

April 7, 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	Peter Micciche, Conoco
Rhonda McCormick, KWF	Marie McCarty, KHLT	Ricky Gease, KRSA
Jeff Anderson, USFWS	Mark Chilcote, USFS	Doug Limpinsel, NOAA
Heather Fuller, USFWS	David Wigglesworth, USFWS	
	Ginny Litchfield ADF&G	
	Roger Harding, ADF&G	

Robert Presentation to Senate Resources Committee

Plugged Habitat Partnerships  
 Presented slide featuring freshwater portion of CAP  
 Highlighted invasive species and culverts as high priority threats  
 CIAA spoke about warming climate – referenced their talk  
 Habitat Partnerships could play a more important role in Cook Inlet  
     Even more so if partnered with MatSu  
 No negative feedback  
     Comments from Steering Committee:  
         Good job  
         Appreciate Robert’s efforts  
         Good message from the Kenai Peninsula  
         Glad brought up Pike and possible eradication on KP

Allocation Methodology is moving along  
     Should know situation by end of April

NFHP Conservation Act – passed out of committee  
     Eligible to go to Senate floor  
     Has been at this stag before – typically stalled at this point  
         Language has been tweaked to accommodate issues  
     If KPFHP can help, Robert will let everyone know  
     Board lacks local governmental representation

Steering Committee Elections

Rick Gease and Mark Chilcote seats open  
 KPB seat is still holding  
     Borough ready to come back on now that 50’ Habitat controversy faded  
 Call will go out to all KPFHP members  
     1 page letter should be submitted by interested parties  
 All applicants will be considered at next meeting

\*Excerpt from Rhonda for clarification – not part of meeting discussion:  
Steering Committee seats are 3-year post with staggered openings  
NOAA, USFWS, ADF&G have permanent seats  
Seat openings: 2014 - Ricky Gease, KRSA and Mark Chilcote, USFS  
2015 – Sue Mauger, CIK and Marie McCarty, KHLT  
2016 – Peter Micchiche, Conoco, \_\_\_\_\_, KPB

#### Legislative Update

HB77 – officially off the docket for this session  
Likely to return next year with new name and number  
HB89 – Rapid Response for Invasive Species  
Still in committee  
Concerns regarding private property response  
Idaho, Washington and B.C. have Invasive Species on their books  
May be more – but Heather sure of those

#### KBRR Conference Planning

Heather and Ginny attended meeting by teleconference  
Stacey (KBRR) to email to confirm KPFHP partnership membership  
Possible theme --- Science and Management  
Want to have broad theme with targeted sessions  
2 day conference – either Fri/Sat or Thur/Fri  
Would like keynote speaker to be community event  
Keynote speaker ideas? Send to Ginny  
Anniversary of Exxon Valdez spill – possible connection  
Prior discussion with KBRR resolved:  
Conference name will stay the same, but KPFHP to get 2<sup>nd</sup> byline  
Expand focus to include all of Cook Inlet  
Let Ginny or Heather know if you have any ideas/input

#### Plan for next meeting – Steering Committee Seat Elections

Each Steering Committee member has 1 vote per open seat  
Mark Chilcote has been filling in for Steve (retired) who's position still vacant  
USFS has people interested in continuing for seat  
Will need to submit a letter of interest  
All letters of interest will be available

#### KPFHP seems to be running on month by month status/agenda

Looking ahead – what needs to happen over the summer?  
Meeting usually suspended during fieldwork season  
Coordination funding is running out – new allocation process drained budget  
Part of new reallocation process allows funds for capacity

**Next Meeting: May 5 at 2pm**