



Meeting Agenda

July 11th, 2017

5:00 PM

USDA Service Center, 432 E, Pioneer Ave Homer, AK

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call
- C. Approval of the Agenda
- D. Approval of the Minutes
- E. Visitors
 - a. NRCS Report
- F. Financial Report
- G. Manager's Report
 - a. Land Use
 - b. Water Quality
 - c. Agriculture
 - d. Invasive Plant Program
 - e. Education
 - f. Administration
- H. Old Business
 - a. Employee evaluation, board evaluation
 - b. Leasing equipment: committee update
- I. New Business
 - a. AACD/Elections update
 - b. Salmon passage culverts
 - c. Beaver ponds
 - d. **Annual Plan of Work**

Next Meeting August 8, 2018, 5pm

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Meeting Minutes

June 13th, 2017

5:00 PM

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- A. Call to order: 5:39
- B. Roll call
- C. Approval of the Agenda: approved
- D. Approval of the Minutes: Otto motioned to approve
- E. Visitors
 - a. Meg Mueller: NRCS Report: Equip still doing eligibility. 2019 payment schedules will be released in July opposed to November like in 2018. A conservation plan will be required in order to meet eligibility. Two vacancies flown in Homer, Soil Conservationist GS- 09 and 11.
 - b. Lynn Whitmore: Anchor River: Work with DOT to get fish friendly culverts as the Sterling Hwy gets repaved. Ruby Creek in particular. It has historically had silver salmon adults and fry in it.
 - c. Jim VanOss: Beaver reintroduction project : Wants to reintroduce beaver into the upper Anchor watershed. Would like the board to support his proposal to ADF&G for a closed trapping section where introduction would take place as well as permits for transporting beavers to this location.
 - d. Erin Sturdivant: Farm Service Agency, Homer area looking for LAA position, county committee board. Deadline is August 1st. Three year term.
- F. Financial Report: Motion to approve minutes from Tim, Jim Seconded.
- G. Manager's Report:

A. Land Use: Trails

- a. **Watermelon Trail:** Trip planned for July 20th with Snomads and representatives from ADF&G and DNR. Kyra probably can't go, is there someone else who can represent Homer Soil and Water? **Tim volunteered. Kyra will keep him posted*
- b. **Fox River Flats Critical Habitat Area:** I believe the next meeting will continue to discuss motorized travel in the Critical Habitat Area. The meeting is 9:30am to 12:30pm on Wednesday the 20th. Mark your calendar if you want to listen in.
- c. **Caribou Lake Trail:** Drone operators have been hired and are planning to be out on the trail in July.

B. Water Quality

- a. **Anchor River:** Public meeting on the 14th was awesome. Great feedback, lots of perspective. Have created a Facebook page to continue fielding questions and gathering opinions. The

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conversation continues. New topics upstream were also identified, many of which are timely considering the DOT work on the highway this summer.

C. Agriculture/Soil

- a. **Old Specialty Crop Block Grant (restaurant surveys):** Nicole Arevalo has been conducting interviews of restaurants but we definitely hit the wall of summer business. Asking Div Ag for an extension so we can have more time to complete the project without hassling restaurants.
- b. **Farmers Market Promotion grant (FMPP):** Kyra doing her typical farmers market promotion (writing articles for newspaper) and produce surveys at Farmers Market.
- c. **Rural Business Dev. Grant (producer surveys):** Nicole will be working on this as well when she gets further along with the restaurant survey. We were granted an extension on this project as well, so we will have the winter to continue working on it.
- d. **BLM:** Both Brad and Charlotte just finished their first two-week stint in Unalakleet doing soil surveys and head out next week for the second trip.
- e. **Soil Health:** Brad will be presenting a low-till tool demo at the SVT Thriving Thursdays tour of Carey Restino's farm this Thursday evening.

D. Invasive Weed Program

- a. **Weeds program:** Continuing to organize summer activities for DOT right-of-way weed control and the "cost share" program. Writing up MOAs to have with each landowner. Lots of hoops to jump through!

E. Education

- a. **Enviro Ed through EPA:** Haven't heard yet if Fairbanks Soil and Water/Ag in the Classroom and UAF Cooperative Extension got the grant in which we are a \$5000 line item, allowing us to spend time in the schools on Ag curriculum.

F. Administration

- a. **New office space agreement:** We still have not started the discussion yet with the State Office about renewing our agreement.
- b. **Elections:** Div Ag has agreed to validate elections in the future.

H. Old Business

- a. Employee evaluation, board evaluation
- b. Leasing equipment: committee update

I. New Business

- a. Elections update
- b. Mental Modeler
- c. Beaver ponds: Board motions to support both propositions of Jim Van Oss, Chris motioned, Jim seconded. Letter of support for beaver reintroduction will be discussed further next meeting.
- d. HSWCD Acknowledges the fish friendly culverts that has been brought to our attention by Lynn Whitmore. Chris motioned for the board to support this plan and idea of fish friendly culverts along ruby creek/ anchor river stream.
- e. Protocol for public comment (Grazing lease, SLI, etc.)When there is not time to consult with the board, Kyra is to make comments on projects whenever possible to show that HSWCD is aware of the project, even if a strong stance is not taken.

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Financial Report March 2018

Grant	Grant Total	Total Spent	Funds Remaining	Needs Reimbursed
BLM-2Reindeer (AIM)	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 28,532.39	\$ 71,467.61	\$ 19,532.39
BLM-3SoilSurvey	\$ 50,400.00	\$ 20,715.23	\$ 29,684.77	\$ 2,715.23
BLM-4MineMonitoring	\$ 49,600.00	\$ 39,835.98	\$ 9,764.02	\$ 35.98
FWS-2017 Invasives	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 39,979.28	\$ 20.72	\$ (20.72)
FWS-2018 Invasives	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 7,562.63	\$ 32,437.37	\$ 3,062.63
FWS-CIRI trail reroute	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 23,665.88	\$ 1,334.12	\$ 165.88
NRCS-Soil Health Study	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 33,073.27	\$ 6,926.73	\$ 3,559.07
NRCS-Soils and Compliance	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 31,302.99	\$ 8,697.01	\$ (145.74)
NRCS-Caribou Lake Trail	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,092.69	\$ 4,907.31	\$ -
NRCS-Compliance Work 18	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 30,010.27	\$ 19,989.73	\$ 3,517.69
NRCS-Snow Survey	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,826.80	\$ (326.80)	\$ 995.44
RBDG-Producer Survey	\$ 14,242.00	\$ 4,277.55	\$ 9,964.45	\$ 4,277.55
SCBG-Consumer Survey	\$ 14,358.38	\$ 4,479.66	\$ 9,878.72	\$ 890.06
SCBG-High Tunnels				
FMPP-AK Farmers Market	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 6,240.12	\$ 53,759.88	\$ 2,887.37
USFS-RAC Invasives	\$ 14,999.60	\$ 15,686.91	\$ (687.31)	\$ 1,458.31
NACD	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 7,770.61	\$ 19,229.39	\$ (7,229.39)
IPP- Invasives Education	\$ 3,691.70	\$ -	\$ 3,691.70	\$ -
ACWA-Anchor River Restore	\$ 22,250.00	\$ 9,328.33	\$ 12,921.67	\$ -
Totals			\$ 257,818.32	\$ 35,701.76

	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Homer SWCD Expenses	\$ 7,259.44	\$ 14,245.09	\$ 14,934.77	\$ 19,087.70

Checking	\$ 46,428.41
Savings	\$ 25,096.74
Credit Card	\$ 1,430.40
Payroll Advance	\$ 5,227.36
Outstanding Reimbursements	\$ 35,701.76
TOTAL	\$ 113,884.67
Homer SWCD Expenses	\$ (19,087.70)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 94,796.97

Homer SWCD
Reconciliation Detail
Wells Fargo, Period Ending 07/05/2018

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						4,080.31
Cleared Transactions						
Charges and Cash Advances - 11 items						
Credit Card Charge	05/09/2018		State of Alaska DOT...	X	-200.00	-200.00
Credit Card Charge	06/08/2018		Brookside Laboratori...	X	-474.00	-674.00
Credit Card Charge	06/12/2018		RoseCare.com	X	-242.92	-916.92
Credit Card Charge	06/12/2018		Seed Ranch	X	-90.85	-1,007.77
Credit Card Charge	06/12/2018		Save-U-More	X	-75.22	-1,082.99
Credit Card Charge	06/20/2018		ADOBE PDF READ...	X	-59.98	-1,142.97
Credit Card Charge	06/20/2018		ADOBE PDF READ...	X	-14.99	-1,157.96
Credit Card Charge	06/28/2018		Sound Publishing	X	-163.40	-1,321.36
Credit Card Charge	07/02/2018		InReach	X	-21.17	-1,342.53
Credit Card Charge	07/05/2018		ACS	X	-69.88	-1,412.41
Credit Card Charge	07/05/2018		Kachemak Gear Shed	X	-17.99	-1,430.40
Total Charges and Cash Advances					-1,430.40	-1,430.40
Payments and Credits - 1 item						
Check	06/11/2018	x	Wells Fargo	X	4,080.31	4,080.31
Total Cleared Transactions					2,649.91	2,649.91
Cleared Balance					-2,649.91	1,430.40
Uncleared Transactions						
Charges and Cash Advances - 2 items						
Deposit	04/29/2016		Wells Fargo		-5.01	-5.01
Credit Card Charge	06/11/2018		Homer News		-10.70	-15.71
Total Charges and Cash Advances					-15.71	-15.71
Total Uncleared Transactions					-15.71	-15.71
Register Balance as of 07/05/2018					-2,634.20	1,446.11
New Transactions						
Charges and Cash Advances - 1 item						
Credit Card Charge	07/09/2018		Brookside Laboratori...		-190.00	-190.00
Total Charges and Cash Advances					-190.00	-190.00
Total New Transactions					-190.00	-190.00
Ending Balance					-2,444.20	1,636.11

Homer SWCD
Reconciliation Detail
Homer Soil And Water District, Period Ending 06/30/2018

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						36,960.83
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 6 items						
Check	06/08/2018	2928	AACD	X	-10,215.39	-10,215.39
Check	06/11/2018	x	Wells Fargo	X	-4,080.31	-14,295.70
Check	06/13/2018	2930	AACD	X	-10,058.68	-24,354.38
Check	06/13/2018	2929	Brad Casar	X	-4,389.38	-28,743.76
Check	06/15/2018	2931	Dave Brann	X	-231.13	-28,974.89
Check	06/18/2018	2932	AACD	X	-2,288.45	-31,263.34
Total Checks and Payments					-31,263.34	-31,263.34
Deposits and Credits - 7 items						
Deposit	06/01/2018			X	11,925.00	11,925.00
Deposit	06/01/2018			X	17,800.00	29,725.00
Deposit	06/08/2018			X	128.00	29,853.00
Deposit	06/08/2018			X	9,675.26	39,528.26
Deposit	06/14/2018			X	240.00	39,768.26
Deposit	06/19/2018			X	962.00	40,730.26
Deposit	06/30/2018			X	0.66	40,730.92
Total Deposits and Credits					40,730.92	40,730.92
Total Cleared Transactions					9,467.58	9,467.58
Cleared Balance					9,467.58	46,428.41
Uncleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 5 items						
Check	07/25/2016	0	Wells Fargo		-25.00	-25.00
General Journal	10/31/2017		ACS		-69.88	-94.88
Check	10/31/2017	x	ACS		-69.88	-164.76
Bill Pmt -Check	06/25/2018	2935	Kenai Water Shed F...		-1,100.00	-1,264.76
Bill Pmt -Check	06/29/2018	2936	Cook Inlet Keeper		-5,050.00	-6,314.76
Total Checks and Payments					-6,314.76	-6,314.76
Deposits and Credits - 9 items						
Deposit	05/05/2016				50.00	50.00
Deposit	05/05/2016				275.00	325.00
Deposit	07/10/2017				376.00	701.00
Deposit	12/28/2017				132.00	833.00
Deposit	03/30/2018				500.00	1,333.00
Payment	04/15/2018	32746	CIK - Outreach		3,352.75	4,685.75
General Journal	05/07/2018	R	ACS		69.88	4,755.63
Deposit	06/12/2018				11,095.00	15,850.63
Deposit	06/29/2018				550.00	16,400.63
Total Deposits and Credits					16,400.63	16,400.63
Total Uncleared Transactions					10,085.87	10,085.87
Register Balance as of 06/30/2018					19,553.45	56,514.28
New Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 2 items						
Check	07/02/2018	2933	AACD		-8,784.87	-8,784.87
Check	07/05/2018	2934	Charlotte Crowder		-660.00	-9,444.87
Total Checks and Payments					-9,444.87	-9,444.87
Total New Transactions					-9,444.87	-9,444.87
Ending Balance					10,108.58	47,069.41

Manager's Report

A. Land Use: Trails

- a. **Watermelon Trail:** Trip planned for July 20th with Snomads and representatives from ADF&G and DNR. Kyra or Brad can probably go. Bill Hague is going to help with transportation. May be cancelled at the last minute.
- b. **Fox River Flats Critical Habitat Area:** Meeting schedule cancelled for the summer. Will resume meeting in the fall.
- c. **Caribou Lake Trail:** Drone operators have photographed the trail. Waiting to see results.

B. Water Quality

- a. **Anchor River:** Fiscal year reports and MOAs with partners have been wrapped up, now will be focusing on working with partners to identify future steps and rolls for an Anchor River Strategic Plan.

C. Agriculture/Soil

- a. **Old Specialty Crop Block Grant (restaurant surveys):** We have an extension for this grant so we can work on it into next year. Nicole is plugging away at interviews and such.
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D. Invasive Weed Program

- a. **Weeds program:** Continuing to organize summer activities for DOT right-of-way weed control and the "cost share" program. Bradley Lake weed pull happened with Janice, Jen and Brad. Janice and Jen want to spray over there, waiting to hear back if that would be a possibility.

E. Education

- a. **Enviro Ed through EPA:** Haven't heard yet if Fairbanks Soil and Water/Ag in the Classroom and UAF Cooperative Extension got the grant in which we are a \$5000 line item, allowing us to spend time in the schools on Ag curriculum.

F. Administration

- a. **New office space agreement:** We still have not started the discussion yet with the State Office about renewing our agreement.
- b. **Job announcement:** Looking to post the job position to replace Matt, probably by next week with the idea of closing at the beginning of Aug, interviews and replacement starting mid Aug.

GOAL 1: LANDUSE PLANNING

Objective 1: Assist both private and public landowners in planning sustainable, multi-use recreational opportunities.

	Funding Source	Funding Needed	Staff Needed
<u>Task 1:</u> Work with the stakeholders to address trail-related issues, including legal easements and environmental concerns due to poor trail design, on the Watermelon Trail.	None	\$3,000.00	Kyra, trails coordinator
<u>Task 2:</u> Coordinate with CIRI, ADFG and KPB to address trespass issues on the Watermelon Trail, including the trail plan to re-route sections of the Watermelon Trail onto public lands. Revegetate old trail and build up new one.	USFWS	\$1,300.00	Brad, Kyra and volunteers
<u>Task 3:</u> Working with the stakeholders to address trail related issues, including legal easements and environmental concerns due to poor trail design, on the Caribou Lake Trail, provide assessment of the trail.	NRCS	\$4,900.00	Devony, Kyra, volunteers
<u>Task 4:</u> In conjunction with the Homer Demonstration Forest (HDF) Steering Committee and the City of Homer, Parks and Recreation Commission explore funding opportunities for regular maintenance of the current trail network at the HDF as outlined in the HDF Management Plan.	None	\$3,000.00	Volunteer, Trails coordinator
<u>Task 5:</u> Working with the stakeholders to identify high priority issues on the Watermelon Trail, provide detailed assessment and prescription for the trail.	None	\$15,000.00	Trails coordinator
<u>Task 6:</u> Once trail needs are identified and solutions approved by ADFG and DNR, install trail improvements on the Watermelon Trail.	None	\$80,000.00	Trails coordinator, trail crew

Objective 2: Build capacity among local land owners to promote informed, sustainable management of natural resources as part of area wide land use management.

<u>Task 1:</u> Provide landowners with information about NRCS programs and share information about online wetland maps and other resources to aid landowners in conservation planning	NRCS CTA	\$5,000.00	Devony
<u>Task 2:</u> Facilitate Homer Demonstration Forest Steering Committee meetings. Assist with research and education projects in the HDF that will support landowner efforts to manage their forest lands in productive and sustainable ways.	None	\$3,000.00	Kyra or Volunteer
<u>Task 3:</u> Facilitate Caribou Lake Trail committee meetings. Assist with interpretation of legal requirements and restrictions. Identify and help to acquire sources of funding.	None	\$3,000.00	Kyra, trails coordinator

Objective 3 (LANDUSE PLANNING): Working with Federal partners, provide support to study, identify, and implement conservation practices.

Task 1: Monitor vegetation and soils on mining sites before or after management activities to determine the site needs in terms of planting or vegetative treatments desires to reach management objectives. Assist with development of Alaska-specific Best Management Practices for rehabilitating mined streams.

BLM \$11,300.00 Brad

Task 2: Provide staff support for NRCS Soil Survey for vegetation and soil studies in animal grazing areas, such as in the Nulatto Hills reindeer grazing lease area.

NRCS/ BLM \$50,000.00 Charlotte

Task 3: Provide trained AIM staff support for BLM for vegetation and soil studies in animal grazing areas such as in the the proposed Nulatto Hills reindeer grazing lease area.

BLM \$100,000.00 Brad and Charlotte

Task 4: Provide support to the NRCS staff to implement conservation practices and farm bill programs at the local level.

NRCS/ NACD \$10,000.00 All Staff

Task 5: Provide facilitation to the KBNERR to identify strategies for fostering research, education, and collaboration on biological conservation and natural resource management in Alaska and the Arctic

KBNERR \$7,000.00 Kyra

GOAL 2: WATER QUALITY

Objective 1: Work with partner agencies to assist in the protection of salmon habitat.

Task 1: Work with partners and local land owners to assess the needs and best solutions in the area of the lower stretch of the Anchor River where the streambank needs to be stabilized and restored to protect aquatic life and habitat, water quality, and to reduce flood damage. Prepare for the design and implementation of the project.

ACWA \$13,000.00 Devony, Kyra

Task 2: Continue to improve and upgrade bridges (ramps and build bigger) that cross the fingers of Wallace Creek and improve the trails in the Fox River Critical Habitat Area to address current impacts of critical riparian habitats that support juvenile salmon. Certify weights on bridges, install zincs, flags for corners, & bronze plate with our name.

None \$3,000.00 Trails coordinator, Volunteers

Task 3: Outreach and coordination of landowners in the Fox River Valley to determine the location for the trails to mitigate damage in the area.

None \$1,000.00 Kyra, Volunteers

Task 4: Work with partners to increase local knowledge of salmon and their use of freshwater and marine habitats, potential threats to salmon, habitats, and ways to improve critical degraded habitat. Work towards interagency coordination of research, funding opportunities, and partnerships. Identify research projects, develop grants for funding, and support projects to document impacts of development on wetland and stream hydrology.

None \$1,500.00 Staff and partners

Task 5: Implement identified streambank stablization projects on the Anchor River.

None \$30,000.00 Partners

Funding Source Funding Needed Staff Needed

Objective 2 (WATER QUALITY): Promote and support sound management and protection of wetlands on non-federal lands on the Kenai Peninsula.

Task 1: Assist NRCS with completing wetland determinations in order to facilitate conservation planning and ensure compliance with USDA conservation program requirements. At least one staff member will be certified for identifying wetlands for Food Security Act purposes (Wetland Conservation Provisions).

NRCS/
NACD \$10,000.00 Brad

Task 2: Assist with the NRCS Snow survey program to estimate snow melt and help forecast water supplies for the Kenai Peninsula.

NRCS \$2,500.00 Kyra, Brad,
volunteers

Task 3: Assist the KBNERR with disseminating information to private land owners regarding the potential benefits of blue carbon offset markets and the long term protection of important wetlands on the Kenai Peninsula as well as the latest understanding of groundwater systems.

None \$500.00 Kyra

GOAL 3: AGRICULTURE

Objective 1: Provide support for agricultural activities in the Homer District.

Task 1: Provide soil testing services for use in developing nutrient management plans for high tunnel participants and agricultural producers.

NRCS \$5,000.00 All staff

Task 2: Provide conservation technical assistance to NRCS for EQIP participants. Have at least one staff certified for nutrient management planning.

NRCS/
NACD \$10,000.00 Brad

Task 3: Utilizing office space, serve as an outlet for information from partners such as Farm Service Agency, Cooperative Extension Service and the Division of Agriculture. Serve as a host for meetings held by local farming and ranching organizations

NRCS In-kind All staff

Task 4: Host 3 community meetings on the topic of high tunnel growing and two high tunnel tours.

Div Ag \$10,000.00 All staff

Task 5: Host monthly educational presentations or engagement activities for agricultural producers throughout the winter months.

FMPP \$6,000.00 All staff

Task 6: Work with NRCS Rangeland Specialist to assist local hay producers to increase quality of hay crop production. Provide site visits, soil sampling, and forage testing services to producers on the southern Peninsula.

None \$3,000.00 Brad

Task 7: Look into providing a program for available farming equipment for rental to district cooperators. Promote sustainable agricultural practices through the service of farm equipment rental.

None \$600.00 Kyra

Funding Source Funding Needed Staff Needed

Objective 2 (AGRICULTURE): Research the strengths and challenges of the local food system and of local specialty crops.

Task 1: Develop a leasing program for equipment to lease to the Alaska Rhodiola Products Cooperative that will improve processing capacity of the root into a marketable form.

None \$0.00 Kyra

Task 2: Conduct a study of the local food producers to identify issues that they face in business planning, finances, marketing and other farm-related issues.

RBDG \$9,900.00 Nicole, Kyra

Task 3: Working through the Homer Farmers Market, identify issues for producers that could be avoided in direct-to-consumer marketing if there were materials, information, and training available. Develop those materials and trainings.

USDA \$10,000.00 Kyra, Brad, Nicole

Task 4: Conduct a study of the local food consumer market to identify issues that influence the purchase of local foods.

Div Ag \$9,800.00 Nicole, Kyra

Task 5: Conduct a soil health study to demonstrate to Southern Kenai Peninsula farmers the benefits and feasibility of using cover crops and reduced tillage to improve their soils. Provide demonstration of conservation practices to the agriculture community on the Southern Kenai Peninsula. Encourage producers to collaborate with NRCS to utilize conservation practices and technical advice.

NRCS \$7,000.00 Brad

GOAL 4: INVASIVE PLANT PROGRAM

Objective 1: Collaboratively work with partners in the Kenai Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area (KP-CWMA) to promote outreach and effective coordination of resources to address identified concerns of the KP-CWMA.

Task 1: PARTNERS: Provide staff time to serve as the Kenai Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area Coordinator. Promote the CWMA and continue to expand partnerships, facilitate quarterly meetings, disseminate relevant information among CWMA members, and assist with efforts to implement projects across jurisdictional boundaries. Support KP-CWMA sponsored events such as the annual weed smack down and the annual weed workshop.

Funding Source	Funding Needed	Staff Needed
USFWS	\$5,000.00	Invasive Plant Program (IPP) Coordinator

Task 2: PUBLIC: Continue District public outreach programs on the southern Kenai Peninsula to increase awareness of the threat of terrestrial invasives to natural ecosystems. Provide staff to help identify invasive plant species of local concern for our cooperators. Develop pest management plans (IPM) to treat invasive species in accordance with KP-CWMA integrated pest management protocols. Assist cooperators with implementing IPM and use of federal cost share programs.

CRWF \$4,000.00 IPP Coordinator, Jen, Janice

Task 3: Work with the KP-CWMA to maintain an up-to-date, comprehensive inventory of invasive plant species recorded on the Peninsula. Ensure all records from the KP-CWMA are entered into the Alaska Exotic Plants Information Clearinghouse (AKEPIC).

USFWS \$1,000.00 IPP Coordinator, Jen, Janice

Task 4: Working with USFWS, develop and implement an invasive weed cost share program.

USFWS \$9,000.00 IPP Coordinator

Task 5: Promote certified Weed Free products. Have staff trained to inspect fields and certify crops and/or gravel pits as weed free upon request.

USFWS \$1,000.00 IPP Coordinator

Objective 2 (INVASIVE PLANT PROGRAM): Work with agencies and cooperators Peninsula-wide to manage invasive weeds that threaten to degrade natural and agricultural resources.

Task 1: Partnering with Alaska Department of Transportation and the USFS Regional advisory Committee of Chugach National Forest, develop an integrated pest management plan for state road right-of- ways on the Kenai Peninsula. Provide for a roving crew to work with the eradication priority species as defined by the KP-CWMA, to provide for a comprehensive survey of additional species, and to report to AKEPIC.

USFWS/
RAC \$9,000.00 IPP Coordinator Jen, Janice

Task 2: Partner with Port Graham Village Council and Nanwalek Village Council to develop invasive plant mitigation strategies and to incorporate Best Management Practices as defined by the CWMA into construction contracts and village projects, specifically the new airport construction project.

USFWS/
CRWF \$2,000.00 IPP Coordinator Jen, Janice

Task 3: Work with regional partners to implement the management plan for the eradication of elodea in lakes in southcentral Alaska. Continue to provide support for early detection and rapid response (EDRR) efforts to prevent establishment of new invasive populations.

USFWS \$1,000.00 IPP Coordinator partners

Task 4: Control of 2 acres of white sweet clover at Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project Expansion to protect valuable adjacent wilderness on state and federal land in cooperation with: AK DMLW, KNWR, KFNP, HEA and AEA

USFWS \$1,000.00 IPP Coordinator Jen, Janice

Task 5: Working with cooperators, design and develop experimental plots to monitor invasive weed responses to different fertilizers.

None \$10,000.00 IPP Coordinator

GOAL 5: EDUCATION

Objective 1: Work with local schools to promote education focused on agriculture, food and natural resources.

Task 1: Collaborating with Kenai and Fairbanks SWCD and Ag in the Classroom, staff will work with area teachers to develop indoor growing projects.

Funding Source	Funding Needed	Staff	Needed
AITC	\$5,000.00	Kyra, Brad	

GOAL 6: ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT

Objective 1: Provide resources to fulfill cooperative agreement between Alaska Department of Natural Resources and Homer Soil and Water Conservation District.

Task 1: Provide office personnel to run the day-to-day operations of the HSWCD. Hold monthly Board of Supervisor meetings, encouraging the participation of local landowners and land use managers with resource interests or concerns. Produce quarterly newsletters highlighting HSWCD projects and NRCS programs and opportunities. Maintain and improve the HSWCD website with regular updates about District programs and by providing links to other sites of interest.

Funding Source	Funding Needed	Staff	Needed
Indirect	\$6,000.00	Kyra	

Task 2: Maintain financial records, document expenditures and receivables, maintain program budgets, and make available financial reports to HSWCD Board of Supervisors and the AACD.

Indirect	\$4,000.00	Kyra	
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Task 3: Research, apply for, and administer grants for conservation-related projects that meet the mission of the HSWCD. Coordinate available educational, financial, and technical resources to better meet the needs of local land users and managers involved in protecting and conserving soil, water, and related resources.

Indirect	\$6,000.00	Kyra	
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Task 4: Support Board of Supervisor’s development and travel to bi-annual AACD conferences. Recruit board members, provide for time to manage the annual call for nominations and elections. Maintain membership in state and national associations when appropriate.

Indirect	\$2,500.00	Kyra	
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FUNDED: \$248,700.00
 NOT YET FUNDED: \$233,600.00
 INDIRECT: \$18,500.00