

January 18, 2011
 KPFHP Steering Committee Meeting
 11 AM – 11:50 AM
 Location: USFWS Office, K-Beach Rd, Soldotna

| Present | Teleconference | Absent |
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| Robert Ruffner, KWF | Doug Limpinsel, NOAA | Peter Micciche, COS |
| Rhonda Orth, KWF | Sue Mauger, CIK | Shawn Stash, USFS |
| Mike Edwards, USFWS | Marie McCarty, KHLT (9:30) | Ken Tarbox, ADF&G, Ret. |
| Patti Berkhahn, ADF&G | Cecil Rich, USFWS-NFHP | Ginny Litchfield, ADF&G |
| | Ricky Gease, KRSA | |
| | John Lang, USFS | |

Patti Berhahn representing Ginny Litchfield for today's meeting.
 John Lang will be replacement for Shawn Stash (USFS)

Items up for discussion today:

- Call for Steering Committee Members
- Spring Schedule
- APDES Permit
- Correspondence
- “Share the Wealth” document
- Partnership Contact List

Call for Steering Committee Members

- Call has not been sent out yet – document is ready – is the language ok?
- Call will go out in time for decision in Feb, present to partnership in March
- Use this call to promote new membership in partnership – goal of 5
- Sue will put in letter to stay on the committee
- Change June-Aug meeting hiatus to read: “for summer season”
- Ask for more info from applicants to help in selection process
 - Send a 1 page letter of interest
 - Provide info about their organization
 - Make clear the seat is for a person – not an organization
- Call will go out this week
- Need help with sending call/info to non-member organizations/entities
- Steering committee members personal/professional contacts with info

Review of Spring Schedule

February: Update strategic/action plan

- Ken has been working on this – Mike has Ken's edits
- Sue waiting for Ken's edits – Mike to forward
- Need changes to strategic plan from NFHP new info?
 - NO, this was guidance only
- Project selection criteria/process
 - Need a full day in-person meeting

Board of Fish meeting Feb 20-March 5
Send out Doodle calendar for Feb 7 and 8

March: Elections
April: Annual Meeting
Start planning at next regular Steering Comm meeting

Policies/Procedures Revision:

Robert working on – will need to go back and listen to audio tapes to finalize

Soldotna Wastewater Permit:

EPA has turned permitting over to state
Girdwood improving their system
30 comment period coming up
Permit is up for re-issue – last issue was in 2000
- Only treating to the secondary level
- Increasing discharge to the Kenai River
Using “wet test” exposure tests
Ginny has responded to email today that ADF&G is looking at permitting
Spawning grounds are right at discharge point
There is a prohibition on mixing zones with salmon spawning grounds
Homer has just gone through process
Does City of Kenai discharge in river? NO – about 300-400 feet offshore
Beach bacteria issues related? Not probable
Discharge does not have bacteria related issues
Soldotna discharge is ¼ mile downstream from bridge
Almost directly across from Centennial boat launch
Wade Strickland is ADEC contact
KWF made a 4 ½ minute video regarding wastewater process
“Tidal reflux” can contribute to higher bacteria levels
Kenai uses primary treatment (believed)
Soldotna has made significant upgrades since early 90s chlorine spill
Is disposal of medical waste a concern? Hasn't been raised as an issue
Hospital has significant medical waste in concentrated area
Presentation at MatSu Symposium regarding nutrient loading
Shows increase in fry growth
A lot of variables were not considered
*Update requested from Peter and Ginny at next meeting

“Share the Wealth” Correspondence from National Board

Have divided into large/medium/small tiers
Pulled funding out for other things
End result to KPFHP is a “wash”
Adds a nationally competitive pot of money
Impact would affect MatSu to 1/3 of current funding
The big partnerships would take huge hit – ½ of current funding
Square mileage doesn't necessarily equal habitat related area

1 month comment period open

Cecil will coordinate comments for state

If similar comments from partnerships - forward as AK comments

If dissimilar comments – point out differences/pool similarities

*By Friday, Jan 21 – Steering Committee forward comments to Robert.

*By Jan 26 – Robert forward consolidated KPFHP comments to Cecil

This is a sub-committee document at this point

Considering quantity versus quality is wrong

What happened to the decision support system?

Protection is supposed to be the most important

*Cecil should have feedback to the partnerships by the 7th

Partnership Contact List from National Board

Need to clean up for KPFHP info

Some Steering Committee members on list – some aren't

If KPFHP Committee on list – will cut down on duplicate correspondence

Robert will update for corrections

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 1ST – 11 AM