

March 3, 2014
 KPFHP Steering Committee Meeting
 2pm
 Location: Kenai Watershed Forum, Soldotna

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

Funding Allocation Application

Submitted last Friday
 Section 1 – Develop a Case Statement
 Feel good about this section
 Section 2 – Past 3 years in 6 questions
 Submission had KPFHP at the highest tier on all questions
 Reviewer will determine
 Section 3 – Looking forward
 2010 – 2012 submitted 2 most significant stories
 Kenai River off impaired water body status
 Riparian buffer re-passed in 2013
 Issues began before KPFHP accepted as partnership
 Many of the current partners were involved in both issues
 Commendations to Robert – good effort, reads well, not an easy task
 Robert will email final application to steering committee
 Funding will be based on determinations related to application
 Each partnership had to submit
 Look back to years 2010 -2012
 Where they're headed – how linked to strategic plan
 Section 3 – submitted Elodea project as “looking forward”
 High dollar project with high match
 Increased project to \$250K w/\$440 match
 Matches with highest priority in CAP
 Now what? Other regional coordinators are reviewing
 NHAP Board will review
 Will know more by end of March
 Should be done/approved by end of April

2015 Science Symposium

Have been in discussions with Kachemak Bay Research Reserve

Possibility to combine our Science Symposium with their Marine one

Would pool resources to host bigger symposium

Doug, Ginny and Robert involved in discussions with KBRR

KBRR Marine Symposium has good name recognition

KPFHP would have "byline" as co-host

At least ½ day blocked out for KPFHP specific issues/presentations

Questions to determine:

1 – Does the Steering Committee agree with this idea?

Should committee move forward? YES

2 – Do we want Symposium in Homer again?

Marine Symposium on a 3 year cycle

If we have biennial, we wouldn't conflict again till 6 yrs from now

KBRR Symposium would have to broaden it's program

If KPFHP moved to yearly - collaborate with KBRR in 3rd year

Would be hosted around Peninsula except 3rd year in Homer

What will happen if KBRR has funding cuts? Robert will ask

House Finance Committee has cut \$175K from Research Reserve Operating funding

\$550K match would go away

KPFHP send letter of support?

Issues with Steering Committee agencies

Wait and see what status is

HB77 – info coming

Peter will be in Homer on the Fri and Kenai Sat for town meetings

Dean Hughes – Cost Sharing Program also has funding cut by AK Sustainable Salmon

Next Meeting: April at 2pm