



**KPFHP Steering Committee Meeting  
January 21, 2025 10:00 Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM

**Attendance:**

Jillian J. - USFS	Present	Jess. J – ADF&G	Present
Maura S. - USFWS	Present	Ben M - KWF	Proxy – Mitch Michaud
Emily M. - NOAA	Present	Katherine S. - KBERR	Absent
Sam L. – KPB River Center	Present	Dave A. - TU	Present

**Guests:** Rosie Masui - KBERR

**Approve Agenda**

New Business was moved up in the Agenda and discussed prior to Opening Business

**New Business**

- Cook Inlet Salmon Symposium (Rosie Masui)
  - Next Planning Meeting January 27, 2025

Rosie Masui gave the Steering Committee an update on the Cook Inlet Salmon Symposium (April 21-22). At present there has been one planning committee meeting (Dec 9 2024), with a second taking place on January 27 (Trent will send out info to SC).

Rosie will attend KPFHP Partnership Meeting on Feb 10, 2025 to engage with attendees to find out what interests they would like to see at the Symposium.

Call for abstracts will be sent in the next few weeks.

The symposium will be held at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage.

**Opening Business**

- Steering Committee Election Process (Action)

Prior to discussing procedures for selecting steering committee members, Trent reviewed the meeting schedule for 2025 and 2026. All KPFHP steering committee meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each Month (no meetings in June, July, August, and December) from 10Am-12PM. Locations TBD.

The steering committee reviewed a few scenarios centered on Steering Committee selection/election. **The committee agreed that continuing to self-elect would be the best course forward.** Both Mat-Su and Southeast partnership select their committee members in a similar manner. There was some discussion regarding seat rotations (KPFHP is on a three-year cycle) and term limits (KPFHP doesn't have any). We will continue with our current seat set up (3 permanent and 8 elected).

Trent will update the procedures to clarify who votes for SC members and will also recirculate the document with proposed seat expirations, in the meantime, the Steering Committee, will try to recruit and fill the three vacant seats.

## Presentations

- ACE Act reauthorization (Dodson)

Trent gave a presentation reviewing the recent updates in the ACE Act Reauthorization (2025-2030). Some updates of note were:

- Congressional designation of FHP should be happening soon (in the next 3 months)
- ACE Act funding timeline –remove “following fiscal year” language to provide flexible funding timeline driven by the Board
- 1:1 non-federal match at the Partnership level (not project level)
- Allows FHP coordination “projects” to be submitted without non-Federal match requirement

The updates will be discussed at the upcoming NFHP board meeting. Details regarding these discussions will be conveyed to the Steering Committee

## Reports

- KPFHP Coordinator Report (Dodson)

Social Media:

- Both Facebook and Instagram accounts were suspended immediately following registration. We will try sort this out or start over.

Newsletter:

- Slated to go out end of week
- Will have a third notice for FRP
- Info on Partnership Meeting
- Updates on funding opportunities

- Request for interest in joining the Steering Committee

#### Web Updates:

- Working on updating info on website
- Updating many docs in the Steering Committee Section

#### Next week's NFHP Board Meeting:

- Will be discussing ACE Act
- Selection of new Alaska Native Board member
- Presenting guidelines on advocacy

### Old Business

- Partnership Meeting (Dodson)

The 2025 Partnership Meeting will be held on February 10, 2025 at Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association.

- Registration will be 9:30 AM to 10AM (attendees can sign up to share at the end for 3 mins or so)
- SC members will take some time at the start to introduce themselves
- Rosie Masui will speak with the attendees about the Cook Inlet Salmon Symposium
- Block of speakers with KPFHP funding will discuss their projects
- Lunch (We will provide lunch)
- Presentation to Sue Mauger
- Block of Speaker with info relevant to FHP work/mission
- Partner roundtable and Q/A for RFP
- End at 3:30PM
- Transition to Cook Inletkeeper: Local Solution Kickoff: Salmon Habitat

Trent will send out draft agenda once we get confirmation on a few more speakers

### Round Table

- Partner updates

#### Maura - USFWS

- This is her last meeting before going on leave
- Kyle Graham will fill in for her for the next few months
- Just finished reviewing Grantsolutions reports

#### Emily - NOAA

- There are currently 4 NOAA funding opportunities open
- There 2 specifically for fish passage
- Reach out to if you have any questions

Jillian - USFS

- The Forest Service received funding for *elodea* eradication in Crescent Lake
  - Funding (HSWCD) is for three years
  - Project starts this summer
- Working on culvert prioritization list on forest lands
- New FS Supervisor is starting soon

Dave - TU

- No Updates

Mitch - KWF

- No Updates
- From Ben: Anyone whose agency is involved with the Kenai River Baseline project, we are working to renew the MOU. We are requesting signatures from whoever the top rung is at your agency, as was the case in the last MOU signed 2015. If you can help Ben at KWF navigate this process, please let him know

Jess - ADF&G

- Working through applications for cost share program with Maura

Sam - KPB – River Center

- Ordinance to adopt Kenai River Floodplain management
  - Ordinance 2024-35 is a Kenai Peninsula Borough ordinance that will amend the borough's floodplain management regulations to adopt the most recent FEMA Flood Insurance Study and associated flood insurance rate maps. The ordinance is scheduled for a public hearing on January 21, 2025, and the final maps must be adopted by February 28, 2025
- Live Kenai River Inundation Map south of Kenai Lake

**Steering Committee Members:**

Appointed Members

NOAA – Emily Mailman (Appointed 1/1/2024)  
 USFWS – Maura Schumacher (Appointed 1/1/2024)  
 ADFG – Jess Johnson (Appointed?)

Elected Members

KPB – Samantha Lopez (Elected?)  
 USFS – Jillian Jablonski (Elected 4/26/2024)  
 KWF – Benjamin Meyer (Elected?)  
 KBNERR – Katherine Schake (Elected?)  
 TU – Dave Atcheson (Elected 11/22/24)

**Advisors:**

Kenai Peninsula Borough – Peter Micciche  
USFWS - Mike Daigneault

**Next Meeting:**

February 19, 2025 (review proposal scoring process)

**Upcoming Meetings/Events**January 2025

NFHP Hybrid Board Meeting – January 28-30, Las Vegas

February 2025

KPFHP Partnership Meeting – February 10, Kenai

Cook Inlet Keeper Local Solution: Salmon Habitat – February 10, Soldotna (following KPFHP Partnership Meeting)

KWF River Table Event – February 13, Soldotna

March 2025

AFS Annual Meeting – March 17-24, Ketchikan

April 2025

Cook Inlet Salmon Symposium – April 21-22, Anchorage

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