

**Kenai River Special Management  
Area Advisory Board Minutes  
Gilman River Center  
Thursday, October 8, 2009 5:30 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

- A. Members Present:** Joe Connors, Ted Wellman, Brenda Trefon, Carol Padgett, Adam Reimer, James Czarneski, Bruce King, Peter Micciche, Wayne Ogle, Janet Schmidt, Bobbie Jo Skibo, Robert Begich, Jack Sinclair, Tim Stevens.
- B. The Minutes** for September 10, 2009 were approved as written.
- C. Agenda Changes and Approval:** No changes to agenda.

**II. Public Comments/Presentations**

Ken Tarbox: The Value of Wildlife Viewing

**III. Reports**

**A. Agency and Government Reports**

- a. State Parks, Jack Sinclair**, spoke regarding the Kenai River Recreation Use Study. Expects that Doug Whittaker will come to the KRSMA meeting in November and give an update. House Bill 179 is the Kenai Lake Lands bill, which is back in representative Seaton's office. Will provide hard copy next time we meet. Need KRSMA members to be in tune with legislators.

**Pam Russell** reviewed the Kenai River trends and statistics.

- b. DEC, Tim Stevens**, expecting to get preliminary report in October, for hydrocarbon sampling that was done in July. Anticipating getting a graph of report during early November for turbidity study that was done in July and August.
- c. ADF&G, Robert Begich**, nothing to report.
- d. USF&WS, Janet Schmidt**, nothing to report.
- e. USFS/Chugach, Bobbie Jo Skibo**, nothing to report.
- f. City of Kenai, Wayne Ogle**, moving ahead on bluff erosion project, collecting money through grants for the project, the biggest hurdle is congressional approval of project. Dip net fishery came out with draft report and is going through review with various city committees, revenues went up as well as expenditures. Overall the dip net fishery went well, should have a report within a month. Plan to do 5,000 linear feet of chain link fence on the south beach.
- g. City of Soldotna, Peter Micciche**, will have activity at Soldotna creek in the spring.
- h. Kenai Peninsula Borough, Milli Martin**, was not present.

## **B. Committee Reports**

- a. **Guide Advisory**, met today, talked about in-season guide replacement policy and there will be no changes to policy. Spoke in regards to the Kenai River trends and statistics. Last item on the agenda was guide behavior on the river this year and looking to see if there are any trends.
- b. **Habitat** met twice since the last meeting, to discuss the habitat matrix and will be prepared to come before the board with recommendations for priorities for habitat issues sometime within the next year. Met a couple weeks ago to talk about our education program and anticipating having a speaker to educate on habitat issues for each months KRSMA meeting. Moving forward on the possibility of the board being involved in an eco-system wide planning education effort this spring. Our hope is to bring in some people that have been involved in ecosystem wide management planning in areas where they have very complex issues, so we can understand a little about how other places have gone about solving those problems.
- c. **River Use**, did not meet.
- d. **Permits**, did not meet.
- e. **Legislative/Government Activities** did not meet.
- f. **Board Development**; met today at 4:00 to talk about board nominations.
- g. **Agenda/Board Structure/Housekeeping** did not meet.

## **IV. Old Business Action Items**

- A. **Board Nominations**, forwarding all 10 applications to the commissioner with the proviso that he or his designee will conduct interview's with each of the applicants before making selections.

Board Nominations process passed.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Committee Goals 09-10**

Habitat Committee set goals of completing habitat matrix project and continue education efforts.

Will identify committee goals during November 12, 2009 KRSMA meeting.

## **VI. Correspondence – Resolution 2009-01**

Jack stated the 3 resolution letters have been received and are being acted upon and a response is expected out of the commissioner's office.

## **VII. Public Comment – none**

## **VIII. Adjournment**

### **A. Board Comments**

Bruce stated that Mary King will be talking about success of Slikok Creek culvert replacement project and give us a brief update of the culvert situation on the peninsula during next month's meeting.

Peter Micciche suggested a resolution to change bylaws for the nomination process.

Bobbie Jo Skibo suggested having meetings in different locations to have more public input.

Adam Reimer would like to get all meeting information prior to meeting to review.

Robert Begich stated Fish and Game should have data ready in January for the number of people that precipitated in the Kenai River personal use dip net fishery. Fish and Game is planning to have a meeting here at the Gilman River Center on October 29, 2009 from 6:00-9:00 pm to summarize guide logbook information.

### **B. Date/Agenda of Next Meeting November 12, 2009 5:30 p.m.**