

KENAI RIVER PROFESSIONAL GUIDE ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 14th, 2019. Meeting will be at 6pm, upstairs in the 4D Professional Building. This will be our last meeting until October; however, the Association continue to talk and be active through the busy summer. There are several events that we will need help with. Please step up, volunteer, donate, and help.

KRPGA has recently offered 2 - \$750 scholarships to local area high schools. The applications are in and are being reviewed.

Last week, the Borough Assembly introduced an ordinance to add a Bed Tax, proposing an uncapped 12% tax on all hotels, lodges, cabins, etc. The Assembly is trying again to segregate the recreational industry, which already collects an uncapped 3% sales tax. They tried to pass this last year, but we showed up in large numbers to testify and it did not pass. Here we go again! I anticipate that this will be on the May 21st Agenda but will send out an email when it is confirmed. Please, call or email your Assembly Members.

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I feel KRPGA this past winter did some quality work on building our organization and preparing for the upcoming year. Our members met multiple times, discussed and prepared 2020 Board of Fish proposals. KRPGA's proposals have been submitted. When all the proposals are available in the Fall, we will have some meetings to discuss them. I am sure there will be proposals that we will disagree with, as there always is.

The events that Kenai River Professional Guide Association participate in; Kenai River Clean-Up, Boys and Girls Club Take-a-Kid Fishing, Wounded Heroes Take-a-Vet Fishing, and Salmon Celebration to name a few, is unbelievable. There were countless hours of volunteer time donated by KRPGA members, so I would like to thank all of you!

As president of KRPGA, I would like to thank all the Board members: Steve Blunk, Alex Douthit, Ty Van Lier, Monte Roberts, Murray Fenton, Kasey Loomis, and Adam White. These Board members have donated much of their own time and money, volunteering and working to serve this Association. Thank you!

Finally, here we go, off to another hopefully busy fishing season! As we all know, things have changed over the past 10 years, especially the last 4 years. This is when KRPGA members need to do our best and help each other out. When you have extra business, please refer to the KRPGA guide member list and use or refer clients to an Association member.

Good luck to all upon the 2019 fishing season. Let's work together, both on the water and off. I want to encourage all KRPGA members to be professional leaders and good role models, and stewards of our rivers and our industry.

Thanks & Keep a Tight Line,



Ray DeBardelaben, President



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 next regular meeting will take place in October on Tuesday, April 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Four D Professional Building Conference Room.

Agenda items include:

Kenai Soldotna AC - Mike Crawford

KRSA - Ricky Gease

NPF - Mike Flores

KRSMA - Monte or Joe Connors

CIRI Commercial Surface Access Agreements

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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