

KENAI RIVER PROFESSIONAL GUIDE ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our next meeting is this Tuesday April 9th. Hope to see you there. May 14th, 2019 will be the final KRPGA membership meeting until October 8th 2019. Your annual membership needs to be paid on or before November 1st. We will send out a reminder in the October newsletter. If your membership is not current by December 31st, you will no longer receive a newsletter, important emails that are sent to our members only, or membership card benefits. To remove members and then make them current is time consuming, so please be on time with your dues just like you are on your fishing trips.

Hundreds of KRPGA guides have donated countless days, hours, fishing trips and more to the great Kenai Peninsula. I am proud of the Kenai River Professional Guide Association and in what we have accomplished since 1984. I have been an association member since 1996. KRPGA is your only guide voice for the longevity for fishing the Kenai River. Our membership continues to grow, however, our numbers are not what they should be in order to strongly represent our organization.

Governor Dunleavy has re-appointed Israel Payton and appointed three new board of fish members: Gerad Godfrey, Karl Johnstone, Marit Carlson-Van Dort. Continuing Board members are Chairman Reed Morisky, John Jensen, and Fritz Johnson. KRPGA is looking forward to meeting the new members and continuing to work with the Board of Fish process especially with the 2020 UCI next spring. Your KRPGA Board of Directors, along with several members, have put in a countless volunteer hour writing 2020 Board of Fish proposals and have finalized them to be sent out soon. Thanks to all that helped put them together.

Recently the Kenai-Soldotna Advisory Committee had their elections. Thanks to those who showed up to vote and congratulation to both Mindy Payne and Jerry Strieby who will be filling the guide seats. Good luck and please keep KRPGA informed of the AC activity.

Hilcorp has announced that it will delay any seismic activity in the Lower Cook Inlet until 2020. Thank you to all who attended the informational meeting and provided your input.

HELP YOUR ASSOCIATION

Starting on April 22nd until April 26th will be the final guide academy of the season. On Friday 26th, I will need several guides to help with the oral exams. Please call me (Ray) if you can help 907-398-2854.

Not too long after this, Mark Glassmaker will need several volunteers to help with the Kenai River Clean-Up. The dates are May 2nd and 3rd. Call Mark if you can help 907-398-6405.

Thanks again & keep a tight line!



Ray DeBardelaben, President

IMPORTANT DATES

April 9 – KRPGA Membership Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Four D Professional Building Conference Room

April 22 to April 26 – Final Guide Academy for 2019

Kenai River Cleanup – May 2 – 3, call Mark Glassmaker to help 907-398-6405

May 7 – Last KRPGA Membership Meeting for the season – 6:00 p.m. – Four D Professional Building Conference Room



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:

KRPGA's April meeting is on Tuesday, April, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Four D Professional Building Conference Room. The last meeting until October is Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m.

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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