

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

| Present | Telephonic | Absent |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Robert Ruffner, KWF | Mark Chilcote, USFS | Peter Micciche, COS |
| Rhonda McCormick, KWF | Doug Limpinsel, NOAA | |
| Jeff Anderson, USFWS | David Wigglesworth, USFWS | |
| Ginny Litchfield ADF&G | Ricky Gease, KRSA | |
| | Marie McCarty, KHLT | |
| | Sue Mauger, CIK | |
| | Roger Harding, ADF&G | |

USFWS/ADF&G/AK FHP Statewide Meeting

Meeting notes will be forwarded to Steering Committee when released
 Good meeting and update on Habitat Partnerships
 KPFHP Update by Robert
 Strategic Plan and CAP process summarized
 Invasives and culverts – high cost projects needing collaboration

NW Boreal Forest – Meet 2 times year, Robert attended for 1st time

3 day retreat in Fairbanks
 Huge area to put in context for climate change issues
 Includes Peninsula, Fairbanks, Whitehorse
 5 people selected to develop strategic plan for LCC – Robert is one of them
 Typically grants \$150K yearly – basic science needs in past years
 Will have a call for proposals next round

CAP/Strategic Plan

There is a good amount of alignment between the 2 documents
 Focal areas fit in with the CAP
 Section on water (quality/quantity) only one that doesn't fit as well
 Robert will think about and incorporate
 Robert will put together over next 3 months – present updated Strategic Plan
 Capacity? Science and Technology area
 Need to add the CAP – process explanation – 1-2 page intro
 Robert will present by January meeting

Next Year's Ranking Process

Consider system to fund multiple projects?
 Would limit the money to projects
 Need to put in RFP the intention to fund more than 1 project
 Missing October meeting (due to federal furlough) didn't help process

Face to face discussion would make things better
Right now we only have a 1-step process – ranking only
Have a discussion meeting before ranking
Open to the public so no advantage to committee member projects
Put date/time in RFP info
*Agreed 2014 Ranking/Selection Process:
Sept – projects due and distributed to Steering Committee
Oct Mtg – Discussion meeting – all proposers/public invited
Projects entered into system by USFWS
Committee Members rank projects after meeting
Nov Mtg – Project selection finalized

Ranking Criteria/Scoring Working?

Education projects had issues

Educational messages to endorse?

Not appropriate for partnership to mandate messaging

Evaluate message by project proposal

No funding to work on this by organizations

Not feasible to create this encompassing of a document

Different organizations have slightly different messages

Create catalog of best management practices?

Use to evaluate proposals?

Advocating political viewpoints is problematic

How to measure success/evaluate education projects?

Other organizations must have benchmarks for education projects

Research group to investigate other organizations process:

Ricky – not till April

Jeff

Robert – limited time available

Research Group stays on regular agenda till progress on volunteers

Decide now to fund 4 different education projects on 2014 at \$5K each = \$20K?

NFHP/USFWS will require documentation of success/evaluation of projects in future

NFHP favors “on the ground” projects

OR how project will lead to immediate ground work

David to review general policy regarding education projects for next meeting

Next Meeting: January 6 at 2pm

Happy Holidays!