

## Pribilof Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting

January 6, 2004: 9:00 am teleconference

### Agenda and meeting summary

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1. Updates on agenda and meeting logistics
2. Comments on 18-24 month workplan
3. Discussion and decision re: NSF travel grants
4. Review expanded problem statement paragraphs
5. Report on Science/TEK Advisory Group planning meeting

Present: Evie Witten, Denise Woods, Debbie Lestenkof, Randy Hagenstein, Heather McCarty, Joe Sullivan, Meg King, Georgia Kashevarof, Andy Malavansky, Anthony B. Mercurief

#### Summary:

1. Updates on agenda and meeting logistics
  - Audiovisual needs:
    - TNC can provide a laptop and PowerPoint projector for use during presentations. The TNC equipment is in use until January 14<sup>th</sup> pm. In the event they are not available:
      - Randy has a back-up laptop that will be available.
      - Evie will check with ACF and Meg will check with the University to see if a back-up PowerPoint projector is available.
    - Denise will use Evie's laptop for taking electronic notes during the meeting.
    - Randy will be the designated "AV Trouble-Shooter Guy".
  - Day 2 Agenda: pretty much set; will review at next Steering Committee meeting on Thursday.
  - Day 1 Agenda: Evie is waiting for confirmations that the following speakers will attend:
    - Father Michael Alexa (invocation)
    - Alan Springer (seabirds)
    - Doug Pengelly (crabs): Heather will contact Doug and his boss to urge him to attend.
    - Chris Mercurief (TEK fish): Anthony will ask if he can attend and let Evie know.
    - Larry Mercurieff (TEK ecosystem dynamics): Debbie will ask him to speak to this instead of the cultural history of the islands (Anthony B. will speak to this instead)
    - Philip Lestenkof (local halibut fishery): He is currently on stand-by for the flight to Anchorage. In the event that he can't make it, Anthony B. or Chris Mercurief will speak on this.
    - Dave Benson (fur seal committee): Bill Wilson will speak if Dave can't.
  - Evie will send a clean version of the Day 1 Agenda to the Steering Committee before Thursday for review prior to that morning's meeting.
  - Evie will send a message to the speakers requesting that they submit to her a one-paragraph bio to be included in the notebook.
2. Comments on 18-24 month workplan:
  - Meg reviewed the major changes that were made to the workplan since the last meeting's comments. The major changes were:
    - Incorporating language changes/ terms to be used for consistency
    - Milestones were changed to reflect the fact that we can only look into the near-future (the March meeting and not beyond).

- Future meeting dates were determined to the best extent possible using NPFMC and others' meeting dates.
  - Randy requested that the dates for the March meeting be changed from March 17-19 due to a scheduling conflict. Suggested March 11-12 or 15-16.
  - Discussion about whether the March meeting (the first "Stakeholder Meeting") could be two, rather than three, days long.
  - Randy sent out a draft of the budget this morning. Please review prior to Thursday's meeting.
3. Discussion and decision re: NSF travel grants:
- NSF will provide funds for air transportation only of three people from each island (6 total).
    - The funds will not be available before the January meeting but selected travelers will be reimbursed for their air travel costs.
    - **All travelers who expect to be reimbursed MUST submit to Meg an ORIGINAL copy of their plane tickets.**
  - Representatives from the islands will meet as soon as possible to determine the criteria for selecting the grant recipients from each island and to discuss who they might select.
    - Selected recipients of travel grants need not necessarily be speakers but should be active participants in the meeting.
4. Review expanded problem statement paragraphs:
- Please submit your paragraphs (if you have not yet). Review paragraphs and submit comments via email to all Steering Committee members prior to the meeting on Thursday.
5. Report on Science/TEK Advisory Group planning meeting
- Meg, Randy and Larry met on 12/22 to discuss recommendations about the Science/TEK Advisory Group. Meg and Randy recapped the meeting's results (See Meg's email from 12/22 for the summary of their recommendations).
  - Dave Benson does not, at the moment, seem very enthusiastic about this Science/TEK Advisory Group having a formal connection with the Fur Seal Committee.
  - Heather would like to be involved with Meg, Randy, and Larry in helping to plan for the Advisory Group.
  - Randy will be the point-person to explain the role/design of this group to the full meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Next Steering Committee Meeting will be on Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.