

Pribilof Islands Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting

**May 11, 2005** 9:00 AM AK teleconference

Planning and Steering Committee meeting

Agenda and meeting summary

NOTE: Action items/ homework are highlighted in yellow

**The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be Thursday June 16 at 9:00am  
Alaska time (10:00am Seattle, 1:00pm D.C.)**

**Present:** Max Malavansky Jr., Denise Woods, Brock Bernstein, Heather McCarty, Karin Holser, Debbie Lestenkof, Randy Hagenstein, Karl Haflinger

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

1. Approval of documents
  - a. Consensus research priorities statement
  - b. Short summary of March meeting
2. Begin drafting agenda for September halibut and crab meeting

### **Conference Call Summary**

#### 1. Approval of documents

Committee approved both documents with the following changes made first:

##### a. ***Research priorities statement:***

- Remove sentence referring to “decline in biomass must have effect on ecosystem”, because there was not consensus on this statement during the March meeting.
- Change “differences” to “comparisons”, in Paul M.’s suggested additional bullet regarding looking at rookeries’ prey bases vs population changes, and other potential natural experiments (page 2, 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> bullets)
- Debbie suggested the document needs a statement/ section on the timetable of our proposed work, to reflect the urgency and why we are doing this work on fur seals (i.e. a PLAN for how the PIC will implement its recommendations). Should also include projected fur seal population projections, given current decline (e.g. by NMFS).
- Debbie will write and email a strawman when she has time
- Denise will post document on PIC website, with above changes; Debbie’s addition, when approved, will be added

##### b. ***Short summary of March meeting***

- Re: Paul M.’s suggested change to reflect that pollock not necessarily managed under MSY (page 3, A.5.a.), new sentence will be added. A.5.a now reads “Effects of not managing Bering Sea fisheries with an effective ecosystem based management strategy” (to reflect that such a system exists, but is not necessarily working)

- Denise will post document on PIC website, with above change
2. Begin drafting agenda for September halibut and crab meeting
- Brock suggests, and **group agrees**, that current list of topics could be basis for draft agenda if order of topics was essentially reversed, so that Islands' economic issues are addressed first (to emphasize that this is what's driving our effort), followed by LTKW and CDQ reports, current research and history of fisheries, then biology of halibut/ crab, research needs, and finally strategies.
  - Proposed order and timing: 1.5 days on halibut (one day background, one half day on strategies), 1.5 days on crab (one day background, one half day on strategies). One half day (day 4, the 17<sup>th</sup>) reserved, if necessary, for wrap up.
  - *Also remember, November 1-2 meeting being planned to continue discussion on economic needs and strategies...*
  - **Action/ homework: Denise and Heather will work and consult with Brock to produce and distribute a first draft agenda before June 16 SC meeting**
  - Need identified for unified voices from each constituency group on what are the desired **topics** to be covered, in what priority (e.g. which crab species are most priority?), and what are the desired **outcomes** of the meeting.
    - **Action/ homework:** Steering committee will meet with constituents to draft short statements (two or three sentences) on outcomes and topics. Will report back during next SC meeting June 16<sup>th</sup>.
      - **Heather (CDQ), Karl (Industry), Debbie (St. P.), Max (St. G.), and Randy (Enviro) will organize their respective constituent groups and send Denise their drafts prior to end of business Wed June 15.**