

Pribilof Islands Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting

August 4, 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 Monday August 15th at 1:00pm Alaska time (2:00pm Seattle, 5:00pm D.C.)

Present: Denise Woods, Heather McCarty, Larry Cotter, Astrid Scholz, Sarah Cruzie, Margaret Williams, Lisa Butzner, Paul MacGregor, Lori Swanson, Randy Hagenstein, Andy Malavansky, Larry Philemonof, Brock Bernstein

Agenda for the Steering Committee Conference Call

1. **Homework report back: constituent groups' statements on priority topics and desired outcomes from the September meeting**
2. **Ecotrust's socioeconomic baseline study of the Pribilof Islands: answers to questions posed by Astrid Scholz (during July 21 sc meeting)**
3. **Work on draft agenda for September halibut and crab meeting**

1. **Homework report back:**

- To date, Denise has received and circulated among the Steering Committee the "Desired Outcomes" from the CDQ, Environmental, and Industry constituent representatives, as well as from St. Paul (Ron Philemonof) and St. George (Andy Malavansky and Karen Holser).
- Brock has drafted (8/3/05) a "Statement of Meeting Objectives" based on the above input and Denise has circulated among the Steering Committee.
- Brock (and Heather?) will create another draft of the Meeting Objectives, incorporating comments of those on today's call; he will email to Denise for distribution to the SC and larger PIC mailing list.
 - **Post meeting note: Brock emailed Denise new "8/5/05" version; it will be distributed with the August 9 Weekly Update**
- Each constituent groups' list of desired outcomes will be included in the meeting Study Guide/ Notebook.
- The final version of the "Statement of Meeting Objectives" will be included at the beginning of the final version of the meeting agenda

2. **Ecotrust's socioeconomic baseline study: answers to Astrid Scholz' questions:**

- Ecotrust has completed the initial socioeconomic baseline report for the Pribilofs (*attached to this message*)
- Astrid introduced Sarah Cruzie, also of Ecotrust, who will be working on this continuing project.
- Steering Committee provided some answers to Astrid's inquiries about how to proceed with the study logistics:

1. It would be best for Astrid/ Ecotrust to interact with the PIC directly through the Steering Committee (usual members, plus anyone else interested), rather than designating another formal subcommittee.
2. The original 4 questions/goals the Ecotrust study was designed to answer (below) are still valid to the Steering Committee, with the following correction in red:
 - a. Establishing the value of the halibut and other fisheries in the Bering Sea, both to the region as a whole and to the islands, **(be sure to include the past, present and future value of all the fisheries, not just present and not just halibut)**
 - b. Community and island-specific impacts of changes in fisheries—such as families relocating to the mainland in response to declining fishing opportunities,
 - c. History of and potential for local environmental and economic stewardship of marine resources, including value-added processing and marketing of seafood, and
 - d. Quantifying the economic importance of subsistence harvests of halibut, fur seals and other resources.
3. Regarding data sharing:
 - With regard to Ecotrust’s accessing existing data: this is not a PIC matter and Astrid will have to ask each investigator for their data (ex: PIC cannot authorize Astrid to use Jack Tagart’s data generated for CBSFA).
 - Though Ecotrust and NPRB have agreed on ways to protect any data shared with Ecotrust for this study, some on this call expressed some concern about data and confidentiality.
 - Some data will be more readily available than others (ex: for “value of the fisheries”- will be easy enough to access catch data from observer program, but accessing actual dollar amounts could be tougher and would have to come from each company’s records.
 - **Paul agreed to help Astrid by introducing her to the individuals at the companies who would have and be authorized to release such financial data.**
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5. Regarding data storage/ communication re data requests:
 - Should work on a way to make relevant raw data available to all, so as to avoid redundant data requests of NOAA and others
 - PIC has not finished developing rules about how to share and house data for collaborative research.
 - Denise will recirculate the final recommendations of the now defunct PIC data subcommittee.
 - **Proposed:** NPRB could be the final resting place for such data, since the PIC has not yet developed an internal system for this
 - **Astrid will approach Clarence Pautzke at NPRB regarding this matter and how best to proceed with housing and sharing data.**

3. Work on draft agenda for September halibut and crab meeting

- Meeting Purpose: drafted by Brock (8/3, revised 8/5) from input received from the constituent groups’ “homework”
 - To be added to final agenda upon approval of final draft language
- **Heather: to add speakers’ titles to agenda**
- John R. Mercurief is city manager for St. Paul until this fall. Will he be the PIC representative or will other be available for meeting?

- Need request that speakers prepare thoughts on research needs ahead of time, perhaps sent to Denise for notebook
- Astrid to present on progress of socioeconomics study during lunch on Wed the 14th.
 - Denise will contact Hilton about catering the lunch that day (and for 15th, if approved- see below)
- Need have a northern fur seal update: something prepared ahead of time and in writing, summarizing what progress we have made on fur seals since the March meeting.
 - Need someone to write and present this summary/ update
- **Proposed:** Have this progress report during lunch on Thursday the 15th
- Need add time at end of day on 16th for discussion of next steps/ future meetings.

NEXT MEETING: Monday August 15 at 1:00pm Alaska time