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*Working Together for Healthy Watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula*

## **Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

February 3, 2020

Call to order: 2:00 pm

Location: Kenai Watershed Forum, Soldotna

**Present:** Branden Bornemann – KWF, Brian Blossom -ADFG, Kyle Graham – USFWS, Jess Johnson – ADFG, Mike Daigneault -USFWS, Christy Cincotta--TTCD, Coowe Walker – KBNERR, Emily Munter-USFWS, Maggie Harings –KWF, Sarah Apsens –DEC, Peter Micciche –Senate

**Absent:** Adam Cross – USFS, Luke Byker –KPB, Marcus Mueller –KPB, Erika Ammann--NOAA

### Approved Agenda

Reminder: upcoming CAP update (B. Bornemann)

- Finalizing list in next few weeks

Speaker series update (B. Bornemann)

- First event went well: Rick Thoman, climate science, well-attended
- Next event: March 10<sup>th</sup> (geology)
- May switch April (Crooked Creek PIT tagging) and May (habitat presentations) in order to align habitat presentations with AK habitat task force

Alaska Habitat Task Force update (B. Bornemann)

- ~8 meetings; vote on items in June at assembly meeting if necessary
- Difficult to write a letter on behalf of KPFHP due to various partners involve-must have *everyone's* support; can write science-based, fact-based letter (M. Daigneault)
- Compile list of peer-reviewed articles (C. Walker)

KWF submitted comments on 2018 Int. Report (B. Bornemann)

Kachemak Bay + KPFHP science symposiums align in 2020 (B. Bornemann)

- Tentative dates: March 14-17, 2021 in Homer
- Feds will need to submit application for conference attendance approval (M. Daigneault)
- Potential workshop to coincide with symposium (E. Munter)

Partner updates

- B. Blossom—ADFG

- o AWC comment period through March 20
  - Contact Joe Gieffer with questions
- o Bill (199) introduced in House to establish application process for rearing/releasing salmon
- K. Graham
  - o CIK may not be eligible for federal funding in future
    - Not officially denied
    - Partners can individually write letter of support (M. Daigneault)
  - o KHLT seeking funding from Seward Community Foundation to establish plan for Salmon Creek Conservation Area in Seward
  - o Collaborating with E. Ammon: Seward Hwy (Moose Creek) culvert replacements
- C. Walker
  - o NOAA has economics training opportunity + blue carbon webinar (March 17<sup>th</sup>); will send further information to group
- C. Cincotta
  - o Culvert replacements out to bid; Salmon in the Classroom with ADFG
  - o Coordinating elodea task force in Anchorage
- S. Apsens
  - o 2018 Integrated Report comment period closed; DEC responding to comments by end of month
  - o 2021-2023 ACWA grant cycle upcoming
  - o Starting to work on 2020 Int. Report
- P. Micciche
  - o Discussed CoK dipnetting fee (split between state/muni)
- J. Johnson
  - o Streambank restoration workshop on Kenai Peninsula: May 13-14<sup>th</sup>

***Next Meeting: April 6, 2020; 2-4 pm***