



Stream Watch Volunteer Program

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Photo taken during the 2016 Kenai River Clean Up



Stream Watch Background:

Each year hundreds of thousands of visitors come to the Kenai Peninsula to enjoy world class trout and salmon fishing.

To help protect natural resources, the Chugach National Forest created the Stream Watch Program in 1994.



Purpose:

Since then, volunteers have been providing peer-to-peer education about ethical angling, bear awareness and river stewardship.

They also assist with restoration projects, trash removal, and monofilament recycling.

Over the past 22 years, Stream Watch has grown to include over 60 ambassadors who dedicate a minimum of 24 hours each season, and an additional 60-80 volunteers who participate in one-time stewardship events.



Program Growth:

In 2011, Stream Watch expanded from the Russian and Upper Kenai Rivers.

It is now jointly administered by the Chugach National Forest in partnership with the Kenai Watershed Forum.

Each program hires an in-season volunteer coordinator to train and schedule volunteers, organize river stewardship days, and create posts for the Facebook page like the one on the right.



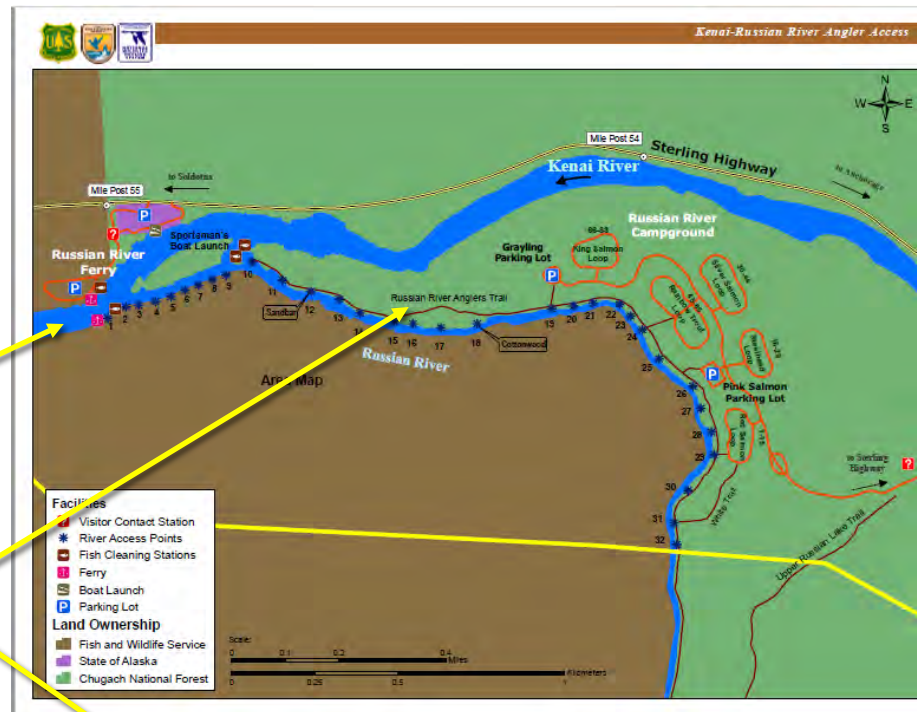
Kenai Watershed Forum



Stream Watch Sites:

Stream Watch cooperates with the following land management agencies:

- Kenai National Wildlife Refuge (Kenai-Russian River Ferry, Moose Range Meadows),
- Chugach National Forest (Russian River Recreation Site),
- Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Alaska State Parks (Bings Landing)
- The City of Soldotna (Centennial Park), and
- Division of Mining Land and Water (Kasilof River).



Partners:

- Alaska Fly Fishers,
- Alaska Recreational Management,
- Alaska Wildland Adventures,
- City of Kenai,
- Kenai Peninsula Borough,
- Kenai River Sportfishing Association,
- McLaughlin Youth Center,
- Sierra Club,
- Trout Unlimited,
- Youth Restoration Corps and more.



Statistics:

For the past 7 years, Stream Watch Volunteers have:

- Donated over 1,200 hours annually,
- Collected over 1,100 lbs. of litter,
- Provided peer-to-peer education to over 3,500 individuals.
- Recycled over 100 lbs. of monofilament.
- Installed, removed and maintained up to 5 miles of habitat protective fencing.
- Reached thousands of people via their Facebook site.



Stream Watch

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JUN 24 Stream Watch 2nd Orientation
Sat 10 AM - Kenai River Center - Soldotna, AK
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Outreach Opportunities:

- Kenai River Clean-up
- Kenai Guide Academy
- Alaska Wildland Adventure Employee Orientation
- Alaska State Parks Campsite Host Volunteer Orientation
- Boys and Girls Club Take a Kid Fishing Day
- Kenaitze Indian Tribe Fish Camp
- Area Rotary Club Meetings



Stewardship Work Days:

Stewardship work days are an opportunity for the general public to get involved for just one day.

In 2016, there were 17 work days. These included:

- Fencing Installation and Removal
- Kasilof Beach Clean Up Days
- Kenai River Clean Up with AK Fly Fishers (9/11)
- Youth Education
- Quartz Creek Clean Up



Program Growth:

We are proud to have sustained such a meaningful program that reaches many diverse partners, visitors and sites across the Kenai Peninsula!

The Stream Watch Program is an excellent example of collaborative partnership efforts such as habitat restoration, interpretative education, and fish and wildlife conservation.

Stream Watch will continue to fundraise and apply for meaningful work to match agency funds and continue our work.



Want to get involved?

Check out our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Stream-Watch>

Or our website:

<http://www.kenaiwatershed.org/streamwatch>

Stream Watch Orientations:

Saturday, June 3rd 10 am at the Cooper Landing School, Cooper Landing, AK

Saturday, June 24th 10 am at the Kenai River Center, Soldotna, AK

