

Pribilof Islands Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting

**February 1, 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, Sarah Kruse, Steve MacLean, Randy Hagenstein, Aquilina Lestenkof, Margaret Williams

### **Agenda for the Steering Committee Conference Call**

1. May Meeting Planning
2. February Meeting Agenda Feedback
3. Brock Report Back on Interview Results
4. Goals and Outcomes for Feb Meeting
5. Volcano Plan B for Feb Meeting

### **Summary:**

#### **1. May Meeting Planning:**

- Last week, Margaret, Denise, Brock, Heather, and Sarah met to discuss the content of the May meeting. Some highlights:
- Ecotrust would present the results of their study (assuming available)
- Need determine what the communities want to get out of this meeting (info? Actions?)
- Tie together past meetings in “ecosystem” approach (have experts on species, “tie together” all the information”)
- Present research and case studies on approaches to strengthen local economies (Galapagos people likely cannot attend? Whom else to invite?)
- Discuss and plan for “future of PIC”: what would that look like?
- Comments:
- Will need to have follow through on the different actions we have agreed to (keep momentum on the points of agreement). This means writing up specific agreed upon implementation steps
- Possibility of working group form to create strawmen prior to May meeting (e.g. present specific ideas on how to follow through with our commitments to act)
- Should stop calling “wrap-up” meeting, as this is really a time to launch the next phase of the PIC
- Brock: climate change could be a unifying theme we can all rally around (affects all stakeholders/ caucus groups)
- Gordon Kruse and Pat Livingston named as people to talk about with respect to ecosystem approach
- Michael Flint could come?

#### **2. February Meeting Agenda Feedback**

- Concern about time limitation on Research Needs/ Monitoring session. Will collapse these into one session.
  - Also remove AMNWR Monitoring from this session; place with Seabird Status session (*Art agreed to speak to this*)
- Need more time for “Fisheries Issues” management discussion (15 min to ½ hour)
- Denise make changes and re-circulate latest agenda

### **3. Brock Report Back on Interview Results**

- Brock has completed his interviews of PIC stakeholders. He will circulate a report to Steering Committee next week.
- A mix of responses across the groups:
- Overall, some people disappointed; some thought there was some value in the process; some thought the PIC’s power was too limited to be useful
- PIC needs to use the NPFMC more (e.g. we can hash out issues but only they can make management decisions)
- All agreed PIC meetings a good opportunity to learn about issues; the info was not readily duplicated anywhere else
- Has been good to have such in-depth discussions between participants and “experts”; was not a one-way flow of information
- Good forum for discussing novel ideas and approaches

### **4. Goals and Outcomes for Feb Meeting**

- Denise has received “Goals/ Outcomes” statements from the Pribilof Islands (SG and SP, combined) and Environmental Caucuses
- Denise has not yet received any statements from Industry representatives (*need asap to include in Study Guide for distribution to participants*)

Pribilof Islands Caucus Desired Outcomes:

1. Strategies/plan for acquiring or maintaining sufficient funding for Pribilof Islands' seabird research.
2. Long-term funding source from the fishing industry to keep rat prevention constant and consistent.
3. Long-term plan for marine debris clean-up by the immediate hands of the fishing industry and prevention strategies.
4. Fishing industry plan for discontinuation of chlorine disinfectant on fishing vessels and processors in the Bering Sea.
5. Campaign for a cleaner Bering Sea and for sea birds by educating Pribilof and Bering Sea communities on the use of "green" cleaning products (industry supported).
6. More research into pollutants affecting seabirds.

Environmental Caucus Desired Goals and Outcomes for Seabirds:

1. PIC agrees on which areas are important habitat for seabirds (e.g. Bering, Zemchung, Pribilof, and Middle Canyons)
2. Generate a list of practices industry can undertake/ PIC can agree to that might mitigate some of the threats to PI birds
3. Generate PRIORITY research list/ determine what research to support

### **5. Volcano Plan B**

- In the event that Augustine volcano is actively erupting and flights to Homer are cancelled:

- Plan A: Denise is arranging for van rentals (will need volunteers to drive, however)
- Plan B: Denise has arranged for a room at the Anchorage Hilton; those in town could meet there
- Denise will send email alert if this is the case (let's all hope not...)

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 14, 9:30am Alaska time**