

**Copper River Watershed Baseline Assessment**, (Copper River Watershed ),  
Copper River Watershed Project (CRWP), \$63,499

The Copper River watershed is a priority water for protection, with water quality being a primary concern. The Copper River Watershed is used for anadromous fish spawning and rearing, subsistence, and recreation. The FishWatch Planning Team, an inter-jurisdictional partnership of state and federal agencies, non-profits, Tribes, and the CRWP will develop a strategy and work plan for conducting a coordinated habitat baseline assessment of the Copper River watershed and continue baseline water quality monitoring. Information gathered on habitat and water quality on tributaries to the Copper River will be provided to state agencies to identify water quality, quantity and habitat status and prioritize for future action, if necessary. This project will also address a statewide stewardship priority by assembling, from existing models, stream protection guidelines for landowners. In addition, it will work help assess Trout Lake. Contact Kristin Smith, 907-424-3334.