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Subject: Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership Steering Committee Meeting

Date and Time: April 5, 2021, 2 pm – 4 pm
Where: Virtual meeting
Call-in Information: See MS Teams info below
Completed by: Branden Bornemann, KPFHP Coordinator
Completed for: KPFHP Steering Committee

MEETING ACCESS INFORMATION VIA MS TEAMS:

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In attendance: Samantha Lopez (KPB), Tony Munter (ADFG), Michael Daigneault (USFWS), Sarah Apsens (ADEC), Jessica Johnson (ADFG), Katherine Schake (HSWCD), Erika Ammon, Adam Cross (USFS)

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Agenda
3. Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - a. March 1, 2021; beginning on page two
4. Guests
 - a. No guests scheduled
5. Coordinator Report
 - a. See additional notes following previous meeting minutes; page five
 - b. Discussion on Request for Proposals 2021
 - i. KWF has created an online submission form for 2021 proposals
 - ii. Discussion of role of match in determining regional funding priorities, and in meeting requirements of national legislation
 1. Input from Mike Daigneault: National FHP board is currently working to interpret national legislation regarding match. There is some flexibility. For example, do match requirements need to be fulfilled at each individual project level, or within each regional partnership, or nationwide?
 2. Question: can time and effort spent by legislators pursuing legislation be considered match? (recent example: HB 54)

3. Organizations less familiar with considering match may require some coaching to recognize match.
- iii. Proposed date for next meeting is May 10, 2021, 10:00 -12:00 PM in order to accommodate timeline for reviewing FY21 proposals.
 1. At this meeting, a final prioritized list of projects to fund for RFP FY21 will be generated by the group.
 2. List of projects to select from will be received by group only 3 days beforehand.
 3. Aim is to generate proposals up to a monetary amount proportional to funding available
 - a. Multi-year projects (phased) are welcomed and encouraged
 - b. Consider coordinating more submissions from state and federal partners
6. Old Business
 - a. Kachemak Bay Science Conference: March 15-18, 2021; page six
 - i. Most video presentations will be available as recordings later
 - ii. Preliminary event metrics:
 1. Over 30 hours of conference programming spread out over four days, including:
 2. 1,000 contact hours
 3. 48 pre-recorded science and conservation talks
 - b. Shared link to USFWS partner survey
 - c. Shared link to new KWF YouTube channel, five new KPFHP videos
7. New Business
 - a. FY21 funding update
 - i. See additional written notes from Branden Bornemann
 - b. FY22 (ACE Act transition year) RFP and funding update
 - i. See additional written notes from Branden Bornemann
8. Partner Reports (if time; if no time, updates can optionally be submitted in writing to coordinator for notes)
 - a. Did not get to this, see roundtable comments and MS Team meeting chat below
9. Action Items
 - a. List of proposals for RFP FY21 will be received by steering committee members for consideration by May 7, 2021.
10. Roundtable
 - a. See notes from chat below
 - b. Kyle Graham: restoration project funds available related to the Cooper Landing bypass
 - c. Discussion from Mike Daigneault re: global carbon markets and mitigation. Closer to being a financially and logistically feasible mitigation option, likely to be more pertinent to more organizations in the near future
 - d. Inquiry from Katherine Schake re: North Kenai Spur Road extension and opportunities to mitigate reed canary grass.

Next Meeting:

***KPFHP Steering Committee – Originally scheduled for May 3, 2021, 2 pm – 4 pm
PROPOSING DATE and TIME CHANGE to: May 10, 2021, 10am – 12pm (?)***

- ***New date and time was accepted by attendees present.***

Notes from MS Teams chat:

- Link to USFWS Partner Survey for conservation programs: https://qfreeaccountssjcl.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Nj7T9bcToOXqHI
- Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership - Habitat Media Project videos: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYUk0plq_IvIJ2Mldh3VAFq40fhWSJ5jI
- Sarah Apsens: Here is the 2020 Integrated Report info website: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/integrated-report/>, and <https://dec.alaska.gov/commish/public-notices/>
- UAF IAB Life Sciences Seminar April 9: <https://www.iab.uaf.edu/news/life-science-hour>