

KENAI RIVER PROFESSIONAL GUIDE ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

It's been a busy kick-off to my term as KRPGA President. Between the ADEC turbidity study release in February, Board of Fish, our annual fundraiser and Kenai River Guide Academy in March, the Board and our member volunteers have been very busy.

At our fundraiser, everyone had a good time and we managed to raise some money for the Association and the Kenai River Clean-up. We really need to thank all of the vendors and donors that provided awesome prizes. There is a list of these donors in this newsletter. Please help support these vendors that support our industry.

This year completed the 12th Kenai River Guide Academy. All 28 enrolled students passed the Academy which is not an easy task. Thank you to Gary Turner, the Kenai Peninsula Community College, and Association volunteers for teaching sessions and proctoring tests; Jerry Striebe, Josh Hayes, Damon Blankenship, Steve Blunk, Alex Douthit, Billy Coulliette, Carl Coulliette, Ty Van Lier, Mike Flores, and Kevin Thurman.

It is important to reach out to your Senators and Representatives. For future correspondence, contact information for Kenai Peninsula Legislators are as follows:

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Recently, Duncan Fields was nominated by Governor Walker to the Board of Fish. The KRPGA was strongly opposed to this nomination, as were several other organizations around Alaska. Due to KRPGA, and these other organizations

voicing their opposition to Mr. Fields nomination, he withdrew his nomination to BOF, making way for Alan Cain's re-appointment.

Once again, on behalf of the Board, thank you for the support and time volunteering in the Association's activities. Please contact fellow guides and encourage them to join the KRPGA membership. Contact the industries that support or enhance your guide business and encourage them to join as a KRPGA support member as we are the only voice that protects your industry.

Keep a tight line,

Ray DeBardelaben



A big THANK YOU to all our March 2018 Fundraiser Donors!

High Adventure Air
Vicki Stanford
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JOIN OUR MEMBERSHIP AND HELP US SUPPORT YOU AND OUR FISHERY

The Kenai River Professional Guide Association (KRPGA) is comprised of sport fishing guides, business owners and individual citizens concerned about the future of the fisheries and the guide industry.

As a professional guide, being a member of the KRPGA has many benefits. Some of these benefits can include discounts at local merchants, pro-gear suppliers and some insurance policies. The KRPGA.org website includes links to member's websites and contact information.

KRPGA's goal is promote sport fishing guide opportunity and the sport fishing industry on the Kenai River and the Kenai Peninsula; and, to achieve a fair and equitable allocation of salmon resources for sport fisheries and fishing guides.

2017-18 Membership

Professional Membership:

In order to be a professional member, you must hold an Alaska State Parks commercial operator permit for the Kenai River. Membership dues are \$100 per year and are good until October 31st.

Associate Membership:

Any person or business may become an associate member. If you are interested in helping the Kenai Peninsula Sport Fishery, this is a great place to start! Membership dues are \$50 per year.

Please circle one: **PROFESSIONAL / ASSOCIATE** Is this a renewal? **YES / NO**

Personal Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Website: _____

I am interested in these community service opportunities KRPGA is involved in:

Kenai River Clean Up Take a Kid Fishing Day Kenai River Guide Academy

For more information and a list of our current members, please visit our website at www.krpga.org

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Join KRPGA now to stay connected!

This is the last newsletter of the year to be sent to all registered guides. Beginning in May Newsletters will only be sent to current members.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| May 9th & 11th | Kenai River Clean-Up
Mark Glassmaker 907-398-6405 |
| May 10th | Salmon Celebration
Damon Blankenship 907-351-6810 |
| June 8th & 9th | Wounded Warriors
Kenai River Foundation, Dave Goggia 907-252-3503 |
| August 10th | Take a Kid Fishing
Eric Loomis 907-252-9094 |

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