



Steering Committee Meeting

Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Suite 2
1800 Glenn Highway, Palmer

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 1:30 – 4 pm

Call in # (907) 746-6347 ← ADFG conference room

Draft AGENDA

Facilitator: Christy Cincotta

Notetaker: Arni Thomson

Partnership Business

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 - Decision: accept application by Anike Tourse and Francis the Fish Film to join the Partnership & decide if want to be a formal partner on the project.*[attachments](#)
- Update on FY16 RFP & allocation process (FWS staff or Jessica)
- Update on Mat-Su Borough salmon research project funding (Frankie)

Committee Updates

- Science and Data (Jeff Davis or Jessica)
- Symposium Planning (Jessica)
- Outreach (Frankie)
- Strategic Action Plan Objectives Prioritization Working Group (Corinne)

Follow-up from last meeting

- Discussion: ways to bring back Salmon in the City in Anchorage (Frankie)
- Update: Deshka Campground (Frankie)

Riparian Buffer Standards (Frankie)*[attachments](#)

Other updates (if time)

- Organization and/or summer field projects updates

Upcoming Events:

- NFHP National Board meeting October 8-12, Sacramento, CA
- FHP Coordinators Workshop concurrent with National Board meeting, exact date and confirmation TBA
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Next meeting: November 10th, 2015

Facilitator: Corinne Smith **Notetaker:** Jessica Winnestaffer



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Steering Committee: Frankie Barker, Arni Thomson, Roger Harding, Neil Stichert, David Wigglesworth, Christy Cincotta,

Coordinator: Jessica Speed (Phone)

Partnership Business

- Approved notes from July meeting
- Partnership Applications
 - Decision: accept application by Anike Tourse and Francis the Fish Film to join the Partnership & decide if want to be a formal partner on the project.
 - Comments: Committee members had concerns with having a film as a partner, and thought not yet enough information on the film. The group decided we could still support them, and would like to without being a member of the Partnership or a community partner.
 - Consensus: Decision not approve as a partner or community partner for now. They may be better suited to and we will connect them to SW AK Salmon Partnership. Arni raises parallel with Breach.
- Update on FY16 RFP & allocation process (FWS staff or Jessica)
Notes: Applications closing on Sept 28th; a range of projects including stream bank restoration, elodea, Anadromous waters catalogue; and more. Hold a special meeting for Steering Committee to discuss the projects to start prioritization process with final recommendations at November steering committee meeting. Applications to be sent to Steering Committee at time sent to Science and Data Committee. Jessica S noted that TNC will also be applying for funding for coordination of the Partnership.
- Update on Mat-Su Borough salmon research project funding (Frankie)
Notes: the Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission is requesting pre proposals, 35 proposals are being scored by a small committee; they have narrowed it to 11 proposals through the priority list already established, those groups have been invited to submit proposals by early October, then Borough will review them and make final recommendations. ADFG has submitted 11 proposals, genetics are in some; \$1.4 million is available; MSF&WC will make final recommendations to Borough. Final review and

approval will be done by the Assembly at a meeting in November. Frankie will send us a timeline.

Committee Updates

- Science and Data (Jessica S.)
Will convene in October to review proposals for NFHP funding; Chair of Science and Data is Jeff Davis; Jessica says Jeff Davis and S&D will work on developing index watersheds. Jeff and Neil presented at National American Fisheries Society meeting in August in Portland for the Mat-Su and other Alaska Fish Habitat Partnerships.
- Symposium Planning (Jessica S.)
Funding shortage of \$7,000. To close gap are charging a \$25/day registration fee; booklets have to be ordered, or get it online; considering a suggested donation for the evening event. Keynote is Richard Nelson from Sitka who is an anthropologist, records natural sounds and is host of radio program, Encounters. He'll be doing an evening presentation too. The Steering Committee suggested a Partnership presentation for the Symposium focused on accomplishments and priorities of the Partnership in the last year. CIAA's site tour would be good to mention. Arni, send CIAA site tour report to the group. Discussion followed how budget cuts and daily registration fee may affect attendance for organizations and agencies such as ADF&G. The committee strongly supports ADF&G and other agency participation.
- Outreach (Frankie)
The August 24th Partnership Site tour was a success – 27 attendees for the morning tour at Big Lake, 10 for the afternoon fly-out to Shell Lake; Baby Salmon Live Here sign project with GLT, MSB and more...Found 25 sites for signs on Borough roads; Roger Harding wrote an article for Fish and Wildlife in Alaska, an online publication.
- Strategic Action Plan Objectives Prioritization Working Group (Corinne)
Corinne reported she will call a meeting within the next few weeks. The committee will need to determine what the objectives are first.

Follow-up from last meeting

- Discussion: ways to bring back Salmon in the City in Anchorage (Frankie)
Frankie: There is a gap in salmon restoration representation (and advocacy) in Anchorage. There is an opportunity with the new City administration to reestablish restoration efforts begun under the Begich administration. David W. noted that the Salmon in the City restoration projects began with Begich. He was asked to initiate a meeting with the Chief of Staff, Susanne Fleek-Green. She was the Salmon Project coordinator for Begich when he was Mayor. David noted that Suzanne will be taking Mayor Berkowitz on some site tours. David recommended to Susanne that the Mayor reestablish the Mayor's Watershed Task Force. Frankie noted that there could be an opportunity to work with the Task Force and connect with the Kenai Partnership. We all share Cook Inlet. The Partnership should send a note to the Mayor about the joint interests. We could also do a combined letter Kenai and Mat-Su Partnerships to the Mayor. Also Steering or Outreach Committee could meet with the Mayor's office to reinforce the above ideas. David will give these ideas more thought and we'll check back to see about appropriate next steps.

- Update: Deshka Campground (Frankie)

Emerson Krueger at the Borough's Land Management Division is the contact for information about this property.

Riparian Buffer Standards: Frankie provided

Discussion: role of partnership in determination of priority streams and supporting a riparian buffer set-back. A priority list of anadromous streams needs to be developed. Current setback in borough is 75 feet, no habitable structures within 75 feet of stream banks. A long term strategy is needed to do statewide buffers. The Steering Committee suggested referring this to the Science and Data Committee to look at precedents in-state and zoning differences in Anchorage.

Other updates (if time)

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Christy: Added 10 miles of king and silver salmon and hooligan stream habitats in Old Tyonek Creek. Pike derby in 3 Mile Creek, good start.
- \$2.2 million in residual funds left over from 2012 Disaster Relief, PSMFC is overseeing this. A small committee has been developed. Funding is focused on chinook research and studies to investigate causes of king salmon decline. PSMFC has preproposals???? Kenai Borough in charge of committee and teleconference meetings. Paul Ostrander, Chief of Staff, Kenai Borough is the point person on this

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