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Protecting Alaska's Cook Inlet watershed and the life it sustains

About the Author

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About Cook Inlet Keeper

Cook Inlet Keeper is a citizen-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting Alaska's Cook Inlet watershed and the life it sustains. Keeper represents several hundred members including commercial and sport fishermen, scientists, educators, Alaska Natives, and conservationists who care about the future of Cook Inlet. Keeper uses a watershed-based approach toward conservation, which embraces the connections between the land, the rivers, and the sea, and views each of these ecosystems as interconnected parts of one great watershed. Keeper combines citizen-based water quality monitoring, computer mapping, technical research, and grassroots advocacy to protect Cook Inlet habitat and water quality. Cook Inlet Keeper is a member of the Waterkeeper Alliance – headed by Bobby Kennedy, Jr. -- which includes more than 130 other local waterkeeper programs. Cook Inlet Keeper has a headquarters office in Homer, Alaska, with an additional office in Anchorage. For more information, visit www.inletkeeper.org