

Pribilof Islands Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting

**OCTOBER 13, 2004** 10:00AM teleconference

Steering Committee meeting

Agenda and meeting summary

NOTE: Action items are highlighted in yellow

**Next Steering Committee meeting: October 20, 2004 10:00AM Alaska time**

**Present:** Evie Witten, Max Malavansky, Jr., Andy Malavansky, Meg King, Debbie Lestenkof, Phil Zavadil, Larry Cotter, Heather McCarty, Margaret Williams, Randy Hagenstein, Karin Holser

**Agenda**

1. Determine next meeting dates
2. Discuss and answer questions Meg prepared regarding defining success of the PIC
3. Discuss and fill in template Meg prepared for setting goals
4. Discuss and prepare responses to proposals from data workgroup regarding data protocols
5. NPFMC meeting update (Heather)

**Meeting summary:**

1. Determine next meeting dates
  - Heather reports that the MCA retreat has been rescheduled for a later date, opening up Jan 11-13 for possible meeting dates (however, Randy would not be able to attend)
  - It was instead suggested the meeting be scheduled to follow or overlap with the Marine Science Symposium during the last week in January. The benefits are three-fold:
    - To allow agency personnel attending the MSS meeting to also be invited to participate in the PIC meeting,
    - To raise the level of attending scientists' awareness of the PIC (perhaps a notice of the PIC meeting could appear on the MSS agenda or a presentation by the PIC, and
    - To allow and encourage PIC participants to attend relevant MSS presentations
  - **Decision: Next (fur seals) meeting dates will be Friday-Sunday, January 28-30**
  - It was suggested that Friday and Saturday focus on issues, Sunday on process
  - Denise will call the Captain Cook (site of the MSS meeting) and see if a room is available for the PIC meeting (Post-meeting note: Room is \$700/day; Denise is looking into other options downtown)
  - Heather is on the MSS Steering Committee and will alert the PIC Steering Committee when she sees a meeting agenda
2. Discuss and answer questions Meg prepared regarding defining success of the PIC
  - In addition to discussion among this group, it was suggested that Meg conduct anonymous interviews with other PIC participants to get their input

- **Decision:** The Steering Committee will have initial discussions about Meg's questions but this will be followed up by
  - Telephone interviews by Meg and
  - Discussions between Steering Committee/ Formal Stakeholders and their constituents
  - There will be draft comments available by the next stakeholder meeting in January, but those at the Steering Committee meeting did not think this discussion should occur at the meeting, as the agenda is already full
- Comments on Meg's questions included:
  - *What will the PIC have accomplished when completed?*
    - Define Pribilof areas we are addressing
    - Initiate plan of action while recognizing uncontrollable factors—perhaps based on resource use being a component of the plan
    - Reached agreement on the issues/ how the resources are affected (this is a critical interim step)
    - By December 2005 PIC has formed consensus on some issues and by Dec 2006 Council has adopted (2006 probably too ambitious)
    - Recognize critical habitats and identify how resource use affects them, and brainstorm options to address
    - That we have something in place that we feel confident about to try to reverse the resource declines
    - Initiate work on the agreement/be able to work together flexibly and innovatively – e.g., salmon bycatch program
    - Work toward specific deliverables: produce agreements, project plans, proactive articles for the media, comprehensive research agenda and plan specific to the Pribilofs ecosystem and other tangible products
    - The PIC is recognized as a novel, adaptive management model; could it morph into a formally recognized ecological management council?
  - *How will GIS help?*
    - To understand/visualize the resources around the Pribilofs in relation to other layers (e.g. fishing effort)
    - To take past and current works (eg, Ecotrust socioeconomic data, Jack Tagert's halibut data, Bruce Robson's work, etc.) and pull together for a targeted analysis to answer participants' specific questions
    - To better understand climate change/ regime shift and other unknowns
    - It was suggested that this GIS topic be turned over to the data workgroup. Issues to be determined include who would do this GIS work (whom the entire PIC could endorse), would an oversight committee help build trust in this person, how would it be funded?
- **Action:** Steering Committee members agree to meet with their respective constituents to discuss these documents/topics (e.g. “defining success”, “goals and

outcomes” and “data workgroup recommendations”) and report back by mid-November

3. Discuss and fill in template Meg prepared for setting goals

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5. NPFMC meeting update (Heather)

- Resolution in Area 4C/4D issue passed. This issue was assisted a great deal by those from industry participating in the PIC.
- NPRB released their RFP, which includes \$500,000 for fur seals and \$400,000 for crab research. See [http://www.nprb.org/research/res\\_2005.htm](http://www.nprb.org/research/res_2005.htm) regarding submission of proposals (including LTK/ TEK) due now for projects beginning as soon as May 2005.
- Those at the NPFMC, who were on the Steering Committee conference call, reported that they heard a rumor that TDX was leaving the PIC; this has not been confirmed.

Draft agenda for Oct 20 meeting

January meeting logistics/ planning meeting update (Denise)

Discuss/ update Formal Stakeholder groups- who is underrepresented?

Fundraising update (Meg)