

December 1, 2014
 KPFHP Steering Committee Meeting
 2pm
 Location: Kenai Watershed Forum, Soldotna

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

Symposium/Conference committee meeting Dec 9th at 1pm
 Ginny, Heather and Robert are participating

Coowe Walker, KBRR Correspondence

Requesting KPFHP join with KBRR and UAA on project
 Incorporating fisheries habitat with economics through the University
 Including valuations of habitats to local area
 Robert reviewed initial draft of proposal and thinks KPFHP should do it
 Received new draft proposal today
 Will email to Steering Committee if okay
 *Robert will move forward to confirming partnership with Coowe as approved
 Coowe's proposal due by the 15th

Kenai Mountains to Sea – Marie McCarty

KHLT is functioning as the “lead”
 Partners: USFWS Coastal Programs, Refuge, Partners for Wildlife, KWF, CIK, Audubon
 Meeting in Anchorage 2 years ago was the “birth” of project
 The importance of connecting headwaters to the inlet
 Most headwaters are federally owned, most estuaries privately owned
 Audubon interested
 Hasn't had a presence on the Peninsula
 Coming in as GIS expert mapping group
 Will use Decision Report Tool – flexible interactive mapping tool
 KHLT usually uses static land maps
 You can put in criteria you want to make decision
 *Should have demonstration to KPFHP
 Which areas of Peninsula priority for conservation?
 Acquisitions, easements, and other measures
 Draft strategy for 20 of the most significant salmon streams on Peninsula
 Would like KPFHP to review and suggest focus areas
 Meeting in next couple months with private landowners, DNR, KPB, CIRI
 Input for conservation on their lands
 Great Land Trust (Mat-Su, Anchorage, Kodiak, Prince William Sound)

Asked by trustee council to map entire spill affected area
Used Decision Support Tool as base for Peninsula mapping
Also for significant land packages of conservation for acquisition
Started out with focus on Kasilof, but backed away
Want more input from landowners and partners like KPFHP
John Morton has done 1st draft of strategy
Marie will email out to KPFHP when done and welcomes comments
Would be good overview for an "in-person" Steering Committee meeting
Audubon come present
Sue's proposal has intersections with this project
Different direction - Sue's project is more risk assessment
Would be good for contrast/comparison

NOAA – Selecting priority areas across the country for work
Originally selected Cook Inlet as research priority area
This was right after Beluga Whale listing
Negative response from stakeholder meeting
Cook Inlet withdrawn as a research priority area
State of Alaska and other principal stakeholders have helped in new selection
Kachemak Bay is new "blueprint area"
Will direct resources to Kachemak Bay
In KPFHP area
High level NOAA person in DC spoke to Robert
Wants KPFHP to work closely with NOAA
Need to reach out to NOAA
Send formal email from KPFHP to Doug (NOAA)
Email will then go to Janine Hanson
Would like KPFHP to integrate with NOAA work
Invite to March conference? Yes
Has been formally announced
KBRR Community Council meeting next week
May be on agenda
Ginny has email she will forward to Robert for distribution
Ginny to pass on that KPFHP reaching out to NOAA
NOAA wants to strengthen relationship with KPFHP

Symposium

Most recent notes will get forwarded to Steering Committee
Nothing new has happened

In-person meeting anticipated in February

Rhonda will send out Doodle Poll
Mondays and Fridays seem easier for far away folks for travel

Proposals as ranked have been entered into the USFWS system

Statewide Fish Partnership Meeting

Robert and Heather are going

Outreach more than statewide FHP strategy meeting

Last time – held at new hatchery – 45-50 people attended (too many)

Ended up being FHP updates more than anything

Robert will talk about same issues as presented to National Board

CAP complete/success/future work

David Wigglesworth has agenda that has been emailed out to some KPFHP

Next Meeting: January 5, 2pm