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Newsletter for Kachemak Heritage Land Trust

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Marie McCarty  
Executive Director

Alaska maintains a wonderful mix of people living in close proximity to wildlife. Moose calve in our yards and on trails we walk, and they wander across our roads. Birds nest in our forests and bears roam in our woods. It is in part because of unexpected encounters with wildlife that we love this place.

In the dead of winter a few years back, a lynx wandered by our in-town, office across our driveway and uphill toward Pioneer Avenue. Our staff shifted from window to window to watch. Of course, we promptly posted a photo of the sleek lynx on Facebook, receiving many likes, as it was shared multiple times. It is a thrill to witness encounters like this because it is such a rarity for much of the world.

It is an honor to work for an organization dedicated to preserving the irreplaceable fish and wildlife habitat that is a defining characteristic of the Kenai Peninsula. KHLT's lasting conservation work is a gift for those that follow us. I hope that you will continue to support our important work and help us leave a proud legacy for future generations.

Marie McCarty  
Executive Director



## Farewell to Jeanette

**KHLT** would like to thank Jeanette Cormier for her time as our Accounting and Grants Manager this past year. "Jeanette brought to KHLT a love of numbers, wonderful attention to detail, and great warmth from her personality. She will be missed," says President Sam Means. We are excited for Jeanette's new adventure as she joins the team at Homer Electric Association. They are lucky to have her – congratulations Jeanette! ✨



Jeanette Cormier  
Accounting and Grants Manager

## Cover Photo

Kachemak Bay Research Reserve staff Jacob Margueta and SeaGrant Fellow Amy Kirkham on a search for baby salmon during a Fish Need Land Too field trip in Anchor Point.

# Changing Tides

## KHLT Welcomes New Staff, Board and Committee Members

**KHLT's** staff, board and committees play an important role in helping move us forward in our conservation goals. We value the time and energy each member invests in our organization. In 2019, the baton has been passed from one amazing person to the next – we honor each of you.

### KHLT Staff

**Heather Brinster**, our new Accounting and Grants Manager was born and raised in Alaska. Her roots in land stewardship go back to her G'wich'n (Alaskan Athabascan native) ancestry. After earning an economics degree from the University of Alaska – Fairbanks, she moved to Homer. Over the past 30 years, Heather has worked as a clam digger, on fishing boats, land surveying, fish plant manager, peony farmer, and land appraiser for the State of Alaska. And along the way, while raising four boys, also squeezing in as much of the bounty of Alaska as she can, skiing, fishing, camping, hiking, sailing, and caring for her two German shepherds. ✧



Heather Brinster  
Accounting and Grants  
Manager

**Amanda Kelly**, who has been a KHLT volunteer since 2017, joined our team May to mid-November as our summer Communications and Development Assistant. Amanda grew up in the suburbs of Atlanta and spent a few years in Florida before moving to Homer in 2016. Childhood family vacations were spent camping and hiking in the southern Appalachians, instilling in her a love of wilderness from an early age. Amanda is happiest in the woods and has an insatiable curiosity about the flora and fauna she encounters while exploring. Unexpected wildlife sightings and discovering interesting plants (especially edible!) brings her great joy and motivates her drive to preserve and protect wild places. When she's not out on trails or at the beach with her dog Otto, Amanda is painting, reading, cooking, or adventuring with her partner John. ✧



Amanda Kelly  
Communications and  
Development Assistant

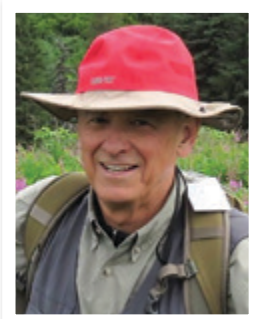
### Board of Directors

**Hannah Bradley** has filled a board seat since the end of 2018 and has picked up the important role as Board Secretary through 2019. Hannah first worked with KHLT in the summer of 2012 as a Conservation Intern and has been an enthusiastic supporter of KHLT ever since. Born and raised in Homer, she earned her B.A. in Human Biology from Scripps College in Claremont, California then lived and worked in France and Morocco before returning to the U.S. Hannah is currently working on her PhD in Cultural Anthropology from Princeton University. ✧



Hannah Bradley  
Board of Directors

**Colonel Bernard "Bernie" F. Griffard, U.S. Army Retired** has served on KHLT's Land and Easement Committee since 2016 and has filled a Board seat since September. After 22 years as an Associate Professor at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Bernie and Honey Griffard moved to Homer in 2015. Prior to joining the U.S. Army War College faculty, Bernie spent 28 years as a career Army Infantry officer serving in the Republic of Vietnam, Korea, Germany, Berlin, Belgium, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and various posts in the United States.



Colonel Bernard "Bernie"  
F. Griffard  
U.S. Army Retired  
Board of Directors

Bernie holds a Bachelor's degree from Loyola University Chicago, and a Master's degree from the University of Miami, Florida. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. ✧

## Honoring Marian

Marian Beck joined the KHLT Board of Directors in November of 1994 and retired at the end of 2018 as our longest serving Board member. Marian helped to lead us through multiple preservation projects, including the acquisition of the Poopdeck office property, our home in the heart of downtown Homer. When Marian joined the Board, KHLT had 990 acres of protected land through ownership or conservation easements. At the end of 2018, KHLT had protected 3,362 acres and helped other organizations protect many more acres across the Kenai Peninsula. Marian's keen business sense consistently brought a voice to the organization to keep us mindful of the bottom line while doing great conservation projects.



Marian Beck  
Former Board of Directors

Board President, Sam Means, said, "When I joined the board in 2009, Marian became a mentor. I looked to her to understand the culture of KHLT, its history and how to build a robust and thriving land conservation business. Her many contributions in many different forms continue to guide KHLT to this day. I am personally very grateful for her help along the way."

We are very fortunate to have had Marian's profound personal perspective on our Board to help guide our organization. "Marian has been a wonderful, supportive and steady voice on the KHLT Board," Marie McCarty, Executive Director said. "Her generosity, vision, organizational memory, and wonderful talents have brought a great deal to KHLT. I truly appreciate Marian's many years of Board service." ✦

## Poopdeck's Cabin Gets an Update!

KHLT's office has called Poopdeck Platt's cabin home for more than 17 years. With expanding conservation projects and continually growing acreage under the Land Trust's care, KHLT's small cabin in the heart of Homer has been filled beyond capacity. Thanks to honorary staff member Cathi Purington, a renovation of the interior took place this summer. As the lead on the project, Cathi worked hard and got it done! Not only did she research, organize, design, and recruit volunteers, she also shared her exceptional woodworking skills – what seems to be a skill shared throughout the Purington family. With the help of Cathi's friends and family (including her dad, Richard Purington), KHLT's President Sam Means, and volunteer Tracy Belieu who did the electrical work,

## Farewell and Thank You

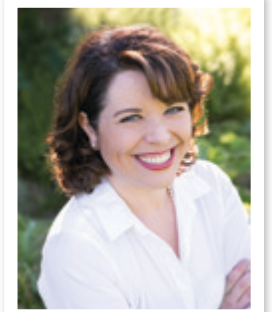
KHLT wants to thank Hannah Heimbuch for her time spent on KHLT's Board of Directors. Hannah joined the Board in 2014 where she served as Secretary and Chair of the Development Committee. During her time on the Board, she left her mark in many ways, such as being the brainchild of our current outreach initiative Fish Need Land Too, and helping to forge new relationships with individuals and organizations in the commercial fishing industry. "Hannah has been a wonderful addition to the board. She gifted the board with an elegant talent to get right down to the heart of an issue and take the long view for the way forward. I learned a lot from Hannah," states Board President Sam Means. Thank you, Hannah! ✦



Hannah Heimbuch  
Former Board of Directors

## Congratulations

Katie Jo Gamble stepped down from KHLT's Land and Easement Committee to focus on family and their new baby boy. Katie Jo has served on our Land and Easement Committee since 2016. Thank you, Katie Jo! ✦



Katie Jo Gamble Former  
Land and Easement Committee

a beautiful wall unit was built and installed to help with office organization. Other updates include new and refinished floors sponsored by Marian Beck, a refurbished conference table completed by Ed Murphy, and new paint thanks to volunteer Rich Chiappone. Also, a big shout out to the members of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) who helped with moving office furnishings out and then back in. Thanks to everyone who has assisted with this project – what a team! ✦



USCG Linzi Hargraves, KHLT staff Marie McCarty, Jeanette Cormier, Courtney Dodge, KHLT Board President Sam Means, USCG Gary Bullock, Steve Hirsch, Aaron Ray, KHLT staff Lauren Rusin, and USCG Edward "Kahi" Kaaua



Ptargamin P Trails staff builds phase 1 of KHLT's Universal Poopdeck Community Park Trail

## Poopdeck Community Trail

**KHLT** purchased Poopdeck Platt's cabin and almost 3.5 acres in the heart of Homer from his family estate in 2002. The goal of the purchase was to offer KHLT new office space and to create a community park. Today, KHLT is in the process of building an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible trail across KHLT's property, and with the City's expressed permission, the adjacent land owned by the City of Homer. Although there is a bit more work to do to make the trail ADA-ready, the first phase of trail construction is complete, thanks to Ptargamin Trails, LLC. Ptarmigan P Trails is a Northwest-based trail construction company and proud member of the nationally recognized Professional Trail Builders Association. Interpretive signage, a viewing platform, and ADA parking are all in the plans for later phases of the project.

KHLT has been working with the City of Homer, the Homer Independent Living Center, and Alaska State Parks, and worked with the National Park Service's Recreational Trails program and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to build the trail. Stay tuned as this wonderful community project develops. ✧



The first phase of KHLT's new Americans with Disabilities Act accessible trail is complete



Stewardship Coordinator Courtney Dodge using KHLT's new digital monitoring system out in the field

## Stewardship Staff Welcomes New Technology

**T**his season, stewardship of KHLT properties entered the 21st century. Stewardship Coordinator Courtney Dodge can be seen above in action using the new field tablet. KHLT staff partnered with the Great Land Trust and volunteer GIS experts to implement a new digital monitoring system that has greatly helped the consistency and efficiency of the annual monitoring process. But they still carry a good old-fashioned notepad and GPS... just in case. ✧



KHLT's newly acquired property on the Anchor River has over 1,000 feet of streambank

## Anchor River: Additional Salmon Habitat Protected

**KHLT** was awarded an Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund grant to increase the size of protected salmon rearing and spawning habitat on the Anchor River by purchasing a five-acre parcel near 55 acres of permanently protected KHLT owned land. This acquisition furthers KHLT efforts to conserve properties along this corridor of the Anchor River in perpetuity. The property contains both sides of the river with more than 1,000 feet of streambank and an island. The streambank contains downed logs and gravel beds which provide important shelter, shade, and resting places for salmon, Dolly Varden, and steelhead.

Based upon thermal imagery mapping completed by Cook Inletkeeper, the property is adjacent to multiple coldwater inputs. Coldwater inputs from springs and seeps are critical to the survival of salmon and other fish species and will increase in importance as temperatures continue to warm. Because the river is non-glacially fed, it is especially vulnerable to increasing temperatures due to climate change.

The protection of this important spawning and rearing habitat will serve as a valuable addition to the overall health of the salmon and steelhead population in the Anchor River for generations to come. ✦



KHLT's Stariski Estuary

## Stariski Estuary Transfer Complete

**E**arlier this year, KHLT received a 73-acre property near the mouth of Stariski Creek for permanent protection. The property was transferred to KHLT from The Conservation Fund. This portion of Stariski Creek, known as Stariski Estuary, will never be developed or subdivided, and will instead be preserved for fish and wildlife habitat, as well as hiking, wildlife viewing, and fishing access. ✦

### What is an Estuary?

An estuary is the tidal mouth of a river, where the tide meets the stream. Estuaries are some of the most important habitats in the world harboring unique communities of plants and animals, due in part to the mixing of fresh and saltwater. The Land Trust now owns approximately 400 acres on Stariski Creek, permanently protected for its valuable salmon habitat. The estuary parcel also contains habitat important to bear, moose, lynx, and migratory birds, among other species. Anglers frequently fish for salmon on this newly acquired property.



SeaGrant Fellow Amy Kirkham displays juvenile salmon during a Fish Need Land Too field trip

## Fish Need Land Too!

Witnessing salmon firsthand in their terrestrial habitat is an amazing experience. For many, the land side of salmon's life cycle is unknown. KHLT and Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (KBNERR) offer their collaborative Fish Need Land Too program to try to change that. "When people see baby salmon in tiny streams and backwater channels, it becomes quite clear how fish need land to survive. It's eye-opening and amazing how salmon are all around us," explains Denise Jantz, KHLT's Communications and Development Manager.

This year, KHLT staff and biologists from the KBNERR were honored to offer a community field trip where a small group of community members trekked into the field to discover how healthy habitat directly benefits salmon at all life stages. The program helps demonstrate how KHLT's land conservation efforts help provide room and board for juvenile fish.

Biologist Steve Baird and Research Assistant Jacob Argueta conducted a demonstration of electrofishing to show us how they catch baby salmon in small streams where you'd never expect to find them. Watershed Ecologist Coowe Walker talked about the surprisingly extensive habitat needs of juvenile salmon and the importance of land conservation to make sure this habitat remains intact and healthy.



KBNERR Watershed Ecologist Coowe Walker and Fish Need Land Too participant George Matz

A second trip took place when Amy Kirkham, a SeaGrant Fellow working in Senator Lisa Murkowski's office, was able to join us. According to Amy, "I got a new perspective on a familiar landscape after netting two juvenile Coho on the Fish Need Land Too trip. The hands-on experience was powerful, and now when I see peatlands, I think of salmon." ✦







Aerial view of the Fish Need Land Too field trip site in Anchor Point. Yes, this is salmon habitat! photo © KBNERR



HoWL repairing Calvin and Coyle Nature Trail

## HoWL

**H**omer Wilderness Leaders (HoWL) spent a few beautiful days this summer working hard to complete some much-needed repairs on our Calvin and Coyle Nature Trail. With funding through a Recreational Trails Program grant from the State of Alaska, the HoWL DiRtBaG (Discount Rates for Boys and Girls) scholarship participants replaced rotting sections of boardwalk through wetland areas and cleared brush for a safer and more welcoming trail experience. We appreciate the hard work of HoWL to educate youth about the conservation of wild and recreational lands while encouraging a lifetime of stewardship and appreciation of our treasured Alaskan wilderness. Thanks for helping, HoWL – see you on the trail! ✨



KHLT's Cutting Preserve property overlooks Kachemak Bay

## Forever Wild

**T**he 30-acre Cutting Preserve, owned by KHLT, is on the northern slope of the Sterling Highway on Baycrest Hill in Homer. This property was generously donated to KHLT by the George W. Cutting Revocable Trust for both habitat protection and for its sale with a restricted area to generate funds for KHLT.

KHLT has owned this property since 2004, and at the end of 2018, the KHLT Board of Directors determined, after consulting with the Cutting family, that it would be best preserved as a whole conservation unit and owned by KHLT rather than sold.

KHLT requested and was granted a Community Purposes Exemption by the Kenai Peninsula Borough after recording a restrictive covenant to limit the current and future use of the property to conserve habitat, and shall remain "forever wild" with no improvements other than the potential for items such as paths, signage and other items consistent with preserving the property's conservation values. Thanks to the Cutting family for their wonderful contribution of this beautiful piece of land! ✨



New habitat-focused sign

## New Baby Salmon Habitat Sign

**KHLT's** Baby Salmon Live Here program welcomes a new habitat-focused sign designed by Cook Inletkeeper which compliments the original. The new sign offers educational information on healthy salmon habitat. Keep a look out for them, they will often be paired together across the Peninsula. Currently you can find both together on the Anchor River, Deep Creek, Ninilchik River, and in the City of Seward with specific language for the Resurrection Bay area.



Original sign

Baby Salmon Live Here is a positive outreach program that includes installing these special signs in unsuspecting places where baby salmon live. The goal of the initiative is to encourage good stewardship of important salmon habitat and increase conservation support. ✨



Future Sutton, Anna Van Buskirk, KHLT staff Courtney Dodge, KHLT Board member Hannah Bradley, KHLT summer staff Amanda Kelly

## Spruce Tips for Beer!

Volunteers and Land Trust staff spent an evening in early June picking spruce tips at KHLT's Cutting Property to be used for Kenai River Brewing Company's Spruce Tip Double IPA. Proceeds from beer sales support our Stewardship Program, which oversees the permanent protection of properties under our care. ✨



## Baby Salmon Live Here

Believe it or not, salmon live in a ditch behind this fence! Pictured in this photo are retired Alaska Railroad staff Jack Goodwell, Port Manager Christy Terry, and Assistant Port Manager Dwayne Atwood with a recently installed Baby Salmon Live Here sign. The sign is next to the railroad tracks at the Train Depot facing the pedestrian tunnel in Seward. Keep an eye out for these signs across the Kenai Peninsula! They serve as a reminder that baby salmon live far upstream, in the tiniest tributaries, and across wetlands where you may not expect to find them. Habitat is all around us, which is why land conservation plays a key role in the future of salmon and wildlife on the Peninsula. ✨



Laura Lofgren Barton on their Diamond Ridge Homestead in 1956



Dominique M. Collet, author and illustrator

## Homestead Kids, Sharing Stories of Our Past

**KHLT** recognizes the importance of connecting with our community roots by sharing stories of our past. Stories help highlight how our area on the Peninsula led to the vital communities we are today. On December 12, 2019, KHLT will be proud to hold a third Homestead Kids program at Islands and Ocean Visitor Center featuring Steve Walli and Laura Lofgren Barton. There have been two in the series so far; Homestead Kids: Tales from the End of the Road held in December 2017, and Homestead Kids: Tales from the North Fork in 2018. More than 100 people attended both story-sharing events. 2017 Kids included Mairiis Kilcher, Jane Middleton, Jeff Middleton, and Chris Rainwater. 2018 Kids included Terry Epperson Harrington, Mary Haakenson Perry, Al Poindexter, and Joyce Anderson Turkington. Joyce commented on our pre-event get-togethers, "It wasn't a practice for me, it was a reconnection." ✧

### Reflection on the Homesteading Process

"One step at a time: literally—footsteps turn to trails, then to roads, and then to asphalt highways. Homestead cabins evolve into towns and then to cities. We must work together to face the new challenge of preserving wilderness—for the health of the planet so that the babies of today will draw happy memories from wilderness tomorrow."

**JANE MIDDLETON, HOMESTEAD KID**

## In the Neighborhood – Dominique Collet

**D**ominique M. Collet, author and illustrator, is a neighbor of KHLT, living near our Poopdeck property in Homer. KHLT staff met Dominique as he walked the neighborhood and Poopdeck Trail. One day in 2017, Dominique stopped by our office with several of his amazing nature illustrations. Although he illustrates many subjects such as flowers, plants, and animals, the drawings he carried with him that day featured those involving the "willow rose" and the insects that cause them. A willow rose is created when a small fly, known as a gall midge, burrows into the upper stalk of a willow. This causes the leaves to grow disformed, creating a growth that looks like a rose. His illustrations are remarkable.

Dominique moved to Sterling, Alaska from Belgium, Germany in 1978 where he worked as a carpenter for 25 years. He has three children and moved to Homer five years ago to be closer to his daughter Crystal. Although he has no professional art or scientific training or schooling, Dominique has written and illustrated various publications used by researchers, agencies, and curious individuals across Alaska and beyond.

Because of a strong erosion problem, the Kenai Watershed Forum commissioned Dominique to write a guide to help identify willows that would be best used in riverbank restoration. In 2003, *Willows of Southcentral Alaska* was published. He also wrote and illustrated *Insects of Southcentral Alaska*. Both field guides are available through the Kenai Watershed Forum's website, [KenaiWatershed.org](http://KenaiWatershed.org). ✧



The view from the late Toby Tyler's donated tradeland property located east of Homer. KHLT sold the property in 2019 with a conservation easement in place, protecting the property's important wildlife habitat forever. photo © Wild North Photography

## Leaving a Legacy with Tradelands

Giving a gift of a town lot, a small rural parcel, commercial property, or a single-family home; each of these is an example of what we call "tradeland." Tradeland is non-conservation property donated with the landowner's express permission to sell it to support KHLT's conservation work. In 2019, KHLT had three tradeland properties change hands. Each property was an incredible gift to the Land Trust, helping us fulfill our mission to conserve treasured lands on the Kenai Peninsula forever.

A tradeland donation may provide significant tax benefits to the donor and relief from the expense and responsibility of managing the property. If you're interested in donating a tradeland property to KHLT, please email [info@kachemaklandtrust.org](mailto:info@kachemaklandtrust.org) or call (907) 235-5263. ✧



The late Dale Bondurant at his donated tradeland property on the Kenai River. KHLT sold the property in 2019 with a conservation easement in place, protecting the property's important salmon habitat forever photo © Wild North Photography



Marilyn Kay Johnson and the late Ralph Van Dusseldorp's donated tradeland property on Beaver Creek in Soldotna. photo © Mark Pierson

*Thank you to our generous sponsors for supporting Open Spaces and Wild Places, our 18th Annual Gala.*



Alaska Wildland Adventures



Land at Heart Award winner Ed Berg assisting KHLT out in the field

## KHLT's Land at Heart and Annual Gala

This year's KHLT's annual Gala, Open Spaces and Wild Places, was extra special. We celebrate the Land Trust's 30th anniversary and KHLT's Board of Directors was honored to present Ed Berg with our 6th annual Land at Heart Award. This award recognizes members of our communities "for distinguished contributions to land conservation on the Kenai Peninsula." The festive event was held on October 12

at Wasabi's Bistro. The evening included a fabulous pig roast, live music by the Spit City Slickers, live and silent auctions with auctioneer extraordinaire Gary Thomas, and more! We want to thank all our friends, neighbors, participating individuals, volunteers, businesses and Gala sponsors who helped make it a night to remember. ✦



## 30th Anniversary Celebration

**KHLT** celebrated its 30th anniversary during the annual Open Spaces and Wild Places event on October 12, 2019. A cake helped highlight the Land Trust's anniversary. ✦



## Pick.Click.Give.

**P**ick.Click.Give. is a fantastic way for Alaskans to support their favorite non-profit organizations by donating part of their permanent fund dividend (PFD). Please consider KHLT when applying for your 2020 PFD! ✦



## Boots-on-the-Ground

Each year the Land Trust has Boots-on-the-Ground Experiences, inviting our friends and neighbors to join us for walks and hikes on KHLT protected lands. In this photo in late July, participants join Nina Faust for an Inspiration Ridge Trail Hike off East Skyline in Homer. In June, we also had Birding by Ear with Betsy Webb which takes place on our Calvin and Coyle Nature Trail. These events offer guided opportunities to visit lands that your support helps protect – we look forward to having you join us in 2020! ✨



## Volunteers Rock!

Volunteers are incredibly important to our conservation work. Above, volunteer Dana Nelson helps monitor some of KHLT’s protected properties during our 2019 season.

If you’re interested in volunteering out in the field, email us at [info@kachemaklandtrust.org](mailto:info@kachemaklandtrust.org) or visit our website at [kachemaklandtrust.org](http://kachemaklandtrust.org). ✨



Nancy Wise, Hawaii Raffle winner Aleda Yourden, Kiki Abrahamson, Sarah Roberston

## Hawaii Raffle Winner!

Congratulations to Homer’s Aleda Yourden, winner of our 2019 Hawaii Raffle! The trip for two includes six nights lodging on the Big Island in Kona, a luxury fishing charter, a snorkel adventure and a \$1,000 unrestricted Alaska Airlines gift certificate. Wow, what a prize!

Thank you to our raffle donors; Nancy Whitmore for lodging at her Garden Getaway vacation rental, award winning Topshape fishing charters, and Sea Quest Hawaii. Thank you to The Homer Bookstore and Homer Saw & Cycle for raffle and Gala ticket sales. ✨



Claire Waxman of Homer Saw & Cycle shows off the fat tire bike she donated to auction off at our 2019 annual Gala this fall

**KHLT** wants to thank Development Committee member Claire Waxman from Homer Saw & Cycle for her incredible generosity supporting our work. Claire not only donates her time, but also contributes to our Gala, and supplies field equipment and outdoor attire for our Stewardship staff. She is also the one who consistently sells the most raffle tickets to our annual Big Ticket raffle! ✨



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## **KHLT and YOU**

We invite you to join us in preserving treasured lands on the Kenai Peninsula for the future.

By working together, we make a difference!

– *The KHLT Board and Staff*



Festival attendees show off their KHLT I Love Baby Salmon stickers during the 2019 Kenai River Fest in Soldotna

Consider giving ahead to future generations by including the Land Trust in your estate plans.