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FINALISTS SELECTED IN 16TH ANNUAL “CARING FOR THE KENAI” PROGRAM...

Kenai, March 27, 2006 – From more than 400 entries submitted in this year’s Caring For the Kenai (CFK) environmental and disaster preparedness awareness contest, a panel of eight judges from the professional community has selected twelve Kenai Peninsula Borough high school students to compete for over \$16,000 in cash awards in the oral presentation phase of the CFK program sponsored by Agrium and Chevron.

From more than 400 entries less than 100 made it to the semi-finalist round of judging. All semi-finalist entries will be on display this Saturday April 1st at Gottschalks in Soldotna.

The CFK competition offers cash awards to the best twelve proposals addressing the prompt, “What can I do, invent, or create to better care for the environment on the Kenai Peninsula, or to improve the area’s preparedness for a natural disaster?” Participating schools this year included Kenai, Nikiski, Soldotna, Hope, Ninilchik, and several home school students. “This is an amazing program and it was an honor to be part of the proposal judging this year and help choose the final twelve,” said Lt. Steve Bear of the Alaska State Troopers Wildlife Enforcement.

The educational partnership is part of the KPBSD science curriculum. Each year Chevron, Agrium and the Kenai River Sportfishing Assoc. grant \$500 cash to schools assigning the project to offset classroom expenses or to purchase needed supplies or equipment. The remainder of the \$10,000 in CFK grants is divided up proportionately to participating schools based on where the school’s students place in the final oral presentation competition.

In addition to the recognition and prizes that go to the 12 finalists each year, CFK has a semi-finalist award program that includes over 30 sponsors that award special recognition prizes to entries of the sponsor’s selection.

All judging is done anonymously with the student’s name and school not being revealed until after the final oral presentations. CFK final oral presentations will be held at the Kenai High School Little Theatre Friday, April 21st at 6:00pm. Again this year’s competition will be streamed live over the internet by Soldotna High School technology students. The feed will be available at www.caringforthekenai.com. Complete details and history of the CFK program are available at www.caringforthekenai.com.