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Working Together for Healthy Watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula

Subject: Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership Steering Committee Meeting

April 1, 2019

Call to order: 2:00 pm

Location: Kenai Watershed Forum, Soldotna

Present: Branden Bornemann – KWF, Brian Blossom -ADFG, Kyle Graham – USFWS, Marcus Mueller -KPB

Telephonic: Jess Johnson – ADFG, Adam Cross – USFS, Mike Daigneault -USFWS, Christy Cincotta-TTCD, Coowe Walker – KBNERR

Absent:, Emily Munter-USFWS, Erika Ammann (NOAA)

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Agenda
3. Minutes from Previous Meeting – March 4, 2019
4. Old Business
 - a. April 18, 2019 symposium – Please register!
 - i. Agenda
 1. Clarification was provided regarding presenters (Chris Guo, Jacob Argueta+Coowe Walker tandem presentation, Chris Holderine). Presentations, presenters were finalized.
 2. Mueller suggested providing a formatted note-taking sheet (who, what, where, etc...).
 3. Suggestion was made to include time at end of day to discuss the potential of the partnership and its future (Walker).
 - ii. Afternoon roundtables – need “chairs” to facilitate and take notes (10-15 min. sessions)
 - a. Discussed incorporation of ideas sourced from John Morton and Sue Mauger, Dr. Kristin Mitchell’s presentations into afternoon roundtable discussions (Graham, Walker).
 2. Marine CAP
 - a. Chair: Coowe Walker (tentative)
 3. Freshwater CAP
 - a. Chair: Brian Blossom
 4. Communications / Outreach
 - a. Discussed bringing to light smaller projects occurring throughout the area.
 - b. Chair: Branden Bornemann
 5. Partnerships within partnerships
 - a. Chair: Christy Cincotta (tentative)
 6. KPFHP – coordination within state/national work
 - a. Removed from agenda.

5. New Business

a. Multi-state Conservation Grant (AFWA via NFHP)

i. Kenai, Mat-Su and Southeast AK

1. Bornemann announced that these partnerships submitted a joint application for funding to further conduct outreach for partnerships.
2. Walker suggested researching National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERA) and the model they use to promote estuarine reserves nationwide.
3. Discussed parallels between origins of waterfowl associations and the models they function off of and the functionality of fish habitat partnerships (Mueller, Daigneault).

6. Action Items

- a. Reminder to register online (Bornemann).
- b. Formatted note-taking sheets will be provided at symposium.

7. Roundtable

- a. Daigneault will be hosting one-day Alaska fish habitat partnerships meeting next month (Graham).
- b. Walker announced that the Wakefield Symposium will be held in May at Captain Cook in Anchorage. Symposium serves as opportunity to learn about connecting commercial fishermen with current research.

Meeting adjourned: 3:08 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2019, 2p-4p at the Kenai Watershed Forum office in Soldotna