

Pribilof Islands Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting
June 23, 2004 9:00 am teleconference
Agenda and meeting summary

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1. Meg's meeting with Aleut Corp.- update
2. Updates on funding and agreement with SWAMC
3. Updates on workgroups
4. Staff changes/ sub for Denise
5. Review/ discussion of August meeting agenda

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE: **Tuesday July 6** at 9:00am

Present: Evie Witten, Denise Woods, Meg King, Randy Hagenstein, Aquilina Lestenkof, Heather McCarty

Summary:

1. Meg's meeting with Aleut Corp.- update
 - Meg met with Martha Malavansky about their support of the PIC. Martha was supportive of the PIC but had two concerns
 - She supports SWAMC as the PIC fiscal agent, and it would be best if other funds come through SWAMC first before re-asking for a contribution to help fund the process (e.g. NMFS money)
 - She did voice some concern about the PIC knowing what it's goals are, but Meg explained that issues were really only discussed for the first time in April.
 - Aleut Corp. was originally asked for \$2500; but the PIC should consider asking for \$10K, as is being requested of other like-organizations.
2. Updates on funding and agreement with SWAMC
 - Oak Foundation: Randy reports they are very likely to receive the amended amount of \$100K for 2 years by summer (approx. \$60K for process support and \$40K for TNC staff support).
 - NPRB: Heather will re-draft a request for funding and circulate to the rest of the steering committee. Heather thought it would be good to have a revised request by NPRB's meeting in late July. Other comments:
 - Tailor the request to meet NPRB's guidelines, now that they've been developed, and
 - Include letters of support
 - It was discussed that NPRB would be an especially appropriate funder for the future, e.g. to support the science projects resulting from Workgroup recommendations/a PIC Science Plan. By making requests now to support the PIC in its efforts to develop research/science priorities, and linking these efforts to longer term needs, was highly appropriate.

- SWAMC: Larry signed the agreement to have SWAMC act as the PIC's fiscal agent. Thank you to Larry- we also recognize that Larry has taken on a certain degree of liability with this signing. The PIC must follow through on the activities and tasks agreed to for the funding.
- \$50,000 contribution from NMFS: Evie reported that Kaja Brix indicated shortly after the SWAMC/PIC agreement was signed that paperwork had been initiated within NMFS to process the grant. Evie will check with Kaja on the status.
- 6/24/04 – POST MEETING NOTE: Evie spoke with Kaja who reported that the grant was sent for processing on 6/8/04 and that it usually takes about 30 days for monies to be received, so SWAMC can anticipate receipt of the funds on behalf of the PIC around 7/8/04.
- Evie will send Randy the most up-to-date version of the funding table(s) so he can make additions.

3. Updates on Workgroups

- Fur Seal Group met Monday June 21: Productive but inconclusive meeting
 - Evie drafted summary and will distribute to those participating for corrections and then to the full group
- Upcoming meetings:
 - Crab: Monday 6/28 1:30pm
 - Halibut: Wednesday June 30 (tentative- depends on Philip's ability to participate)
 - No Trawl Zone: Wednesday July 7 9:00am
- Teleconferences: Evie and SWAMC in process of setting up separate teleconference number codes for each workgroup. Meanwhile, continue to use WWF call in numbers (Evie has these)
- Meg's role: It's up to Meg to attend workgroup meetings if she thinks it lends value (though time is not budgeted to do so). For some groups (e.g. halibut), a facilitator may be helpful.
 - ACTION: Those on the conference call agreed that the Workgroups would go through one round of meetings without Meg, and see how well it goes.
- Notetakers: Need consistency of notes/summaries of Workgroup meetings e.g. need one notetaker present at all meetings. (see below)

4. Staff changes/ substitute for Denise

- Denise is on maternity leave - her replacement through September is Claire LeClair
- Proposed: Claire (and later Denise) will attend Workgroup meetings and Steering Committee meetings, and draft and distribute summaries for corrections and review to those participating and then distribute to all.
- Evie will send an email to the general distribution list to provide information about Claire's staffing role to the PIC and to clarify how this will work and talk about the value of having someone playing that a staff role who is familiar with the PIC. And also information that AMCC's Alternate, George Pletnikoff, will be representing AMCC at the August meeting.

5. Review/discussion of August meeting agenda

- Have community meeting on night of 17th, have field trip on the 18th (there may be a church service on the evening of the 18th.)
- Move the 9:45 update segment of Aug 18th to the beginning of the community meeting on the 17th.
- Have a designated time for community members to give informal input during the meeting (suggested: flip chart at back of room for comments? Time to speak? Local radio broadcast with opportunity for call in/ questions.)
 - Debbie will check in July re: radio broadcast of meeting
- There is a need for technical expertise and presence of experts. Who to invite?
 - Bruce Robson (no trawl zone) and Rolf Ream (fur seals) will be attending.
 - Terry Spraker, Debbie will contact him as soon as possible to see if he can attend.
 - Halibut: Heather will contact Bruce Lehman at IPHC to see if someone from that organization might be available, as well as asking Jack Taggart, who is on contract for CBSFS to attend.
 - Crab: Heather will contact Art Nelson for advice about having someone from ADF&G (perhaps from the Kodiak office) to attend.
 - Art Sowls was also suggested to attend. Evie will contact him.
- Create time for Galapagos research representatives to present about their programs and efforts (during community meeting and perhaps woven in the agenda)
- The group discussed having a back-up location in Anchorage, in event of plane cancellation to St. Paul in August. Meg will check with the UAA Commons.

Next Steps:

- Evie/Claire: Will send out an announcement/ reminder, as well as other information. It will include:
 - Call in numbers,
 - The 6/23 Steering Committee meeting summary,
 - The Fur Seal workgroup meeting summary, and
 - Reminders of the proposed dates for the Workgroups.