

Pribilof Islands Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting

March 21, 2005 9:00 AM AK teleconference

Planning and Steering Committee meeting

Agenda and meeting summary

NOTE: Action items are highlighted in yellow

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be Tuesday March 29 at 9:00am Alaska time (10:00am Seattle, 1:00pm D.C.)

Present: Denise Woods, Randy Hagenstein, Heather McCarty, Karin Holser, Philip Lestenkof, Astrid Scholz, Larry Cotter, Steve Maclean, Debbie Lestenkof, Dennis Lekanof, Andy Malavansky

Agenda for the Steering Committee Conference Call

1. Announcement by Astrid: Ecotrust NPRB proposal funded
2. NPRB letter written/ testimony given (Randy report)
3. Update on Report made to NPFMC by Randy, Steve, Margaret (Randy report)
4. Discussion of fall meeting dates
5. Follow-up on Steering Committee homework from March meeting:
 - a. MCA letter being drafted (Denise report)
 - b. PIC Accomplishments document drafted (Denise report)
 - c. Summary of March meeting- edits/comments needed
 - d. Consensus research statements produced by Brock
6. Follow up on receipts/ invoices from March meeting (Denise and Randy report)

Conference Call Summary

1. Announcement by Astrid: Ecotrust NPRB proposal funded

Astrid reports that the NPRB has accepted their proposal for the socioeconomic baseline study of the Islands. The work will probably begin in a month or so and the funding is for approximately \$100,0000.

2. NPRB letter written/ testimony given (Randy report)

- Randy testified to the NPRB, as a follow up to the letter of request sent by the PIC
- NPRB has agreed to fund the PIC \$10,000 to be used primarily for travel for Islanders
- Also, there are openings on the Advisory Panel (especially from the environmental sector)- all who are interested should join

3. Update on Report made to NPFMC by Randy, Steve, Margaret (Randy report)

- Randy reports he, Margaret, and Steve met with the NPFMC (Chris Oliver, Dave Witherall, and Bill Wilson).
- They have some lingering concerns about the PIC 's authority and perceived overlap with the NPFMC (they were reminded the PIC has no real authority)

- Asked how best for the PIC to interact with NPFMC, said we should write 1-2 page letter of what we are doing and where we are going
- **Action:** Need letter written (no decision on who to write: *next meeting*)

4. Discussion of fall meeting dates

- Art Sowls has confirmed that the proposed June meeting on seabirds on Island will not be possible. Researchers will be in the field and the 2005 data will not be crunched yet (and this is the year for population counts, done only every three years).
 - **Action:** Need letter from Art stating this, to help address concerns of those who want a seabird meeting sooner than later.
 - **Denise to write, circulate to steering committee, and send to Art to sign**
- Proposed: Seabird meeting in winter (i.e. January)
- Re: crab/halibut/economics meeting in September: proposed dates Sept 14-17 (Wed-Sat)
- **Action: Steering Committee members should send Denise the names of experts they think should be invited to the Sept meeting.**
 - We will continue the selecting of experts/ topics at the March 30 SC meeting.

5. Follow-up on Steering Committee homework from March meeting:

- MCA letter being drafted (Denise report)
 - Letter, when reviewed by Paul and Debbie, will be addressed to Simon Kinneen and Glen Reed, with cc to Ron Clarke and Dave Benton
- PIC Accomplishments document drafted (Denise report)
 - Denise will circulate today to steering committee
 - Please reply all in your comments by email by March 30**
- Summary of March meeting- edits/comments needed
 - Please reply all in your comments by email by March 30**
- Consensus Research Statements
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*Note: Phil Z. again reminds us that we need to follow up on the northern fur seal work as it is not all done (e.g. we have dealt with research primarily, not other responsibilities).