

Pribilof Islands Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting
July 28, 2004 9:00AM teleconference
Agenda and meeting summary

Agenda:

1. Molly McCammon's request for someone from PIC to be on a September 30 panel about Human Aspects of the Arctic Marine Environment at the AAAS Arctic Science Conference in Anchorage
2. Review/discuss revised draft media policy (see attachment with changes based on 7/28 input) including draft statements for reporters/videographers to sign
3. August meeting agenda review (see attachment), including:
 - review where 'on the record' and 'off the record' lines are drawn;
 - timing of public input, call-ins on the radio;
 - discussing "what success means for the PIC" (note: not covered this meeting)
 - a. as a whole and;
 - b. for each work group
4. Workgroup updates (note: not covered this meeting)
5. Funding updates - Decision on funding source(s) for August meeting
6. Review/approve Meg's Scope of Work (see attachment)
7. Update on meeting logistics

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, August 4 at 9AM AK time

Present: Evie Witten, Joe Sullivan, Meg King, Debbie Lestenkof, Molly McCammon, Claire LeClair (notetaking)

NOTE: Action items are highlighted in yellow

Summary:

1. Molly McCammon (with the Alaska Ocean Observing System, AOOS) is organizing a panel titled "Human Aspects of the Arctic Marine Environment" for the annual meeting of the Alaska Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) to be held in Anchorage September 29 to October 1. Molly requested that someone from the Islands who is involved with the PIC join her panel to describe how the PIC is addressing both human induced and natural changes to the Pribilof Islands environment through a community collaborative effort. Debbie agreed to participate if her schedule allows, but thought that the other stakeholder perspectives from the PIC should also be there. Molly can increase the time allotment to 30 minutes for the various perspectives to be presented. Joe will work to find an industry rep to participate and Evie volunteered to participate for the conservation perspective. **Need to check if a CDQ will want to participate too.** Molly needs names and a short abstract by August 9.

2. Review/discuss draft media policy

- Draft policy is good start, but besides the distinctions of “on the record” and “off the record” there should also be designations/definitions of these terms as well as understanding what is “confidential (or private)” and what is “public.”
- “Off the record” to a reporter means that they can use the information they hear but cannot attribute it to the person or group who asked to be “off the record,” “confidential” to a reporter means they can hear it but they can’t use it;
- Caucuses of interest groups at PIC meetings should be private;
- Meg suggests reviewing the agenda with the entire group at the beginning of the meeting in order to designate what are private sessions in addition to the caucuses, and allow the full group to reserve the right to declare additional private session(s) as agenda unfolds;
- A suggestion to add fourth bullet under “Media Ground Rules” indicating to reporters that some areas of agenda will be private.
- A question was raised that the full group will need to address: *Do these media rules then actually mean that the PIC meetings are not public meetings?* Just because we say that the meeting is public, with much of the sessions private, it may be an incorrect characterization.
- Meg will re-draw lines on agenda and provide definitions of terms, including “private.”
- Discussed whether PIC can/should deny access to individual reporters. If this happens, would then need to allow all interests represented on PIC to “veto” individual reporters – could create an unconstructive situation for the PIC.
- Another person talked about that either reporters should be allowed for the whole meeting or just at the community meetings and again at the end to meet for a summary with designated spokespeople for each interest.
- Media not as important to local islanders, it is “secondhand information”.
- Must make it clear that all of meeting is still open to local community, as we want to encourage their participation.
- Radio broadcast of meeting is different because no reporting/evaluating; radio station should be allowed to broadcast all but private sessions.

2. August meeting agenda review

- Make first Galapagos presentation, on Tuesday night, just 20-30 minutes, enough time to introduce idea of international research station; then, on day 2 or 3 allow Galapagos reps to address PIC participants with more detail about the Galapagos experience.
- Discussion about issue discussions: some issues will need more time than others.
- Suggest putting PHCA workgroup first, since discussion of the Habitat Conservation Area touches on all the other issues, then take up in this order: Fur Seals, Halibut, Crab and Seabirds.
- Meg will have revised agenda by Friday for inclusion in weekly update.

3. Workgroup updates (skipped until next week)

4. Funding updates

- NMFS funding - Evie will re-check.

Update: The funding will NOT be in place in time for the August meeting.

6. Review/approve Meg's Scope of Work.

- No comments, suggested that committee give the proposal its approval, no objections;
- May need TNC to sign a limited SOW if SWAMC doesn't get NMFS check in time.

Update: TNC is reviewing a limited SOW, which will provide funding for facilitator's travel and time on Island.

7. Meeting logistics.

- Debbie and Claire will coordinate.