

KENAI RIVER PROFESSIONAL GUIDE ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are in 2019! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 2019 is when we need to gather as a group of in-river users and unite. As professional guides, we need to continue to grow both in numbers and as a group of fishermen that can agree to disagree. We have a very diverse group of anglers, along with multiple species of fish, that we all want to protect, sustain and harvest in a responsible manner.

In order to get somewhat on the same page, we are having 2020 BOF proposal meetings for the next several months. We had a meeting on December 20th to get this process rolling, a 2nd one on January 3rd. I was at both meetings, as were board members and several members. It was productive. Although we have time, we also know how time flies. These BOF proposal meetings are not on a regular schedule so we have been posting on the KRPGA facebook page. Please check this site on a regular basis.

Newly elected Governor Dunleavy is currently in the process of building his staff administration. We need to be patient, let the leadership do their job, and prepare to represent our industry. This means KRPGA will continue to have meetings on a regular basis so that we, as the biggest guide association in Alaska, will have a thorough plan, a responsible mission, and respectful, positive attitude on the management of the in-river streams we fish. All personal-use and in-river fisherman, guides, locals, and non-resident should ban together to support the economic value that fish and fish-based industries bring to the great State of Alaska. Since 1984, Kenai River Professional Guide Association has been a leader, role model and steward on how the general public utilizes our rivers in a safe, respectful manner.

Keep a tight line,



Ray DeBardelaben, President

Messages from the Board

Let's make this year our best year yet. Come to our next meeting. Be informed. As a board member, I want to bring Kenai Peninsula guides together. I believe we can all work together and plan together this year to come up with ideas and proposals that can help our river and our season be successful, now and in the years to come. Best wishes in the New Year.

-Kasey Loomis, Secretary/Treasurer

2019 is here so let's make this the best year for our group and continue working hard to fight for our fish and our right to keep doing what we love day in and day out. Cheers!

-Redman Blunk, Director



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. If you have not yet done so, please return your membership form and payment to the office.

KRPGA's January meeting is on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Four D Building Conference Room.

Agenda items include:

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

Fundraiser

Good of the order



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