



Steering Committee Meeting

Virtual

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:30 – 4:00 pm

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AGENDA

Facilitator: Theo Garcia

Notetaker: Eric Booton

Partnership Business

- Review FY22 Pre-proposals for NFHP funding
 - Share Science and Data Committee technical review and discuss proposals to increase committee understanding and assist with their individual scoring process.
 - *We ran through proposals with input from the science & data committee – it was decided that notes would not be captured on each individual project*
 - **Provide scores for Jessica 5/12/21**
- Hiring process update for new Outreach Coordinator Position
 - Jessica, Eric & Melissa interviewed 3 candidates – all strong with different backgrounds & strengths.
 - Jessica checked references
 - Goal: make an offer by 5/14/21

If time allows:

- Approve notes from March meeting **March Steering Committee meeting notes*
 - No objections – March meeting minutes were approved
- Keeping the Partnership healthy and competitive in a new and evolving NFHP model. (Ted and Jessica)
- *Ted expressed that processes and procedures have been slow to unfold. Ted is always interested in having conversations with steering committees and wants to do all that he can to support partnerships and alleviate anxieties.*
 - Updates and discussion:
 - Cost-sharing, and meeting 1:1 non-federal match requirement
 - NFHP grants management
 - How Fish Habitat Partnerships will be evaluated
 - *The items above are place holders for items to continue to consider*
- Confirm 2021 site tour location
 - Proposal – Little Susitna River Watershed: **unanimous approval**

Committee Updates **Find written updates below*

Other/Partner Updates

- CIAA – field season is starting next week
- MSB – Supplemental Wetlands Ordinance, went before the Planning Commission and was approved 6-1 and will be introduced to the assembly
 - May 18th – Introduction to Assembly
 - June 1st – Public Hearing
- GLT – Working to purchase another inholding in the Palmer Hay Flats
- USFWS – Expecting FY21 funding for last year RFP
- Knik – getting ready for summer season
 - Looking at Salmon Safe projects
 - Progressing conservation easement on one of the corporation properties

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 13th, 2021

Upcoming Events

- Western Division American Fisheries Society Virtual meeting May 10-14, 2021
- Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting, May 20, 2021
- National Fish Habitat Partnership Board Meeting, May 24, 2021 from 9-11 AK time.

Committee Updates (*find list of committee members [here](#)*)

- Symposium Planning
 - Please Save the Date: November 17th and 18th for the 2021 Mat-Su Salmon Symposium
 - Welcomed Kelsey Anderson, MSB planner to her first planning meeting
 - Please think about good potential keynote speakers for 2021- we will be finalizing our short list of possible keynotes to invite in late June.
- Science and Data
 - Co-chairs helped develop updated RFP process for NFHP funds spurred by the ACE Act.
 - Science and Data Committee provided technical review of submitted FY22 projects for NFHP funding.
- Outreach
 - Committee would like approval for Little Susitna River as 2021 summer site tour focus
 - Presentation about the Salmon Partnership at TU's Subsurface: Lunch and Learn series (thanks to Eric for hosting and Mike Daigneault for also presenting).
 - Meeting and presentation about the work of the Partnership with Mat-Su Borough Manager Mike Brown. Thanks to Ted for hosting (and the invitation), and Mike Daigneault for his participation as well.
 - The committee did some research on offering a wetland lecture – with some additional ideas to offer lectures to highlight the science summaries. After reaching out to Mike Gracz, and additional research it was decided that it's better to wait till the outreach person is on-board – and a better time to host lectures.
 - Committee received a proposal idea to host a community riparian planting day. Stay tuned.

- Capacity and Development
 - Outreach Coordinator position hire is in process. We have three candidates we have had interviews with, and are currently checking references. Thanks Eric and Melissa for assisting. Hopefully we can make an offer next week.