

Pribilof Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting  
October 22, 2003: 9 am teleconference  
**Agenda and meeting summary**

**Agenda:**

1. Discuss and make preliminary decisions about elements of January meeting, including:
  - a. Meeting dates
  - b. Location
  - c. Agenda and speakers
2. Discussion requested by Jim Balsinger (via Heather) to consider which NMFS staff should be involved in the Collaborative and how.
3. Decision about how to address cost overruns on September 22-23 meeting.

Present: Joe Sullivan, Evie Witten, Denise Woods, Margaret Williams, Debbie Lestenkof, Randy Hagenstein, Heather McCarty, Meg King

**Summary:**

1. Planning strategy for next meeting
  - a. Date:
    - Tentatively decided to set meeting for January 15-16<sup>th</sup> (Thurs-Fri), immediately following the January 12-14 EVOS science meetings.
    - Possible time conflict for some scientists on Thurs morning- may need to design agenda accordingly.
    - Steering Committee members will check on date's feasibility with their constituent groups and report during next Wednesday's teleconference.
    - Evie will check with Molly McCammon about possible date conflicts following EVOS meetings (e.g., other tag-on meetings scheduled?)
  - b. Location:
    - In Anchorage, possibly the BP Energy Center, depending on availability (not avail. Thursday)
  - c. Agenda content and speakers: Information exchange: what info to share and who to speak & what kinds of information need to be shared?
    - Biology and population trends of fur seals, seabirds, and fish/ crabs (from "Western" (e.g. agencys, university) scientists)
    - Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) (including experiences of local fishermen working on the water)
    - A primer on various sectors within the fishing industry (longline, pollock, trawl...) (e.g., size of boats, seasons, observer coverage, target species, by-catch species, etc.)

- A primer on the Council process (how it works, who makes the rules, how to participate)
- d. Who should speak to these issues?
- General discussion about who should speak. Agreement that committee members should discuss within their constituent groups and propose speakers to the steering committee. Whole committee will make final decisions.
  - Science: Suggested speakers include Alan Springer, Terry Spraker, Rolf Ream, Andrew Trites, Dave Cormany, Mike Payne, Michael Flint, Tim Loher (IPHC), Brad Stevens (NMFS Kodiak- Prib red and blue King crabs), Ward Tester (AK Fisheries Science Center, marine mammals).
  - Heather will check to see who is attending EVOS meeting
  - TEK: Debbie was asked to suggest who from local fishing community should speak; will report back (Philip Lestenkof was one suggestion). Need to get input from other island community representatives (Georgia, Greg...)
  - Industry: Heather will discuss with Larry, Joe, others who would be appropriate individuals to speak about industry and the Council process.
- e. Time allotted/ suggested meeting schedule:
- Discussion and decision to plan one day devoted to Information exchange, one day to Process Design. This leaves approximately 2-2.5 hours each for “Science”, “TEK”, and “Industry” to present, 3-4 speakers each, maximum.
  - Based on discussion today Meg and Evie will draft an agenda for review by committee prior to next Wed. (Oct 29) meeting.
- f. Finalize process design: One whole day devoted to this (second day?)
- g. General discussion about identifying official representatives/ stakeholders:
- Agreement that to degree possible, potential stakeholder representatives (those people who will “sit at the table” during the process) should be identified before the January meeting, invited, and urged to show up. Because of the wealth of new information that will be shared at this next meeting, it is important that those who already think they may want to be involved as stakeholders be present. However, attendance will not constitute commitment to the process and absence does not exclude future participation.
  - Agreement that stakeholder representatives should be identified and nominated by their constituent group members (who know them personally). Meg suggested the Steering Committee provide guidance/advice to all groups on what criteria to use when selecting a representative.
  - Evie/Meg will re-distribute the draft stakeholder characteristics that Meg distributed early in the summer. All committee members are asked to review and comment on them and how to best communicate this information to stakeholder groups.

2. Discussion requested by Jim Balsinger (via Heather) to consider which NMFS staff should be involved in the Collaborative and how.
- Discussion about role of NMFS and other agencies. Evie noted that the draft/strawman process design developed at September 22-23 meeting anticipates key agency stakeholder seats, but recommends they are non-voting.
  - Discussion about need for different types of agency involvement, including:
    - o Fisheries science expertise
    - o Marine mammal science expertise
    - o Management expertise
  - Evie noted draft/strawman process design calls for science advisory committee. Discussion about need for all stakeholders to have a role in naming individuals to that committee. Agreement that more work needs to be done to define how that committee will assist and interact with the collaborative group members.
  - Heather will report details of this discussion to Dr. Balsinger, and explain that the committee will respond more specifically as the process design is further developed.
3. September 22-23 meeting budget shortfall:
- Meg reported that she is over budget approx. 32 hours plus some printing jobs she paid for herself. Suggests contacting MCA again to ask for funding. Will hold this subject until next meeting when more members present. Evie requested Meg provide more explanation to committee members prior to next meeting.