Technician and ACF Intern with Jr Stream Watch volunteers after Flybrary install at Moose Range Meadows East. (Lauren Crane, 2026)

**Events**

Listed below are the events hosted by the program in 2026. These stewardship events complement Ambassador efforts and increased the program's overall impact on the Kenai Peninsula.

| Date | Time | Name of Event | Host | Location | Classification |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5/6 | 9am-3pm | Spring Cleanup | Kenai Recreational Sportfishing Association | Soldotna Creek Park | Youth Stewardship Day |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5/14 | 6pm-8pm | Pint Night | KWF/Alaska Backcountry Hunters and Anglers | Kenai River Brewing | Outreach Event |
| 5/17 | 10am-4pm | In-person CU1 Orientation | KWF/Credit Union 1 | KWF Office | Orientation |
| 5/20 | 10am-3pm | Science Day | Kaleidoscope | Kaleidoscope Elementary School | Youth Outreach/ Education |
| 5/23 | 10am-4pm | World Fish Migration Day | KWF/Trout Unlimited | KWF Office | Educational Stewardship Day |
| 6/2 | 9am-4pm | Russian River Campground Fencing | KWF/USFS | Russian River Angler's Trail | Stewardship Day |
| 6/3 | 9am-4pm | Russian River Campground Fencing | KWF/USFS | Russian River Angler's Trail | Stewardship Day |
| 6/4 | 10am-4pm | Russian River Ferry Fencing | USFS/KNWR/KWF | Russian River Ferry | Stewardship Day |
| 6/6 | 10am-4pm | In-person Volunteer Orientation | KWF/USFS | Kenai Wilderness Princess Lodge | Orientation |
| 6/12 | 10am-4pm | KMTA Coastal Connections Youth Day | KWF/KMTA | Russian River Falls | Educational Stewardship Day |
| 6/13 | 10am-12pm | Loons, Line, and Lead | USFWS/KWF | Kelly Lake | Educational Stewardship Day |
| 6/18 | 9am-1pm | Moose Range Meadows (MRM) Fencing | KNWR/KWF | Moose Range Meadows West and East | Stewardship Day |
| 6/20 | 8am-12pm | Willow Planting Day | KWF/Lakeview Outfitters | Russian River Confluence (KNWR) | Stewardship Day |
| 6/23 | 10am-3pm | KMTA Pathfinders Youth Day | KWF/KMTA | Russian River Ferry | Educational Stewardship Day |
| 7/1 | 10am-3pm | Salamatof Youth Day | KWF/Salamatof | Russian River Weir | Educational Stewardship Day |
| 7/2 | 9am-12pm | MRM Info Booth | KWF/KNWR | Moose Range Meadows | Outreach Event |
| 7/3 | 10am- 2pm | Apogee Adventures | KWF/Apogee | Russian River Campground | Educational Stewardship Day |
| 7/7 | 5pm-7pm | Trashercise Tuesday | KWF | Kasilof River Special Use Area | Stewardship Day |
| 7/8 | 10am-5pm | Wednesday Market SW Booth | KWF | Soldotna Creek Park | Outreach Event |
| 7/9 | 9am-12pm | MRM Info Booth | KWF/KNWR | Moose Range Meadows | Outreach Event |
| 7/14 | 5pm-7pm | Trashercise Tuesday | KWF | Kasilof River Special Use Area | Stewardship Day |
| 7/15 | 10am-6pm | Wednesday Market SW Booth | KWF | Soldotna Creek Park | Outreach Event |

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| 7/16 | 9am-12pm | MRM Info Booth | KWF/KNWR | Moose Range Meadows | Outreach Event |
| 7/18 | 10am-4pm | Apogee Adventures | KWF/Apogee | Russian River Ferry | Educational Stewardship Day |
| 7/21 | 5pm-7pm | Trashercise Tuesday | KWF | Kasilof Beach | Stewardship Day |
| 7/23 | 9am-12pm | MRM Info Booth | KWF/KNWR | Moose Range Meadows | Outreach Event |
| 7/28 | 5pm-7pm | Trashercise Tuesday | KWF | Kasilof River Special Use Area | Stewardship Day |
| 7/29 | 10am-6pm | Wednesday Market SW Booth | KWF | Soldotna Creek Park | Outreach Event |
| 8/2 | 10am-2pm | Apogee Adventures | KWF/Apogee/USFS | Russian River Campground | Educational Stewardship Day |
| 8/4 | 5pm-7pm | Trashercise Tuesday | KWF | Kasilof River Special Use Area | Stewardship Day |
| 8/8 | 10am-2pm | Kenai Beach Cleanup | KWF/Surfrider Foundation | Kenai Beach | Stewardship Day |
| 8/22 | 10am-3pm | South Kenai Beach Cleanup | Kenaitze/KWF | South Kenai Beach | Stewardship Day |
| 9/3 | 9am-2pm | Russian River Ferry Fencing Removal | USFS/KWF/KNWR | Russian River Ferry | Stewardship Day |
| 9/12 | 10am-2pm | Alaska Fly Fishers Association Cleanup | AFFA/KWF | Russian River Ferry | Stewardship Day |
| 9/18 | 10am-4pm | Line Cleaning Event | KWF | KWF Office | Stewardship Day |
| 9/26 | 10am-2pm | Volunteer Appreciation Event | KWF/USFS/KNWR | KNWR Visitor Center | Appreciation Event |




Volunteers, KWF staff, and KNWR staff at the Loons, Line, and Lead event at Kelly Lake (Crane, 2026)

**Conclusion**

Stream Watch made a significant contribution to conservation efforts on the Kenai Peninsula in 2026. The program welcomed back many returning ambassadors, strengthened relations with long-time partners, and continued to offer meaningful stewardship opportunities to both Ambassadors and the public. Growth was seen through the addition of new Ambassadors, expanded partnerships, and increased educational opportunities. Stream Watch also remained committed to engaging younger audiences through the Jr. Stream Watch program and collaborations with youth-focused organizations. With another successful season completed,  Stream Watch would like to thank funders, partners, and volunteers for their continued support in helping the program thrive.