

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

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

**New Funding Allocation**

Last Friday had a meeting with national reps  
 Different partnerships currently have different funding amounts  
 Earlier partnerships have more  
 We came in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> tier at \$90K  
 Larger partnerships getting \$600K  
 Report due at the end of the months – 3 parts  
 1 – Develop a case statement  
 Is the partnership meeting the national board’s strategic plan?  
 Almost all are the same required as when KPFHP applied  
 KPFHP in good shape for this section  
 This section 6 pages  
 Looking at strategies/planning/execution  
 2 – KPFHP past 3 years in 6 questions  
 Related to palling efforts in relation to strategic plan  
 3 – KPFHP 3 years forward plans  
 Project anticipated  
 How projects link to the strategic plan  
 On the ground results  
 Overall, this looks pretty good for KPFHP  
 If partnership establishes base level = \$75K in operational support  
 Pays for coordinator, symposium, planning  
 Level 1 tier, 2 tier and 3 tier are then allocated by national funds available  
 Total funds 3.2 million for 18 partnerships  
 If all reach base level at \$75K – leaves 1.9 million for allocation  
 You must requalify every year – but will build on prior year – more of an update  
 KPFHP will most likely qualify for Tier 1 and make a strong case for tier 2  
 Each region evaluating  
 If either 2 or 3 tier detemined – national reps will also evaluate  
 Assuming KPFHP qualifies to stay included as a Habitat Partnership:  
 Scenario 1 – Qualifies only at base level

Will be allocated \$75K only  
Fund projects already prioritized to the max possible  
Scenario 2 – Qualifies at a tier level  
Tier level funding would cover projects already prioritized  
\$75K base level funding would cover coordinator/KPFHP capacity

1. 25-35K Fund KWF to coordinate as in prior years
2. 25-30K Fund 2015 Symposium (possible annually)
3. 10-15K Educational messaging

Concerns about different organizations messages  
Will take a lot of time to address and fine tune  
This whole process will be an insightful internal evaluation

### 2015 Symposium

Kachemak Bay Research Reserve/Coast Studies Program wanting to join forces  
Marine Symposium and KPFHP 2015 Symposium would combine  
Feb 19 – 1pm – meeting to discuss – need steering committee members  
Robert, Doug and Ginny will attend (teleconference)  
KPFHP was originally planned to be held in different communities on Peninsula  
Drop branding of “Kachemak Bay Research Reserve  
Add 1 ½ days to address different organizational specifics?  
This is a 1 time proposal

### CAP Clean-up – Robert almost completed with freshwater plan

Original plan was to keep it short and sweet – limit to 12 pages  
There is good stuff in the details we will miss if limited to 12 pages  
Robert has expanded and added pages  
Is linked to existing strategic plan from 2010  
CAP threats replaced strategic plan  
CAP plan appendix footnote  
Will help with review process of partnerships by NFHP (establishing tier level)  
Marine side is on hold – won't help with review

### Timeframe moving forward:

End Feb – submit everything to lead Regional Coordinator  
NFHP board will also review and issue comments  
Early April – Regional Coordinator sends recommendations to Fisheries Director  
Forwarded to David Hoskins in D.C.  
End April – Forward final to USFWS Director for approval of projects  
Early May – Should know status of tier level, and funding

**Next Meeting: March 3 at 2pm**