



# TIGHT LINES

The official newsletter of the Kenai River Professional Guide Association

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## President's Corner

Ray DeBardelaben

If elected as this year's KRPGA President, I will need help from our membership as well as the Board. See the article below for information on how to become a member. I encourage all Kenai River guides to do three things:

1. Please join KRPGA as a Professional member
2. Invite your clients and colleagues to register as Associate members.
3. Recruit new members!

Membership will be our most powerful fundraising tool this year so that members can access and attend Board of Fish meetings as well as other meetings that influence legislation of guide activities. Our attendance at the Board of Fish in 2020 was noticed and netted positive results.



## Membership

Pay for membership today at [krpga.square.site](http://krpga.square.site)

Thank you to those members who have joined or renewed their membership. We are excited to announce that you can now pay for your membership online at [krpga.square.site](http://krpga.square.site). The first 25 professional members who sign up online prior to our Annual Meeting and use the code **KRPGA10** will receive a 10% discount.

A traditional membership form is included in this newsletter and can be mailed to our office with your payment. Additional arrangements can be made with our Administrator, Karen Crapps, through email or by calling 907-529-6474.

### CONTACT US - Kenai River Professional Guide Association

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KRPGA's newsletters contain hyperlinks to web-based information. An online version is available at our website under Newsletters.

# ADFG/NOAA CARES

## Section 12005 Fisheries Assistance Funding

The public comment period for the draft ADFG spend plan closed on October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Significant pushback was received from the commercial fishing sector regarding the equal proposed allotment between the commercial harvesters, processing workers, and charter (sportfishing) operations.

The basic framework stipulates that eligible businesses must have incurred at least a 35% revenue loss compared to their past 5-year average. Businesses must apply to state of the owner's residence. You **can** receive Section 12005 fisheries assistance funding even if you have received other CARES Act funding.

An application process has not yet been finalized nor has the spend plan been finalized by NOAA. Funds will be distributed through the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.

If you would like to stay up to date on the progress of the spend plan sign up for updates through ADF&G's [email subscription service](#). At the bottom of the list of subscription topics, expand **Commissioner's Office** and click the checkbox next to **CARES Act - Commissioner's Office** and submit.

Additional information can be found under the **CARES Act Relief for Fishery Participants** section of the [ADF&G's Hot Topics & Issues](#) page.



## Annual Meeting & Elections

November 10, 2020 6:00 p.m.

This year's annual meeting and general elections will be held Tuesday, November 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Four D Professional Building Conference Room located at 35477 Kenai Spur Highway in Soldotna.

Three board member seats are up for election (this is a correction from October's newsletter which stated erroneously that four seats were available). All current members are eligible to vote.

A proxy form is being sent to all members to give you an opportunity to let your vote be heard if you cannot attend in person.

### Conserving our Resources

In an effort to keep our operating costs at a minimum, KRPGA will utilize email and Facebook as much as possible. Please make sure we have your current email address by verifying your information on our webpage's Member Lists.



## 2020 Notice of Annual Meeting

The KRPGA annual voting meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room in the 4D Building, 35477 Kenai Spur Highway, Soldotna, Alaska. You must have a current, paid, 2020-2021 membership to participate in voting. KRPGA's membership year begins November 1, 2020.

### Election of Board Members

There are three (3) seats available. Nominations were opened at the October 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. The following members have been nominated:

1. Josh Hayes
2. Tim Hiner
3. Mindy Payne
4. Monte Roberts

If you are unable to attend the annual meeting and are a current 2020-2021 member, email [krpga1@gmail.com](mailto:krpga1@gmail.com) to request ballot. You may also mail or provide a proxy form for a current member to vote for you at the meeting. Membership forms are available on our webpage at [www.krpga.org](http://www.krpga.org) and at our online membership commerce site at [krpga.square.site](http://krpga.square.site).

Ballots may be mailed to: KRPGA at P.O. Box 3674, Soldotna, AK 99669. Mailed ballots will need to include the name of the current member.

**PROXY BALLOT**

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I am a member in good standing with the Kenai River Professional Guide Association and that the person designated below has the authority to vote for me at the KRPGA Annual Meeting. My designee will vote:

\_\_\_\_\_ as they wish.

\_\_\_\_\_ as I have designated below

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Designated Voter: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

Absentee Ballot:

Name of Absentee Voter: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

Signature of Absentee Voter: \_\_\_\_\_

My Vote:

Seat 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Seat 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Seat 3: \_\_\_\_\_

This proxy or absentee vote must be provided to a Board of Director or mailed to KRPGA, PO Box 3674, Soldotna, AK 99669 no later than seven (7) days in advance of the date of the Annual Meeting which is noted on the Notice of Annual meeting.



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.

**November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021 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 from the date dues are paid until October 31, 2021.

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

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**Office Use:**

Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Method: \_\_\_\_\_

Card/Letter Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Roster: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_



JOIN ONLINE:  
[krpga.square.site](http://krpga.square.site)

**Regular Meeting Agenda items include:**

Call to Order  
Treasurer's Report  
Approval of Minutes  
Fundraiser  
Board of Fish  
Good of the Order/Adjournment

*Optional items: Kenai Soldotna Advisory Committee, Salmon Celebration, Kenai River Clean Up, NPF, KRSA, KRSMA, Scholarships, LA LIO Office, CIRI Commercial Surface Access Agreements  
Good of the Order*

**2020-2021 Membership Meetings**

2nd Tuesday of each month October-May  
6:00 p.m. Four D Professional Building  
Conference Room

Emails will be sent to members if scheduling changes occur

- October 13
- November 10- Annual Meeting/Elections
- December - No Meeting - Break
- January 12
- February 9
- March 9
- April 13
- May 11

**DON'T  
MISS OUT!**

All current members will be entered into a drawing for a prize worth over \$300.00

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