

April 4, 2012  
 KPFHP Steering Committee Meeting  
 2 pm – 3:30 pm  
 Location: USFWS Office, Soldotna

<b>Present</b>	<b>Telephonic</b>	<b>Telephonic</b>
Jeff Anderson, USFWS	Robert Ruffner, KWF	Sue Mauger, CIK
Ginny Litchfield, ADF&G	Rhonda Orth, KWF	Peter Micciche, COS (2:30)
	Doug Limpinsel, NOAA	
	Brent Johnson, KPB	
	Ricky Gease, KRSA	
	Steve Zemke, USFS	<b>Absent</b>
	Marie McCarty, KHLT	Cecil Rich, USFWS
	Sue Rodman, ADF&G	

MINUTES – No comments or changes

RICKY – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Sent out highlighted sections – haven't gotten any feedback  
 Let Ricky know if you have comments asap  
 Held over for one more month and then moving forward

Evaluation of Partnership – 10 Questions were posed as part of pilot review program  
 Where to send info? Which committee?

JEFF – CAP

Committee has met a couple of times since last Steering Committee meeting  
 Sent out and info and names to Steering Committee – no feedback  
 Marine and Fresh Water Teams will be working concurrently  
 Meet May 7 & 8 to determine: target, viability assessment, threats  
 Meet again in summer and in fall  
 Teams will have homework between meetings  
 On track to have final by Science Symposium in Spring 2013  
 Steering Committee and partners will review meeting outputs  
 6 people confirmed for Marine Team and 6 confirmed for Fresh Water Team  
 Signed a contract with Greg Low  
 Retired last year from Nature Conservancy  
 Working in the field since '70s  
 Provided draft agenda for first team meeting

JEFF – PROJECT RANKING

Goal is draw in more project proposals  
 Looking at format, attachments, scoring criteria  
 Process seems to be working okay – no major changes suggested

4 page maximum stated in form instructions and solicitation letter  
Include sample template with RFP?  
Sue R. has model – will email to Jeff  
Distribution of RFP could be part of issue  
Develop list of interested parties by all Steering Committee members  
Last years RFP went to principle contact at partnerships  
Would be worth following up with email/contact  
Proposals due in early Oct works for all other deadlines  
Scores will be used to “guide” selections by Steering Committee  
RFP won’t be influenced by CAP guidance this year – too late in process

#### National Fish Habitat Board selected Evaluation Committee

Ranked partnerships  
Set in motion protocol to evaluate partnerships in future  
Robert will email results  
Out of 40 points, average score was 26.9 – KPFHP score was 22.6  
Head of committee – Steve Perry – wants to meet with KPFHP  
Next scheduled meeting early to accommodate EST? YES  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at NOON instead of 2pm  
SW Partnership had meeting with Steve Perry today  
Evaluation will play part in future funding  
Can we submit comments on evaluation as a tool?  
Sue Rodman willing to coordinate  
Will meet with MatSu Partnership with Steve Perry soon

#### SYMPOSIUM – No Report

Sue M, Ricky, Ginny to meet soon to set a timeline

#### Jessica Speeds with Nature Conservancy doing website analysis

National wants \$5,000 up front and \$2,500 annual  
Seems very expensive  
MatSu wants to “conserve online”  
What info needs to be conveyed?  
Work in partnership with MatSu?  
SW Partnership looking into same issue  
Sue R, Robert and Marie to meet for discussion

#### NEW BUSINESS

Research Reserve made presentation at River Center  
KPFHP can be used as an avenue to present research to policy makers  
Presentations could be made quarterly  
Do we need an outreach committee?  
Sometimes need to be on agenda or get invitation to present  
RR will send email to SueM./SueR./Marie/Brent  
Presentations need to be meaningful and reflect current issues  
Ordinance 2012-024 regarding Streamwatch presented at Assembly last night

Most didn't know much about it

#### OLD BUSINESS

10 Waters to Watch – NOT to be announced by us

Anchor River was selected!

Will be announced nationally probably next week

Not sure what the announcement will entail

Culvert Barriers Meeting at Refuge

Past 10 years have put a big dent in lower cost culverts

About 2 more years of work on lower cost culverts

Outstanding culverts – about 12 on Seward and Sterling Highways

Million dollar range projects

Gillian/Robert working on prioritization list

Bridges in bad repair on private property are concerning

Not considered a “fish passage barrier” till collapsed and in water

Another list being put together of bridges

Some in public rights of way

ATV issues are concerning numerous land managers

KSWCD interested in addressing the issue

ADF&G has a grant related to this issue out of Anchorage

Hatcheries are matched with culvert projects at Crooked Creek

Weir structure needs fixed for juvenile passage

Crooked Creek has 2 culverts on the Sterling

\$ in capital budget for design work to begin

#### UPDATES/CORRESPONDENCE

2 grant opportunities were emailed with agenda

Multistate – considered by regions and Alaska is own region

Need another state – WNTI?

Robert feeling out prospects

Website/Coordination/GIS seem to be main areas to pursue for funding

Approach WNTI about these in particular?

Sue R to help

Coastal and Marine Grant wants to hear from partnerships

Match could be a hang-up

NOAA/NFWF proposals due by May 1<sup>st</sup>

National grant with total \$135,000 pot

Survey response was included just for info

NW Interior Forest survey for agencies only

Rely on our science priorities/needs to science committees

LCCs communication/collaboration lacking

Formal short letter introducing KPFHP? YES

Ask them to present to KPFHP – how can we work together?

Sue R will forward contact info to Robert.

#### COMMENTS:

Northing Pike Soldotna Creek meeting at the Refuge – 20 people there  
Rob Massengill did a good job with presentation  
Want to rotenone 5 lakes and Soldotna Creek  
20 minute power point presentation  
KPFHP funded part of this project  
Robert will contact regarding presentation to steering committee  
KWF working on this project now

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 2nd, NOON**