

Attendees:

Marc Lamoreaux, Laura Eldred, Tom Cappiello , Trent Leibich, Christy Cincotta, Jess Johnson, Ted Eischeid, Jon Gerken

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Mat-Su Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership Meeting

1. Jim P will be working in a different section of TNC and will not be a part of the partnership. While TNC will have less involvement with Jim in a different position and possibly less ability to financially support partnership there is still interest in the Partnership.
 - a. Discussion of whose terms will be up.
 - b. Group agrees to possible at large seat replacement for TNC could be Susitna River Coalition.
 - c. Jessica Speed will reach out to Susitna River Coalition
2. Summer Schedule: Jessica will be out Jul 11-Aug 7; will check email
3. Partnership Budget (See Budget documents)
 - a. Summary Budget: FY20 budget \$85,000 in NFHP and carryover leads to \$112,780; possible \$20,000 from BLM (possible numbers will change). Funds will be held by USFWS.
 - b. June 30,2020 all NFHP funds need to be spent
 - c. Expenses: Capacity and development committee could use funds to develop their ideas such as; Partnership coordination and outreach contract hire, elodea project manager, science and data support person, etc.
 - d. Partnership approved the proposed general FY 20 budget (see Budget Documents)
 - i. Budget has funds for elodea site visit, August 1st might revisit if a site visit is worthwhile depending on project progress.
 - ii. Contracts funds had funding for progress reports. Partnership needs to do better in accomplishment reporting.
 - iii. Travel funds: there is currently a place holder. This could be used for trainings, conferences, etc.
4. Reporting on project work
 - a. Need better progress reports for Mat-Su for different audiences; Steering committee needs to know what was accomplished, state feds need to know metrics, public needs to know the stories of what is done.
 - b. Look into if we can change reporting to make it easier to transfer
5. Partnership Strategic Action Plan
 - a. Everyone take a look at report and get back to steering committee on approval. **JULY 16** get comment in.
 - b. Suggestion to look closely at 2020 goals, if not working toward that already may need to adjust to 2021
6. FY 20 RFP
 - a. Keep current priorities for RFP, add additional focuses on climate change and overarching science goals. Suggestion: don't change priorities but rather add a question

for the applicant to address how their project addresses climate change and applied science.

- b. Timeline :
 - i. Mid-July get the word out that RFP is coming
 - ii. We want to submit RFP Aug 8 ~14th
 - iii. One month prior alert partners to opening
 - iv. Extension on open period of 60 days
 - v. Anticipated review period November
- 7. Outreach : FWS director visit went very well, KTVA News Story
 - a. Summer site tour Aug 28th
 - b. Alexander creek submitted as water to watch
- 8. Symposium committee looking at themes and keynote speakers
- 9. Capacity and Development: working on contractual items on outreach elodea etc.
- 10. Science and Data Committee: updates Strategic Plan,
- 11. Next meeting, September 10th. Notetaker: _____ and Facilitator: _____