

RMS Alaska Chapter Report for 2010/2011

Alaska Chapter Activities

Alaska Chapter members were actively engaged in 2010/2011. Planning and hosting the 2011 Interagency River Management workshop in Alaska was the chapter priority. Members also contributed photos to new national and chapter outreach displays.

Two Alaska Chapter members ran for positions on the RMS Board of Directors. Jorjena Daly was elected National Secretary.

2011 Interagency River Management Workshop and 30th Annual International Submerged Lands Management Conference (ISLMC)

“Rivers That Run Under the Midnight Sun” was held May 9-13, 2011 in Girdwood, Alaska. The workshop was attended by over 140 registrants and featured an innovative and successful partnership with ISLMC, over 50 speakers during 2 full-day and 2-half days of sessions, and 3 concurrent full-day field trips in support of workshop sessions.

Total profit to RMS was \$10,122, based upon \$50,469 income and \$42,000 in expenses. Presentations and recorded webinars are posted on-line at <http://www.submergedlandsconference.com/>

Over half (20+) of RMS Alaska Chapter members were involved in workshop planning and production, thanks to the leadership of conference co-chairs: Helen Clough (USFWS/RMS) and David Schade (Alaska DNR/ISLMC) along with key support from Risa Shimoda, Lee Larson and Steve and Debbie Johnson.

Primary conference sponsors included: US Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, the State of Alaska’s Departments of Natural Resources, Fish and Game, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy, Management, Regulation and Enforcement.

Chapter Finances

Alaska chapter currently holds a total of \$3,502.27 at Northrim Bank in Anchorage, AK.

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Alaska Chapter, River Management Society – 2011/2012 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"> Organize and hold 2 chapter activities per year. Pursue opportunities to partner with the Alaska Recreation and Parks Association and/or Alaska Wilderness and Recreation Tourism Association in a hosting a joint conference in 2012. Engage chapter volunteers to plan and lead activities. Solicit items of regional interest from members, i.e. training opportunities, technologies, strategies, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful chapter events and partnerships. Active participation of members in chapter and national activities. 	Oct 2012	\$3,500

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"> Submit articles for quarterly RMS Journal, particularly the Alaska-focus issue in 2012. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articles submitted by chapter members are published in RMS Journal. 	On going	\$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"> Develop annual chapter work plans and reports. Post documents online. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents posted on-line at Alaska RMS webpage. 	Oct 2012	

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"> Organize and hold 2 chapter activities per year. Hold periodic chapter meetings via teleconference. Provide quarterly chapter updates to RMS newsletter. Send mailings to chapter members (e.g., event invitation, newsletter, update on activities, ballot, etc.). Conduct personal outreach to chapter members. Encourage officers to recruit new chapter members plus chapter members for national committee roles. Recruit new members via chapter activities & events. Each Chapter officer personally invites one non RMS member to an RMS national or chapter activity. Hold Alaska Chapter officer elections in winter 2012. Develop annual chapter work plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshops, meetings and events occur. 	On going	\$0.00
Objective 3.2: Achieve 5% annual growth in membership.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter members serving in national and chapter roles / committees. New memberships and/or participation of non-members in activities. 	On going	
Objective 3.3: Enhance national and chapter structure.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers recruited and elections held. 	Feb 2012	