

Stakeholder Engagement Plan – Building a blue carbon project with conservation science on the Kenai Peninsula

KEY
INTEREST & INFLUENCE LEVEL
1
2
3

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STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT							
OVERVIEW							
STAKEHOLDER AUDIENCE	CONTACT TITLE / ROLE	INTEREST: How much does project affect them? (1, 2, 3)	INFLUENCE: How much do they have? (1, 2, 3)	STAKEHOLDER'S MOST IMPORTANT GOAL	HOW WILL HE/SHE CONTRIBUTE?	BEST MESSAGES	MEDIUMS/TACTICS
<b>KBNERR Research and Monitoring</b> <a href="https://accs.uaa.alaska.edu/kbnerr/research">https://accs.uaa.alaska.edu/kbnerr/research</a>	Research Coordinator	1	1	Develop monitoring protocols and pilot projects. Design research questions for ecological functions.	1. Create drafts of protocols, pilot projects, and research questions. Present to the group for review. 2. Work with CTP on check in meetings with other stakeholders.	KBNERR is a resource for questions and help create pathways to answers.	Phone call updates for high-level milestones; weekly email summaries and occasional in-person meetings
<b>KBNERR Education and Training</b> <a href="https://accs.uaa.alaska.edu/kbnerr/education-outreach/">https://accs.uaa.alaska.edu/kbnerr/education-outreach/</a>	Education Coordinator	1	1	Connect research to people. Apply science to decision making. Develop culturally appropriate formal and informal education curricula.	Creation of education plans, delivering project info to a broad audience	Audience Dependant: Simple outline of Blue Carbon and Blue Carbon projects. Pros and cons of projects. Why our area would benefit from them. Local project ideas. Where to find out more information.	Monthly meetings with milestones and budget info
<b>Kachemak Heritage Land Trust</b> <a href="https://www.kachemaklandrust.org/">https://www.kachemaklandrust.org/</a>	Director	2	3	Strategic conservation of critical land resources. Protect important fish, bird and wildlife habitat	Starting a blue Carbon project, or partnering with others on a Blue Carbon project.	Permanent preservation of the Kenai Peninsula's most cherished natural places. A blue carbon project could aid their mission.	General companywide updates along with many other initiatives
<b>Kenai Peninsula Borough Land Management</b> <a href="https://www.kpb.us/landmgt/about-landmgt">https://www.kpb.us/landmgt/about-landmgt</a>	KPB Land Manager	2	2	Cost-effective land management, financial incentive for conservation, climate mitigation	Provide decision making framework and outline ways project could intersect with land management initiatives	How carbon projects can be used in land use planning and management	Get deep input up front, and agreement on parameters of project and timeline; keep up to speed
<b>Nature Conservancy Alaska</b> <a href="https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/alaska/">https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/alaska/</a>	TNC Directors	1	2	Build collaborative strategies to conserve lands and waters across land ownership boundaries and among people with conflicting interests. Regional conservation	Assist with developing economic models for a peatland carbon project	Natural systems are still largely intact, though under increasing stress due to impacts from climate change, increased resource development in previously remote locations, and fiscal challenges that make investments in natural resource stewardship increasingly difficult	Partner for funding approaches to developing peatland carbon project. Communication updates via email and phone, engage in field trip.
<b>US Fish and Wildlife Service</b> <a href="https://www.akfishhabitat.org/threats">https://www.akfishhabitat.org/threats</a>	Habitat Restoration and Partnerships Coordinator	1	2	Working together to protect, maintain, restore and enhance fish habitat throughout Alaska. Research for conservation efforts	Provide funding for peatland carbon research.	Vulnerability of KP watersheds to degradation by human activities. Almost every anadromous stream originating on the western Kenai Peninsula must pass through a developed area. Blue Carbon projects can reduce risk of habitat loss.	Partner for funding approaches to developing peatland carbon project. Communication updates via email and phone, engage in field trip.
<b>City of Homer</b> <a href="https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/sites/default/files/file_attachments/planning/page/6664/bridge_creek_pamphlet.pdf">https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/sites/default/files/file_attachments/planning/page/6664/bridge_creek_pamphlet.pdf</a>	City Planner	2	2	Protect the water quality of the City's drinking water supply.	Restricting land use activities that would impair the water quality, or increase the cost for treatment.	Peat wetlands are multibenefit. The soils and native vegetation on lands absorb, collect and filter rainfall and snowmelt on their way to the reservoir. Natural capacity of the land to absorb and filter these waters is reduced when land is cleared, and soils are compacted.	Partner for education and potential economic benefits of peatland conservation. Schedule guest speakers at City commission and council meetings.
<b>US Army Corp of Engineers</b> <a href="https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Recognizing-Wetlands/">https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Recognizing-Wetlands/</a>	Project Manager	1	3	administering the Section 404 permitting process: placement of dredged or fill material in a wetland	Interested in keeping informed for wetland permitting	Activities in wetlands for which permits may be required may also have impacts on carbon storage (Placement of fill material, Ditching activities, Mechanized land clearing, leveling, road construction)	One on one phone calls/emails with project key messages, staff learning opportunities
<b>Kenai River Center</b> <a href="https://www.kenairivercenter.org/">https://www.kenairivercenter.org/</a>	Center Manager	2	1	Utilize the River Center as a platform for educating the public on key issues	Landowner-level prevention of peat wetland loss, Purpose of environmental regulations and statutes in a carbon project	The role of peat wetlands in salmon production, impacts of invasive flora and fauna	Holding talks at River Center, Provide informational brochures for landowners
<b>Cook Inlet Regional Inc</b> <a href="https://www.ciri.com/our-lands/">https://www.ciri.com/our-lands/</a>	CIRI Land Manager, CIRI Foundation	1	1	To protect wildlife, to keep hunting and fishing access, to ensure fish aren't harmed	partner in research and education opportunities	Focus on economic benefits, and educational opportunities for shareholders.	Seek input (as above) at beginning and then keep apprised via bill insert or email. Develop an internship program for CIRI youth to learn about BC, and report back to shareholders.