

December 20, 2011
 KPFHP Steering Committee Meeting
 11 am – 12:00 pm
 Location: USFWS Office, Soldotna

Present	Telephonic	Telephonic
Jeff Anderson, USFWS	Robert Ruffner, KWF	Marie McCarty, KHLT
	Rhonda Orth, KWF	Steve Zemke, USFS
	Ginny Litchfield, ADF&G	Doug Limpinsel, NOAA
Absent	Sue Mauger, CIK	Sue Rodman, ADF&G
Cecil Rich, USFWS	Ricky Gease, KRSA	
Peter Micciche, COS	Brent Johnson, KP	

Today's Agenda: Introduce Sue Rodman, National Evaluation, Grant opportunities, Agenda for Jan 9 in-person meeting, Tyonek/ARRI feedback

Sue Rodman – ADF&G

- Supports fish habitat partnerships in Alaska administratively
- Liaison to Fish and Game
- Discussion on KP and Kenai River boundaries – Sue will look into
- Kachemak Bay Research Reserve – wants to get engaged – result of Symposium

National Evaluation – Came out in September

- Teleconference in October with Alaska parties
- Different tiers of partnerships receiving different levels of funding
- Purpose is not to evaluate partnerships
- Focus is on how to evaluate in future
 - “Evaluation of evaluation”
 - Are these the right questions to ask the partnerships?
 - National Board wants to see deficiencies
- Robert has begun to fill out with Jeff
- Suggestion to include in answer a suggestion for better question
- Suggestion to include in answer description of obstacles Alaska faces
- This may be the only impression we offer of KPFHP – don't undersell ourselves
- #8 – We have unique challenges regarding protection versus restoration
- #9 – Data layers are not there for this type of work
 - Lacking hydrological data – as well as other data
- #10 – Strategic priorities – assessment of on track
 - We have a comprehensive plan – nothing is weighted
 - National plan has 4 higher priority goals
 - Set up very specific indicators to access progress
 - We have different approach

Getting into position to have a strategic plan
Can we reflect match is an issue for non-profits?

2 Open grant funding solicitations asked to share with KPFHP:

- 1) Bring Back the Natives Initiative – due Jan 20
Requires 2:1 match
Targeting native species
Pike – displacement of native fish in our area
 - 2) Initiative from Trout Unlimited and NOAA – pre-proposal due Jan 26
Match not required – but 1:1 match or 2:1 match gets extra points
Specific restoration
- Robert will forward to all partners
Partnership could endorse project if any partners want to apply

NOAA scoping potential coastal restoration solicitation
May look for restoration projects along coastline impact EVOS

SEARP – special relationship with NOAA
Can redistribute funds similar to USFWS and fish habitat partnerships
Looking to see if KPFHP can tap into this

Jan 9 In-Person Meeting Agenda

Letter from Ricky needs discussion
Internal organization and roles
Finalize points from last year's meeting with facilitator
Timeline for 2012
CAP Process – plan timeline so we can move forward
Nature Conservancy to do overview/introduction of CAP?
Survey regarding coordination/roles/future?
Need facilitator? YES
Change to all day.... 10am to 4:30 pm
Location? TBA
Robert will develop timeline and email

Correspondence:

Tyonek Conservation District – Tribal agencies being recognized
Inquiring about KPFHP
Met with Robert last week
Most likely join partnership and steering committee at next opening
ARRI – Recognized the low sampling effort
Felt length of application didn't allow full explanation (did 8 page)

