

Pribilof Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting
February 20, 2004: 9:00 am teleconference
Agenda and meeting summary

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1. Updates on notices of stakeholder representatives and participating organizations
2. Fundraising updates
3. Decision on May meeting date
4. Debrief on January meeting

Present: Evie Witten, Denise Woods, Debbie Lestenkof, Randy Hagenstein, Heather McCarty, Meg King, Greg McGlashan, Anthony B. Mercurief, Joe Sullivan

Summary:

1. Updates on notices of stakeholder representatives and participating organizations
 - Industry:
 - Joe reports that APA's endorsement of our funding requests (Steven's and Rasmuson letters) was on their board meeting agenda yesterday (Feb 19) but the meeting ran long and they never got to the topic.
 - Joe will follow up to see if it can be put back on next agenda and/or will poll people during the weekend to see how they feel about committing to the process.
 - Joe plans to meet during the week of Feb 23 with Thorne Smith and freezer long-liners to discuss their willingness to commit to the PIC.
 - Joe will ask Paul McGregor to speak to John Bundy, asking him to discuss commitment to the PIC with Glacier Fish Company (associated with Norton Sound CDQ).
 - CBSFA plans to meet on Feb 29 to name their representative (likely Philip Lestenkof).
 - AMCC: Randy will meet with their board on Feb 28 to discuss commitment.
 - Audubon: There is a possibility that the new (as-yet-to-be hired) Director of Bird Conservation can commit to participating in the PIC.
 - Island Communities: Debbie has sent a letter asking folks to consider committing/ to submit the name of their representative. She will follow up this week.

Letters from The Ocean Conservancy to St. George and St. Paul Islands

Debbie and Anthony have received letters informing them that The Ocean Conservancy is submitting a proposal to NPFMC to have Zemchung and Pribilof Canyons designated Habitats of Particular Concern (a subset of Essential Fish Habitat designations). Heather described the process NPFMC is using to solicit such proposals. Other proposals have been submitted for other areas by different organizations (i.e. MCA, Oceana, NMFS) and open comment period extends until April 15. Proposals can be viewed on the NPFMC homepage <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/>

2. Fundraising updates

- Stevens letter: Randy will be forwarded the most recent version and will send it around to steering committee members for signatures.
 - ACITON: Signed letter needs to get to Larry early in week so he can take it with him to Washington DC.

- WWF pre-proposal to SSF: Evie was told that the pre-proposal needs to be changed, that the request needs to be for less money, and that it must wait to be submitted until September.
 - ACTION: Revise and submit for year two funds and ask for less (\$20K)
 - MCA: Revise the Stevens letter for a request to MCA and circulate among steering committee for signatures.
 - ACTION: Heather needs the signed letter emailed to her to print out and bring to MCA Board retreat March 1-3.
 - ACF: Proposal due March 5, ACTION:
 - Evie and Denise will write the proposal.
 - Letters of support from the steering committee are required for this proposal, especially from members representing the islands' communities. All steering committee members need to write a letter on official letterhead and get to Evie or Denise by March 1.
 - St. Paul and St. George confirmed that they will need travel funds for approximately 2 representatives from each island for each meeting.
 - Evie will include these funds in the budget to be included with this proposal.
 - TDX: Jason confirmed that a request to TDX would be appropriate and that the next board meeting is set for May 10.
 - ACTION: Debbie will call Ron to see what amount should be requested.
 - American Seafoods: Heather submitted a request for \$5,000; she will report on the results at the next meeting.
 - NPRB: Will discuss funding the PIC at their next meeting (March 17-19). Heather will track progress and report.
 - Aleut Corporation: Martha Malavansky confirmed that a request for \$2500 was appropriate. ACTION: Anthony will write a letter making a formal request.
 - Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association: ACTION: Debbie will write a letter making a request and will give it to St. Paul APIA representative Mike Zaharof and St. George representative Boris Mercurief.
 - Meg provided a funding update for the January meeting. Costs to prepare, conduct and the follow-up of the meeting are \$19,411, and to-date has received \$10,000 from NMFS and \$2500 from Alaska Conservation Foundation. She said that she's not clear who committed to what. She was asked to go ahead and submit an invoice to MCA, and that the group needs to revisit this. ACTION: Followup next week regarding commitments from others, e.g. APICDA, TDX, and St. Paul and Steering Committee members.
3. Decision on May meeting date
- Decision: Meeting set for May 2, Sunday on St. Paul.
4. Debrief on January meeting
- Discussion tabled until next meeting.
 - Meanwhile, Meg will write up her concerns/ key issues to be addressed and email them to the steering committee to speed up this discussion next week.

Next steering committee meeting is Wednesday February 25 at 9:00am at TNC offices for those in Anchorage (715 L Street).