

**Kenai River Special Management Area  
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
Gilman River Center  
Thursday, December 9, 2010, 2010 5:30 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

- A. Members Present:** Jack Sinclair, Terri Carter, Andy Loranger, David Carey, Rick Wood, Kevin Lyon, George Heim, Bruce King, Teri Carter, Joe Connors, James Czarnezki, Carol Padgett, and Travis Mosley.
- B. The Minutes** for November 11, 2010 were approved as written, with one modification: Dave Carey presided over the meeting; Joe Connors and James Czarnezki were not present.
- C. Agenda Changes and Approval:** No items were added.

**II. Public Comments/Presentations**

**III. Reports**

**A. Agency and Government Reports**

- a. State Parks - Jack Sinclair** reported that the final draft of the River Use Study and the supplements can be downloaded from the internet or are available on disk at the River Center. As of December 15, 2010 James King will no longer be the director of State Parks. No new appointments have been completed. We recently had our first guide academy class this fall, it was in October and the next one starts December 15, 2010.  
  
Joe Connors commented that over 500 guides have gone through the guide academy and there are around 58 guides that still need to take it.  
  
Jack is currently working with State Troopers and the Kenai Peninsula Borough to provide 24-hour dispatch services to Alaska State Park rangers.
- b. DEC - Tim Stevens**, nothing to discuss.
- c. ADF&G- Vania/ Begich**, was not present.
- d. USF&WS – Andy Loranger-** at the October meeting Bobbie Jo talked about a collaborative public process that Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service and agencies on the Russian River Interagency Coordination Group are going into relative to addressing human bear interactions and managing them at the Russian River, Kenai River confluence. Since that time there has been a meeting of the Russian River Interagency Group and pretty much planning the planning process is what we accomplished. There is a consultant that is on board, her name is Jan Caufield and she is in the process of contacting the key stakeholders that have been identified. If anyone is interested in being advised about what is going on in terms of that process and how it is going to move forward, please let them know. This should get started sometime next spring, our goal is over a 4-6 month period get as much input as possible and start bringing that together in terms of an action plan. Refuge opened to snowmachining on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Our new deputy manager, Steve Miller just arrived and his family will be here just before Christmas.
- e. USFS/Chugach – Travis Mosley** Bobbie Jo had a baby boy. Travis will be filling in for Bobbie Jo. At present, Travis is in the Anchorage Office as the Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor and that will probably be through February. We have a new Forest Supervisor by the name of Terri Marceron, she was a Forest Supervisor on the Lake Tahoe Basin. Some of snowmachining in the Seward District is still closed due to lack of snow on the lower elevation trails.
- f. City of Kenai – Kevin Lyon-** Dip net report is going to be getting its first public look at with the harbor commission on Monday and city council on December 15, 2010. The North Beach fishery improvements for the outhouses for the dip net fishery, we had a bid that was opened up and will be awarded on December 15, 2010 as well.

- g. **City of Soldotna – Rick Wood** DEC is in the process of issuing us a new discharge permit for the wastewater treatment plant and it will be up for public review starting December 10<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.
- h. **Kenai Peninsula Borough - David Carey**, has a working group looking at 21.18 habitat protection. This year as we move forward to the next phase, we are also going to look at 21.24, which is enforcement. We are very well aware that there is no purpose in putting in standards if they are not going to be actively enforced. In the 14 years since it was last looked at, there are some defects in the enforcement code. We greatly appreciate the work with KRSMA in helping with the 21.18 changes last year and certainly we hope to be able to again use the committees as well as the board itself as a vehicle to educate the public and take questions and comments. We are looking particularly at what we are probably going to call special use districts. Our hope is to start with the very proactive work of the City of Soldotna. Probably combining with them a number of things, they have very good standards, it's more of a matter us getting in line with them. We very much appreciate the work of the KRSMA board.

## B. Committee Reports

- a. **President's Report**, Concerned about the lack of appointments; asked the board whether or not it would be appropriate to have the present sitting board stay on until appointments are made.

Dave Carey affirmed that having board members stay on the board until the new members are selected would be the logical decision since standing members from the agencies and municipalities serve until relieved.

Joe Connors received consensus from the members that this would be the board's rationale for keeping all present members in their seats until new appointments are made by the Commissioner.

Joe Connors stated that board officer elections will still take place in January 2011 as per the board's bylaws.

- b. **Guide Advisory**, did not meet. Received many applications for guide advisory committee. Would like to bring applications to the 4 members of the KRSMA board who have been attending the guide advisory committee and make a decision on new members.
- c. **Habitat**, did not meet.
- d. **River Use**, did not meet.
- e. **Permits**, did not meet.
- f. **Legislative/Government Activities**, Dave Carey stated most work will be done via email and does not foresee calling people in for committee meeting; if you have something to work on please let Dave know. An interesting thing going on now is the Kasilof Special Use Area in that there has been a great deal of discussion in comparing it with Kenai River Special Management Area and there has been some very significant misinformation of people thinking that the special use area is a plan to form a state park. Would hope very much that we would be advocating on a larger budget for those concerns related to KRSMA.
- g. **Board Development**, nothing to report. No appointments have been made.
- h. **Agenda/Board Structure/Housekeeping** did not meet. Plan to have separate nominations and votes for both the president and vice president.

## IV. Old Business

## V. New Business

- A. **Letter to KPBA Assembly regarding 21.18 continuations**, Jim requested that this goes to the borough planning commission. It was agreed upon and the letter will be sent.
- B. **Resolution supporting the Bing's Landing Angler Access Parking**.

The resolution will be sent to the Borough Administration. This will not go to the Assembly.

Jack read the proposed resolution supporting the Bing's Landing Backline facility.

Dave Carey said let's go on record as approving the concept and then work on the wording of the resolution.

Dave made the motion and George Heim seconded.

It was passed unanimously.

Dave made a motion to write a letter to James King thanking him for his service to State Parks and the KRSMA board.

Vote was unanimous.

**VI. Correspondence - None**

**VII. Public Comment**

Nikki Pareira asked that when you are talking about the resolution for Bing's Landing and you are drafting that, that you consider adding the public safety aspect of it. One of the biggest problems we are experiencing is the clogging of our streets that will not allow fire access and emergency access down to our properties.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**A. Board Comments**

Joe Connors thanked Ted Wellman for his work and commitment for the past 15 years.

Jack Sinclair also gave him a plaque, thanking him for his services to the KRSMA board.

George Heim stated that Cooper Landing now has ski trails around the Russian River Campground.

Pam Russell asked for more communication when it comes to committee and board meeting time and agendas.

**B. Date/Agenda of Next Meeting January 13, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.**