

KENAI RIVER ALASKA

Project Name: Kenai River Restoration and Protection Project

Project Type:

- Acquisition/Easement/Protection
- Recreation (River and Fishing Access)
- Youth (Stewardship Program)
- Restoration (Stream, Riparian, Fish Passage, and Invasive Species Control)



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Project Description: The Kenai Peninsula is one of Alaska's premier destinations for tourists and residents and is known for its excellent fishing and wildlife viewing opportunities. Since the early 1980s, many Federal, State, and local agencies, non-governmental organizations, and private landowners have been collaborating to preserve and protect the health of the Kenai River and its tributaries. The goal of this project is to support and strengthen partnerships dedicated to restoring and conserving the fish and wildlife resources of the Kenai River and its watershed for the continuing benefit of local residents and visitors to the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Federal Partners:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Forest Service
- Kenaitze Indian Tribe IRA (federally recognized tribe)
- National Resources Conservation Service
- Kenai National Wildlife Refuge

Non-Federal Partners:

- Alaska Department of Natural Resources
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- Kenai Watershed Forum
- Commercial and sport fishing associations
- Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership
- Kenai Peninsula Borough
- Private landowners
- Land trusts and many other private and public organizations

Outcomes for 2012:

- Complete habitat stewardship interpretation projects at Centennial Creek and Rotary Parks
- Remove three fish passage barriers
- Complete 35-40 voluntary riparian habitat improvement projects on private lands
- Complete No Name Creek and Soldotna Creek floodplain restoration and access projects
- Continue support of the Stream Watch program