

November 2, 2010
 KPFHP Steering Committee Meeting
 9 AM – 10:05 AM
 Location: Kenai Watershed Forum, Blazy Mall, Soldotna

| Present | Teleconference | Absent |
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| Robert Ruffner, KWF | Doug Limpinsel, NOAA | Peter Micciche, COS |
| Rhonda Orth, KWF | Shawn Stash, USFS | Mike Edwards, USFWS |
| Ginny Litchfield, ADF&G | Sue Mauger, CIK | Marie McCarty, KHLT |
| Ricky Gease, KRSA | | Cecil Rich, USFWS-NFHP |
| Ken Tarbox, ADF&G, Ret. | | |
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5 Proposals came in right at 5pm yesterday – Robert forward to Steering Committee
 Mike will need to turn in selected proposals by December 1st
 Think we will have \$90,000 – unknown when solid amount determined
 Received requests totaling \$110,000
 All appear to meet format/criteria requirements – eligible for review

Preliminary discussion regarding each proposal:

***ADNR/KRSMA - \$25,000 - Watershed planning primer**

Needs a final product
 3 outcomes listed at end of proposal
 Understanding – course offered
 Prioritized list
 Organizational structure
 Symposium reaches beyond peninsula – people around state expressed interest
 Budget is strange – inkind/real costs need clarified

***USFWS - \$28,000 – Anchor River assessment/response to climate change**

How review proposal to make sure it's good science?
 No partnerships are included in proposal – this will come out in the scoring
 Can this be used as a baseline study? Don't think so – unsure
 Is this already an on-going project? Yes – in year 2 or 3
 Holistic effort at looking at fish habitat – referred to as “Ripple Model”
 Good concept – needs more detail on parameters
 Is this funding request for a new component?
 Is this project currently funded?

***HSWCD - \$5,000 – Stariski Creek education BMPs**

Had a tangible end product
 Who will they get materials from?
 Match dollars are off
 What is the focus? Culverts as the only issue?

Methods section details plan/presentation focus
Smallest request by far
Education is always a good bet

***ADFG - \$38,000 – Soldotna Creek pike eradication prep**

KWF is involved in proposal for specialized equipment that ADFG doesn't have
No comprehensive plan? There are state and peninsula wide plans
Does ADFG normally work on this?
The project proposed last year – did not get funded – USFWS funded separately
2 parts to this proposal

Eradicate with learning about the hydrology

Procure facilitator to do P.R. program

Scientists are not trained to facilitate public meetings

Graduated approach to pike eradication so far

Got beat up pretty bad at Soldotna Creek presentation

Facilitator concept in response to public input

This project gets done something the KPFHP wants done

The baseline research has other useful applications

Not enough detail provided to determine success

Could provide list of criteria with funding

***ADFG - \$13,400 – Slikok Creek Chinook evaluation**

Establishes a weir and evaluates habitat up/down creek
Has declining population of Chinook – discovered during culvert replacement
No habitat evaluation method articulated

How is this applicable to area beyond Slikok Creek

Focus appears to be on fisheries – not habitat

Fund only the habitat part – not the weir?

Counting fish is part of the habitat assessment

Use as an example of declining fish population in small tributaries

Focus on juveniles

Needs a more formalized habitat assessment

Are there livestock in the creek?

Do we want to fund the wier?

General discussion regarding proposals

New or unexpected proposals okay – but what about low priority projects?

If it's a priority for KPFHP – then it's okay if it's low priority in agency

Completed projects/results may increase priority awareness

KPFHP will need to re-prioritize list periodically

Eventually will have to consider how to handle mulit-year projects

If we offer decreased funding – does it kill the project?

Does KPFHP have a logo to put on projects?

Can the funds be used to create a design logo? Don't think so

Or should USFWS logo be used?

Would be nice to have KPFHP logo on products we're involved in

How much work to we want to create for ourselves?

Interviews = a lot of work

Use this proposal process as a learning experience for next year

Most of the proposals submitted were put together in a week – and it shows

In future issue a “pre-call”? Some agencies put out a notice of call coming out

How can we cut down to \$90,000?

KPFHP needs to get better organized for proposal calls

What standards are we accepting for habitat assessment?

Different proposals may receive different levels of scrutiny

Will the project change or die if funding is decreased?

Could do across the board recession – fund all at 83% of request

Could eliminate a portion of proposal or 1 proposal in entirety

Not enough review of proposals yet to make decisions regarding funding yet

Need to have decision made before Thanksgiving

SPECIAL MEETING: Thursday - November 4 - 9am - KWF Office

Read all proposals

Be prepared to make recommendations

Or request feedback from agencies on proposals

In Robert’s absence, will meet in Ginny’s office

Almost all have responded to scheduling calendar

Robert will contact Peter and Marie to wrap up results