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**Subject: Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership Steering Committee
March, 2023 Meeting**

Date and Time: 1:00 PM March 6, 2023

Where: Donald E. Gilam River Center/Virtual Meeting (see end of document for Zoom link)

Completed by: Melissa Smith, KPFHP Coordinator

Completed for: KPFHP Steering Committee

1. Call to Order 1:00pm
 2. Approve Agenda
 3. Minutes from Previous Meeting - Yes
 4. Coordinator Report
 - a. 2023 Science Symposium update
 5. Review FY24 KPFHP Project Proposals and scoring results
 - ADFG- no discussion
 - AWA- EA: What is the need for the beaver assessment?
 - KS: Need clarification on roles
 - KG: Is this supported by CAP? What does the hydrologic modeling entail?
 - CIAA- KS: worked with KP-CISM to coordinate efforts based on statewide priorities.
 - EA: KWF training?
 - KS: CIAA is experienced with surveys and collaborated with many agencies.
 - KG: What is the going rate for lake surveys?
 - KS: cost includes training, transportation to remote lakes, etc
 - KHLT- no discussion
 - KWF_AAS- KS: How much money is needed for AAS k-12 program and why is regular stream watch asking for more funding for jr stream watch?
 - KWF_invasives- no discussion
 - KWF_Stream Watch- no discussion
 - TTCD- how are water bodies being determined? Want clarification on how ADFG sapling protocol fits this project
- Kyle expressed interest in having a special presentation from TTCD at a future steering committee meeting to hear more about their work.
- MS- need questions to applicants by 3/10. Will set up a google shared drive for questions and scoring sheets.

6. Partner Reports

a. Permanent Members:

- i. NOAA - Erika Amman – NOAA will be announcing a new funding opportunity in late spring or early summer for tribal fish passage. She will have a vet corps intern in the office for a year and needs field work opportunities for him with other agencies. He has a BS in Environmental Sciences.
- ii. USFWS - Kyle Graham – The federal budget is ahead of schedule. Kyle is working with partners on projects that may be funded this year. FY23 funding will be announced soon. Working with Jessica Johnson on cost share projects. Also working on FWS infrastructure fish passage program for fish passage work near ninilchik.
- iii. ADFG - Jess Johnson – Getting ready for streambank workshops. Jess is looking at a couple of different dates may 9-10 or may 10-11 at the river center.

b. Non-Permanent Members:

- i. KBNERR – Coowe Walker – Absent, technical issues
- ii. KPB River Center – Samantha Lopez - Absent
- iii. USFS – Adam Cross – May be hiring two hydrologist soon. Resurrection Creek update: the contractor will begin mobilizing in one month. Adam is planning a public meeting at the end of the month in moose pass. And is working with FWS on Cooper Cr and other project opportunities.
- iv. DEC – Sarah Apsens – working on Alaska Clean Water Action grants that will be occurring over the next two years. There will be one project in Homer, one in Seldovia, and two in the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Also working on data review and finalization for 2021 and 2022 water quality data summaries. Anticipates being done in the next two months. Sarah is also planning a mini water quality project on the Kasilof River this summer.
- v. ADFG – Tony Munter - absent
- vi. KWF – Benjamin Meyer - absent
- vii. KP-CISMA – Katherine Schake – had to leave the meeting just before her update.

c. Advisors

- i. State Legislature – Peter Micciche
- ii. USFWS - Mike Daigneault

7. Old Business

8. New Business

a. May meeting?

b.

9. Action Items

Zoom Information:

Kenai Watershed Forum is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6609924238>

Future Meetings:

- Monday, April 3rd, 2023 at 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Addendum A: Timeline for FY24 RFP

- Sept 29th, 2022 - NFHP board approves [FY 2024 National Conservation Priorities \(link\)](#)
- December 5th, 2022 – KPFHP announces FY24 RFP to wide audience
- February 15th, 2023 – Closing date to receive proposals from applicants
- February 17th, 2023 – Steering committee members receive proposals to score
- March 6th, 2023 – Coordinator receives all proposal scores from steering committee members
- March 31st, 2023 - Due date for the Coordinator to submit projects to the NFHP board

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