

Pribilof Islands Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting  
September 16, 2004 10:00AM teleconference  
Planning Workgroup for next PIC Meeting on Northern Fur Seals  
and Steering Committee meeting  
Agenda and meeting summary  
**NOTE: Action items are highlighted in yellow**

**NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, September 22,  
10:00AM Alaska time**

**No Meeting on September 29 due to conferences and other meetings.**

**Present:** Max Malavansky, Jr., Andy Malavansky, Meg King, Evie Witten, Debbie Lestenkof, Phil Zavadil, Susan Murray (for fur seal meeting planning session only), Claire LeClair (notetaking).

### **Agenda/Meeting Overview**

1. Agenda for Planning session for next PIC meeting on northern fur seals:
  - Review revised meeting outline based on last week's discussion (attachment)
  - Planning logistics:
    - a. Define steps to determine date of fur seal meeting
    - b. Coordinate:
      - Draft initial list of and get publications PIC participants will review in preparation for the meeting (Note that experts may recommend publications)
      - Determine process for drafting final list of invitees and for extending the invitations.
    - c. Decision re: weekly or bi-weekly meeting
2. Agenda for Steering Committee meeting:
  - Resolve budget/funding issues (attachments)
  - Status of review process for funding request letters to NPRB/Congressional Delegation
  - Review August meeting expenses
  - Review and update fundraising plan

### **1. Planning session for PIC northern fur seal meeting**

Review of revised meeting outline prepared by Evie ("DRAFT Last updated 9/8/04 following planning meeting")

- Suggestion to add TEK (or LTK) perspective to meeting outline.
- TEK perspective not just from residents of the Pribilof Islands but also from fishermen who have spent considerable time (20 or more years) fishing in the Bering Sea.
- **Evie will contact Henry Huntington to inquire about conducting a survey that would capture the long-time Bering Sea fishermen's perspectives, including**

timeframe (e.g. could it be accomplished by a January meeting date) and an idea of costs. Claire will contact members of AMCC board who have extensive experience fishing in the Bering Sea, in order to explore how to find/network with those fishing in the Bering Sea.

- Suggestion to add to the meeting outline, included a comprehensive timeline of historic population trends/fluctuations for the “Fur Seal 101.”
- Suggestion to also include same information as above for Stellar sea lions and harbor seals.
- Suggestion to add to outline a review or presentation on the fur seal conservation plan. This might be a presentation both from NMFS and tribes from a co-management perspective.
- Suggestion to find out if information on fur seal management in Antarctic may be helpful for PIC. Evie will get information about the international agreement (CAMLAR) concerning fur seals in that region and report back to planning group.

### Planning logistics

#### *Meeting date:*

- Decision: November doesn't provide the time to “do it well.”
- Suggested alternates: (before or after) Marine Science Symposium in January (~24) or week of February 21st.
- Comments:
  - Wish November dates could work, the sooner the better, prefer January date.
  - Need to also find a date that works for key presenters/experts, e.g., Rolf Ream.
- Decision: try to schedule meeting for January. Evie will call Molly McCammon to find out when the Marine Science Symposium and will call Rolf Ream to find out what his schedule is.

#### *List of publications participants should review before fur seal meeting:*

- This list of reading material will evolve as speakers are chosen and agenda refined.
- Should include fur seal conservation plan and ecosystem chapters from the stock assessment reports.
- Suggestion to post reading materials on website and refer stakeholders to that in weekly update.
- Evie will draft initial list of reading materials and provide at October 6 Steering Committee meeting.

#### *Determine process for drafting final list of invitees and for extending the invitations.*

- Make sure that initial calls made to potential presenters *are not* a direct invitation to present, but an invitation to consider who is best to present the information the PIC is seeking.
- What about the idea of two or three expert advisors to help select presenters?
- Suggested that more efficient way is for planning committee members to do their homework, e.g., talk to people like Karl Haflinger or Bruce Robson and ask their opinion of who to approach about presentations for the meeting.
- Initiate the review process by putting together an e-mail message to planning committee members plus anyone who has participated in the meeting planning

process so far and include the list of experts brainstormed at last week's meeting. Evie and Claire will do this.

## **2. Steering Committee Meeting**

### Resolve budget and funding issues

Meg explained that her August 1-December 31, 2004 scope of work (SOW), which was approved by the Steering Committee in July 2004 for has been reduced from the original amount of around \$21,000 to \$12,000 due to two things: 1) TNC has paid for the cost of Meg's time and travel for the St. Paul meeting, and 2) The next PIC meeting will be held in 2005. Evie, who has been designated as the PIC's point of contact for SWAMC has signed off on these changes and SWAMC will sign this revised scope of work too.

There is still about \$6,000 in outstanding expenses owed to ENRI primarily for direct meeting expenses for the January and April, 2004 PIC meetings.

- Funds committed from APIA and CBSFA amount to \$2,500 each and those on line thought that it would be best to use those funds to pay most of the \$6,000 shortfall.

Debbie will contact Karen Pletnikoff about APIA's contribution and Claire will contact CBSFA about their contribution.

### Status of review process for funding request letters to NPRB/Congressional Delegation

- Letters will not go out until after APA meeting today and information about whether APA will continue in the PIC.
- Entire PIC agreed to send these letters at the August meeting, to respect other stakeholders and the process, need to get them out as soon as possible.
- Margaret Williams or Evie will follow up with Paul MacGregor no later than Friday, 9/17 about whether APA will stay in PIC.
- The funding request letters and the letters requesting assistance from NMFS and the Alaska Science Center will have all the stakeholders signatures on them.

### Review August meeting expenses

- Claire will get with CBSFA and TDX to find out a dollar amount for their in-kind donations.
- Max will contact Larry Cotter re: reimbursement for travel expenses for St. George participants.

### Review and update fundraising plan

- Suggestion that someone from the Islands contact Martha Malavansky to let her know that the PIC now has a fiscal agent (SWAMC), which is what Martha wanted in place before she would consider approving funding support for the PIC from the Aleut Corporation. It was also suggested that the PIC request \$10,000 from the Aleut Corporation, as that has been the standard request to local organizations.

- Andy Malavansky will send a letter requesting funding for the PIC to the Tanaq Corporation, Claire/Meg will draft a template letter for Andy (and others) to use.

- Suggestion that if APA stays with process, PCCRC should be approached for \$10,000, as this is the amount that most entities have committed to the PIC.
- Question: Was Heather going to make another request of NPRB (e.g. draft a new letter)? **Claire will follow up.**
- **Need to get Randy Hagenstein to help formulate next steps in updating fundraising plan and action steps for Steering Committee members.**