

KPFHP 2022 Progress Report
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- In April 2022, Brandon Drzazgowski was hired as the most recent Stream Watch Coordinator.
- Stream Watch saw the return of in-person orientations at the beginning of the 2022 season. The in-person orientation was held at the Russian River Campground with 25 volunteers in attendance. Online orientations were also offered throughout the 2022 season to accommodate for individual volunteer schedules and comfort levels.
- Throughout the 2022 summer season, 3+ miles of habitat fencing were installed at high use areas with fragile streambanks (including the Russian River and Moose Range Meadows public access fishing sites) to help conserve important habitat for juvenile and adult salmonoid species.
- 66 unique individuals were recruited, trained, and coordinated under the Stream Watch program to bolster conservation efforts throughout the project area.
- Program staff and volunteers interacted with 3,476 members of the public to provide peer-to-peer education around the topics of best stewardship practices, importance of healthy habitat, ethical angling practices, and conscientious river visitation.
- Between the months of May-October, volunteers donated 1,894 hours to collect a total of 2,654 pounds of litter/debris were cleared from riparian habitat. 254 pounds of fishing line were also removed from similar areas and sent to facilities receiving old fishing line to be recycled into new products.
- Between the months of May-October, Stream Watch staff and volunteers collected 6,957 cigarette butts from recreational areas around the Kenai Peninsula.
- Stream Watch expanded its influence farther south on the Kenai Peninsula by adding an educational booth at the mouth of the Kasilof River during the dipnet fishery. This educational booth provided the public with information on special regulations/emergency orders that affected the fishery, fish identification, health issues posed by the fishery, and tidal cycles.
- Stream Watch provided support in riverbank revetments and removal of fish passage barriers as needed, although few were present during the season.
- Stream Watch expanded its influence to younger generations through pairing with youth-based organizations like Global Leadership Adventures and Apogee Adventures. These pairings allowed for stewardship days centered around service and education. Stewardship days with youth programs allowed for tangible results through the removal of litter and invasive species and intangible results through the education of youth on the salmon lifecycle, how to properly care for riparian area, and the importance of healthy habitat for all species.
- The Stream Watch volunteer appreciation event was held on September 10th to signify the end of the 2022 Stream Watch volunteer season.