

Pribilof Islands Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting

January 18, 2006 9:00 AM AK teleconference

Planning and Steering Committee meeting

Agenda and meeting summary

NOTE: Action items/ homework are highlighted in yellow

Present: Denise Woods, Greer Callum (for Lori), Steve MacLean, Brock Bernstein, Lisa Butzner, Thorn Smith, Heather McCarty, Debbie Aquilina Lestenkof

Agenda for the Steering Committee Conference Call

1. Seabird meeting agenda review
2. Goals and Outcomes for Seabird meeting
3. Budget report/ travel requests
4. Brock presenting on PIC at MSS

Summary:

1. Seabird meeting agenda review

- Important to note (and be sure experts know) that the primary purpose of their participation in this meeting is NOT to deliver formal presentations (although that will “sow the seeds” of our discussions); instead, it is to have them inform the process and answer specific questions that are raised
 - Brock will reiterate this point at the meeting
- We need to hear from a variety of experts as speakers; not have Art, Vern and other AMNWR staff deliver all information
- There is some concern about the presentation by Bruce Robson on prey and seabird concentrations around the PI. This talk should NOT attempt to make a case for direct competition between seabirds and fisheries, but should just present the data (maps) to inform the discussions that follow
- On that note, Bruce’s presentation will be moved from day 2, following “management issues” to day 1, prior to these discussions (so we have the maps in our minds as we proceed).
- We should invite a local journalist from Homer to cover the meeting.
- No objection, as long as PIC’s official Media Policy is adhered to
 - Denise will recirculate the Media Policy for review
- Denise will incorporate various small edits and recirculate a new draft agenda prior to the Feb 1 steering committee meeting

2. Goals and Outcomes for Seabirds Meeting

- We still need to receive and discuss/ incorporate into the agenda the “Goals and Outcomes” desired by the members of the constituent groups
- Max has previously circulated an email to St. George people, asking them what they want to achieve at the meeting/ people to invite (still awaiting replies)

- Homework: each constituent group “leader” needs to solicit these ideas from their folks and send them to Denise before the next steering committee meeting (Wed, Feb 1)
 - Denise will send steering committee members an email reminding them of this assignment

3. Budget Report and Travel Requests

- Steve reports that, after covering travel for Alan Springer and some leftover expenses from the September meeting, PIC remaining balance is \$1036
- We are still awaiting the \$50K from NOAA/ Steve is communicating with them to release the funds asap
- If absolutely necessary, TNC funds may be used to cover meeting expenses
- Anyone who wants to receive reimbursement for their travel expenses (e.g. unfunded people from the Islands) needs to contact Denise and provide an estimate of their need (hotel and travel costs only, please)

4. Brock Presenting on PIC at MSS

- The NPRB has organized an evening session at the Marine Science Symposium called “The Intersection of Science and Policy”.
- Brock was asked by Heather (cochair of the session) to present on the PIC as a case study
- Brock will present during the session, on Tuesday February 24 beginning at 7pm (Hilton hotel, Anchorage).

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 1, 9:30am Alaska time