

Pribilof Islands Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting

October 20, 2005 9:00 AM AK teleconference

Planning and Steering Committee meeting

Agenda and meeting summary

NOTE: Action items/ homework are highlighted in yellow

Present: Denise Woods, Margaret Williams, Lori Swanson, Larry Cotter, Lisa Butzner, Brock Bernstein, Steve MacLean, Randy Hagenstein, Heather McCarty

Agenda for the Steering Committee Conference Call

- 1. Finalize dates for upcoming PIC meetings**
- 2. Select/ nominate “team leader(s)” for economics meeting**
- 3. Debrief on Crab and Halibut meeting**
- 4. Proposal to NFWFoundation to fund debris cleanup (Steve)**
- 5. Meeting materials/ meeting summary (Denise and Heather)**

1. Finalize dates for upcoming PIC meetings

- Seabirds meeting:
 - Final dates set: February 20-21, 2006
 - Venue: Anchorage, Homer (at AMNWR facility), possibly Girdwood/ Alyeska (since site of Pac Seabird Group meeting days prior to 20th)
 - Denise will investigate venue prices and report at next meeting
- Economics meeting:
 - Proposed 1: April 27-29 in Anchorage or on Island
 - Larry cannot attend
 - Proposed 2: two days in week of May 1st
 - Denise will email the alternatives to group (esp need feedback from SP and SG, as no reps from Islands on this call...)

2. Select/ nominate “team leader(s)” for economics meeting

- Still need someone(s) to lead planning of the economics meeting, perhaps someone from industry (since none have yet to play “leader” role): Kris Norosz?
- **Proposed:** Astrid Scholz could do with either Max or Debbie, since she has good information about the economics of both communities and has relationships with those on island. Would also very much need input from one or both SG/ SP representatives. Denise would continue to coordinate.
 - Denise will contact Astrid, then Debbie and Max to see if this is possible.

3. Debrief on Crab and Halibut meeting

- Comments about the recent crab and halibut meeting included:
- On the positive side, we all learned a lot
- Disappointed that some stakeholders couldn't/ didn't make it to the meeting in person
- Frustrated by “changing cast” of people/ sometimes not the same stakeholders present throughout the three days

- Saw need for recommitment from the “Formal Stakeholders”
 - Action: Steering Committee will ask Brock to conduct a limited number of phone interviews with key PIC stakeholders (esp. Island reps) to get their views. Will include “what do you want to get from the PIC process in the end”? “Have your original intents/ purposes changed over this time?” ...etc.
 - PIC budget allows for approx \$1200 toward this project (equivalent to about 10 hours Brock’s time)
 - Disappointed that no major conclusions were reached/ no product resulting (e.g. versus NFS meeting producing list of actions...)
 - Concern that just supporting research means we are asking that limited funds go to research and not toward management and conservation
 - Wasn’t a lot of common ground/ agreement on what actions needed to be taken to improve situation for crab and halibut
 - Presenters talked about crab and halibut as resources; not a lot of emphasis on these being living resources (e.g. not much on their real-world habitat needs....)
 - This likely reflects the state of knowledge: we don’t even know how to sample halibut and crab for population number
 - Seems to be agreement on need to reduce bycatch. Should recognize the common ground there (should have better followed up on this during meeting....)
 - Note: Following PIC meeting, Arni Thompson and Bob Alverson, representing the fleets, testified to Council about rationalization of head and gut fleet, supporting agreements on reduction of bycatch (Amendment 80)
 - Comment: Enviro reps should consider testifying about rationalization, too? Yes, possibly, but they would first need to understand the rationalization process better/ see how it could reduce bycatch
- 4. Proposal to NFWFoundation to fund debris cleanup**
- Steve MacLean at TNC is drafting a proposal to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to fund simultaneous beach clean-up efforts on both islands for approx one week each
 - Grant has a matching funds requirement, so Steve is seeking in-kind (e.g. be a body picking up trash) or cash support from individuals and organizations
 - Please contact Steve if you are interested in offering some matching funding for this worthwhile cause
 - Seems MCA is not interested in supporting the grant?!
 - Larry, Heather, and Lisa will contact MCA and see why this is/ argue in support
- 5. Meeting materials/ meeting summary (Denise and Heather)**
- Heather and Denise will meet next week and go over the documents produced at the meeting (e.g. research/ mgt lists)
 - They will recommend to the sc what to do with materials and will produce a plan to create the meeting summary

