

October 3, 2016  
 KPFHP Steering Committee Meeting  
 2pm  
 Location: Kenai Watershed Forum, Soldotna

Present	Telephonic	Absent
Jack Sinclair, KWF, Coordinator	Marie McCarty, KHLT (SC)	Michael Daigneault, USFWS, Regional Coordinator
Adam Cross, USFS (SC)*	Erika Ammann, NOAA (SC)	
Branden Bornemann, TU (SC)	Christy Cincotta, TTCD(SC)	
Kyle Graham, USFWS(SC)	Sue Mauger, CIK (SC)	
Ginny Litchfield, ADF&G(SC)	Tracy Smith, ADF&G (Advisor)	
Marcus Mueller, KPB(SC)		

\*SC denotes Steering Committee Member

Guests: Megan Krupa, Kitty Farnham, Jamie Trammell, Courtney Breest- Here to present Salmon 2050 Scenario Project

Branden Bornemann will be the group's note taker today. Rhonda will be out for future meetings. The Committee will need to identify another note taker for future meetings.

Begin Meeting at 14:01

Minutes from KPFHP Steering Committee meeting on 6/6/210 approved with minor grammatical edits

New KPFHP Steering Committee members were introduced:

- Christy Cincotta, Tyonek Tribal Conservation District Executive Director, excited to participate, also a member of the Mat-Su FHP
- Marcus Mueller, background in wildlife management/biology; works at KPB in Public Lands and has the opportunity to be around planning discussions
- Tracy Smith, Habitat Biologist, took over Roger Harding's old position, NFHP coordinator for ADFG

Deadline for KPFHP CFP Friday, Oct. 7

- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> works for most KPFHP Steering Committee members for proposal Q&A; send specific questions to Jack if you are not able to attend
- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> KPFHP Steering Committee meets to rank/selects projects
- Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit selected projects to USFWS

KPFHP Ranking Criteria statement "Administrative costs do not exceed 18% of total project cost" discussed; no changes

Sue updated the group on CIK KPFHP Outreach funding:

- Artist Kaitlin Vadla produced three original paintings for CIK to use to create "Home is Where the Habitat Is" posters which have been distributed widely; Marcus suggested contacting Ted Stevens International Airport; Sue stated that she is hoping to see them at the

River Center as well; posters provide a nice, succinct message that helps establish a connection to place

- Also produced 2016 tide books which have been distributed all across Cook Inlet; they include 33 pages of educational material and have been well received
- Another aspect of grant has been to keep active conversations about habitat, the AWC and the importance of riparian areas

Jack updated the group on KWF Stream Watch KPFHP funding:

- Lowest volunteer hours ever, but highest trash collection (likely due to efforts on Kasilof); new coordinator was hired at KWF: Melissa Steritz; Forest Service also transitioned Stream Watch staff this year; State of AK supporting efforts on Kasilof (about 8k/year)

Jack updated the group on KWF Elodea KPFHP funding:

- Program at KWF stalled out with Edgar's departure; KWF hired new program coordinator from Kenai NW Refuge: Jennifer Peura; KWF asked for and received extension on current invasive funding

Branden updated the group on KWF NHD KPFHP funding:

- Lower and Upper KP watersheds completed (can be downloaded here: <http://nhd.usgs.gov/data.html>); St. Mary's crew spent a week in June 2016 validating modeled hydrology and then conflated new hydrology to NHD early Sept. 2016
- Kenai Fjords area (USGS HUC8 19020202) is proposed to be completed next
- DEC/Horizon Systems starting NHD+ modeling on KP, first iteration will include revision of catchments to match new surface hydrology
- USGS discussing the potential of funding N HD update for completion of KP/B/KPFHP boundary, which would include the watersheds on the west side of Cook Inlet

Brief discussion on the KPFHP 2017 Science Symposium – April 5&6, 2017

- Venue is Sterling Community Center with breakout sessions to be planned around town
- Potential for AK Salmon and People workshop component (Jack is partner on submitted grant)
- Marcus suggested a "Science to Management intake" or Q&A session or discussion

Jamie Trammell (EPSCoR) joined meeting at 15:00

Jaimie introduced a new survey from the Salmon 2050 efforts the past 4-5 years

- Sue suggested identifying a link between Salmon 2050 efforts and KPFHP index watersheds and to provide tracking metrics for watersheds and complimentary assessments
- Jaimie pointed out that EPSCoR as a whole is transitioning to education and outreach and any thoughts from KPFHP on how to best accomplish these components are welcomed
- Ginny suggested a tie-in to the scientific data that exists in the community
- Marcus suggested KPFHP consider stewardship of EPSCoR data moving forward
- Jamie encouraged attendees to review the proposed survey and seconds Marcus' statement about KPFHP consideration of stewardship of data
- Sue suggested that EPSCoR – Salmon 2050 think about how the KPFHP symposium can best benefit them

KPFHP bound by USFWS to produce a **newsletter** to all members, Jack currently working on and looking for content

NFHP Conference Oct. 24-27, 2016 – Jack and Cindy going (Tracy waiting on State approval)

KPFHP site visit discussed – tentative to Russian River to help Sue set up temp. monitoring site; Sue will send out dates when she decides, tentatively sometime between Oct 14 and October 21.

Member's comments:

- Marcus – KPB updating comprehensive plan, funding will be before assembly soon; suggested that KPFHP Steering Committee meetings give permanent agenda spot to EPSCoR
- Branden – welcomed Christy, Marcus and Tracy as new members
- Ginny – Kachemak Bay critical area management plan is undergoing update
- Kyle – Suggested in-person KPFHP meeting and looking through CAP again
- Adam – Forest Service changing staff member soon and may affect Steering

Committee member

- Christy – Lots of work happening across the inlet in developing a Water Action Plan from Nikolai to Beluga; lots of monitoring of temp/pike and culvert designs.

- Sue – Started on KPFHP project, a camera-based stream stage monitoring system on Anchor River

- Erika – Director of NOAA fisheries in Anchorage and Homer today/tomorrow, will stress the need to improve marine side of FHP

- Marie – Enjoyed EPSCoR presentation, also suggested in-person meeting; KHLT recently launched King Maker and Baby Salmon Live Here campaigns- send suggestions for placement of signs to Marie

- Tracy – Excited to work with KP, SW and Mat-Su Partnerships

Meeting Adjourned 16:01

Next Meeting – Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- Mandy from KHLT will give a presentation about their Mountains to Sea project

**Next Meeting: TBA (October)**