

Pribilof Islands Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting

July 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 July 21 at 9:00am Alaska time (10:00am Seattle, 1:00pm D.C.)

Present: Denise Woods, Brock Bernstein, Heather McCarty, Debbie Lestenkof, Paul MacGregor, Larry Cotter, Arni Thompson, Lori Swanson

Agenda for the Steering Committee Conference Call

- 1. Homework report back: constituent groups' statements on priority topics and desired outcomes fro the September meeting**
- 2. Work on draft agenda for September halibut and crab meeting**
- 3. Other?**

1. Homework report back:

- Due to busy summer schedules, the CDQ, industry, and St. Paul/ St. George constituent groups have not been able to meet to draft statements on the desired outcomes and priority topics for the upcoming meeting.

- Environmental group has drafted theirs: Denise read it to those on the call and emailed it to the steering committee so they would have an idea of what has been developed so far (below)

September Meeting Desired Outcomes from Environmental Caucus:

1. Understanding of what constitutes important habitat for important life stages of Pacific halibut and commercially fished crab species. Specifically, are there particular habitats or locations that are used for spawning (e.g., spawning aggregations) and/or concentrated rearing for juveniles? Do we know how to characterize and/or map them? Are there other aggregations of adults that are susceptible to overfishing or habitat degradation?

2. Understanding of the role of past and present crab and halibut harvests in the economic sustainability of the Pribilof Islands.

3. Understanding what other factors affect crab and halibut populations, including bycatch.

- The remaining constituent groups agreed to have their "homework" completed by the next steering committee meeting, JULY 21, for incorporation into the draft agenda.

2. Draft Agenda for September meeting

- Speakers: changes or additions

- Dick LaFever not attending for “Current economic situation”: new suggestions are Max Malavansky Jr for St. George and ?? for St. Paul
- Larry agreed to invite Max
- Debbie agreed to see who at the City of SP would present
- Heather will talk to Philip Lestenkof about presenting
- Jack Knutsen has been in touch with Heather about attending (he is confirmed); Heather agreed to determine what other halibut biologists might be attending
- Arni Thompson will present on “How crab gets from the sea to the plate”...
- Doug Woodby (ADFG Juneau, shellfish) for research needs? Heather to ask
- Chris Mercurief: to speak on “Halibut biology overview”- is this appropriate? Denise to ask him what he would be prepared to present on
- Agenda: suggestions
 - Brock suggests it might work best to have Q and A following a group of speakers, rather than interrupting the flow after each speaker. This should encourage questions about the themes rather than nitpicky questions about specific content.
 - Question: how much economics do we include/ have time for during this meeting? Can we wait on some of the marketing info until the November meeting on economics?
 - **Decision:** Reorganize agenda to begin the meeting with a group of speakers from both islands presenting an overview of the economic and resource situations for both islands, as related to both crab and halibut declines, to emphasize the link between the current economic situation of the islands and the resources of halibut and crab.
 - Change “mitigating measures” to “actions”
 - Heather volunteered to draft the next version of the agenda, incorporating these changes, and Denise will circulate to the steering committee and the larger group.

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