

Pribilof Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting
December 3, 2003: 9:00 am teleconference
Agenda and meeting summary

Agenda:

1. Funding - short & long term
 - a. APA initiative program
 - b. Rasmuson
 - c. APIRT
 - d. Stevens

2. Draft agenda
 - a. Speakers - identify speakers for each "blank"
 - b. Discuss modifications to day one agenda (see Debbie's 11/25 email, consider fewer speakers for some categories)

Present: Evie Witten, Denise Woods, Debbie Lestenkof, Georgia Kashevarof, Greg McGlashan, Max Malavansky Jr., Andrew Malavansky, Anthony B. Mercurief, Meg King

Summary:

1. Funding - short & long term
 - a. APA initiative program: No discussion; will continue at next meeting.
 - b. Rasmuson:
 - Randy has spoken with Cheryl, who indicated that the proposed meeting date of December 11th will be no problem.
 - Evie will ask Randy to follow up with Cheryl today to set a meeting time.
 - Debbie will email Ron, Philip, Richard, and Patrick et al. to confirm that the meeting will be on the 11th.
 - c. APIRT
 - Debbie is working with Greg and Anthony on a draft of a request for funding from both St. Paul and St. George Tribal Governments.
 - Georgia indicated that APRIT may have already received funding requests and distributed some funds to the islands for a different project this year; they likely only accept one request per year.
 - Debbie will check to see if funds are still available for either island for this year and consider submitting a request for next year instead, if necessary.
 - d. Stevens
 - Meg only received comments on the letter to Stevens from Debbie.
 - Homework for all: please review the letter and send comments to Meg before the next meeting. Evie will send out another reminder on Monday.

2. Draft agenda

- a. Speakers - identify speakers for each "blank"
 - Speakers suggested to address the TEK perspective of each topic were:
 - 1) Cultural history of the Pribilof Islands: Larry Mercurief and Anthony B. Mercurief
 - 2) TEK/ what is it and how to use it: Henry Huntington
 - 3) Northern fur seals: Terry Spraker, Mike Williams, Anthony B. Mercurief, Richard Zaharoff.
 - It was requested that the chosen speaker be able to speak to trends on both islands (i.e. Terry Spraker works on St. Paul, could work with Richard Zaharoff to expand information to St. George?).
 - 4) Fish (primarily *status and trends*): Philip Lestenkof or Anthony B. Mercurief
 - Consider having more speakers for the TEK perspective/ observations on fish status and trends.
 - Larry and Joe may have suggestions of fishermen who would be willing to speak (if not at the January meeting, it is important for them to be well represented in the long term plans).
 - Long time observers on vessels (not those running the Observer Program) were also suggested as speakers.
 - 5) Seabirds: Andy Kashevarof (St. George) and Kent Sundseth (general). Debbie will check if there is an appropriate St. Paul speaker.
 - 6) Ecosystem dynamics: No suggestions for TEK speaker. Perhaps stick with university and agency speakers?
 - Evie will call _____ (who did Debbie suggest you call?) and Mike Brubaker for suggested island representatives to speak on this topic.
 - 7) Fishing industry (primarily *characteristics of the island fisheries*): Philip Lestenkof or Anthony B. Mercurief (and his son Chris).
 - Speakers to provide the “overview” for each topic will be selected once speakers have been invited and a list of confirmed speakers is created.
 - b. Discuss modifications to day one agenda (see Debbie's 11/25 email, consider fewer speakers for some categories)
 - See above: Agenda design is flexible to allow for the appropriate number of speakers from each interest group on each topic (i.e. if no “university” speaker for seabirds, can have TEK representative from both islands speak on seabirds...).
 - Extra time that results from modifications of number of speakers can be used to lengthen presentation on cultural history of the Pribilof Islands.
 - Evie will add suggested speakers to Day 1 Agenda and send out by next meeting
3. Next meeting: Set for Wednesday December 10 at 9:00 am
- Postpone discussion of Meg’s Draft 18-24 month workplan until next meeting
 - Anthony and Georgia will be in Anchorage that day. Call Evie to confirm if want to meet at TNC office for teleconference.