

PLEASE NOTE next call will be on Tuesday 11/17/09 AND

Next public meeting will be on Jan. 22, 2010 !

11/6/09 Teleconference Notes

Attendance

Mike Edwards

Gary Fandrei

Ken Tarbox

Ricky Gease

Robert Ruffner

Doug Limpinsel

Ron Davis

David Wigglesworth

Sue Mauger

Christopher Estes

KPFHP – Status with national board

Provided short update of KPFHP status – Partnership approval is pending revision our Strategic Plan. Two elements need attention 1) prioritization and 2) current and desired future condition. Committee chairs are currently working to prioritize their focal areas and will submit to Robert by Friday 11/13. Our goal is to submit a revised plan to Tom Busiahn as soon as we feel it addresses these 2 concerns. We anticipate the plan will need one additional iteration of comment, then it is our hope that it will be ready for approval of the national board. There is a teleconference call of the national board in mid-January. It is our goal to be ready for approval during that call.

Desired Future Conditions

Describing desired future conditions (DFC) still seems vague. We agreed that we should put some thought into overarching future conditions in the front of our strategic plan. This broader DFC will include items such as no ESA listings, reduction in and no new water quality/ quantity impairments. We agreed to also have more specific desired future conditions associated with each focal area. Committee chairs will work toward describing DFC as part of their focal area updates.

Tyonek Participation

Ron Davis provided an update on related activities from the Tyonek Tribal Conservation District and how these might be supportive and complementary of both the Kenai Partnership and MatSu Partnership and possibly the SW Alaska partnership. Participants encouraged further collaboration and information sharing among KPFHP and the ongoing efforts in Tyonek.

National Assessment

An update on the National Assessment was provided. A two-day meeting specific to Alaska was presented and discussed in Anchorage last month, we are waiting on notes from this meeting. Kenai Peninsula was well represented at this meeting. The national assessment is challenging to conduct due to the scale and availability of data relevant to fish habitat. Alaska generally has poorer and coarser scale data, making this challenge even greater. It was the understanding of the KPFHP participants that a draft assessment would be produced for Alaska and that the existing partners would have an opportunity to review this work prior to its approval and use in setting national priorities. The Alaska Partnerships should be prepared to review this work and draft a joint letter. The concern is Alaska has relatively healthy, intact fish habitat, but is not devoid of need to protect, restore and enhance Alaska's fish habitat; a national assessment if not done properly could cast Alaska as lacking in need.

Tasks and Dates

Committee chairs continue focusing on prioritizing your focal area. Attempt to set target funding percentages relative to the 6-goals. Work to describe current condition of your focal area and the desired future conditions. Send Robert an update by close of business on Friday 11/13.

Ken Tarbox agreed to work with Mike on prioritizing Focal Area 1 and writing the plan introduction.

Ricky Gease agreed to work on the decision making process that would be used to evaluate future projects against the strategic plan.

Next teleconference call will be Tuesday 11/17 from 1 PM to 2 PM and every other Tuesday thereafter.

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Next public meeting will be at the Aquaculture building on Friday Jan. 22, 2010.

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On Nov 3, 2009, at 11:46 AM, Robert Ruffner wrote:
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