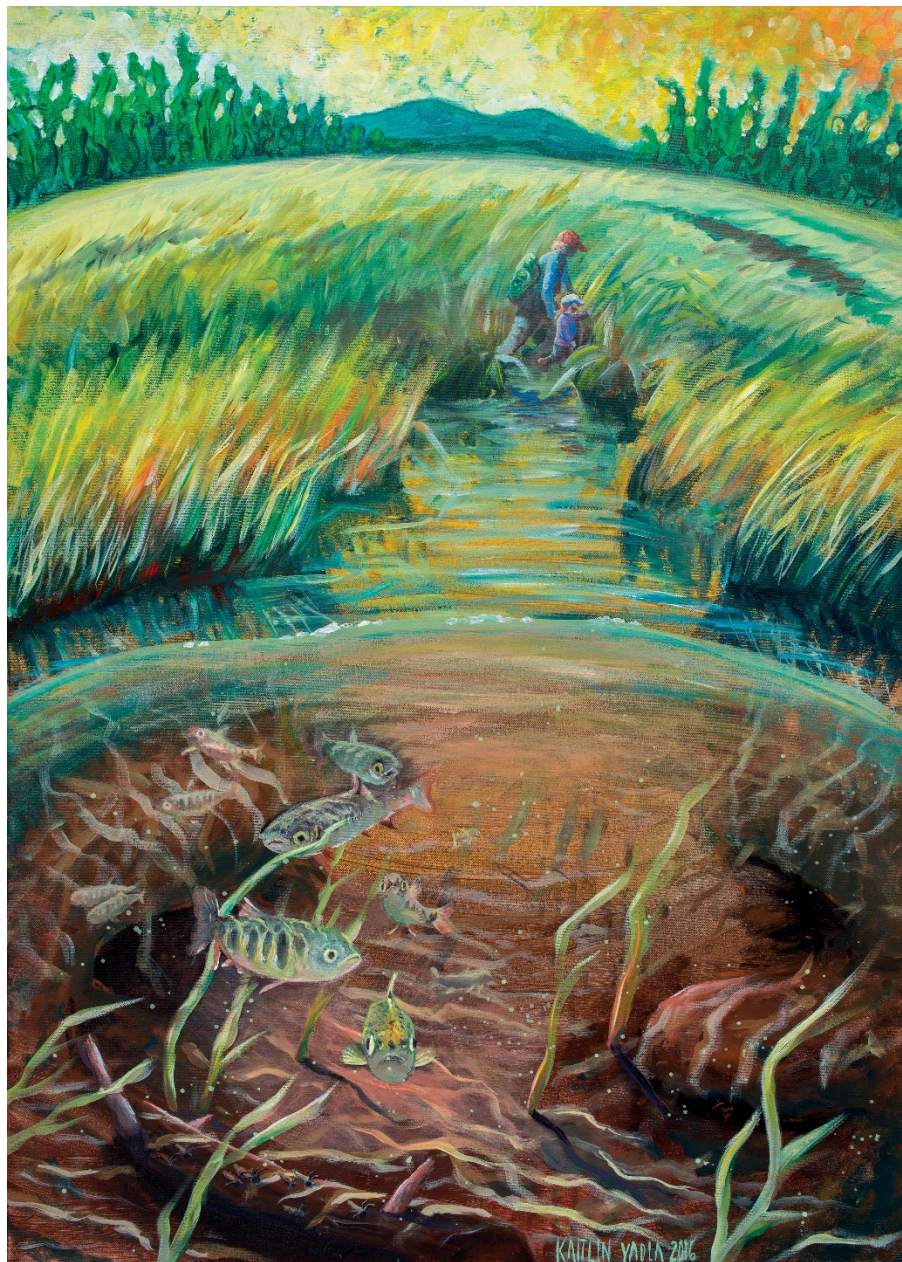
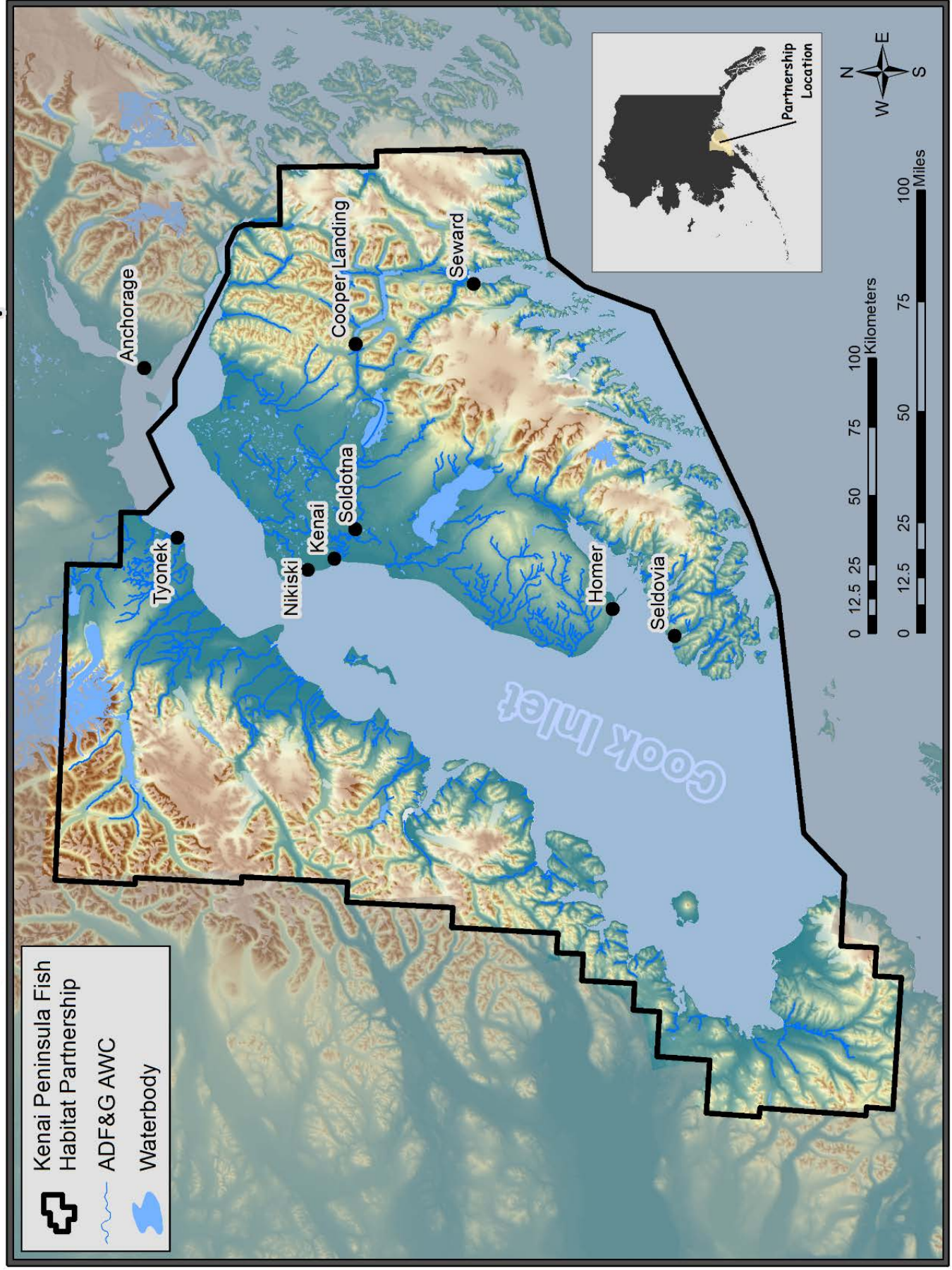


Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership SYMPOSIUM

April 18, 2019 • Cannery Lodge • Kenai, AK



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Home is Where the Habitat Is

Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership Science Symposium

Welcome!

The Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership would like to welcome you to their fourth biennial Science Symposium! Thank you for choosing to join us for a day of interaction and collaboration focused on habitat of the Kenai Peninsula.

In January 2010, The KPFHP was approved as a recognized Fish Habitat Partnership. The Partnership became the 15th regional fish habitat partnership in the U.S. and the 3rd recognized partnership in Alaska. The KPFHP works closely with the other Alaska Partnerships: Mat Su Basin Salmon Partnership, Southwest Alaska Fish Habitat Partnership, Southeast Alaska Fish Habitat Partnership, Western Native Trout Initiative and Pacific Lamprey Partnership.

The geographic area covered by the KPFHP follows that of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. This includes approximately 25,000 square miles, encompassing 14 major watersheds, over 20,000 miles of stream habitat as well as more than 350,000 acres of wetland habitat.

Purpose: To create and foster effective collaborations to maintain healthy fish, healthy people, healthy habitat, and healthy economies in the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Mission: To protect, maintain, restore and enhance fish habitat.

Vision: For future generations to have healthy, sustainable fish and aquatic ecosystems.

We hope you enjoy the Symposium! KPFHP

The KPFHP Steering Committee

Erika Ammann, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Brian Blossom, Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game (ADF&G)
Christy Cincotta, Tyonek Tribal Conservation District (TTCD)
Adam Cross, USDA Forest Service, Chugach National Forest
Kyle Graham, US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Marcus Mueller, Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB)
Coowe Walker, Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (KBNERR)

Branden Bornemann, Kenai Watershed Forum (KWF), KPFHP Coordinator

April 18 – Thursday

8:30 am – 9:00 am: Registration and Check-In

9:00 am – 9:30 am: Welcome and Introduction

Branden Bornemann - Kenai Watershed Forum/Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership

9:30 am – 10:45 am: Partnership Presentations

9:30 am – 9:45 am: Alice Main, KWF – Stream Watch Coordinator
“25 years of Volunteers making a difference on the Kenai Peninsula”

9:45 am – 10:00 am: Lucas Byker, ADF&G – Habitat Biologist
“Zinc in the Kenai- Impacts to Freshwater Organisms and Mitigation Case Studies”

10:00 am – 10:15 am: Katherine Schake, Kenai Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area/Homer Soil and Water Conservation District – Coordinator/Natural Resource Specialist
“Summary of Invasive Weed Management on the Kenai Peninsula: Collaboration in Early Detection & Rapid Response”

10:15 am – 10:30 am: Chris Guo, UAF Graduate Student and KBNERR Research Technician
“Estuarine Fish Studies in the Kachemak Bay Region”

10:30 am – 10:45 am: Nicole Swenson, TTCD – Conservation Director
“TTCD Invasive Species Management Update”

10:45 am – 11:00 am: Break

11:00 am – 12:15 pm: Partnership Presentations

11:00 am – 11:15 am: Marcus Mueller, KPB – Land Management Officer
“Views of a Land Manager”

11:15 am – 11:30 am: Nancy Sonafrank, DEC – Program Manager for Water Quality Standards, Assessment and Restoration and Sarah Apsens, DEC – Environmental Program Specialist
“Kenai Water Quality Assessment and DEC’s Integrated Report”

11:30 am – 11:45 am: Leah Ellis, ADF&G – Habitat Biologist and Kevin Keith, ADF&G – Habitat Biologist
“Instream Flow Reservations on the Kenai Peninsula”

11:45 am – 12:00 pm: Coowe Walker, KBNERR Manager and Lead Watershed Ecologist and Jacob Argueta, KBNERR Research Technician
“Salmon and People in the Kenai Lowlands: Communicating science to decision-makers”

12:00 pm – 12:15 pm: John Morton, USFWS Kenai National Wildlife Refuge – Lead Supervisory Biologist
“Resisting, Accepting or Directing Change: A new way to think about climate adaptation”

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch Break – food provided by Lucy’s Market

April 18 – Thursday continued

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: Keynote Address

Sue Mauger, Cook Inletkeeper and Dr. Kristin Mitchell

“Homeward Bound: A voyage to Antarctica, traveling with women scientists from around the world to catalyze change: lessons learned and key takeaways.”

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm: Break

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Roundtable topic discussions – 15 minutes per topic

Topic #1 / Group A: KPFHP Marine Conservation Action Plan

Facilitator: Erika Ammann

Topic #2 / Group B: KPFHP Freshwater Conservation Action Plan

Facilitator: Brian Blossom

Topic #3 / Group C: Communications and Outreach

Facilitator: Branden Bornemann

Topic #4 / Group D: Partnerships

Facilitator: Christy Cincotta

Topic #5 / Group E: Thinking outside the box

Facilitator: Marcus Mueller

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm: Roundtable topic wrap-up

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Wild and Scenic Films, Drinks and food available from the Cannery Lodge

SYRCL’s Wild & Scenic Films inspire environmental action and a love for nature—through film. Wild & Scenic shares an urgent call to action, encouraging people to learn more about what they can do to save our threatened planet.

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm: Stay and socialize at the private Cannery Lodge VIP Room overlooking the Kenai River estuary! Drinks and food available from the Cannery Lodge.