

March 4, 2013
 KPFHP Steering Committee Meeting
 2pm
 Location: Kenai Watershed Forum, Soldotna

Present	Telephonic	Absent
Lisa Beranek, KWF	Sue Rodman, ADF&G	Robert Ruffner, KWF
Rhonda Orth, KWF	Sue Mauger, CIK	Jeff Anderson, USFWS
Ginny Litchfield ADF&G	Ricky Gease, KRSA	Brent Johnson, KPBB
John Mohorcich, KPBB	Marie McCarty, KHLT	David Wigglesworth, USFWS
	Doug Limpinsel, NOAA	Peter Micciche, COS
	Mark Chilcote, USFS	
	Mandy Benard, KHLT	

Lisa Beranek, KWF, will be filling in for Robert Ruffner though March 15

Welcome to Mark Chilcote, joining us for 1st time

CAP Update: Lisa coordinating update/edits in Robert's absence

- Drafts were sent to reps of marine & freshwater 4 weeks ago for review
- Little feedback has come in
- Comment by ADF&G to consider naming specific species
- Could impact funding availability
- Lisa will follow up on intent of comment
- Goal is to collect all feedback and re-edit
- Robert will send edited re-draft to Steering Committee for review

Guest Speaker: John Mohoricich, retired Borough Employee

- 155,600 acres are to be selected from the State of Alaska to the Borough
- 28,000 acres are still be determined
- Marcus Mueller working with DNR for the past year
- John/Marcus and others identified 40,000 acres Borough interested in
- Checked out the 40,000 acres via plane and foot
- Administrative priority list was created
- Additional time was granted for a public online survey
- Survey ran from mid-January till end of February
- Surprising results! 1,1170 surveys submitted
- Recreation deemed extremely important of all 37 categories
- Ecological Resource Management was next highest
- Community Expansion 3 most popular
- Lots of multi-use identifications
- Survey provides GIS based comments to specific pieces of land
- Will give agencies feedback from survey comments

Borough will require resolution by Assembly to proceed with selection
Do not have to state use to the state at that time
Need to classify use when title to the property is received
Process should be 2-5 years in total
Will have interactive map on website by the end of the week with survey info
Final recommendation list should be completed by late May
Public comments will be made through Planning and Zoning
Assembly to authorize resolution in July
One issue: At present Borough has no recreational oversight/powers
Could be issue if property is classified as recreational
Could be resolved by contracting, 3rd party, non-profit, lease, etc.
Only need to provide the state with 1 of 3 categories of classification:
1 – Community Expansion
2 – Community Facilities
3 – Resource Lands
105 Million Acres in the Borough
Contact John for additional information or questions: 714-2217

Symposium Update:

Today is deadline for presentation applications
13 applications in – several more on the way
Can extend deadline if needed
Will send out a sign-up list for Steering Committee before Symposium
Will need moderators, time keepers, etc
CAP presentation will be scheduled
Security for event has been secured
Registration forms have been emailed twice, and posted on website
Randy Olson schedule change eliminated 1 day of charges = \$2500 savings!
Rhonda and Josselyn met with ConocoPhillips and asked for \$10,000
Would like all Steering Committee to PUSH Symposium to colleagues
Word of mouth will get best results

Website Update:

New website is modeled after Mat-Su site – Jessica Speed very helpful
Marie worked last summer on narrative sections – has sent to Rhonda
Management of site – Marie to work with Rhonda

Steering Committee seats: Need quorum on April 1st meeting – mark your calendars!

Sue Rodman: February 14, All Alaska Partners Meeting

NFWF's Alaska Fish & Wildlife Fund grant will be opening soon. Keep an eye on their website for proposal dates. It's a good opportunity for FHPs to submit projects. Regarding the MOA between DOT and ADF&G for fish passage, the Alaska FHPs agreed to send a letter to both commissioners requesting that the MOA be revisited and updated through the efforts of a working group. We will have a draft soon to route

among the FHPs for edits and signatures. The intent is to support ADF&Gs Habitat Division's interests along with expanding habitat availability for fish.

National Fish Habitat Board Meeting in Arlington, Virginia

They had discussed filling a board seat with an FHP member. FHPs felt that they had adequate representation through their respective board members. There was no concerted support for having one FHP member represent all of those across the country. The Board tabled the issue for the June meeting.

Science/Data Committee preparing for the 2015 assessment

Gary Whelan and Andrea Ostroff will be sending out a survey to the FHPs soon with a request for datasets that are not already part of the assessment process. They ask that responses be submitted by April 15. There is no information on the Alaska marine aspect of the assessment; any information here is welcomed.

Performance Evaluations will be done again next year for 2015 funding allocations. A Board appointed team will review the evaluations using 10 measures of performance.

Sequestration will impact funding. They expect that FHPs, KPFHP included, should expect same amount as prior years. There would be a slight decrease in funds given to the oldest FHPs to account for the first year funding for the Pacific Marine and Estuarine Partnership.

National Conservation Strategies approved; the document was routed to the partnerships in January. The intent is to provide a framework to guide future actions and investments by the FHPs while allowing for individual FHP goals and approaches.

Kenai Watershed Forum seeking host families for 4 summer interns

Robert returns March 15

Next Meeting: April 1 at 2pm