

**Job Title:** Stream Watch Intern

**Organization:** Kenai Watershed Forum

**Location:** Soldotna, Alaska with fieldwork in Kenai, Soldotna, Sterling, Kasilof, Cooper Landing, Ninilchik, and Anchor Point

**Compensation:** \$12/hour and free housing



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### **Organization and Program Description:**

The Kenai Watershed Forum (KWF) is an environmental non-profit located in Soldotna, Alaska whose mission is “Working together for healthy watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula”. With seven permanent employees, KWF utilizes a non-adversarial approach, focusing on solutions through high quality research, education, and restoration programs to meet the evolving needs of the region. Stream Watch, KWF’s volunteer-based program founded in 1994, has grown to provide fish habitat conservation and public outreach across the Kenai Peninsula. Stream Watch volunteers monitor popular fishing sites, perform habitat restoration projects, and help to educate the public. For more information, visit [www.kenaiwatershed.org](http://www.kenaiwatershed.org).

### **Description and Goals of Assignment:**

The Stream Watch internship provides excellent experience for young conservation professionals. A Stream Watch intern will gain experience in conserving wild salmon and trout while providing environmental education to the public. The position involves both fieldwork, including manual labor, and computer-based tasks that require communications and analytical skills. The intern will work with the program coordinator to manage a large group of trained volunteers who conduct habitat conservation projects and provide peer-to-peer education to anglers and recreationists at popular fishing sites. The intern will be an active member of the Stream Watch team, developing and implementing projects, coordinating volunteers, and educating the public about the unique ecology of Kenai Peninsula river systems and the salmon lifecycle. This position will spend 65% of the time in the field with most of that time working directly with the public. The rest of the time will include a diverse set of duties from projects around the office, processing program data, to helping draft reports or other written content. The main goal of this position is to increase public involvement in protecting healthy waterways and to provide support to volunteers that make Stream Watch such an impactful program. The Stream Watch Intern will play a role in achieving program success and will be given increasing independence throughout the season. Interns will have the opportunity to engage with the KWF’s other programs and events through water quality, invasive species, and education programs.

### **Intern Responsibilities:**

- Support the development and implementation of volunteer-based river protection projects in conjunction with land managers and supervisory staff (ex. beach/river clean-ups, educational booths, installation and management of habitat fencing and monofilament collection tubes, some trail work, etc)
- Aid in hands-on river restoration projects to rebuild vital salmon habitat
- Provide effective on-river peer-to-peer education to the general public to increase awareness of impacts on important salmon habitat, site-specific rules and regulations, and Leave No Trace principles
- Assist with the recruitment, training and support of volunteers to increase program breadth and effectiveness across designated Kenai Peninsula sites
- Monitor, survey, and report on conservation/recreational properties in the local area
- Other duties as assigned with possible crossover into other departments

### **Intern Qualifications:**

- Excellent professional communication and interpersonal skills
- Strong interest and ability to effectively work directly with the general public
- Ability to work outdoors and walk 2+ miles and have the physical skills to perform restoration activities involving lifting (50lbs), bending, digging, working with tools, etc.
- Preferred experience working with volunteers of various backgrounds/ages or experience as a volunteer
- Experience in environmental education, communications, marketing, customer service, restoration ecology and/or natural resource/cultural interpretation is a plus
- Compliance with Kenai Watershed Forum, program and partner policies and procedures
- Willingness and flexibility to work weekends and evenings
- Comfort working outside in bear country for multiple hours in varied weather and terrain