



Steering Committee Meeting

Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Suite 4

1800 Glenn Highway, Palmer

Tuesday March 12, 2019 1:30 – 4:00 pm

NOTES

Facilitator: Tom Capiello **Notetaker:** Marc Lamoreaux **Coordinator:** Jessica Speed

Steering Committee Participants: Trent Liebich, Christy Cincotta, Laura Eldred, James DePasquale, Carrie Brophil, Jessica Johnson, Adrian Baer

Partnership Business

- **Notes**

The February 27 Steering Committee Meeting Notes were approved.

Notes are posted on the [Partnership website](#).

- Partnership Strategic Action Plan **Focus and context documents**

The **Strategic Focus document** is a high level draft with planning committee edits incorporated.

This Strategic Focus document was approved with the addition of “local decision makers’ in the first bullet under item 5) to read: “Facilitate communication among landowners, realty, construction, local decision makers and other groups, to work towards salmon-friendly land use and development.

The **context document** provides relation to the Strategic Plan, particularly the threats and strategies.

It was agreed that the context document is the right/practical approach to communicate the Focus document. In the title, “Strategic Focus” will be replaced by “Organizational Focus”. The accomplishments report will be an appendix. It needs a brief conclusion. And, it will include updated threats and strategies as they are updated.

The conservation threats/strategies will be updated and published as a separate Addendum to the Strategic Plan.

The accomplishments report was finalized last summer and will be posted.

- Partnership Science and Data Committee – 2019 Workplan

The threats and strategies are being updated, and there is support to start by doing this to the objectives level. Christy put together a document with status – accomplishments and needs for this by objectives.

It was decided to ask the Science and Data Committee to prioritize updating the following threats and strategies, at least to the objectives level:

1. Overarching Science Strategies
2. Alteration of riparian areas
4. Culverts that block fish passage
7. Aquatic Invasive Species
11. Motorized Off-road Recreation

Science and Data may get to more and to the action level. The accomplishments report can go with these. They will report on progress at the next Steering Committee Meeting, May 12. Can finish updating later as desired.

Discussion (or Marc's perspective) on whether benchmark dates are necessary and realistic. They require consistent tending and may work better for the activities than the objectives level.

Other priorities for the Science and Data Committee 2019 workplan;

RFP analyses

Whitepapers around riparian buffers and aquatic invasives if time allows.

They will send Jessica Speed papers as located.

Jessica will support Science and Data with documents as needed.

Other Committee Updates

- **Capacity and Development**

Committee has not met since last report. May meet in late March.

Tyonek Tribal Conservation District applied through NOAA to Recreational Fishing for a \$40,000 partnership development Elodea control project.

- **Outreach**

The annual sites tour could focus on urban (Wasilla) projects/ restoration sites; riparian areas, stormwater projects, fish passage, aquatic invasives and cultural interfaces. Cottonwood Creek has many of these topical areas and the tour could end at the Hay Flats wetlands.

- **Symposium Planning**

Committee will have its first meeting March 13. The statewide aquatic invasive species conference is typically around the same time as the salmon symposium, with the potential for the two to have an overlapping event in future.

General Partner Updates

Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting March 21. Partnership could bring updates.

Kenai Fish Habitat partnership Meeting coming up – April 18th. Agenda will be online soon.

Upcoming Events:

NFHP Board meeting in Virginia.

Next meeting:

Christy will take Notes.

We could invite someone from ADF&G to talk on water reservations.