



Steering Committee Meeting

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

Tuesday, September 13, 2016 1:30 – 4 pm

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

Draft AGENDA

Facilitator: Marc Lamoreaux

Notetaker: Frankie Barker

Partnership Business

- Approve notes from July meeting*[attachment](#)
- Science and Data Committee Charter
 - Decision: approve charter and how committee engages in RFP process*[attachment](#)
- FY2017 RFP process for NFHP funds
 - Decision: approve overall RFP process and schedule*[attachment](#)
- NFHP funding (Jessica)
 - Update: FY16 funds
 - Decision: where do we want to allocate [FY17 funds? *attachment](#)
- Salmon and Society Workshop
 - Decision: approve Mat-Su Salmon Partnership representatives to present at workshop
- Riparian buffers
 - Update (Frankie)

Committee Updates

- Science and Data (Jeff, Jon or Jessica)
- Symposium Planning (Jessica)
- Outreach (Frankie)

National Updates

- Joint National Coordinators and Science and Data Committee Workshop
 - Decision: who should attend?
- Sportsmen's Bill – update (Mike Daigneault)

Other Updates:

- Salmon habitat policy - Board of Fisheries (Arni & Jessica)
 - Discussion & decision: does the partnership want to support this proposal?
- Tri-borough Salmon Commission (Marc)
 - Update and discussion

Matanuska-Susitna Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership
Thriving fish, healthy habitats, & vital communities in the Mat-Su Basin

- Organization and/or summer field projects updates (if time)

Upcoming Events:

- NFHP board meeting, October 26-28, Panama City, FL
- Joint National Coordinators and Science and Data Committee Workshop, October 24th, 25th, Panama City, FL 2016
- Salmon & Society Workshop, November 1-3th, Anchorage
<https://seagrant.uaf.edu/conferences/2016/salmon-and-society/>
- Mat-Su Salmon Symposium, November 17th and 18th, Palmer, AK

Next meeting: November 8th, 2016

Facilitator: Notetaker:



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Meeting Notes

Facilitator: Marc

Notetaker: Frankie

SC Present:

Arni Thompson

Tracy Smith

Marc Lamoreaux

Libby Benolkin

Frankie Barker

Christy Cincotta

Jessica Speed (Partnership Coordinator)

Others Present:

Bob Shavelson

Polly Carr

Lindsey Bloom

Lee Stephan

Mike Daigneault

Partnership Business

- Notes from the July meeting were approved.
- Science and Data Committee Charter - Jessica sent out the revised science and data committee charter before the meeting. She indicated that the committee's role was to provide technical review, not make funding recommendations. Steering Committee members suggested that project proposers be able to attend Science and Data Committee meetings in-person or by phone to answer questions about their proposals. The Science and Data committee can also decide if it would like to have proposers remain in the room or excuse themselves if their own proposals are being discussed. Frankie made a motion to accept the S&D Charter, Arni seconded and it was approved unanimously.
- FY2017 RFP process for NFHP funds – Jessica reviewed the schedule for the RFP process with a proposed review date the Steering Committee October 26-28. The intent is to get the final project list with funding amounts to the FWS by early November.
- NFHP Funding – Jessica indicated that the FY16 funding for Partnership coordination goes through December 2017. She asked if the Partnership should apply for coordination funding for the remainder of FY17 and if the Steering Committee had input on what work funds are used for. Coordination funds can be used for a variety of work including contracting.

- Salmon and Society Workshop – Corinne and Frankie have agreed to represent the Partnership at the November workshop. Frankie suggested using the Partnership’s slide show as a basis for their talk.
- Riparian Buffers - Frankie updated on the status of this ordinance. The assembly approved a motion to delay the action indefinitely at her request. She indicated that there needs to be more information and visuals created to make the case for this ordinance.

Committee Updates

- Science and Data Committee – They will be meeting to review NFHP proposals in October along with index watershed activities. S&D charter was approved earlier in the meeting.
- Symposium Planning - Daniel Schindler of University of Washington will be the keynote speaker. Registration is available online now. They are working on an evening presentation Thursday night. Jessica asked about format for the Partnership presentation and requested Steering Committee members send her ideas. The Salmon Project would like to have a book discussion about the King of Fish at the Symposium. Committee is not sure where that would fit in. Frankie and others suggested having a session to introduce other groups who are advocating for salmon. A panel and discussion about a Tri-Borough Salmon Commission was also suggested.
- Outreach Committee - Held a meeting today to review work plan for remainder of 2016 & 2017. Much of 2016 goals have been achieved, but additional staffing capacity is needed to achieve some remaining work in 2016, and many of the tasks in 2017. Site tour in August was successful with 25 attendees visiting sites around the Knik Public Use Area.

National Updates

- Joint National Coordinators and Science and Data Committee Workshop will be Oct 24 – 25 in Panama City, FL, adjacent to NFHP board meeting. This year the focus is on the national habitat assessment. NFHP usually funds travel for the coordinator and one other person. Jessica suggested someone from Science and Data Committee. Tracy indicated that she might be able to go.
- Sportsmen’s Bill – Mike indicated that there has been no change on the bill. Congress has just returned to work and the bill is part of the Energy Bill that is in a joint Senate/House conference committee.

Other Updates:

- Sustainable Salmon habitat policy proposal to the Board of Fisheries - Lindsey Bloom spoke about the proposal which asks BOF to recommend to the legislature that they amend Title 16 to comply with the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Policy. Bob Shavelson, Polly Carr and Lee Stephan spoke in favor of the proposal. It will be discussed at the October BOF workshop in Soldotna. Lindsey suggested that individuals and groups could submit support letters to the BOF.
- Tri-borough Salmon Commission: Cook Inletkeeper has gotten in touch with the Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor and Anchorage Mayor and is waiting to meet with Mayor Halter.

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Facilitator: __Christy_____

Note taker: need a volunteer_____