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Quarterly Project Reporting Form

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Project Number: 24220610

Project Title: Kenai Peninsula Stream Watch

Principal Investigator(s): Brandon Drzazgowski (Stream Watch Coordinator at The Kenai Watershed Forum)

Reporting Periods and Due Dates:

| <i>Reporting Period</i> | <i>Due Date</i> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| February, March, April | June 1 |
| May, June, July | September 1 |
| August, September, October | December 1 |
| November, December, January | March 1 |

Submission Date: December 1st, 2024

Project Website: <https://www.kenaiwatershed.org/stream-watch/>

Please check all the boxes that apply to the current reporting period.

- Project progress is on schedule.**
 - Project progress is delayed**
 - Budget reallocation request.**
 - Personnel changes.**
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1. Summary of Work Performed:

Objectives/Project Success:

Listed below are objectives that were met or partially met during the reporting period, including a short description of the methods used to accomplish said objective.

Objective B – Annually protect riparian habitat by seasonally installing, maintaining, and removing habitat protective fencing (3-4 miles, increasing as needs can be addressed with growing capacity):

Fencing was installed, and maintained during the previous reporting period. During this reporting period, fencing continued to be maintained and was removed. Due to the early closure of the Russian River Campground, fencing along the Russian River had to be removed in early August. Staff and volunteers clipped zip ties, rolled up temporary fencing, and removed fencing supports from riparian areas. Materials were stored at locations along the Russian River Angler Trail where they will reside until reinstallation at the beginning of the 2025 season.

Fencing was also maintained and removed at the Moose Range Meadows fishing site in Soldotna. Regular maintenance occurred throughout the month of August and the beginning of September. On September 13th, volunteers, staff, and partners from the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge gathered at Moose Range Meadows to remove fencing and posts. All of the fencing was able to be removed from the riverside and stored at the Moose Range Meadows supply shed until the 2025 season.

Habitat fencing was also maintained and removed from the Mullen Conservation easement. Fencing, initially installed to protect a restoration project on the parcel, was removed by KWF staff in late September. Materials were returned to the KWF office and will be stored there until the 2025 season.

Objective C – Protect riparian habitat and create a culture of stewardship among members of the public by providing consistent educational messaging to river users at project sites, in social and print media, and through on-site signage:

Stream Watch continued educational efforts through attendance of community events where staff and volunteers connected with the public about the program and environmental topics. Stream Watch rented another space at the weekly Soldotna Wednesday Market on August 7th and attended the Cooper Landing Emergency Services Casting Competition on September 6th/7th. At these events, Stream Watch staff and volunteers set up informational tables centered around the program and work performed. These events were beneficial to the program because it allowed program personnel to engage with the public during times of leisure. Majority of contacts with the public are made during times where they are focused on recreational activities, like fishing. Connecting with visitors at community events led to a deeper understanding and discussions about the educational messaging provided by the program.

Educational messaging presented by volunteers in a peer-to-peer format during regular patrols also continued until the end of September. Volunteers interacted with 1,009 individual river users



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at project sites over the course of the reporting period. Ambassador volunteers are expected to connect with those recreating at project sites to help educate them on topics that are applicable to those areas. Peer-to-peer educational topics range anywhere from ethical angling practices, to bear safety, to the importance of critical habitat, to leave-no-trace principle, to site specific regulations.

Additionally, educational messaging was provided through the installation of educational signs at local natural areas. Stream Watch paired with another Kenai Peninsula based non-profit, Kachemak Heritage Land Trust (KHLT), to install educational signage at some of their fee owned properties in the Soldotna/Kenai area. These properties are owned by KHLT, but are open to public recreation. Signs installed outline restrictions on motor vehicle use and other regulations placed on the property by KHLT. Signs were installed at 4 different fee owned properties to help uphold conservation values of these properties while also supporting local recreation.

Objective D – Restore riparian and instream habitat by removing habitat endangering debris (at least 4,000 pounds annually) and fish passage barriers as needs arise:

Regular volunteer efforts continued through the summer and ended in late September. With a combination of single-day stewardship events and regular volunteer patrols, a total of 3,420 pounds of trash were removed from riparian habitat throughout 2024 on the Kenai Peninsula. Although the objective of 4,000 pounds was not met, volunteer hours were at an all time high for the 2024 season. Staff believes that the amount of litter left behind at high-use sites has declined due to education/outreach efforts. Also, stewardship days centered around litter clean-ups generally led to the removal of a large quantity of smaller items. Falling short of the 4,000lb goal is not due to a lack of effort, but simply an absence of heavy items in areas where they are regularly found.

Small amounts of fish passage barriers were removed from waterways next to the Kenai Watershed Forum office. During a bi-weekly monitoring event, staff noticed man-made bridges constructed from cut trees that were used to cross sections of Soldotna Creek. These bridges blocked off portions of the creek and restricted fish passage. Barriers were removed in late September, shortly after they were noted by staff.

Objective E – Restore riparian and instream habitat by conducting seasonal stream bank revetment projects in partnership with agency partners as needs arise:

Restoration work at the Mullen Conservation easement parcel continued into September. Majority of activity at the restoration site was monitoring and maintenance of work performed in previous reporting periods. Bi-weekly monitoring of the site continued until the end of peak fishing season. During monitoring events, staff would check cabled spruce trees, native



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vegetation planted at the site, and habitat fencing located on the property. Small bits of maintenance would occur on habitat fencing if damage was seen to posts or fastening materials.

Habitat fencing was removed in late September. The Stream Watch Coordinator and the Jr SW Technician traveled to the property, removed fasteners, rolled plastic fencing, removed rebar from the bluff, and transported it back to the KWF office. Materials will be stored off-site until the beginning of the 2025 in order to avoid damage to fencing or the riverbank throughout the winter.

Although signs were installed to notify visitors of the sensitive vegetation areas, the restoration project, and regulations placed on the parcel, plant starts were damaged significantly from foot traffic along the Kenai River. Few plant starts planted during the season survived. Revegetation efforts and habitat fencing installation/maintenance will continue into 2025 in an effort to restabilize the section of riverbank along Soldotna Creek and the Kenai River.

Objective F – Engage with diverse communities on the Kenai Peninsula through special events to be as inclusive as possible in the program:

A variety of inclusive events were hosted in the later half of the 2024 Stream Watch volunteer season. Examples of inclusive activities from August to October 2024 are as follows:

Wednesday Market Booth – This year, the Kenai Watershed Forum rented out a vendor booth at a weekly market held in Soldotna. Stream Watch staff and volunteers manned the booth on one occasion during the reporting period. The program set up a 10ft x 10ft pop-up tent and shared information about Stream Watch through conversation, brochures, trivia, and hands-on activities. Staff was able to interact with a large variety of locals and tourists who were enjoying the weekly market. This event allowed for engagement and recruitment of members of the public from various backgrounds. Tourists were able to gain knowledge on local ecosystems and the best recreation practices for local areas while residents were able to hear how they could get involved with the program on a long-term basis.

Kenaitze South Kenai Beach Clean-up - Stream Watch paired with the Kenaitze Indian Tribe to help clear litter left behind on South Kenai beach after the conclusion of the 2024 dipnet season. The event check-in was held at the Kenaitze community pavilion located at the entrance of South Kenai Beach. The Kenaitze helped to recruit tribal members and those from the general public via word of mouth and social media posting. Stream Watch staff accompanied volunteers on the beach to assist in removal of large debris and transportation of volunteers while Kenaitze staff stayed at the pavilion to check in/check out volunteers. This set-up allowed more members of the community to join in the event because they could base their participation times off of their own schedule.



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Deep Creek Beach Clean-up - Stream Watch paired with the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies (CACS) on September 22th to help clear Deep Creek Beach of debris left behind by campers, fisherman, and other visitors. This event was advertised by both organizations to help include volunteers from the Homer area as well as the Kenai/Soldotna area. CACS implemented an itemized data collection method that tracked individual litter items into categories to give a better idea of the materials being removed from the beach. The event had open enrollment of volunteers, and featured the KWF ATV in order to ease strain on volunteers from large pieces of litter.

Prunus Removal Day - Stream Watch paired with KHLT and the KWF Invasive Species department in order to remove invasive *Prunus* trees from a local natural area. As the land manager, KHLT requested that herbicides were not used during invasive removal. So, a group of volunteers was recruited to utilize hand pulling methods to remove the infestation of invasive trees. Volunteers carried materials through a parcel owned by the Department of Natural Resources until they reached the property managed by KHLT. From there, the KWF Invasive Species Coordinator provided an educational talk about *Prunus* trees, how to identify them, the harm they cause, and how removal methods would look. Volunteers dug up, bagged, and removed *Prunus* trees from the property throughout the day. Overall, the event got a lot of positive feedback with multiple volunteers requesting more invasive species management days in the future.

Objective G – Continue original efforts to expand Stream Watch to the southern Kenai Peninsula by hiring a seasonal southern coordinator position in order to expand partnerships, increase critical outreach, build institutional capacity, provide high quality engagement for volunteers, and reduce personnel turnover.

Over the course of the reporting period, the Jr SW Technician, Alexis McDonald, was able to support both the Junior Stream Watch and Stream Watch programs. Alexis helped to lead various youth education/stewardship, helped with installation of new volunteer supply sheds, Coordinated the Stream Watch program while the Stream Watch Coordinator was on paid leave, and finalized wrap-up of the dipnet informational booth. Alexis's last day was on September 27th. Overall Alexis was a huge asset through the course of the 2024 summer season and would happily be hired back to work at the Kenai Watershed Forum if she wished.

Objective I – Enhance Stream Watch programming along the Cook Inlet coastline through 8 annual marine debris surveys and cleanups to further bolster efforts to restore resources and services, prevent marine pollution, and protect important estuarine and coastal habitat.

This objective was fully completed during the reporting period. A total of 4 marine debris clean-ups were held between August and October of 2024 (making 9 total for the 2024 season). Marine debris clean-ups were focused on the beaches that see the most pressure within the



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project area, including North Kenai Beach, South Kenai Beach, Deep Creek beach, and Kasilof Beach. Clean-ups during the reporting period were facilitated through stewardship days by recruiting ambassadors or volunteers from the general public and through pairing with other organizations/groups that were able to provide a larger number of volunteers. The group marine clean-ups listed below helped to collect majority of the habitat endangering debris recorded for the reporting period:

- 8/3 - Kenaitze Tribe Kenai Beach Clean-up - 18 participants
- 8/6 - Trashercise Tuesday Week 5 - 8 volunteer participants
- 8/14 - Marathon North Kenai Beach Clean-up - 8 volunteer participants
- 9/22 - Deep Creek Clean-up w/Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies - 7 volunteer participants

Objective J – Strengthen relationships with communities and agencies served on the southern peninsula including Ninilchik Village and enroll at least one new member in the Steering Committee from an Alaskan Native Community:

Large strides were taken towards accomplishing this objective during the reporting period. Relationships with agencies/communities of the southern Kenai Peninsula were strengthened through a collection of volunteer and community based events. To start, the relationship with KHLT was reinforced through pairing for multiple projects. Projects included sign installation, monitoring of properties owned by KHLT, and an invasive species removal project held on a property managed by KHLT. Communication and collaboration with KHLT has grown dramatically over the 2024 season, but especially throughout the months of August to October.

Next, Stream Watch paired with CACS, a conservation based organization located in Homer, AK. Stream Watch and CACS paired for one of their Coastal Walk events centered around marine debris clean-ups around the Kenai Peninsula. The event was hosted on 9/22 at the Deep Creek Beach State Recreation Area. Both organizations recruited volunteers and CACS handled data collections throughout the 2 ½ hour event. Overall, the clean-up was very successful and helped to establish a new pairing for future events.

Stream Watch also connected with organizations from the southern Kenai Peninsula while attending the Cook Inlet Water Quality Summit Follow-up Community Discussions. This event was a continuation of a conference held in Anchorage in 2023 hosted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. After the conference, attendees noted an interest for small community based discussions to help foster collaboration in local areas. One of the follow-up discussions was held in Homer, AK and featured a variety of organizations from the southern Kenai Peninsula. Each representative gave an update on the status of the Cook Inlet from their organizations perspective while also noting areas of collaboration in their work. Stream Watch staff was able to network with a variety of community based organizations and begin planning for pairings in future seasons.



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Finally, a member of the Alaskan Native Community was enrolled into the Stream Watch Steering Committee. Alana Shaw, The Kenaitze Indian Tribe's Environmental Program Manager, attended the meeting and helped to share valuable insight about the program, and its pairing with the Kenaitze Indian Tribe. Alana managed two interns assigned to assist with the management of Stream Watch's northern peninsula sites throughout the course of 2024. Alana shared notes provided by her staff and ideas on how to strengthen tribal relations moving forward.

Objective K – Support current program activities by contributing additional staff time and funding for supplies and volunteer training:

Stream Watch staff worked diligently to ensure that volunteers had access to regular stewardship materials at high-use sites throughout the reporting period. Staff from USFS helped to stock supplies at upper river sites while KWF staff focused on replenishing needed supplies at central/southern peninsula sites.

Resources were also allocated to expand storage of supplies at program sites. Two new wooden supply sheds were purchased and installed at the end of the 2024 summer season. One supply cache was utilized to replace an old plastic supply shed at the Russian River Ferry. As one of the program's most popular locations, staff felt that a more reliable structure was needed to house volunteer supplies. The second shed was installed at the Kasilof River Special Use Area. This location is used to facilitate multiple stewardship events and has grown in popularity for regular volunteer patrols. To support higher activity of this site, staff installed the wooden supply shed to house materials for regular patrols, the Dipnet Informational Booth, and Trashercise Tuesday events.

Conversations were held between staff, partners, and volunteers to discuss the 2025 training. Volunteers gave suggestions of guest speakers they would want to hear from during training, and topics they wanted more elaboration on. Partners and staff discussed how to streamline information presented at the training and make it easier for volunteers to digest.

Deviation from Original Objectives:

There was no deviation seen during this reporting period. All objectives were addressed in this reporting period or throughout previous reporting periods during the summer season. Overall, Stream watch was able to complete all objectives set forth for the year of 2024 aside from collecting a total of 4,000lbs of trash.

Problems/Unusual Developments:

Only some small problems occurred during the reporting period. Similar to the previous two summer seasons, the Russian River Campground saw an early closure on August 16th. The closure was due to road construction being performed on the only road accessing the campground. This caused a lesser amount of hours than regularly seen at the Russian River campground during August and September. However, because this was the third annual early closure, staff and volunteers became accustomed to needed adjustments. Volunteers were asked to shift regular patrols to the Russian River Ferry or other locations that were easily accessible to



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them. Staff was able to access the campground via the Russian River Ferry to finish removal of remaining habitat fencing and other season wrap-up tasks needed after the closure of the sockeye fishing season on August 20th.

The other problem seen was the early departure of Shannon Mason, the temporary Stream Watch Volunteer Coordinator hired for the US Forest Service. Shannon was hired through a temporary promotion, or detail, as the USFS volunteer coordinator to help manage upper river volunteer sites. Due to the temporary nature of her detail, Shannon's last day working with the Stream Watch program was in early September. Usually, USFS volunteer coordinators stay on with the program into November before departing for their off season. Shannon's early departure led to some adjustments in the regular schedule of Stream Watch events. For example, the Volunteer Appreciation Event was held earlier than regularly experienced, on August 24th. Other small issues arose, mostly in the form of lack of support for reporting at the Stream Watch steering committee meeting. To manage this, the Jr. SW Technician and other staff from the USFS stepped in to help fill these gaps. Overall, Shannon's early departure didn't cause large problems for the program and was easily worked around.

Additional information:

Majority of information applicable to this reporting period was noted throughout the course of this report. One additional piece of information was the hosting of the annual Volunteer Appreciation Event. This year marked Stream Watch's 30 year anniversary. To celebrate, the annual volunteer appreciation event was held at the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center and featured previous staff, historical articles and photos, and various activities to commemorate three decades of stewardship on the Kenai Peninsula. The appreciation event was held on August 24th and featured staff, partners, and volunteers.

The completion of the 2024 volunteer season was also seen during the reporting period. The 2024 season had many successes like the installation of two new wooden supply sheds, a program record for the number of individuals who took the ambassador training (79 trained), a program record for number of public contacts (9,166), and a program record for number of volunteer hours recorded (2,691 hours). Overall, the 2024 season was a great success and received large amounts of positive feedback from volunteers collected through one-on-one conversations with staff and annual volunteer surveys.



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Listed below are the end of season volunteer totals from over the summer (May-September):

| Site | Travel Mileage | Hours | Number of Contacts | Pounds of Trash | Pounds of Line | Cigarette Butts |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Northern Peninsula | | | | | | |
| Russian River Campground | 13469 | 827.5 | 5965 | 128.34 | 20 | 519 |
| Russian River Ferry | 2122 | 175.5 | 1323 | 96.89 | 43.68 | 847 |
| Central Peninsula | | | | | | |
| Bings Landing | 473 | 75.5 | 165 | 61.31 | 10.6 | 687 |
| Centennial Park | 908 | 143.15 | 297 | 143.47 | 44.57 | 1923 |
| Moose Range Meadows | 240 | 39 | 66 | 30 | 9.5 | 555 |
| Kasilof | 1478.3 | 134.75 | 302 | 362.84 | 3.16 | 1537 |
| Kenai Mouth | 270 | 37.5 | 563 | 32.5 | 0 | 24 |
| Southern Peninsula | | | | | | |
| Deep Creek | 100 | 5 | 4 | 3.38 | .67 | 101 |
| Anchor River | 240 | 5.5 | 17 | 2.71 | .67 | 101 |
| Ninilchik | 45 | 5.5 | 0 | 9 | 0.5 | 55 |
| Other | 217 | 66.5 | 391 | 33.25 | 1.1 | 250 |
| Orientations | - | 474 | - | - | - | - |
| Stewardship Days | 2438.5 | 695.45 | 73 | 2516.68 | 1.1 | 564 |
| Totals: | 22001 | 2691 | 9166 | 3420 | 136 | 7163 |



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2. Abstract:

The previous three months were extremely productive for the Stream Watch program. Stream Watch saw the completion and celebration of its 30th volunteer season, and broke records in categories including number of individuals trained, public contacts, and volunteer hours. Season wrap-up included winterization of volunteer supply sheds, the removal of seasonal habitat protective fencing, and the end-of-season Volunteer Appreciation Event. There was collaboration with various organizations to facilitate stewardship events ranging from marine debris clean-ups, to invasive species removal days, to educational booths. Throughout these events, Stream Watch was able to strengthen relationships with organizations located on the southern Kenai Peninsula and add a member from the Alaska Native Community to the steering committee. There were few problems during the reporting period aside from the early closure of the Russian River Campground due to road construction and the early departure of the temporary USFS Stream Watch Volunteer Coordinator. However, these dilemmas didn't cause any lasting issues or deviation from the objective set forth by the Kenai Watershed Forum.

3. Coordination and Collaboration:

Listed below are project partners that the Stream Watch program paired with during the reporting period, their involvement with the program, and the proper contact listed.

United States Forest Service:

The United States Forest Service (USFS) is the Kenai Watershed Forum's main partner for the facilitation of the Stream Watch program. The Forest Service helps run the program jointly with The Kenai Watershed Forum during the busy summer season, by managing the project area inside the Russian River Confluence area (including the Russian River Campground and the Russian River Ferry). USFS's Stream Watch Volunteer Coordinator helps to schedule and oversee regular volunteer activities for upper Kenai River locations and will also assist in facilitation of stewardship day performed in these areas. This project partner helps to schedule volunteers at the Russian River Confluence area, assists with the maintenance and removal of habitat fencing along the Russian River, and records data collected from volunteers inside the confluence area.

On top of helping to support regular volunteer activities at upper river locations, the USFS helped to facilitate multiple volunteer events between August and October. The USFS helped to recruit staff and volunteers for the removal of habitat fencing from the Russian River Angler's Trail and the Russian River Ferry. The USFS also helps with the planning and execution of the annual Volunteer Appreciation Event. Partners helped to recruit volunteers, sort and distribute appreciation gifts, collect historical photos/articles, set up the event, and facilitate the event. After the closure of the Russian River Campgrounds, USFS partners helped to collect programmatic data from their sites, and created a presentation that was presented to the Stream Watch steering committee. Forest Service partners also helped with the installation of the new



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wooden supply shed at the Russian River Ferry location and seasonal winterization/wrap-up at their locations.

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Apogee Adventures:

Apogee Adventures is an organization based out of Maine that focuses around youth-based education, exploration, and service by offering multiple programs inside and outside of the United States. These programs allow youth 11-18 to explore new areas of the world. Stream Watch began pairing with Apogee Adventures in the summer of 2022, and has continued that relationship to the summer of 2024. By pairing with Apogee Adventures, Stream Watch is able to engage with a younger age group, provide them with education on the local area, and engage them in service that helps support Stream Watch efforts by cleaning high use areas or cleaning fishing line collected by project volunteers to be recycled.

During the reporting period, the last of three scheduled stewardship days with Apogee Adventures was held. The stewardship day consisted of a patrol of the Russian River angler's trail to remove litter left from visitors and to provide educational information to the group. Educational messaging included information on program history, regular program activities, the salmon life cycle, and the importance of critical habitat. Stewardship consisted of removal of weights, hooks, and other tackle off of used fishing line in an activity called "line cleaning". This helped to prepare fishing line to be recycled at Berkley Bait Company. This stewardship activity was chosen because it was very well received from a previous Apogee group in the previous reporting period.

Contact:

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US Fish and Wildlife Service:

US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) helped to support the program throughout the reporting period. The first way that USFWS supported was the removal of habitat fencing at the Moose Range Meadows (MRM) and the Russian River Ferry public access fishing sites. At the end of the popular fishing season, the program decided to remove habitat fencing at the Russian River Ferry on August 30th and at MRM on September 13th. USFWS provided seasonal staff to assist and allowed for safe and efficient removal of fencing at both locations. Materials were stored on site for easy installation of habitat fencing at the beginning of 2025.

The USFWS also supported the program through communications about their high-use sights. Stream Watch staff and volunteers frequented USFWS land, such as Moose Range Meadows and



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the Russian River Ferry, and performed regular patrols and stewardship day events. USFWS Staff communicated with Stream Watch coordinators on which areas saw high activity, large amounts of trash, and other stewardship needs that helped to accurately schedule volunteers and events to have the highest impact as possible. USFWS also allowed Stream Watch staff and volunteers free access to sites that require fees in order for them to regularly patrol these areas to perform litter collection/community outreach.

Finally, the USFWS helped to provide a space for the Volunteer Appreciation Event. The USFWS donated a community room located inside of their Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Beyond this, the USFWS helped to rearrange and decorate the room to accommodate the event being hosted.

Contact:

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Alaska Department of Natural Resources:

Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) supports the Stream Watch program through two of its divisions. The first, Division of Mining, Land, and Water, mainly supports the program through agreeing to house a Stream Watch supply cache at their Kasilof River Special Use Area site. The Division of Mining, Land, and Water agreed to permanently house a cache at their location, allowing the program to expand its area of presence and support volunteers that prefer to patrol in the Kasilof community. The Division of Mining, Land and Water also helped to support the program through a \$5,000 donation geared towards hosting events at the Kasilof River Special Use Area and keeping the Kasilof Beach areas clean.

The Alaska DNR State Parks division also supported the program. State Parks, like the division of Mining, Land, and Water, agreed to let Stream Watch house stewardship supplies at areas they manage. State Parks has allowed Stream Watch to store supplies at Bings Landing Day Use/Campground and the Kasilof River Boat Launch. Beyond storage of materials, State Parks has also begun to work with Stream Watch to formulate new projects. State Parks conveyed issues they were having at various locations that centered around vegetation trampling and bank fishing. State Parks has opened a dialogue with the program to help find a solution that may involve Stream Watch volunteers.

Contact:

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City of Soldotna:

The City of Soldotna helped to support the Stream Watch Program through free access to city owned sites. The City of Soldotna allowed staff and volunteers free access to high use fishing sites such as Swiftwater Park and Centennial Park to perform litter cleanups, place monofilament fishing line collection tubes, and share educational messaging with the public. Beyond free access, the City of Soldotna also offered free overnight camping to volunteers that traveled from out of town. If sites are available at either Swiftwater or Centennial Park, the city noted that volunteers are welcome to spend the night provided that they reserved a spot with site managers and presented a Stream Watch parking pass at their campsite.

The City of Soldotna also allowed Stream Watch to house a supply cache at their Centennial Park location. The presence of this cache allowed volunteers to easily access all things needed to properly perform stewardship activities at one of the most popular camping and fishing locations on the Kenai Peninsula.

Contact:

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Kachemak Heritage Land Trust:

Kachemak Heritage Land Trust (KHLT) is a non-profit organization located in Homer, AK that focuses on the acquisition of land to help conserve it and its natural features. KHLT has partnered with KWF in the past to help monitor some of their conservation easement and fee owned properties. Monitoring of all properties in the Kenai/Soldotna areas was performed in September and October of 2024. Staff and volunteers walked the property, observed areas of concern, and noted any changes seen.

Stream Watch also paired with KHLT to install new informational signage at a myriad of fee owned properties in the Kenai/Soldotna area. Some of these properties were those monitored by KWF staff. Signage helped to inform visitors that the land was owned by KHLT but open for public use provided certain restrictions were followed.

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4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

No recommendations or comments were submitted during the previous process reporting period of the project. If recommendations or comments are submitted after this reporting period, they will be properly addressed in the next reporting cycle.

5. Budget:

| Budget Category: | Proposed FY 22 | Proposed FY 23 | Proposed FY 24 | Proposed FY 25 | Proposed FY 26 | 5-YR TOTAL PROPOSED | QUARTERLY EXPENDITURES | ACTUAL CUMULATIVE |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Personnel | \$71,430 | \$66,225 | \$66,225 | \$61,020 | \$55,815 | \$320,715 | \$27,060 | \$116,438 |
| Travel | \$4,838 | \$4,838 | \$4,838 | \$4,838 | \$4,838 | \$24,192 | \$1,144 | \$9,092 |
| Contractual | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| Commodities | \$1,950 | \$1,950 | \$1,950 | \$1,950 | \$1,950 | \$9,750 | \$416 | \$3,157 |
| Equipment | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| Indirect Costs (28.25%) | \$22,097 | \$20,626 | \$20,626 | \$19,156 | \$17,685 | \$100,191 | \$8,085 | \$36,354 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$100,315 | \$93,640 | \$93,640 | \$86,964 | \$80,289 | \$454,848 | \$36,705 | \$165,040 |
| General Administration (9% of subtotal) | \$9,028 | \$8,428 | \$8,428 | \$7,827 | \$7,226 | \$40,936 | \$3,303 | \$14,854 |
| PROJECT TOTAL | \$109,343 | \$102,067 | \$102,067 | \$94,791 | \$87,515 | \$495,784 | \$40,009 | \$179,893 |
| Other Resources (In-Kind Funds) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

INSTRUCTIONS: This summary page provides a five-year overview (FY 22-26) of proposed funding and actual cumulative spending which includes the non-trustee agency and trustee agency worksheets. **This Summary Page should automatically populate as the formulas reference the cells in the non-trustee agency and trustee agency worksheets. Please make sure the totals given are correct.** The column titled 'Actual Cumulative' will be updated each fiscal year and included in the annual report (include information on the total amount actually spent for all completed years of the project). On the Project Annual Report Form, if any line item exceeds a 10% deviation from the originally-proposed amount; provide detail regarding the reason for the deviation.

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