

KENAI RIVER PROFESSIONAL GUIDE ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's election time for KRPGA! Our annual election meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13th, 6:00 pm at the 4D Professional Building. The KRPGA office is upstairs. If you want to vote, you must be a current KRPGA member. You may vote by mail-in, email or by proxy. On the ballot is: Alex Douthit, Greg Geller, Eric Loomis, Monte Roberts, and Ty VanLier.

In the last month, KRPGA members attended the October Board of Fish work sessions in support of Kenai River Sportfishing Association's ACR (Agenda Change Request) on pink salmon in Prince William Sound. BOF's decision to not address this serious situation of additional hatchery pinks in Prince William Sound was a disappointment. However, we will continue to pursue this issue at future BoF meetings.

Last week, KPRGA members were in Homer at a meeting with Alaska State Parks questioning why pink salmon should be enhanced from 10-20 million increased to over 100 million in Tutka Bay. Tutka Bay is a natural rearing ground for phytoplankton, the major biomass food for Cook Inlet and the Gulf of Alaska. An increase in pink salmon smolt could decimate the biomass utilized by natural runs of salmon and or shellfish. We have voiced major concerns about enhancement on pinks salmon in Alaska parks. Public comments can be made to Kachemak Bay State Planning at monica.alvare@alaska.gov . Comments are due by November 16.

Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) is in debt \$17 million and wants to increase the Tutka Bay hatchery run by up to 10 times [100 million smolt] the current size to increase the potential catch. KRPGA is opposed to the enhancement of any pink salmon hatcheries, in Kachemak Bay, Prince William Sound or any other Alaskan waters. Making more fish is not the answer. More fish creates more competition for food and habitat of our true wild stock fisheries.

On Monday November 5th, we attended Kenai Soldotna AC meeting. Area Commercial Fish Biologist gave the sockeye salmon numbers in Upper Cook Inlet. KRPGA board members along with the general public all agreed that there were nowhere near 1 million sockeye that made it to the spawning

grounds. However, our “common in-river knowledge of day to day catch rates” from local fishermen and professional guides between July 18th and August 25th fell on deaf ears again.

Ray DeBardelaben’s asked, “After hearing all the public info on people not catching sockeye, and not seeing them on the spawning beds will ADFG take a 2nd look at the final numbers”? The answer was, “No.”

I have been honored to serve as the Association President for the last 9 months. As an association we need more help. We need more volunteers. We need more members involved. Please have well rounded thoughts to bring forward to your professional guide association. Thank you all for your time, knowledge and support. I hope to see all of you at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 13th @ 6:00 pm!

Congratulations to Governor-elect Mike Dunlevy and Lt. Governor-elect Kevin Meyer and all your hardworking staff and volunteers that made your campaign successful from your proud supporters at the Kenai River Professional Guide Association. Enjoy your victory and let’s get this state moving in the right direction.

Keep a tight line,



Ray DeBardelaben

2018 Kenai River Apportioned Salmon Numbers provided by ADF&G Division of Commercial Fisheries

	Sockeye		Pink		Coho	
Date	Daily	Cum	Daily	Cum	Daily	Cum
7 Aug	55,768	661,881	5,070	5070	2,535	2535
8 Aug	11,146	673,027	16,962	22,032	4,119	6,654
9 Aug	14,372	687,399	6,052	28,084	378	7,032
10 Aug	14,265	701,664	5,652	33,736	807	7,839
11 Aug	25,908	727,572	5,397	39,133	1,799	9,638
12 Aug	40,048	767,620	21,359	60,492	4,672	14,310
13 Aug	16,205	783,825	18,906	79,398	5,401	19,711
14 Aug	6,692	790,517	25,533	104,931	2,641	22,352
15 Aug	12,195	802,712	5,863	110,794	3,283	25,635
16 Aug	18,030	820,742	5,848	116,642	2,924	28,559
17 Aug	23,004	843,746	4,748	121,390	2,047	30,606
18 Aug	26,642	870,388	6,661	128,051	2,422	33,028
19 Aug	28,742	899,130	20,828	148,879	2,916	35,944
20 Aug	27,787	926,917	45,113	193,992	1,308	37,252
21 Aug	17,005	943,922	51,463	245,455	6,713	43,965
22 Aug	6,532	950,454	43,170	288,625	3,692	47,657
23 Aug	28,895	979,349	33,198	321,823	2,459	50,116
24 Aug	17,189	996,538	38,094	359,917	1,394	51,510
25 Aug	19,651	1,016,189	44,504	404,421	2,890	54,400
26 Aug	7,795	1,023,984	64,436	468,857	4,677	59,077
27 Aug	9351	1,033,335	74,226	543,083	6,429	65,506
28 Aug	1436	1,034,771	60,338	603,421	3,284	68,790



JOIN OUR ASSOCIATION 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 industry on the Kenai River and the Kenai Peninsula. Additionally, it is our goal to achieve a fair and equitable allocation of salmon resources for sport fisheries and fishing guides.

2018-19 Membership

Professional Membership:

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

Associate Membership:

Any person or non-fishing guided 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

Salmon Celebration

Scholarship Committee

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

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Announcements:

2018-2019 Memberships are now due. Please return your membership form and payment to the office.

KRPGA's annual fundraiser is on December 1 at the O'Neill Hall in Soldotna. Tickets are \$55 individual and \$100 couples. Seating is limited, contact your Board members for tickets.

KRPGA's November meeting is on Tuesday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Four D Building Conference Room. Agenda items include:

Elections – Board of Directors, 3 seats

Kenai Soldotna AC - Mike Crawford

KRSA - Ricky Gease

NPF - Mike Flores

KRSMA - Monte or Joe Connors

Salmon Celebration

Kenai River Clean Up - Mark Glassmaker

Board of Fish

Charitable Fishing Days

LA LIO office - Monte Roberts

Kachemak Bay State Planning

Fundraiser - Kasey Loomis

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CONTACT US

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We have a new administrator!

Please welcome,

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