

Pribilof Islands Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting
September 22, 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:
October 6, 2004 10:00AM Alaska time**

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

Present: Max Malavansky, Jr., Andy Malavansky, Karin Holser, Meg King, Margaret Williams, Debbie Lestenkof, Phil Zavadil, Joe Sullivan, Peggy Osterback, Claire LeClair (notetaking).

Meeting summary:

1. Planning session for next PIC meeting on northern fur seals:
 - a. Schedule meeting dates
 - Decision: The meeting will be held the week of January 17, 2005. This date will be announced in the next PIC update.
 - b. Process for selecting experts/desired meeting outcomes/information for participants
 - Evie and Claire will get the notice out with the 'initial review' process and ideas (sorry we weren't able to this week)
 - Many of the experts who have been identified as potential presenters are people the PIC has already heard from, need to hear from others, e.g. Vladimir Burkonof, Steve Insley, om Loughlin and Maasa Kiota.
 - Because of the focus on fur seals, some of the information will need to be repeated with more details; this time; good idea to have new people too, covering topics that haven't been covered before.
 - Remember what was agreed to in St. Paul: This meeting has been referred to as Fur Seals and Fish 101, in order to get everyone up to even level of knowledge of both areas. This next meeting also about starting to use GIS information to build knowledge about resource issues. This meeting can also be an opportunity for the group to come to agreement on what research needs are for the fur seal.
 - Are we hoping to get GIS database done by January meeting or start it at the meeting? (Good question: we need to determine this)
 - Need stakeholders and other to come to the meeting prepared. We'll need to have packet of reading material ready by December at the latest.
 - Define what this GIS overlay really is and start pulling together the required information now.

- Information on where fisheries are conducted and what the levels of catches are in those specific areas is available in GIS form from the NMFS Sustainable Fisheries Division, so that data could be requested now.
- Also try to get satellite tracking data, some of which is unpublished. Phil will contact Jeremy Sterling, who sorts the tracking data.
- (Meg) Suggests that the next session to plan the Fur Seal meeting look at these questions:
 1. How can we help accelerate the group's learning?
 2. What are the desired outcomes of the fur seal meeting?
 3. How to incorporate the GIS information?
 Meg will draft recommended outcomes for the fur seal meeting for review at next steering committee meeting.
- Phil and Debbie will provide contact information for suggested experts Roger Gentry Maasa Kiota to the WWF office.
- Evie will contact Mike Goebel from CAMLAR (to compare experiences in fur seal issues in Antarctica)

2. Steering Committee meeting:

- a. Status of review process for funding request letters to NPRB/Congressional delegation
 - There has been confusion about what the PIC agreed to at the meeting on St. Paul. There was general agreement to support fur seal research and in general to support the NMFS list, but the group did not have time to review and discuss the list. The letters were agreed upon at the August meeting in terms of the NMFS's funding needs list.
 - There is still some time, NPRB's deadline for including in next week's board meeting is Friday, September 24 and for the letter to the Congressional delegation, the Justice and Commerce committees haven't met yet.
 - Industry representatives still have problems with item #8 in the NMFS research needs list, not sure if there is any resolution possible in timeframe available.
 - Suggestion that individuals/groups sign on their own letter, very disappointed that the PIC could not get this funding request letter out, especially after entire group agreed to it in August.
 - If no resolution on industry's concerns by Friday, then some groups/individuals may send own letter.

UPDATE: No letter sent to NPRB, missed the deadline. Still working to provide letter of support to Congressional delegation.

- b. Status of letters requesting assistance from NMFS and AK Science Center
 - These letters were held pending comments back from stakeholders.

UPDATE: These letters were sent out to Jim Balsiger (NMFS) and Doug Demaster (AK Science Center on Wednesday, September 22.)

- c. Industry stakeholders met with constituency groups last week and have reaffirmed their participation in the PIC.

d. Funding update

- Aquilina reported that a check is on its way from the A/PIA
- Andy is working on two request letters: one to the St. George Tanaq Corp. and one to the Aleut Corp.
- Claire has not heard back from CBSFA

Debbie heard from Dave Cormany today, fur seal pup counts will be released by the end of this week. She will send them to Claire for inclusion in the next PIC update.

Due to time constraints the following agenda items not covered at this meeting:

- d. review assignments for the steering committee from the August PIC meeting, including
- 1) defining success and ecosystem approach,
 - 2) schedule, including topics and goals for, subsequent PIC meetings and
 - 3) the PIC and media coverage