



## KPFHP Steering Committee Meeting

December 17, 2025 9:00 am to 11:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM

### Attendance:

Sam L. – KPB River Center	Present	Jess. J – ADF&G	Present
Maura S. - USFWS	Present	Erika Amman - NOAA	Absent
Dave A. - TU	Present	Syverine Bentz - KBNERR	Present
Ben M - KWF	Present		

**Advisors:** None

**Guests:** Cody Jacobson, Jen Chauvet, Peter Franks

### Opening Business

- None

### Presentations

- Elodea Eradication Efforts at Crescent Lake – Cody Jacobson, Jen Chauvet, Peter Franks

### Reports

- KPFHP Coordinator Report (Dodson)

Trent debuted The NFHP's 20th anniversary logo and discussed the upcoming celebration event slated for April 27, 2026 (plan attached). KPFHP will host a central location for partners to attend to watch the event (location and details TBD).

### Old Business

- KPFHP RFP timeline approval

The Steering Committee reviewed the proposed timeline for the RFP. It was suggested to change the RFP due date from October 9, 2026 to October 1, 2026. This change will afford the SC enough time to review and score the proposals and still provide those partners preparing applications 4

months to do so. With this change, the prepared announcement will go out to the KPFP mailing list (after it is updated)

**New Business**

- Partnership Meeting – Homer

The Steering Committee discussed the time and location of the 2026 Partnership meeting. We will aim to host the event in Homer (Location TBD – preference is Kachemak Bay Campus). Target Date is February 9, 2026, but will depend on location availability. The SC determined that a catered lunch would be preferred.

We have started identifying speaker topics (need a total of 8 speakers):

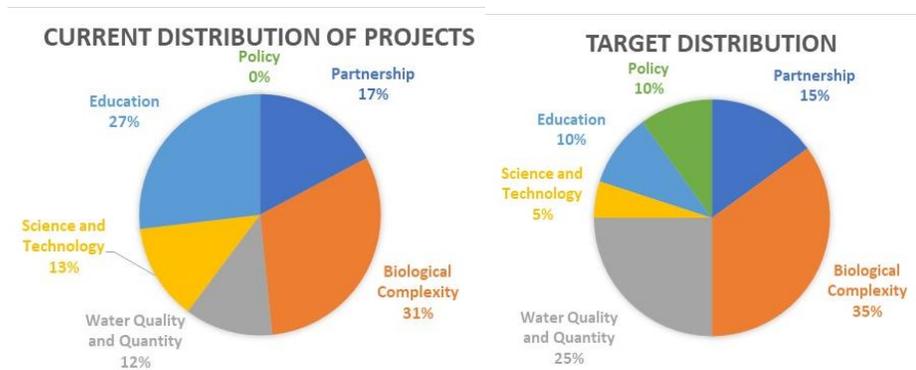
- Beaver Dam Analogs
- National Stream Flow Center
- Alaska South Coast Partnership

**Timeline for event**

ASAP	Announce Meeting Location
1/5/2026	open registration online
1/18/2026	email registration reminder - all partners
1/25/2026	email registration reminder - all partners
1/31/2026	email reminder, agenda, instructions for presenting
2/9/2026	Meeting

- Project Review (Introduction)

Trent reviewed an analysis and categorization of the Partnerships past projects vs. the project goals stated in the Strategic plan. This comparison may be a good way to move forward to update the Strategic Plan,



**Round Table**

- Partner updates

#### Jess – ADF&G

- The 2025 revised Streambank Revegetation and Protection Guide is done!
- <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=streambankprotection.main>
- There are several updates that include new techniques and updated drawings
- Site visits in October with help from the River Center
- 20 proposals for Cost Share – waiting on AKSFF for funding
- Costs are going up in all sectors, could be a barrier for proposals
- Please send the link to the guide to your lists

#### Ben – KWF

- Working on watershed layer for predictive modeling for anadromous waters
- Focusing on areas of the KPB that have existing LIDAR data
- KWF provided that funding via NOAA in 2008 to collect the data
- Will continued the field work for this project in 2026
- Making plans for the Kenaitze tribe’s KPFFP funded project to expand the baseline monitor program
- KWF will work with Kenaitze interns to target different areas to collect water quality data
- Need to make sure the data is up to ADEC standards
- Our for leave all of January

#### Sam - KPB

- Code change to clarify rules for working in the 50ft, tighten rules for utilizes in the 50ft buffer
- New GIS staffer on board and updating maps
- Working on the West District to get the maps updated
- Pulling the Fish and Game streams and put them on the map as well
- Need to figure out when to tackle updating the North District

#### Maura – USFWS

- Working with the HSWCD trail crew on a project to address stream crossings in the Caribou Hills
  - Possible anadromous streams
  - ID priority crossings
  - Designing bridge
- CRRC project in Nanwalek to remove derelict net pens – net pens are removed!
- Work closely with KPCISMA
  - State implemented quarantine on Prunus
  - Leading Prunus working group
- Manage a few FHPs and will be reviewing year-end reports and closing reports

#### Syverine Bentz – KBNERR

- Out on leave in January

- Can help with logistics for the Feb meeting as well as Rosie
- CRRC has a training in April 7 and 8 (link in chat) to learn from tribal professionals
- AKMSS is end of Jan and Gulf of Alaska day is Jan 27, good avenue to learn about marine topics – i.e. harmful algal blooms.
  - Also seeing some freshwater algal blooms in the fresh water lens
- AK Forum on the Environment first week of Feb, workshop on i.d. dreissenid mussel veligers
- Coordinating the “All Hands-on Deck” for ID dreissenids in May

**Chat:**

- 09:28:59 From Kenai Watershed Forum: <https://aktemp.uaa.alaska.edu/#/>
- 09:44:58 From Jess - ADF&G: I agree
- 09:45:06 From Jess - ADF&G: with 10/1 due date
- 09:49:45 From Syverine Bentz- Kachemak Bay NERR: Oct 1 also is in alignment with end of Federal fiscal year, so if proposals included federal partners or letters of support it may be good to get them wrapped up before Sept 30.
- 09:49:55 From Maura Schumacher: Reacted to "Oct 1 also is in ali..." with 
- 10:00:17 From Syverine Bentz- Kachemak Bay NERR: Is invitational travel support helpful for you Jess (or others)
- 10:17:35 From Jess - ADF&G: Not sure
- 10:24:18 From Maura Schumacher: perfect, thank you!
- 10:26:51 From Syverine Bentz- Kachemak Bay NERR : ADFG Page link: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=streambankprotection.main>
- 10:32:28 From Maura Schumacher: Good work, Jess!
- 10:49:01 From Syverine Bentz- Kachemak Bay NERR: Other events in Feb for alignment of FHP meeting in Homer. ADFG Advisory Committee meeting is Feb 10th 6 pm. HSWCD board meeting is Feb 11 at 5:30 pm
- 10:49:08 From Syverine Bentz- Kachemak Bay NERR: Collective Alaska Native Perspectives? This workshop is for researchers and professionals working in our region to learn from Elders, Alaska Native mentors, and expert guest speakers.
- Registration is free at: <https://forms.gle/sJL7kAzLDyYDhffP7>
- 10:55:06 From Syverine Bentz- Kachemak Bay NERR: I'll be joining remotely, thanks for hosting a hybrid

**Steering Committee Members:**Appointed Members

NOAA – Erika Ammann (Appointed 9/5/25)

USFWS – Maura Schumacher (Appointed 1/1/24)

ADFG – Jess Johnson (Appointed?)

Elected Members

KPB – Samantha Lopez (Elected?)

KWF – Benjamin Meyer (Elected?)

TU – Dave Atcheson (Elected 11/22/24)

KBNERR – Syverine Bentz (Elected 9/24/25)

**Advisors:**

Kenai Peninsula Borough – Peter Micciche

USFWS - Mike Daigneault

**Next Meeting:**

January 21, 2026

**Upcoming Meetings/Events**January

National Fish Habitat Partnership Board Meeting – Ridgedale, MO – 28-29

February

Alaska Forum – Anchorage – 2-6

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