

March 7, 2012
 KPFHP Steering Committee Meeting
 2 pm – 3:30 pm
 Location: USFWS Office, Soldotna

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

Special Guest – Telephonically – Erika Ammann, NOAA

CAP Information sent out yesterday by Jeff

MINUTES

Page 4 - Amending Fish Passage Barriers?

- Gillian coming to discuss past/present/future
- What is coming next? Harder projects
- Do we have a list with estimated budget amounts?
- Total cost?
- Where do things fall on the priority list?
- DOT interested in a broader survey

Erika Ammann: Link and info sheet was emailed regarding funding opportunity

- Funding from the Exxon Valdez Council
- Water Quality and Marine Habitat projects are sought
- \$300,00 available for 2013, 2014 and 2015 = \$900,000 total
- Projects may request \$15,000 - \$250,000
- 2 year projects are allowed
- Funding could be requested for planning one year
 - 2nd year funding can be requested for implementation of planning
- RFP not written yet – will be out in October 2012
 - Getting feedback from community groups first
 - Identify priorities to include in the RFP
- Will be a cooperative agreement with NOAA
- NOAA will work with applicants all along the process
- Seeking some level of prioritization from communities
- Must positively affect the marine environment
- What is the scope of the outreach?
 - Rachel Lord in touch with Clean Harbor Program/harbormasters

Kodiak, Port Lyons, Whittier, Cordova, Seward to be contacted
Feel free to pass on info to any interested parties
(Erika left teleconference)

RICKY – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Sections not highlighted have already been review and finalized
Sections in yellow are out to steering committee for review and comments
Will work on green highlighted sections later
Added section on page 8 that talks about partners
Some sections are from MatSu document as a model
Questions regarding how to handle section on selections – Jeff/Brent?
Provide link from this document to the selection documents
No need to duplicate work

JEFF – CAP

Robert spoke to the Nature Conservancy - no people available
Greg Low was recommended and is available to facilitate CAP
Has done a few recently
Need a freshwater AND marine CAP
Limit number to 4-6 in science field and 2-4 manager/policy makers
3 two day workshops planned: early May, July, September
Doug has compiled list for marine participants, Jeff for freshwater
*Please contact Jeff if you have people ideas for CAP participants by March 19
Next committee meeting is March 20
Should include literature review/compilation
MatSu didn't address marine environments
Biogeographic targets vs species
Longer time to flesh out targets
Should the marine and freshwater be similar in presentation?
Steering committee members welcome to serve but not expected

NEW BUSINESS

Cook Inlet selected by NOAA as one of 7 Regions for Habitat
Discussion in D.C. and in Juneau
Confine areas of concern to certain regions
Paper exercise so far --- NO \$\$\$
Designation could expose other sources of money
2 page hand-out was sent

OLD BUSINESS

Tyonek Tribal Conservation District has joined partnership
Saturday is the Kachemak Bay Science Workshop
Numerous steering committee members will have presentations

UPDATES/CORRESPONDENCE

Waters to Watch – Anchor River was nominated

Will be announced soon
Formal presentation at NFHP Board Meeting
MOU between Secretary of Agriculture/Commerce/Interior supporting NFHP
Not sure what details are contained
Possibly more resources will become available

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 4th, 2-4pm