

KENAI RIVER PROFESSIONAL GUIDE ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 2019

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**Denotes a position that is up for election at the November 12 meeting.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all Kenai River Professional Guides and Associate Members!

Just like that, the 2019 Charter season is over. For me, that means the boats are in the parking lot being cleaned, repaired and gear itemized for next season. I've spent my last two weekends with my family; grouse hunting and four-wheeling into our Caribou Hills cabin, plus some long-postponed chores. I've also been thinking a lot about next season and what the fishery may look like.

With Board of Fish in the prospectus, 2020 is an extremely important year for our membership to thrive in numbers. I will assure you that this Association will represent your industry well in the future. All members must understand we have different opinions however, our opinions are not that far apart.

As president the past 2 years, I feel that the Board and I have done a good job of keeping KRPGA involved in our community. KRPGA and member guides participated in Take a Kid Fishing Day, the Salmon Celebration at Johnson Lake, Wounded Heroes, Take a Vet Fishing, the Kenai River Guide Academy, the Kenai River Spring Cleanup, the Kenai River Junior Classic, Women's Classic, and Classic, and provided two scholarships to local graduates.

At the meeting in October, I was rather impressed that four (4) of the members present had over 30-years guiding on the river and another four (4) had over 20-years. We also have several members that are somewhere in the 10 to 15-year range with a total of about 20 members in attendance. As our membership grows, I feel the trust grows. The people involved will make the correct decisions to promote safe, environmentally sound, economically sound, sustainable fishery on the World-famous Kenai River.

KRPGA has lead BY EXAMPLE on how a road system fishery should be responsibly enjoyed. We are the biggest guide association in the state. Let's keep leading by example. I challenge you to help bring our association membership to record numbers..

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Our annual Christmas Party and Fundraiser is at the Soldotna Sports Center, December 7. Cocktail hour is at 5:00 p.m. and dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Contact a Board Member to buy tickets, buy a table, or donate an item. Bring a friend, a fellow guide, a community member, sibling, parent, or neighbor.

Our November meeting is tomorrow, Tuesday, October 12th. This is KRPGA's Annual Meeting and elections will be held. Please vote. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Four D Professional Conference Room. We have four seats open. At our October meeting, the following members were nominated: Steven (Redman) Blunk, Ray DeBardelaben, Luke Graham, and Kasey Loomis.

At the November meeting, following elections, we will move into the Board of Fish proposal book and start going through the proposals. It will be an important meeting to attend. I hope to see you there!

Keep a tight line,



Ray DeBardelaben, President



**KENAI RIVER PROFESSIONAL
GUIDE ASSOCIATION**

**LET'S BE
MERRY AND
MINGLE!!**

Drinks - Dinner - Auction - Raffles

DEC. 7 • 5:00 PM
SOLDOTNA SPORTS CENTER
CONFERENCE ROOMS

TICKETS \$55 EACH, \$100 COUPLE
PERKS TABLE \$500

Info: krpga@gmail.com or 907-529-6474



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.

2019-20 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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NOVEMBER 12 MEETING AGENDA:

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

Agenda items include:

Call to Order

Treasurer's Report

Approval of Minutes

Elections

Board Leadership Elections by Board Membership

Fundraiser

Board of Fish Proposals

Optional items

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NEXT MEETINGS/EVENTS

- December 7, 2019 – Annual Fundraiser Dinner – Soldotna Sports Center
- December 10, 2019 – Membership Meeting
- January 14, 2020 – Membership Meeting
- February 7 – 19, 2020 – Board of Fish Upper Cook Inlet Finfish - Anchorage
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