



Resilience and Adaptation Program  
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## ALL RAP SEMINAR

### **An Insider's View of Collaboration: Lessons from a Decade of Conservation Planning in BC's Muskwa- Kechika Management Area**

presented by Julian Griggs, Dovetail Consulting Inc.

5:30-7:00 pm on November 11, 2009 in room 401 IARC at UAF.

Dinner will be provided. RSVP by November 8 to [ellen.weiser@alaska.edu](mailto:ellen.weiser@alaska.edu).  
Open to all.

This seminar provides a frank assessment of a ten year multi-stakeholder conservation planning effort, and insight into the critical factors leading to successes and failures of collaborative initiatives. Aspects such as clarity of vision, effective leadership, managing independence and autonomy, effective government relations in times of changing priorities, the framing and use of technical capacity and research studies, and the importance of constituency building are explored. The Muskwa-Kechika Management Area (M-KMA) Conservation Planning process serves as the case study. The M-KMA a 6.4 million hectare area in the northern British Columbia, comprised of a mosaic of protected areas and special management areas. Referred to as 'BC's Working Wilderness,' the MKMA was established in 1998 in recognition of its extraordinary wilderness and wildlife values. The M-KMA represented the 'highwater-mark' of the 1990's in terms of the development and implementation of a provincial land-use planning and management framework, including the creation of the M-KMA Advisory Board involving Indigenous Peoples and government agencies, unique planning requirements, and dedicated funding arrangements. Although some progress has been made, a decade later, the anticipated land-use planning and management framework for the M-KMA is not yet in place, and the Advisory Board is struggling to maintain its relevance in the face of dramatic changes to the context in which it operates. Julian Griggs has been a part of that process since its inception and shares his analysis from an insider's perspective.

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