



KENAI RIVER

Special Management Area

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Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board

*** Meeting Agenda***

Thursday,

April 14th, 2022 at 5:30 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call
- B. Minutes Approval
- C. Agenda Changes and Approval
- D. Public Comment
- E. Presentations
 - a. Marcus Mueller, Section 395 Cooper Landing Bypass/ Spruce Bark Beetle Forest Management project.
 - b. Monica Alvarez- Kenai River Area Plan and Kenai River Special Management plan updates

II. REPORTS

- A. Agency and Government Reports
 - a. State Parks – Park Superintendent Jack Blackwell
 - The state has adopted a new regulation packet (effective May 5th) that includes the Kenai River anchor buoy proposed by the KRSMA board.
 - The Bing's Landing boat launch is currently closed while the state replaces the boat ramp. The new ramp is slightly longer and keyed into the riverbed and will reopen by April 23.
 - All permanent seasonal staff have returned to work.
 - b. DEC – Sarah Apsens
 - The 2021 Field Report for the DEC Kenai River Water Quality Monitoring Project is posted online here: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/reports/>. The report summarizes findings from year one of this project. We are currently preparing for the second year of sampling. Six sampling events are planned for 2022. The first event is scheduled for late April. A final report is planned for 2023.
 - The 2021 Kenai Beach Monitoring report is available online here: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/beach-program/kenai-river/> (see the 2021 Kenai tab). DEC will be conducting limited monitoring at Kenai River beaches in 2022 and testing out a predictive modeling tool.
 - A request for proposals is planned for fall 2022 for the Alaska Clean Water Action (ACWA) grants. Information on this grant program is available online here: <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-actions/>. Individuals and/or organizations interested in the program are welcome to reach out if they have questions or want to discuss ideas for projects.
 - c. ADF&G – Colton Lipka
 - ADFG has a number of vacant seasonal positions remaining to be filled for this summer.

- d. USF&WS - Matt Conner
 - USFWS will be filling some of their seasonal field positions through a local hiring process.
 - Kiosks are being replaced at facilities that are consistently designed and look the same.
 - Visitor center will be open this summer.
- e. USFS - Marion Glaser
- f. City of Kenai – Lisa Gabriel
- g. City of Soldotna - Andrew Carmichael
 - The city dredged the Centennial boat launch basin yesterday.
 - Approximately 1,000 trees will be removed from the Centennial and Swiftwater campgrounds this summer.
 - The city has a number of vacant seasonal positions to fill.
- h. Kenai Peninsula Borough - Brent Hibbert
 - The borough will form a material site subcommittee working group.
 - Budget work sessions will begin soon.

B. Committee Reports

- a. President's Report
- b. Guide Advisory
- c. Habitat
- d. River Use

III. OLD BUSINESS:

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Board Membership and Interviews
- b. Capital Projects Schedule & Needs

V. CORRESPONDENCE PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting: May 12th, 2022