

Pribilof Islands Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting
July 6, 2004 9:00AM teleconference
Agenda and meeting summary

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1. Paul Hillman's (NOAA videographer) request to videotape August meeting
2. Funding and other updates
3. Review/discussion of August meeting agenda

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, July 21 at 9:00AM

Present: Meg King, Evie Witten, Randy Hagenstein, Aquilina Lestenkof, Heather McCarty, Claire LeClair, Paul Hillman

Summary:

1. Videographer's Request: Paul Hillman and John Brooks, both with the NOAA office at Sand Point, are making a one-hour historic documentary on fur seals, plus Paul is also working on a ½ hour thesis film for his MFA in Science Filmmaking. They are going to cover Henry Elliot's efforts on the 1911 Fur Seal Treaty and also current management and status of the fur seals in an effort to see if past lessons may apply to present issues. Paul would like permission to film PIC participants and perhaps portions of the August meeting. They would not film the entire meeting and would most likely film interviews with individuals involved in the PIC.

- Film distribution and timeframe: Thesis film (1/2 hour length) completed by 9/04 with limited distribution, perhaps public television. Historic Documentary (1 hour length) completed 7/05 and will be marketed to PBS.
- Media policy guidelines would apply to this request.
- Meg will send Paul a copy of the media policy as well as the full summary from the April meeting so he can see the context of the group's discussions concerning media contacts.
- Paul Hillman and John Brooks will provide a script or outline of the two films for the next steering committee meeting
- It was clarified for Paul that agency people are not stakeholders but act as essential resources for the PIC process.

2. Funding and other updates

- Larry reported by e-mail that the Rasmuson Foundation declined to accept a full proposal from the PIC.
- Evie talked to Kaja Brix, who said that the paperwork for the PIC funding request went out June 8 and that SWAMC should receive the \$50,000 by the end of this week.
- Randy reported that TNC will be meeting with NOAA representative, including Mike Payne, on July 12. The PIC funding request is one of about six TNC projects that are related to recommendations made by the US Commission on Ocean Policy and that TNC hopes to receive agency funding for. These would not be new appropriations,

but agency discretionary funds. (**7/7/04 update: TNC will not be making an 'ask' at the NOAA meeting as originally planned**)

- Randy reported on TNC's proposal to the Oak Foundation. They have approved \$100,000 to be spread over two years. Half will go directly to the Collaborative and half will cover expenses for TNC staff to participate in the PIC.
- Randy reported that there is no new news on the "Senator Stevens Request" though continued proof of broad-based support, especially from fishing industry and community participants, would be very helpful.
- Heather will submit a proposal to the NPRB for \$10,000 and will send out for review before she submits it.
- Workgroup updates:
 - ◇ The Pribilof Habitat Conservation Area (AKA the "No-Trawl Zone) Workgroup will meet Wednesday, July 7.
 - ◇ The Crab Workgroup met June 28 and discussed the problem/goal statement. Summary of that meeting has been reviewed and will be sent to the whole PIC list.
 - ◇ The Halibut Workgroup met June 30 and will meet again July 14 at 1:30PM. Larry Cotter has agreed to co-chair the group with Phillip Lestenkof.
 - ◇ The Fur Seal Workgroup met June 21 and will meet again the week of July 19. Evie will send summary of that meeting to the full group after edits from participants. The workgroup is still planning on reviewing the draft Fur Seal Conservation Plan and will invite both Kaja Brix and Dave Cormany to their next meeting.

3. Review and discussion of August agenda

- Evie is meeting with the Galapagos representatives July 7 to find out more about how/what they will present at the August PIC meeting. They have experience on two fronts which may be extremely helpful to the PIC:
 - ◇ The establishment and management of an international research station. This is an idea that has been floated for the Pribilof Islands for many years and;
 - ◇ Consensus-based decision-making for the management of the Galapagos Reserve. The group that manages the reserve is made up of both international interests as well as local residents and is considered a successful model for ongoing management of a resource area by multiple stakeholders.

Evie will report back to Meg on how the Galapagos reps plan to present and how much time they need.

- Suggestions on how to include local community in August meeting:
 - ◇ allow unlimited time after Galapagos presentation for public input;
 - ◇ invite community to full meeting/air meeting on local radio station (Debbie will call new radio station manager about this);
 - ◇ use Thursday night as a community meeting, and include updates on workgroups;
 - ◇ provide written summary of community comments for all PIC participants, especially those who will miss the August meeting;

- ◇ ask local community what ‘success’ for the PIC would mean for them (but remind all that the other interests represented may have different ideas of what success would mean for them);
 - ◇ provide a balance between having a structured agenda and allowing for community members to participate ad hoc;
 - ◇ try to give local residents ideas on what they can do to further the PIC’s efforts.
- Because many fishing industry representatives will not be at the August meeting, Meg asked Heather to find out from industry reps how best to do some kind of deliberate follow-up to the meeting so that their perspective may be included.
 - Add to August agenda a discussion on how stakeholders publicly express their opinion about the PIC process.