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Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board

Draft Minutes

Thursday, February 9th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call-Joe Connors, William Tappan, David Maternowski, Glenn Arundell, Monte Roberts, Andrew Carmichael, Branden Bornemann, Lisa Gabriel, Brent Hibbert, Matt Connors, Marion Glaser, Colton Lipka and Jack Blackwell
- B. Minutes Approval-Minutes were approved as written
- C. Agenda Changes and Approval- Agenda was approved as written
- D. Public Comment-None
- E. Presentations-Joe McCullough gave a presentation on HB 148 Mandatory Boating Safety Education.

II. REPORTS

- A. Agency and Government Reports
 - a. State Parks –Superintendent Jack Blackwell reported that there were two Guide Academy course held the last two weeks of January. Park Ranger Spencer Burgin has resigned his position and is now working for the Alaska State Trooper. Bing's landing boat launch construction will start spring of 2022. To apply for a position on an advisory board, fill out the Alaska State Parks Advisory Board Application provided at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/misc/boards.htm>. Applications are being accepted through March 31, 2022.
 - b. DEC – Sarah Apsens written report contained the following:
 - The public comment period for the 2022 Integrated Report closed February 6th, 2022. DEC will be responding to comments over the next month. More information on the 2022 IR and waterbody listings can be found on the DEC website (<https://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/integrated-report/>)
 - No Kenai Peninsula waterbodies are proposed for a listing change in the 2022 IR.
 - The lab results from year one of the DEC Kenai River Metals monitoring project are available on the web from DEC. Finalized QAQC'd data for the 2021 season will be uploaded to EPAs WQX portal later this month. A draft 2021 field report is currently under review. A finalized 2021 field report will be available in late spring 2022. A presentation to KRSMA board is planned for a future date. This is a two year project. DEC is currently planning the 2022 field season.
 - c. ADF&G – Colton Lipka reported that the department of Fish and Game are working on the [2022 Kenai and Kasilof Rivers King Salmon Sport Fisheries Preseason Summary](#) which can be found on the Fish and Game website.
 - d. USFWS – Matt Connors reported that the Refuge is currently working on their seasonal hires. This includes trail crews, Park Rangers and biological interns.

- e. USFS - Marion Glaser –The Forest Service is also working on the 2022 seasonal hires. The road into the Russian River will be closed August 15. They are also working on Spruce Bark Beetle mitigation in the Forest Service area.
- f. City of Kenai – No Report
- g. City of Soldotna – Andrew Carmichael reported to the board that the City of Soldotna is also working on starting the process for the summer hires. Andrew is working on permits to dredge the Centennial Boat Lagoon area.
- h. Kenai Peninsula Borough – Brent Hibbert Reported that the Borough Assembly has been working on Ordinance Amending KPB 21.29, KPB 21.25, and KPB 21.50.055 regarding material site permits, applications, conditions and procedures.

B. Committee Reports- There were no committee meeting for the month of January

- a. President's Report
- b. Guide Advisory committee me. Present was Monte Roberts and 3 other participants. The board discuss the Guide Academy class and
- c. Habitat Committee
- d. River Use-Present was Bill Tappan and 4 of members. The committee listen to a presentation about HB 148 Boating Safety Education bill from Joe McCullough. A resolution was submitted to be presented to the board for approval at 5 pm. With a memo from the chair Ted Wellman whom was unable to be present at the 5:30 pm regular board meeting.
- e. Legislative/Government Activities

III. OLD BUSINESS:

IV. NEW BUSINES

- a) Resolution Boating Safety Education House Bill 148. Bill Tappan made a motion that the board pass Resolution 2022-1 Mandatory Boating Safety Education HB148. Monte Roberts seconds the motion.

The motion passed with an 8 approve to 1 no vote.

- b) The draft KAP-KRCMP amendment. There is a draft amendment to the KAP-KRCMP. Comments are due by March 15 at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/pubnotfrm.htm>.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- VII. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS-**Brent Hibbert commented that he voted against HB 148 because there is not a fiscal note attached to the bill.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: