

KBNERR March Community Council Meeting Minutes

March 3rd, 2023

12:15 - 3:15

Kachemak Bay Campus
Room 201/202

Homer, AK 99603

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| Meeting called by: | KBNERR Community Council Chair George Matz | Type of meeting: | Quarterly Community Council Meeting |
| Note taker: | Alice Rademacher | | |

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| Attendees: | <p>Council Members: Donna Aderhold, Paul Allan, Jim Hornaday, George Matz, Carol Harding, Francie Roberts, Laurie Daniel, Linda Robinson, Michael Opheim, Joe Talbott, Bretwood Higman</p> <p>Agency Members: Jason Okuly (State Parks), Dom Hondolero (NOAA KBL), Kris Holderied (NOAA KBL), Jan Keiser (City of Homer)</p> <p>Guests: Dolores Leonard (Roca), Lola Jalbert (Roca Communications), Marie McCarty (Land Trust), Stephen Peyton (SVT)</p> <p>KBNERR Staff: Jacob Argueta, Syverine Bentz, Chris Guo, Coowe Walker, Ben Peters, Ingrid Harrald, Jasmine Maurer, Kim Schuster, Diane</p> |
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Minutes

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| Agenda item: | Roca Communications | Presenter: | George Matz |
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Discussion:

- Laurie Daniel: missing a piece skipping straight to national but should include state
- Dolores trying to get to a description of what the reserve provides that is distinct, what makes it distinct
- Jan: CoH is a consumer of the science to make decisions at the local level. Needs an interpreter to go from the meaning of the science to the implications and importance of the science
 - Dolores: Does the Reserve do this?
 - Jan certainly connects the Science, and needs digging into to get to the meaning in order to access what to do from a policy perspective
- Kris H: intent captures very well what the reserve is admired, known for, and provides. Place-based work is important, like the sound of second part of sentence
 - the advantage the reserve has is being here, developing relationships, done this well for a long time, that is unique to the Reserve
- George: lots of visitors live here and the science applies to how people engage in this place. Reserve is isolated from road blocks
- Katherine Shakie - very creative and involved in the community / concerns raised and are aware of the obstacles and are able to craft and inform research questions since they are a part of the community

- Michael Comments: always tries to encourage engagement with tribes on opposite side of the bay, benefits of having longterm staff, don't have to relearn friendships
- Who does the reserve need to reach and why
 - George: people that either don't know about science or don't want to reach
 - why important to reach them? Everything is so politicized and vague information floating around including conspiracy theories
 - In your networks in your town can you think of groups in particular that would be great to engage the reserve?
 - Coowe - when you ask who we need to reach, decision makers
 - Jim - students, high school, college, and middle school. Reserve has information that we want to start kids on early
 - Michael - The reserve does a lot of work coming to Seldovia, Nanwalek, Port Graham working with the kids in the schools and educating in the area getting kids excited about science / working for their tribes
 - Communications beyond work done by Ingrid in education/tools she's already using? Only additional thing might be different toolkits on various subjects (heritage kits). Pratt Museum also has educational kits
 - Hig: we get scientists that come out and do work, and they come up with work they think is adoptable and applicable but doesn't get applied. The collaborations model that KBNERR has done is very successful - cocreation of knowledge in indigenous / nonindigenous communities. How do we identify ways of collaborating with more diverse communities. Rather than communication but collaboration
 - occasionally when you're at point of communicating ask if you've collaborated first.
Prioritization of collaboration first in order to achieve goal of incorporating science into policy / management
 - Diane: more personal outreach to youth so they feel inspired
- Tools
 - Simple website address
 - Hig: community map used by people hiking with public displays
 - Ingrid: Lots of collaborative outreach opportunities we haven't investigated that would be easy to team up on
 - plugging in to existing communications methods
 - KBC College job fair no one representing the scientific community
 - Carol: Good panel discussion during birders meeting, surprised a lot of folks in the group about how science was tied together in the community
 - Kris: good communication about individual projects has been done, triennial science conference that is a great firehose of information to general public, doing it for the broad community as an integrated, consistent effort is a big gap
 - Laurie: Bigger picture science blurbs weekly
 - Diane: Instead of using mainly technology to spread information about the Reserve, spread the business out between towns and try to have a place to hold meetings open to the public and also hold young people activities so it's more widespread. From youth you don't hear about what KBNERR does and everyone knows data is being collected but don't know the importance of why it's being collected so not intrigued
 - Giving information that hits personally that will help: king salmon reducing daily catch from 2 to 1
 - Chris: having prompts from community to know what is of interest that is helpful. Ask a scientist at the REserve function
 - Need to reach the people that are using the resources and the impacts of their use -
 - reaching these groups is reaching groups through their organizations and doing field trips (FNLT)
 - advisory board
 - Incorporating these groups into data collection is important - what is the need and synthesizing their observations
 - what aspects of program do you want to adapt to more outreach
 - Also important for communication pathway to be open to receive
 - Where do I get more information about salmon and how they're doing? Where is the place to point to that gets this information

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| Agenda item: | Ripple Effect Science Collaborative | Presenter: | George Matz |
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Discussion:

We haven't been measuring long term effects of our science collaborative system
 - so we developed long terms effects and why it's valuable to have a reserve here

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| Agenda item: | Q&A | Presenter: | Enter presenter here |
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Discussion:

Quarterly Report:
 - Beaver question: The outcome we want is to limit / restrict trapping on beavers
 - If there are going to be any beavers there, we will have to change trapping regulations will reserve comment?
 - Alaska Wildlife Fund members will

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| Agenda item: | Council Committee Lands and Facilities | Presenter: | Enter presenter here |
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Discussion:

- Hig: Long term change properties will benefit at the long term. Land level change, we will continue to see isostatic rebound for the long term
 - working with Odin
- Sou
- Jan we're seeing increasing interest in development pressure, city doesn't have tools to protect this infrastructure so these things are happening and deteriorating
 - working with Kachemak Bay Conservation Society and soil and water to bring development risks to attention of Kachemak Heritage Land Trust
 - Michael: does the property were looking for have to be in Homer?
- Carol: trying to develop method to throw out as wide a net as possible, first meeting should have as large a group as possible, then a smaller executive committee for
 - Send out an email to remind everyone,
 - Getting the word out includes people beyond the
 - Healthy chatter good opportunity to reach out across the bay (Free Lunch)
 - this doesnt exist anymore, ready set go might be an opportunity, but that's emergency planning
- Michael

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| ✓ Send an email reminder about core decision group | Ben / Carol | Monday March 6th |
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| Agenda item: | Carbon Offsets | Presenter: | Enter presenter here |
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Discussion:

Hig overview

- Abundance of ineffective offsets in the market affects the price
- Ethical conundrum as we may see actual effect of participating is unintentional increase in carbon emissions
- Reserve won't enter the market since we don't own or manage land, but we are working to have peatland adopted as carbon market
 - How can peatland carbon projects be used to mitigate material extraction / support salmon stream productivity
 - Do beavers have a hydrologic effect that can keep peatlands wet and maintain their effectiveness at carbon storage so preserving peatlands would keep the
- Concern arises at public presentation from borough assembly: should approach with level of sophistication since large number of folks want to take advantage of the system. public conversations important to illuminate the nuance of this project
- Laurie: seems like the idea of gravel extraction owner to trade lands with the borough for what has already been developed
 - one example: large acreage being used to extract easy access gravel, future plans to access

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| Agenda item: | Homer Harbor Expansion | Presenter: | Enter presenter here |
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Discussion:

Reserve has a role in providing long term monitoring / science for the process.

Kris: Reserves are involved in this process nationally,

Jan: Number of ways for Reserve to participate in the process in preliminary

- Public outreach - stakeholder, correcting misinformation about what the impacts will and won't be
- Comprehensive plan efforts will look at social and land use implications of the harbor expansion. Separate engagement opportunities and correcting misinformation

George: concern is the preliminary disturbances in Mud Bay having significant environmental impact

- Someone needs to become the shepherd and is aware of what is being done and will be done

Carol: Mud Bay continually impacted and would be really helpful to get strong protections for this area (owned by the City)

- Resource groups in town that serve as advocates (Reserve comes up with science and then advocacy groups have backup); need to find a champion on the council or on the Reserve

Jasmine: is the process the same for looking at the Reserve

- Gotta stay strongly involved

Laurie: Where is the pressure coming from, who are the large boat owners,

- Maritime industry, owners of large boats, the Mayor who thinks it's good for the economy,

Paul: Along lines of advocating and staying on top of it, Mayor wants to push the science down the road. Working with the designers to develop process using science

- In the past wasn't a strong connection between plat process and ability to install plumbing / construct roads / drainage. Feasibility needs to work with the initial planning / design process

George: intertidal is jointly owned by City and State, preliminary permits are also worrying

George: can we assign someone to be the harbor watchdog?

- Coowe: unfortunately we don't have capacity to assign this status to someone that can trace this to the level of involvement that we need

Laurie: maybe we want to have a sub group to follow this and convene a couple heads that can bridge the gap here

- If someone can track on timing opportunities to comment then staff can attend meetings
- Big role for council to follow

Hig: nervous about Tsunami preparation, current fuel dock is at risk since it is around a sharp corner. Leads to further worries about lack of mitigating hazards

Dom: they have a diagrams of what they are

Lauren: If there is solid support from the council that will take a huge lift from staff, still intend on attending all meetings

Chris: there is a report submitted to city of Homer, that speaks to the ecological value of this place, good reminder,

George: most tangible thing to do is dig up these reports and circulate them to council /

Is Laurie interested in leading this. Laure and Carol will take the lead on this.

Kris: Reach out to mayor to make them aware of information they might not know is available

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✓ Send out Reports to council members to send out

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Admin Updates

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Discussion:

Retiring at the end of June, plan to stay involved, can't overlap unfortunately, new manager position open (timeline April trying to screen and interview, and then council will have opportunity to hear final candidates and comment at end)

- Kris: If looking for someone to be an advocate for various places after June I may look to you

Another field tech position open, council can spread the word that

Assembly meetings: March 14th

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Public Comments

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Discussion:

Laurie: any summary for gulfwatch, possible to get it going again

- Kris: No, very challenging considering comments made by a certain trustee (possible but incredibly unlikely)
- NOAA wil continue to do the work that they have been doing

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