

## **RMS Alaska Chapter Report for 2009/2010**

### **Alaska Chapter Activities**

The Alaska Chapter members were actively engaged in 2009/2010. Our 48 members received regular emails from chapter officers. Periodic chapter meetings were held via teleconference to increase statewide participation and meeting notes were circulated.

Chapter workshops were conducted in accordance with the common adventure model:  
June 25, 2010 – Knik River workshop, 11 participants  
August 27, 2010 – Placer River workshop, 14 participants

Several Alaska chapter members attended and/or presented at the 2010 RMS Symposium. Alaska chapter member Doug Whittaker received the 2010 Outstanding Contribution to RMS award.

### **Contributions to RMS Journal**

The Alaska-focused Summer 2010 issue of the RMS Journal featured nine articles contributed by Alaska chapter members. Contributions from Alaska chapter members also appeared in the Fall 2009, Winter 2009 and Spring 2010 issues. Alaska chapter updates were published quarterly.

### **Interagency River Management Workshop**

“Rivers That Run under the Midnight Sun,” the 2011 Interagency River Management Workshop will be held on May 10-12, 2011 at the Alyeska Resort in Girdwood, Alaska. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the lead sponsor of the event, co-sponsors include Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, State of Alaska, Kenai Peninsula Borough, River Management Society, and the International Submerged Lands Management Conference. The planning team is currently developing the program, field trips, registration, and marketing strategies. The venue has been secured, along with approximately \$30,000 in financial support.

### **Chapter representation on RMS Board**

In October 2009, Alaska chapter secretary Jennifer Reed participated in the annual RMS Board meeting at Flathead Lake, Montana. The Alaska chapter president (or other chapter officer) participated in each of the monthly RMS Board conference calls.

### **Chapter Finances**

The Alaska chapter currently holds a total of \$5,215.40 at Northrim Bank in Anchorage, Alaska. The beginning balance on January 1, 2010 was \$2,515.90 and two deposits have been made in 2010, including \$202.50 from the RMS national account and \$2,500 from BLM in support of the 2011 Interagency River Management Workshop.

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Alaska Chapter, River Management Society – 2010/2011 Work Plan **DRAFT**  
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RMS Mission: *To support professionals who study, protect, and manage North America's rivers.*

**Goal 1: Professional Development – Encourage career-long learning and leadership in river management and science.**

Objectives	Actions	Indicators	Deadline	Budget
Objective 1.1: Provide training opportunities in state-of-the-art technologies and science pertaining to river management, and/or publicize the learning events of chapter member agencies and/or organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize and hold 2 chapter activities per year.</li> <li>Host the 2011 Interagency River Management Workshop on May 10-12 in Girdwood, Alaska.</li> <li>Engage chapter volunteers to plan and lead activities.</li> <li>Solicit items of regional interest from members, i.e. training opportunities, technologies, strategies, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful chapter events</li> <li>2011 Interagency River Management Workshop</li> <li>Participation of members and non-members.</li> </ul>	Oct 2011 May 2011	\$30,000

**Goal 2: Information – Promote development and sharing of information and knowledge about river ecosystems and their management.**

Objectives	Actions	Indicators	Deadline	Budget
Objective 2.1: Increase recognition of RMS as a leading source of information about rivers and river management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit articles for quarterly RMS Journal.</li> <li>Host the 2011 Interagency River Management Workshop in Alaska.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Articles published.</li> <li>Successful 2011 Interagency River Management Workshop.</li> </ul>	On going May 2011	\$0.00
Objective 2.2: Ensure that the body of knowledge possessed by members and created by RMS activities is documented, objective, scientifically sound, replicable and accessible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit articles for quarterly RMS Journal.</li> <li>Develop annual chapter work plans and reports. Post documents online.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Articles published.</li> <li>Documents posted on Alaska chapter section of RMS website.</li> </ul>	Oct 2011	\$0.00

**Goal 3: Capacity Building – Enhance the organization's ability to achieve its mission.**

Objectives	Actions	Indicator	Deadline	Budget
Objective 3.1: Retain existing members through active chapters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize and hold 2 chapter activities per year.</li> <li>Hold periodic chapter meetings via teleconference.</li> <li>Provide quarterly chapter updates to RMS newsletter.</li> <li>Send mailings to chapter members (e.g., event invitation, newsletter, update on activities, ballot, etc.).</li> <li>Conduct personal outreach to chapter members.</li> <li>Encourage officers to recruit new chapter members plus chapter members for national committee roles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshops and events successfully hosted.</li> <li># of participants in each activity</li> <li># of chapter members serving in national roles/committees</li> </ul>	On going  On going Ongoing	\$0.00
Objective 3.2: Achieve 5% annual growth in membership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruit new members via chapter activities &amp; events.</li> <li>Each Chapter officer personally invites one non RMS member to an RMS national or chapter activity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New memberships and/or participation of non-members in activities.</li> </ul>	On going	\$0.00
Objective 3.3: Enhance national and chapter structure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop annual chapter work plans.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Posted on RMS website</li> </ul>	Nov 2010	\$0.00