

Pribilof Islands Ecosystem Stakeholder Process Organizing Committee  
April 11, 2003 - 8:30 am meeting  
**Agenda and meeting summary**

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1. Update/discussion re: St. Paul and industry concerns
  - a. Discuss meeting of industry with Tony Iarocci
  - b. Discuss first stakeholder meeting as separate commitment for participants (from longer stakeholder process)
  - c. Review draft list of items to resolve before and at first stakeholder meeting
3. Formulate plan with Meg for identifying and contacting stakeholders.
4. Determine next steps re: SWAMC, MCA, Stevens request letter, other fundraising actions.
5. Review draft workplan and budget

**Meeting Summary:**

Present: Aquilina, Evie, Randy, Greg, Joe, Meg King

- 1 Update/discussion re: St. Paul and industry concerns:
  - Joe related details of a meeting held Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> during the NPFMC meeting:
    - o Attendees at the meeting: Joe Sullivan, Larry Cotter, Margaret Williams, Randy Hagenstein, Evie Witten, John Gauvin, Ed Lutrell, Brent Paine, Heather McCarthy, Paul McGreggor, Steve Minor.
    - o Meeting objective: to answer the question some have: “why would we want to be involved in this process?”
    - o At the meeting the organizing committee members reviewed concerns about Pribilof Islands (marine mammal and bird population declines, changes in fishery, etc.). Joe pointed out that any one of these concerns could result in a change in the regulatory landscape, and that changes are usually easier when they are voluntary and based on shared discussion.
    - o The question was asked: “why not run this process through the NPFMC?”
    - o Response: The Councils are not consensus based, rather they are contentious processes in which all the parties are trying to win and there are clear losers. We envision a consensus-based process in which all parties are seeking common ground and solutions they can all live with.
    - o The question was asked: “how do we know we can trust these groups and this process?”
    - o Response: Randy, Margaret and Evie provided information about The Nature Conservancy and World Wildlife Fund (broad base of support, moderate conservation organizations, diverse leadership on boards of directors, history of setting up successful similar processes, not litigious, etc.)
    - o Joe proposed a meeting of industry representatives with WWF & TNC staff and Tony Iarocci, the Florida Keys fisherman who attended the November 2002 meeting where the stakeholder process idea took hold.

- o Those present agreed such a meeting would be productive and allow people to ask questions/learn more about stakeholder processes.
- o The members of the organizing committee present agreed to set up the meeting to take place in Seattle in late April or May.
- o Various attendees voiced concern that CBSFA and the City of St. Paul have concerns about the process and may not participate. All agreed that the organizing committee needs to do a better job of letting people know what we are/are not doing and that people need additional assurances that the process has not yet started (rather is being organized) and they will be included in the process.
- Joe provided details of a second meeting held Saturday, April 5:
  - o Attending the meeting were: Joe, Margaret, Randy, Evie, Heather McCarty, Simeon Swetzof, Philip Lestenkof, Steve Minor, Kevin Kennedy.
  - o Meeting objective: to address specific concerns of CBSFA and the City of St. Paul.
  - o Discussion centered on role and activities of organizing committee. Some people misunderstood a meeting called by Larry Cotter at the February NPFMC meeting in Seattle (to discuss halibut by-catch data) to be part of the formal stakeholder process. Steve Minor had not received the committee's 3/13 letter addressing St. Paul concerns.
  - o Result/conclusion: CBSFA & City want additional written assurances that the organizing committee is only addressing planning and logistics for the stakeholder process, and that both entities will play a role in identifying stakeholders.
- Joe and Evie told the committee about conversations they had with Simeon Swetzof also during the NPFMC meeting:
  - o Simeon expressed frustration that the stakeholder process will be long with undefined outcomes, and simultaneously the NPFMC is addressing and moving forward on other issues.
  - o He said the organizing committee should include the Pribilof Island small boat halibut fishermen in discussions with other industry players to both recognize they are part of the industry and allow them the chance to address others in the industry about the process.
- The committee discussed planning a meeting of industry interests and WWF and TNC representatives and Tony Iarocci in Seattle.
  - o Evie explained Margaret contacted Tony and other WWF staff and that May 21-22 or May 28-29 look like the best dates so far.
  - o Joe will draft a list of industry interests who should be invited to the meeting with Tony, will run the dates past them, and ask who else should be on the list. Joe will also ask Ron Clarke to help distribute the invitation.
- The committee discussed other ways of communicating with all the Pribilof stakeholder interests, and agreed to let all interests know they are welcome to sit in on any and all organizing committee meetings.

- 1. b) Discuss first stakeholder meeting as separate commitment for participants (from longer stakeholder process):
  - The committee agreed planning and fundraising for the stakeholder process should be split into two parts:
    - (1) Phase I: Convening and process design: Work with facilitator and interests to identify stakeholder representatives, convene a first stakeholder meeting and seek ideas and input about process design.
    - (2) Phase II: The stakeholder process
- 1. c) Review draft list of items to resolve before and at first stakeholder meeting: Following is the list discussed (not a definitive list):
- Items to be addressed prior to first stakeholder meeting:
  - ID stakeholder representatives
  - Seek commitments to participate in first meeting
- Items to be addressed at the first stakeholder meeting:
  - Non-profit administration of process (e.g., SWAMC, TNC, etc.)
  - Approach to meeting science/data analysis information needs (e.g., hire consultant, convene science advisory panel)
  - Identify specific data needs
  - Refine budget

Agenda items # 3,4,5: Tabled until next meeting: April 16, 9:00 a.m.