

Pribilof Islands Ecosystem Stakeholder Process Organizing Committee
August 27, 2003, 9 am teleconference
Agenda and meeting summary

Agenda:

1. Report on St. Paul community meeting
2. Updates on funding and meeting logistics
3. Decisions regarding the following potential agenda items:
 - a. Overview of Tortugas and Everglades processes
 - b. Invocation from Father Michael Oleksa

Summary:

Present: Margaret, Debbie, Anthony, Randy, Georgia, Meg, Evie, and Denise Woods (WWF – taking notes)

Debbie began by reporting on the community meeting in St. Paul, Sunday 8/23

- Debbie provided an overview of the fur seal EIS process and what the community can expect.
 - Kevin Kennedy presented fishery maps/ data.
 - Larry Mercurief spoke about his work with other Bering Sea communities and the Bering Sea Council of Elders.
 - Philip Lestenkof reported on the percent of the quota caught so far on St. Paul and St. George
 - Community members expressed concern about decreased numbers of fur seals and poor fishing.
 - A show of hands indicated those present unanimously support the collaborative process. The meeting was well attended by community members including fishermen, tribal council members, and TDX board members, however not well attended by representatives of the city government.
 - The meeting was broadcast over the local radio station and recorded.
 - Will be more discussion of Fur Seal Conservation Plan at Annual Tribal Meeting in November.
 - Debbie agreed to distribute to committee members a summary of the meeting via email by the end of the week (August 29). Evie will have it posted on the Pribilof Collaborative website.
1. Updates on funding and meeting logistics
 - Evie reported that APICDA will contribute \$2500 to the meeting fund. This is in addition to \$2500 each from WWF, TNC, and CBSFA.
 - Still waiting to hear about funding from MCA and NMFS.
 - Meg will conduct interviews with individuals who will not be attending the September meeting (so that their views are heard) and with those who will attend (in preparation for the meeting). Meg will use both sets of interviews to help develop the agenda for the meeting.

- Committee members agreed to provide comments on Meg's draft interview questions no later than the end of the day Friday 8/29. (File sent via email to all committee members 8/26)
- The committee discussed the pros and cons of videotaping the Sept 22-23 meeting so they can be shown on community television. Consensus was to try to arrange for video taping. Debbie will inquire if John Lindsay (NOAA) can do the videography.
- Georgia reported on who from St. George is planning to attend the meeting: herself, Anthony B., Andy & Lee from Tanaq Corp., Max Malavansky, maybe Greg McGlashan, maybe Jeff Kashevarof (representing Puffin Seafoods & dependent on APICDA board meeting schedule), and maybe one person from the St. George fisherman's association (dependent on funding for travel).
 - Margaret suggested she might be able to contribute her travel funds to bring that person to the meeting, as she will not be attending.
- Evie confirmed that a second letter detailing the meeting times and places (including a map) will be sent from the office today.
- Randy reported that he and one other TNC representative will be at the meeting. Evie will find out later today who else in the conservation community might attend.

2. Decisions regarding the following potential agenda items:

- a. Overview of Tortugas and Everglades processes
 - Discussion about WWF FL Keys team's (Debra Harrison and Buffy Turner) attendance at the Sept. 22-23 meeting. Consensus that the decision should be made by WWF, but that unless asked to give a presentation on the Tortugas process, they should act only as observers.
 - Committee members present felt that having a brief (20 min.) presentation on the Tortugas process including a short (6 min) video would be helpful, and that Tony Iarocci in particular would be a good presence giving his connection to commercial fishing and that he is a member of the S. Atlantic Fishery Management Council.
 - Discussion as to whether or not Tony Iarocci should attend the meeting with the WWF Florida Keys team. Margaret reported that Tony is eager to attend. The committee made no decision regarding Tony's attendance, because everyone present felt it important to give those members not present a chance to comment.
 - Evie will email those not present today and request their input by tomorrow, (8/28) so that a final decision can be made.
- b. Invocation from Father Michael Oleksa
 - Evie suggested the meeting be opened with an invocation by Father Michael Oleksa; committee members agreed. Evie will attempt to reach him this week regarding his availability.