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Fwd: Dipnet Booth Write Up

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Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 11:52 AM

To: Margaret Harings <maggie@kenaiwatershed.org>, Galen Hecht <galen@kenaiwatershed.org>

Maggie,

We've wrapped up the Dipnet Booth @ N. Kenai Beach and wanted to share the metrics with you for your annual report (see below). If any, what other data do you typically collect/need from us for this site? We've got the whole binder together and can share whatever you need, just let us know!

(P.S. I'm writing this from the office, I'm negative and COVID free! yippee!)

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*"We will only conserve what we love, we will only love what we understand,
and we will understand only what we are taught."*

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From: **Galen Hecht** <galen@kenaiwatershed.org>

Date: Fri, Aug 7, 2020 at 3:37 PM

Subject: Dipnet Booth Write Up

To: Megan Pike <meg@kenaiwatershed.org>

Hi Meg,

Below are a few paragraphs that we can use as a springboard for the narrative we need to send to Maggie to include in the annual report. Feel free to word-smith and work your magic.

During the 2020 personal use dipnet fishery at North Kenai Beach, Kenai Watershed Forum partnered with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and the City of Kenai to support a volunteer staffed booth to provide education and resources for those visiting the beach to fish. The fishery opened on July 10 and closed on July 31st. During this three week season, volunteers contributed:

- 59 hours of service staffing the booth
- Peer-to-peer education with 383 members of the public
- Assistance with monitoring of harmful bacteria in the shoreline ecosystem
- Collection of 93 pounds of trash including 280 cigarette butts
- 392 miles of travel to participate in the dipnet booth

Volunteers staffing the booth reported hearing a variety of questions from visitors about subjects ranging from fishing regulations and commercial openings to parking to the health of salmon populations. Many visitors reported verbally how useful the booth was including the handouts such as fin-clippers and dog-bags and expressed their gratitude to the volunteers. The presence of volunteers on site during the dipnet fishery provided visitors with practical information and a variety of resources to help people have a safe and successful experience during the personal use dipnet fishery.

Best,

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