

## THE KOOTENAI RIVER NETWORK (KRN)<sup>AFS</sup>

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The Kootenai River Network (KRN) is an international alliance for water quality and aquatic resources. The group formed late in 1991 in response to citizen's concerns of threatened or deteriorating water quality and aquatic resources in the Kootenai River Basin. KRN's mission is to operate as "a cooperative international partnership of individuals, diverse citizen groups, and agencies dedicated to the utilization, restoration, promotion and protection of water resources in the Kootenai-Kootenay River watershed." To accomplish this mission, the following goals have been developed: 1) Involve individuals and their communities in sharing the value of the Kootenai/ay watershed; 2) Improve communication among agencies and diverse citizen groups throughout the Kootenai/ay watershed; 3) Facilitate habitat enhancement and rehabilitation; 4) Fully use best available science practices to facilitate proactive water resources management; and 5) Pursue coordination of efforts regarding Water Resources models and measurement techniques. The KRN has been successful in bringing together interstate, international, and tribal interests of different political jurisdictions to form a watershed-based organization dedicated to solving priority environmental problems and bridging jurisdictional obstacles to achieve watershed management. The KRN would like an opportunity to set up an educational display at the MT AFS meeting. The function of the display is to convey, at a glance, the essence of the Kootenai/ay River network. In order to capture viewer's attention and convey our messages, we are using a combination of pictures with cut-lines of text on an upright display. The display demonstrates KRN activities such as partnerships, educational workshops, site tours, committees, mission statement, and profiles habitat restoration activities in the Kootenai/ay to benefit native fisheries and wetland dependant wildlife. The display will either be a stand-up or table-top display.