

May 5, 2015
 KPFHP Steering Committee Meeting
 Noon – 2:30pm
 Location: Kenai Watershed Forum, Soldotna

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

\$135K from NHP (projected) to be distributed to projects
 Includes \$35K from the \$75K Coordination funds
 Standard coordination funds amount from NFHP
 Coordination funds can be used to fund projects
 Also used for staff, supplies, travel, etc
 Coordination involves significant time on federal reporting NFHP
 If coordination funds are left over, can new tasks be generated?
 Discussion regarding proposed projects and funding adjustments as follows:

Projects are addressed in the order they were ranked, with highest ranking first

Water Quality Monitoring – Kenai Watershed Forum

Requested Amount: \$47,780

Suggested Adjusted Amount: \$11,500

15 groups come together to support this project by signing an MOU
 Very flexible in funding request
 Lots of match available
 Some groups contribute money (up to \$5K)
 Requested funding would allow full scale project sampling like in early 2000s
 Suggested funding cut will allow program to continue at smaller scale

EDNA Pike – Alaska Fish and Game

Requested Amount: \$20,000

Suggested Adjusted Amount: \$15,000

Funding appears to be flexible
 Decrease might mean fewer lakes/samples
 Lots of precious samples nearing expiration
 Will a \$5K cut significantly impact program?
 BRANDEN to consult with Rob Massingill

Tyonek Culvert – Tyonek Tribal Conservation District

Requested Amount: \$40,000

Suggested Adjusted Amount: \$40,000

Very large project = \$750K+
Need \$40K to make project a “go”
\$417,000 to leverage
***Agreement to fund at full level**

Streamwatch – Kenai Watershed Forum

Requested Amount: \$8,650

Suggested Adjusted Amount: \$8650

Flexible funding
High use sites on the Kenai River
Lots of partners
Lots of protection value
***Agreement to fund at full level**

Wetland Structure/Juv Salmong Diet – Kachemak Bay Research Reserve

Requested Amount: \$46,600

Suggest Adjusted Amount: \$0

Project deemed “research” by USFWS reviewers – **NOT eligible for funding**

Reconnecting Cold Water in Ninilchik – Alaska State Parks

Requested Amount: \$8,350

Suggested Adjusted Amount: \$8,350

Roger McCampbell retired last month
Project won’t happen if not funded
Good outreach potential
Long term outcome is unsure

Watershed Index – Cook Inletkeeper

Requested Amount: \$19,300

Suggested Adjusted Amount: \$12,500

Trying to be complimentary to MatSu efforts

SOW for Coordination funding due ASAP – Robert will work with Heather

Branden will check in with Rob Massingill

Sue will check with Ninilchik project to see if decreased funding will affect project “go”

Move forward with USFWS paperwork for Tyonek and Streamwatch

Both had no suggested adjustment – fund at 100%