

November 17, 2014
 KPFHP Steering Committee Meeting
 2pm – 2:30pm
 Location: Kenai Watershed Forum, Soldotna

Present	Telephonic	Absent
Robert Ruffner, KWF	Marie McCarty, KHLT	Sue Mauger, CIK
Rhonda McCormick, KWF	Peter Micciche, SOA/Conoco	Paul Ostrander, KPB
Ginny Litchfield, ADF&G	Heather Fuller, USFWS (2:15)	Mark Chilcote, USFS
Branden Bornemann, TU		Doug Limpinsel, NOAA
		Roger Harding, ADF&G

Four Steering Committee members submitted rankings

Kenai River Watershed Water Quality Monitoring	94.6
Invasive Northern Pike Detection Using Environmental DNA	93.8
TTCD - Fish passage Robert's Creek	91.9
Stream Watch: Volunteers and Partners Protecting & Restoring Kenai Peninsula Salmon Habitat	91.8
Importance of wetland structure and production on juvenile salmon diet and growth in a Kenai Lowland estuary	90.3
Reconnecting cold water habitat to the Ninilchik River	86.8
Building an index watershed program to track land use and climate impacts - Phase I	85.4
Possible to fund all projects, with flexibility in funding to project ranked #1 USFWS doesn't typically fund monitoring projects #1 project can modify wording and tie to KPFHP strategic plan MatSu doing a similar project to the index proposal Will move forward with projects as ranked Heather has to enter by end of next week	

Robert attended NFHP conference in D.C.

Robert presented on behalf of KPFHP

Will repeat presentation to KWF staff Tuesday at 2:30

Everyone invited

National Chairman, Kelly Hepler – elections may change position

His position is appointed

Roger Harding was also there

Title is only impression of project (unless project stimulates investigation)

Tension between the states and USFWS

USFWS has responsibilities due to funding going through Dept of Interior

Branden attending MatSu Partnership Symposium

Will take flyers for KBRR/KPFHP Symposium and announce

Robert and Heather to meet to review projects to ready for submission

Next meeting Marie on agenda for Mountains to Sea

Next Meeting: December 1, 2pm