



February 2010
Newsletter

A new month is upon us and we look forward to the challenges ahead. Last month we kept busy with meetings. We had our monthly guide meeting in Soldotna and then we had one in Anchorage as we are trying to reach out to more guides so we can get their ideas and opinions on the issues that are currently in front of us. The meeting in Anchorage was good and has inspired us to try some new things. We are also making a concerted effort to keep our membership informed of the issues as they develop. Some of the main issues are the endangered Beluga Whale in Cook Inlet, we are not sure where this is headed, but it doesn't seem to be gathering much steam in our area (Kenai River) we will continue to keep our finger on the pulse just in case it might affect us. The same could be said for the Turbidity issue so we will continue to be involved in the discussions. The River Use Study that was done last summer is due to come out Thursday February 11, 2010. Several of us sit on different committees that will deal with the outcome of this study. I am sure it will consume much of our time in the next few months.

Another issue that continues to come up is the drift only areas. Unless we want more regulations on the Kenai River we need to respect the traditional drift areas and help our fellow guides stay out of those areas when drifters want to fish there. The main problem comes after we go to bait, that seems to bring the drifters out so we need to respect their right to fish in those areas. If we can't work together we will have more regulations that force us to. While all of this is going on we are meeting regularly discussing Board of Fish Proposals. Steve McClure is chairing the Kenai River committee and Scott Eggemeyer is the chairman of the Kasilof proposals. If you have any thoughts or would like to voice your opinion give either of them a call and they can let you know when the next meeting will be to discuss these proposals. We will be reporting on them at our **regular guide meeting** which will be **Thursday February 9, 2010** the place is in the **4D building** up stairs in the conference room on the right at **7:00 PM**

January was a good month for the guide association as we saw our numbers increase. We will continue our membership drive because it is

vital to the success of our industry. We must remember this is our voice and united we stand and that only helps our industry. We must work together for the good of all sport fishermen.

We have lost a couple of our friends and guides, first was Dave Richards and just recently Robert Johnson. Our hearts and prayers go out to the loved ones left behind. We should also remember Cliff Chamberlin as he has been in a long fight for his health. He is still at the Providence Long Term Care Unit and could use a visit from friends. Jeff Moore just had shoulder surgery and will be out of commission for up to six months. The guide association has made a small donation to each of these guide members and or their families to show we care!

We are still working on member benefits and should see some nice amenities come to our guide members, so stay tuned and we will discuss them more at our guide meetings. Electronic booking system is one we have to offer our members. A car rental discount will be forthcoming and we are still working some insurance benefits. It should be exciting.

I got an email from Gary Turner saying he still has room for those who need or want to take the guide class. The session in March 15th thru 19th has 12 enrolled and the session in April 19th thru 23rd is almost full with 21 enrolled. If you want to take the class give KPC a call and reserve your seat, these are the last two classes this year.

Kenai River Professional Guide Association

Agenda

Guide Meeting February 9, 2010

Call to order

Roll call of officers

Call for additions or deletions to the agenda

Approval of treasurer's report

Business Items

- Alaska Travel Industry Association – Monte Davis
- KRGGA – Gary Turner
- Car rental – Jimmy Drath
- KRSMA – Joe Conners
- Kenai, Soldotna A/C - Mike Crawford
- New website – Aaron or Dave
- Kasilof Board of Fish proposals – Scott
- Kenai River Board of Fish proposals – Steve
- Anchorage guide meeting – Dave
- Membership drive – Dave
- Spring BBQ - Dave

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Adjournment.....Thanks for coming.