

# KENAI RIVER PROFESSIONAL GUIDE ASSOCIATION

## JANUARY 2020

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello 2020! I hope all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. While the holidays are exciting, with friends and family, the last few weeks were also emotional with sorrow. We lost a good fisherman over the holidays; Matt Kishbaugh. As tears fall down my face, my heart is happy with having known Matt. I would still be rowing in circles on the Kasilof without his expertise in our youth. This reminds me of many Kenai River guides like him, willing to share your expertise and mentor others. I challenge you to thank in person or post on the KRPGA Facebook page a Kenai River professional guides that you look up to or learned from. My list is long after more than 25 years, but one of mine is Donnie Smith.

The KRPGA was very busy in December. We hosted a Christmas party that was a success and impressive all who attended (during the winter ice storm). It was a great time. Thanks to all that helped and especially the local vendors who donated to our party. Please remember to support the businesses that support your industry!

Three days later, December 9th to the 12th, KRPGA Board members spent 3 days in Seward at the Board of Fish meeting, 8 to 9 hours a day, meeting with BOF members getting to know each other and discussing local issues and proposals.

Speaking of Board of Fish...our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 14th. This will be the last meeting before the 2020 Board of Fish meetings Board of Fish is February 8th to February 20th in Anchorage. KRPGA Board members will be attending these meetings along with other KRPGA members. Some will be there periodically, and some will stay through the entire meeting. I plan on being there the entire 2 weeks. I feel the KRPGA has prepared well for these meeting over the last year. As a group we decided to keep our proposals simple and to the point. Having attended prior meetings, they are long days and tensions and emotions run high.

I want to thank our members that have put the time into all the proposal meetings we have had the past year. KRPGA will do its best to both protect our renewable source, while balancing with a business model, so that both the fish and the guide industry can survive the long-term picture.

Thanks again to all who donated to KRPGA! Please see list below and support them all.

Keep a Tight Line,



Ray DeBardelaben, President

## Thank You to Our Donors!

These companies and individuals were part of a record-breaking number who donated to our fundraiser this year.

*AK Fish and Float*

*Alaska West Air*

*Alaskan Game Fisher*

*Allen Sisters*

*ATEC*

*Birch Ridge Golf Course*

*By Sarah*

*Cannery Lodge*

*Country Shed Creations*

*Custom Seafood*

*Joe Conners*

*DeBardelabens*

*Edward Jones – Ryan Kapp*

*Edward Jones – Josselyn O'Connor*

*Escape with Bridget*

*Fishe Wear*

*Four D Carpet One*

*Gahm's Guns*

*GUN Apparel*

*High Adventure Air*

*Jesse's Mobile Shrinkwrap*

*Joe & Billie Hardy*

*Kaotic Kreations*

*Kasey Loomis*

*Kathryn Joyce*

*Kenai Aviation*

*Kenai River Foundation*

*Kenai Satellite Phone Rentals*

*KMC Consulting*

*Koffler Boats*

*KRSA*

*Louie's*

*Uptown Motel*

*Magtec*

*Mykel's*

*Ninilchik Charters*

*Orca Theater*

*Pizza Boys*

*Ralph's Marine Service*

*River Sea & Marine*

*Safari Club*

*Sarah Douthit*

*Shannon Martin*

*Shimano*

*The Cannery Lodge*

*Triangle Recycling*

*Trustworthy*

*Ty VanLier*

Please take the time to show them your appreciation by supporting them with your business and appreciation.



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 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://www.krpga.org)

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## JANUARY 14 MEETING AGENDA:

KRPGA's next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 11, 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

Fundraiser

Board of Fish

Optional items: *Kenai Soldotna Advisory Committee, Salmon Celebration, Kenai River Clean Up, NPF, KRSA, KR SMA, Scholarships, LA LIO Office, CIRI Commercial Surface Access Agreements*

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## NEXT MEETINGS/EVENTS

- January 14, 2020 – Membership Meeting
- February 7 – 19, 2020 – Board of Fish Upper Cook Inlet Finfish – Anchorage
- March 11, 2020 – Membership Meeting



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