November 19, 2012 KPFHP Steering Committee Meeting 2pm – 3:30 pm

Location: Telephonic, Soldotna

Telephonic	Telephonic	Absent
Robert Ruffner, KWF	Steve Zemke, USFS	Peter Micciche, COS
Rhonda Orth, KWF	Doug Limpinsel, NOAA	Sue Rodman, ADF&G
Jeff Anderson, USFWS	Sue Mauger, CIK	
Ginny Litchfield ADF&G	Cecil Rich, USFWS	
Brent Johnson, KPB	Ricky Gease, KRSA	
	Marie McCarty, KHLT (10:20)	

Allocation of \$90,000 expected, but anticipating 8% reduction of all USFWS for FY13 Should expect to fund total of \$82,800 for projects

Projects listed In order of scoring:

\$11,200	Temp Project	92+ score
\$20,000	Pike DNA Project	86+ score
\$33,000	Groundwater Project	86+ score
\$27,500	Invasives Project	86+ score
\$18,180	Pike Removal Project78+ score	
\$25,000	Slidehole Project	78+ score

If decide to fund top projects (in green) would be almost 10K over budget If no budget shortfall (reduction) by USFWS would be \$2500 short All top projects have at least 50% match

If only top 3 were funded = 65K, leaving approx 18K in surplus funds Surplus funds would disappear – not carryover to next year

Questions: Can groundwater project be shortened to 1 year?

Could make each 86+ project drop 3K each?

Progress all 4 with funding as is? NO – target is \$82,800

Can 2 bottom scoring projects be eliminated? Yes

Slidehole - match is an issue

No educational component

Only "boots on the ground" project

Pike Removal – peninsula is going rotenone

Not much science or success in harvest systems

 2^{nd} , 3^{rd} , 4^{th} ranked project scores all within fraction of a point

Average deviation scores noted

Pike DNA Study has biggest spread in points scored by committee

Discussion regarding projects: Pike DNA, Groundwater, Invasives

Pike: Doug/Jeff had lowest scores, causing large differential

No education component Pilot project for this method Could be applicable in other places COULD be good tool

Groundwater: huge issue ~ watershed fragmentation

How valid is sample size of 1?

Pilot study

Could be good planning tool for borough roads

Large portion of budget for travel

Low cost solution could be to provide vehicle for the summer?

Invasives: broad sampling info

Not super exciting

Early detection/rapid response not clear

Committee ranked the Pike DNA, Groundwater and Invasives projects by 1, 2, 3 orally Sue and Marie did not rank – wanted to review projects again Conclusion: Pike DNA – 1, Invasives – 2, Groundwater – 3
Projects will be submitted to USFWS by Jeff as orally ranked by committee

Next Meeting: December 3 at 2pm

Sue/Marie votes are not needed as majority has determined ranking