

Pribilof Islands Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting

**December 16, 2004** 10:00 AM teleconference

Steering Committee meeting

Agenda and meeting summary

NOTE: Action items are highlighted in yellow

**The Steering Committee will not be meeting during the week of December 27. The next meeting of the Steering Committee Wednesday January 5th at 9:00AM Alaska time (10:00AM Seattle time)**

**Present:** Meg King, Denise Woods, Heather McCarty, Randy Hagenstein, Debbie Lestenkof, Paul MacGregor, Tom Gelatt, Rolf Ream, John Bengtson, Justin Massey, Lisa Butzner, Thorn Smith, Anne Hallowed, Max Malavansky Jr., Andy Malavansky, Dennis Lekanof, Libby Loggerwell, Karin Holser

### **Agenda**

1. LTKW project update -see attached LTKW Actionplan
2. January meeting draft agenda and December 22nd Next Steps
3. Update on speaker invitations- who is coming so far/who still needs to be contacted/who will contact
4. Budget and Funding- suggestions for long-term support

### **Meeting summary:**

#### 1. LTKW project update

- Meg wrote and distributed Action Plan based on last week's Dec 16 LTKW planning meeting.
- Henry has confirmed to Meg that he is on board to help with the project (i.e. help develop questions, create hypotheses). We should expect to set a contract for not more than \$5000 (this will likely get us beyond the January meeting).
  - Meg will work with Randy and SWAMC to get Henry's contract set up.
- Meg asked Claire to contact the AMCC board members to inquire about who could be interviewed and by whom (for long-time Bering Sea fishermen LTKW).
- Karin sent Meg copies of the interview questions used for SSL LTKW; these can be modified to be used for these interviews about NFS.
- **Need to plan for a teleconference to develop the interview questions; Claire, Paul, Karl, Debbie, Max and others should be on the call and develop the questions together during the first week of January (Henry will be away).**
  - It was proposed that everyone (i.e. Islanders, Industry, and Conservation) use the same set of questions in their interviews and that the interviews could be conducted inexpensively and easily as questionnaire forms to be filled out by keepers of LTKW.

#### 2. January meeting draft agenda and December 22nd Next Steps

- Vladimir Burkanof has suggested his Russian colleague Dr. Kuzin be invited to speak during Vladimir's time slot, with V. providing translation and additional input.
  - Dr. K. is a preeminent expert on NFS in Russia and will be asked to attend by NMFS (John Bengtson); because PIC has so little funds to commit to travel for participants, NMFS has generously offered to cover his travel to the meeting.
- Comments:
  - Doug Demaster could comment on the requested information re: NFS off the coast's of OR and WA
  - Take Beth Sinclair off the Agenda
  - Clarify Bruce and Mandy's maps/ presentation- will they be speaking and for how long? (Meg will contact)
  - Change references to "bycatch" to "incidental take of marine mammals" when it applies to mammals (not fish)
  - Try to get Linda Jones to speak to incidental take (Paul will contact her)
  - Start day 3 with Conceptual Model development rather than later in the day (i.e. discussion of potential responses should follow completion of the CM/ synthesis of research needs). For example:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> hour CM development
    - Move "other responses" discussion to follow "ESA" discussion
    - Remove 10:30 CM exercise (moved above)
    - Synthesis of research needs
    - Lunch
    - Afternoon of discussion of "potential next steps"
  - Erica Fleishman has been suggested to lead the Conceptual Model development; (Denise will email her CV to all for review)

### 3. Skipped

#### 4. Budget and Funding- suggestions for long-term support:

- Have funds for January meeting but not for April meeting Randy proposes:
- Need second round of funding from NMFS
  - Randy will draft language and forward to Denise
  - Denise will craft letter to Dr. Balsiger (cc Kaja and Doug) requesting \$50K for 2005, signed by the Steering Committee
- ACF: resubmit under their Oceans Program (denied last time under General category)
- Aleut Corp: Has new president (Dick Jacobson) so need new request letter.
  - Max will send a new request letter ASAP
- NPRB: New submission would be due in March- consider
- Need industry input.
  - Subcommittee to determine strategy: Larry, Paul, Joe, Karl, and Randy were volunteered

