



**KPFHP Steering Committee Meeting
February 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM

Attendance:

Jillian J. - USFS	No Longer on SC	Jess. J – ADF&G	Present
Maura S. - USFWS	Absent	Ben M - KWF	Absent
Emily M. - NOAA	Present	Katherine S. - KBERR	Present
Sam L. – KPB River Center	Present	Dave A. - TU	Present

Advisors: Peter Micciche

Guests: None

Approve Agenda

There were no additions to the Agenda

Opening Business

- Forest Service Representative

With recent cuts to Federal budgets and employees, Jillian lost her position with the Forest Service and subsequently the Steering Committee. The SC acknowledge the importance of mainlining Forest Service Representation on the Committee. Emily will discuss a possible replacement with the FS in Moose Pass and Trent will reach out to Adam Cross, the previous Forest Service rep.

Presentations

- None

Reports

- KPFHP Coordinator Report (Dodson)

NFHP board is working shorting the timeline our proposal and funding process. At present, we would be sending our RFPs this November (see Figure 1). Our deadline for getting our recommendations to NFHP would be March 31, 2026 and funding would be available in Sept/Oct of 2027.

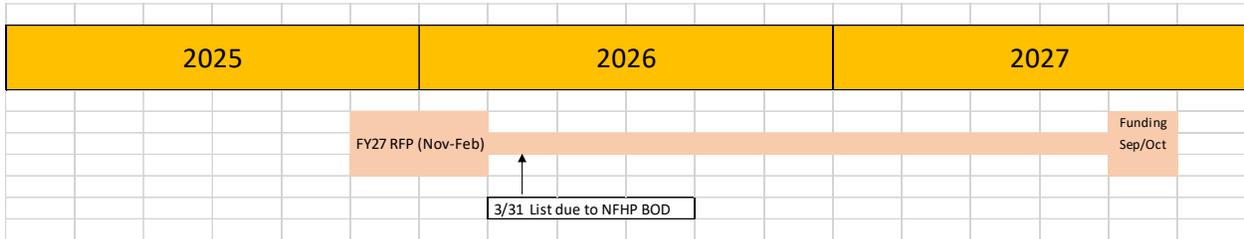


Figure 1

NFHP’s proposed timeline puts the RFP process closer to the funding date. Therefore, based on our review process, the RFPs would likely go out in July and be due to in Mid-October (see Figure 2). Our recommendations would need to be turned in to NFHP around November 11.



Figure 2

This timeline has not yet been finalized by the NFHP board, but garnered positive feedback from the FHP coordinators at the most recent coordinator meeting.

If this timeline is adopted we could look to update our Marine CAP in Fall/Winter 2025

Old Business

- Partnership Meeting Recap (Dodson)

The partnership meeting went very well and was well attended (30+ in person, 15+ online).

New Business

- RFP Review Process Review

RFPs are due February 21. A Dropbox folder has been set up similar to last years. As projects come in Trent will populate the Dropbox with the proposal and accompanying documents. Blank Score cards will be distributed on Monday Feb 24 to all Steering Committee members (one will also be

available in the Dropbox folder). We will shoot to have all of the reviews done by March 7 and will discuss the rankings at the March 19 meeting. Given the waiver of match we will score based on requiring no match (as with Native Projects).

Round Table

- Partner updates

Jess - ADF&G

- 10 projects for cost share this year
- Determining time and location for classroom and workshop

Emily - NOAA

- No updates
- Can talk via phone if needed
- Reach out to if you have any questions

Sam - KPB – River Center

- Flood Plain maps are updated and will be adopted at the end of the month
- Southern district is updated for anadromous waters mapping up next will either be the Northern or Western district. Working with Admin on the timing for those updates
- Presently there are no open public meetings at the River Center

Katherine - KBERR

- Community Council Meeting March 7

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:

March 19, 2025 (Finalize Project Approvals)

Upcoming Meetings/EventsFebruary 2025

Cook Inlet Salmon Symposium Planning Meeting – Feb 24 (Virtual)

March 2025

KBNERR Open House – March 6, Homer

AFS Annual Meeting – March 17-24, Ketchikan

April 2025

Cook Inlet Salmon Symposium – April 21-22, Anchorage

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