



Steering Committee Meeting

Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Suite 4
1800 Glenn Highway, Palmer

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 1:30 – 4 pm

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

AGENDA

Facilitator: Christy Cincotta

Notetaker: Jess Johnson

Attendees:

Tom Cappiello

Laura Eldred (ADEC)

Christy Cincotta (TTCD)

Jessica Speed (TNC)

Marc Lamoreaux (Native Village of Eklutna)

Carrie Brophil (Native Village of Eklutna)

Jim DePasquale (TNC)

Trent Liebich (FWS)

Mike Daigneault (FWS-phone)

Jess Johnson (ADF&G)

Mike Walsh (Foraker Group phone)

Adrian Baer (The Alaska Center)

Erika Ammann (NOAA-phone)

Dan Coleman (DNR)

Sam Oslund (ADFG)

Theo Garcia (Knik Tribe)

Partnership Business

- Approve notes from July meeting
 - Marc's name is spelled wrong and date correction
 - Went on dam walk and river walk
 - Approved with corrections
- Elodea in the Mat-Su – update from Dan Coleman/DNR (30 min)
 - 2 water bodies Alexander and Sucker Lakes
 - Full lake infestations
 - There is native vegetation being overtaken
 - Elodea grows all winter long under the ice
 - 2 species in AK
 - E. nutallii
 - Found in Southcentral AK

- E. canadensis
 - Found in Fairbanks
 - Cross between the nutallii and canadensis is present on Kenai
 - Lake hood in Anchorage was treated with diquat and fluridone and there are still lethal levels of fluridone detected to continue elimination of Elodea.
 - Alexander Lake
 - Has been treated twice without great success
 - Not working as well because there is a large turn-over of freshwater in the lake
 - Estimated turnover rate of freshwater is 12-16 days
 - Sucker Lake
 - Has not been treated
 - Next steps
 - Conduct a hydrology study
 - Use rhodamine dye
 - Time for dye is 1, 2, 4, 8, 24, 48 hrs and etc. to see where it has moved
 - Used to correlate turnover of freshwater in the lake
 - Need about 6 gal of dye for both lakes and two round trip tickets for each lake (there are boats DNR can use)
 - About \$10 K on high end to complete
 - Would like to complete Alexander's dye test this fall
 - The DEC Pesticide use Permit (PUP) needs to be reapplied for both lakes to include rhodamine dye test
 - Also, to include Alexander Creek in the treatment
 - Budget
 - Alexander is about \$ 1M over three years (on the high side)
 - Sucker is about \$500K over three years (on the high side)
 - Aaron Martin (USFWS) can give about \$250K each year for 5 years
 - Will also apply for AKSSF for \$1M over 3 years
 - There needs to be match involved with it though
 - Asking higher up DNR folks to put in a budget for reoccurring maintained to fund pop up project like this for \$500K
 - Herbicides
 - Diquat
 - Kills whatever it touches
 - A lot cheaper
 - Will not kill the roots of the plant
 - Binds up with the sediment
 - Flouridone
 - Will kill elodea but much less damage to native plants
 - Plants absorb it and it kills the chlorophyll in plants
 - Stays lethal longer in the water column
 - Comes in liquid and pellets
 - Native plants are minimally affected by fluridone at target concentrations for Elodea, and if affected tend to re-establish

- naturally.
 - If all goes right start treatment in June of 2019
 - There is great outreach with landowners and pilots that fly to these lakes
 - Elodea has not been found to flower or reproduce seeds so no seeds left in the soil
 - Draft Strategic Plan (Christy)
 - Discuss process and questions for Mike Walsh (15 min)
 - Change the date from 2018-2021 to 2019-2022
 - This is to be used as a 2-3 year plan to help shape things in the short term, will help with RFP
 - There are concerns with priority #2
 - Facilitated discussion of draft document and next steps with Mike Walsh /Foraker (30 min)
 - Priority #2
 - come up with BMPs as opposed to having something in the document about changing policy. These could be optional and advocates outside of this group could take them to policy makers
 - this might look like USFWS, ADFG, MSB, DNR etc. is okay with all of these BMPs when there is different opinion amongst different agencies
 - we could fund projects to make these recommendations and not have it come from the partnership
 - our job is to provide good science to people and allow someone who can advocate take the good science to the policy makers
 - move this whole priority and have it captured into priority #1
 - have mike send out new verbiage to folks
 - Combine priority #3 and #6
 - move elodea priority to the general invasive priority
 - Not seeing any long- range objectives just 5-year ones
 - Some other things like science goals were dropped but could be more of a long-term objective
 - One potential long- term objective, working more closely with Kenai FHP, Anchorage Muni and MSB
 - This would just be for the groups that work around the Cook Inlet for example Homer to MSB
 - Maybe put this under #6
 - Could work on invasive species things together
 - Tri-borough meeting task force to learn what's going on in each area
 - For example Sam does this for in season management of salmon
 - Lots of fisherman showing up to these meetings are concerned about allocations
 - Next Steps
 - Have Mike send out updated version from steering committee (Mike will highlight changes in yellow)
 - Written comments are due Sept 21
 - Strategic plan committee makes suggested edits after Mike reworks it and then have them make final comments and send out to steering committee
- FY2019 RFP process for NFHP funds (Trent and Jessica) (30 min)

- This is the annual process for funding projects
 - We want to make sure that this RFP captures some of work highest priorities of the Partnership
 - Every year this is a moving target to makes sure we get the on the ground projects, outreach/partnership organization and science projects
 - We tried to change the scoring to reflect the partnerships priorities
 - Scoring is similar to last years
 - Biggest change is 1A)
 - 20 points this is so that it catches our top priorities vs. our other priorities which are 10 pts.
 - This might be too soon to use what mike provided us
 - Maybe we use the ones from the FY2019 NFHP Project Applications and Selection guide for the Mat-Su Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership
 - Do we need to add ATV off road recreation because it was in the top 5 for the dot exercise at the symposium but only medium on sent out survey?
 - Have the points breakdown as:
 - Top Priorities -20 pts (fish passage, riparian alteration, & general high)
 - Medium Priorities – 15 pts
 - All others -10 pts
 - Work on Language “... the steering committee will try to honor the ranked list, but also fund a range of priority objectives and has the discretion to recommend projects for funding as it sees...”
 - This wording should change since we have a competitive grant and scoring
 - Ultimately just rewording the sentence would be best as everyone understands why it’s in the document and Laura has similar wording in Aqua Grant
 - What is the difference between Science and on- the- ground?
 - Use the word applied science to help tease out the difference
 - Spell out what each category is so people understand while applying for the ground & scoring
 - Decision: approved overall RFP priorities, process and schedule once
 - Trent needs to make these edits and get the RFP out the door
- Science and Data Committee (30 min)
 - Will not meet again until after RFP has closed
 - Theo Garcia (tgarcia@kniktribe.org 351-9378)
 - With the Knik Tribe wears many hats and one is environmental coordinator
 - Interested in streambank restoration, agriculture, general knowledge of watershed
 - Works with USDA, NRS, and Palmer SWCD and would like to expand partnerships
 - General updates about the tribal interests
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Partnership committee and other updates (via email)

Upcoming Events

- Coordinators Workshop and NFHP board meeting, San Antonio, Texas October 15-18, 2018
- Mat-Su Salmon Symposium, November 14 and 15, Palmer, AK

- Statewide Invasive Species Conference November 13-15, Homer, AK

Next meeting: 27-30th of November. Did not identify facilitator or notetaker.