

Pribilof Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting  
December 10, 2003: 9:00 am teleconference  
**Agenda and meeting summary**

**Agenda:**

1. Fundraising updates
  - Rasmuson meeting
  - Requests for Jan meeting funds -status APA, others
  - Stevens letter - final comments and approval by committee
2. Day 2 agenda - discuss and finalize
3. Last few details for day 1 agenda - discuss and finalize
4. 18-24 month plan - discussion

Present: Evie Witten, Debbie Lestenkof, Heather McCarty, Anthony B. Mercurief, Meg King, Greg McGlashan, Andrew Malavansky, Denise Woods

**Summary:**

1. Fundraising updates
  - Rasmuson meeting: Randy will try to set up a time on Friday December 12 for a meeting for Pribilof representatives with Diane Caplan at the foundation. Discussion and decision to have industry and NGO committee members join representatives from the communities at the meeting and inquire about making a formal request for funds. Randy will communicate meeting time to the group as soon as determined.
  - Request for January meeting funds
    - APA: Evie will ask Larry to find out about this source.
    - NMFS: Larry is also contacting this source re: current status of request
    - MCA: Discussion and agreement to request funds again. Evie will modify letter to ACF for MCA requesting \$5000 for January meeting and continuing support for the future. To avoid an open-ended request for future funds, letter will make clear that the request for interim start-up funding for the process will be made once a budget has been completed.
    - Sea Grant: Heather will follow up on this source.
    - NPRB: Meg has spoken to people in Washington who strongly encourage the Steering Committee to make another request, not to accept “no” for an answer. She recommends that the Steering Committee focus on speaking with Board members and Trevor McCabe.

- Heather will call Clarence Pautzke to set up a meeting during around Friday December 12 when Steering Committee members will be around.
  - NSF: Anna Kertula of NSF says they will fund travel for 4 or 5 people coming to the January meeting from the communities only. She is also interested in attending
    - Get her contact information to Denise for inclusion in Prib's mailing list.
- Stevens letter: Randy, Debbie, and Evie have sent comments to Meg. If there are no other comments, letter will be sent out by end of week.

## 2. Day two agenda- discuss and finalize

- The major issues to be discussed included:
  - Fur seals/ declines: This will include a discussion of Steller sea lions and how to avoid a repeat of the SSL situation.
  - Halibut bycatch: It was agreed that this term is too limited. The focus could be on "Halibut CPUE declines" and the contributing factors (including bycatch)
  
- Additional topics suggested by the Steering Committee included:
  - Marine debris: Not as big an issue but could fall under category such as "Unexamined Issues". This is an issue most stakeholders can agree on so would make a good test case for the Collaborative to work on.
  - Ecosystem health or Ecosystem dynamics: A holistic discussion of how overall management and natural changes are affecting the broader dynamics of the region's species (i.e. seabirds and forage fish).
  
- Suggestions for organizing issues: Above issues (and suggested additions) could be organized under broader categories. Meg suggests limiting to three categories maximum. Two categories, for example:
  - Ecosystem Health: This category could combine information on fur seals, seabirds, crabs, and other species/ indicators of health of the ecosystem. (i.e. the "SCIENCE")
  - Community Sustainability: This category includes fisheries and communities and how they are affected in the short and long term by the components of ecosystem health. (i.e. the "IMPLICATIONS")
  
- Discussion about the fact that categorizing and defining the issues should perhaps be a goal of the meeting and not be decided by the Steering Committee prior to the meeting (i.e. ask participants "are these the right issues and how do we categorize/organize them?"). However, it was decided that there was need for the development of strawmen re: the important issues to be addressed by the Collaborative. Emphasize to meeting participants that these strawmen are not final

and are meant only for the purpose of organizing participants' thoughts and discussion.

- Evie and Denise will meet with Meg on Tuesday December 16 to discuss (among other things) the issues/categories/ strawman design.
- Meg would like help constructing a paragraph about each issue and why it is important that the Collaborative address it.
- Other comments included
  - There is a need to be sure that all relevant organizations and individuals are being represented by the Collaborative. Early in day 2, there should be an opportunity for each participating organization to describe who they represent and then a chance for participants to say who they think is missing/ who needs to be included in the future.
  - Pull “Budget and Funding Strategies” from Comprehensive Design Process. This could be discussed early in the day as part of Executive Summary.

3. Last few details for day 1 agenda - discuss and finalize

- Evie has made changes to the document as per earlier suggestions and comments of the Steering Committee. Evie will contact individual Committee members via email for final comments, then consider the document to be good working draft.

4. 18-24 month plan – discussion

- Discussion postponed until future meeting. Meanwhile, please review document and send any comments to Meg.

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 17 at 9:00 am.