

Pribilof Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting
December 17, 2003: 9:00 am teleconference
Agenda and meeting summary

Agenda:

1. funding updates:
 - a. meeting with Rasmuson (Debbie)
 - b. meeting with Clarence Pautzke (Heather/Evie)
 - c. Stevens letter #2 - consider funding request letter with multiple signatures to follow "heads-up" letter we are sending now
 - d. quick review of status of other requests (NMFS, NSF, MCA, APICDA, CBSFA, ACF, WWF, TNC, TDX, APA, Seagrant)
2. Report on feedback received on date, location and agenda. (Evie) Discussion re: changes to above.
3. "Straw men" for meeting needed (see all notes below)
 - a. assignments for drafting
 - b. assignments for presenting
4. 18-24 month plan - comments needed - discussion if time allows.

Present: Joe Sullivan, Larry Cotter, Meg King, Randy Hagenstein, Denise Woods, Georgia Kashevarof, Greg McGlashan, Max Malavansky Jr., Andrew Malavansky, Anthony B. Mercurief

1. funding updates:

- Meeting with Rasmuson
 - Debbie, Evie, and Heather met with Helen Howarth on Thursday December 11. She encouraged the submission of a "letter of interest" for request of funding, due by end of first week of January. The lead should come from the islands and the funds need to go to/ through a 501(c)3.
 - APICDA is a 501(c)3 and Larry thinks they would be willing to act in this capacity if their office workload is limited. Committee unanimously agreed to this approach.
 - Evie will compile information on the process from Rasmuson website and get it to Larry so he can present the idea at their next board meeting.
 - Evie will contact island representatives by phone this week to get a draft of the request letter going.
- Meeting with Clarence Pautzke (NPRB)
 - Evie and Heather met with Clarence and discussed the value of the Collaborative and of the appropriateness of NPRB participating in the Collaborative via: 1) funding research/identifying and remedying information gaps around the

- Pribilofs; and 2) providing advice about the Collaborative's Science/TEK Advisory Group.
- Clarence said he would approach his board about allotting a small amount of money each year to be distributed to efforts like the Collaborative for meetings (he explained he often receives similar requests from other groups) at his discretion. No funding for January meeting is available.
- Stevens letter
 - Discussion and decision to send current letter ASAP as “heads up” (information about the Collaborative, not requesting funding). Then letter requesting funding can be drafted and presented to full group at January meeting for approval. We will need a complete budget to include at this time.
 - Other requests
 - NMFS: Dave Cormany has the go-ahead from Kaja Brix to distribute \$10,000 now.
 - NSF: Anna Kerttula has said they will fund travel for 4 to 6 islanders
 - MCA: Letter out now requesting \$2500 for January; includes a paragraph about the additional need for interim and long-term funding in the future.
 - APICDA: 2004 budget has \$10,000 set aside for the Collaborative process. A portion is earmarked to support travel for a representative from the St. George Fisherman's Association; approximately \$2,500 should be available for other needs.
 - CBSFA: Heather will report at next meeting
 - ACF: Contributing \$2,500
 - APA: Larry on the board of their AK initiatives committee. He requested \$2,500 at their last meeting in November. Awaiting resolution of budget. Larry will check on status.
 - WWF: Contributing minimum of \$2,500.
 - TNC: Contributing maximum of \$2,500.
 - TDX: Contributing \$300 to January meeting – suggestion to follow up and ask for greater contribution. Evie will ask Debbie about the context of the request made and response.
 - Tanaq: Andy will talk with Lee Little about the possibility of contributing \$2,500.
 - Seagrant: Heather spoke with Paul Cullenburg, who indicated she had several ideas about funding programs to support the Collaborative. Evie is follow-uping with Paula.
2. Report on feedback received on date, location and agenda of January meeting. (Evie)
Discussion re: changes to above.
- Date: Discussion and decision to keep Jan 15-16, despite regrettable time conflict with NEPA training,
 - Suggestion to invite Terry Litsel (Icicle Seafoods) if Chris Norris is not able to attend meeting due to NEPA training.
 - Larry will ask Terry if he is available.

- Location: To facilitate the participation of people in NEPA training, will seek venue in downtown area
 - Denise will check on price and availability of Egan Center and other downtown venues.
- Agenda: One suggestion to expand information sharing into second day, shorten process design section. Decision to leave main elements of draft agenda as is.

3. "Straw men" for meeting needed ***(See notes below)**

- Assignments for drafting: **ADDITIONS TO NOTES BELOW**
 - Science/TEK Advisory Group strawman: Randy, Larry, Anthony, and Joe. Randy will chair the group; first meeting for Monday December 22 at 10:30
 - Will draft strawman as described in notes below (i.e. purpose, role, criteria, interaction with Collaborative). Additionally, strawman should address:
 - Is a formal group or committee needed?
 - Would committee members need to be funded (e.g., for travel or stipends)? If so, how much funding would be required, and how will we fund it?
 - What are the information needs that advisors could help with (not just research findings)
 - Change schematic in notebook to reflect that this group would not function outside of the Collaborative (conducting own meetings) but would be entirely integrated with rest of group.
 - Strawman questions to expand problem statement
 - Questions will be answered by the people indicated in the notes below.
 - Evie will check with Heather and Debbie to see if they can do their assignments
 - ALL - Please get these paragraphs to Evie by Monday January 5 to leave time for circulation and review by Steering Committee
 - Budget development and funding strategy
 - Randy will prepare a first draft of the budget this week and will email it to the funding subcommittee for review.
 - Assignments for presenting
 - Parties present agreed to report on their assigned topics at the January meeting
 - Evie will check with Heather and Debbie to see if they will do theirs.
4. 18-24 month plan - comments needed - discussion if time allows.
- Larry and Joe have not had a chance to review. ALL - Please review before next meeting. In the mean time, send comments to Meg and Randy (Randy is working on budget and needs this information too).
 - Discussion tabled until next meeting on Monday December 22 at 9:00 am.

***Proposed Subgroup to tackle Science/TEK Advisory Group: Randy, Joe, Larry, Anthony**

This group needs to draft:

- 1) Purpose of the Advisory Group
- 2) What is its role? (What are we asking of them--see 4 below)
- 3) Proposed selection criteria, e.g. credentials or characteristics of
- 4) Proposed interaction with the collaborative, (ideas drawn from proposed problem statement)

e.g., proposed problem statement says, "The causes and effects of such changes are not well understood. Existing data are not being adequately utilized and additional research may be necessary. Traditional knowledge and wisdom are not currently supported and are not routinely and properly included in management and research decisions." Based on this, should an initial task be:

To identify existing research and recommendations on how to improve access/understanding of it so it can be more adequately utilized? To make recommendations about how to routinely integrate TEK into research decisions (e.g. what should be studied) and integrate TEK into the research itself? To identify what additional research may be necessary to address the declines in the populations of marine mammals, birds, crabs, and other species, that threaten the human, economic, cultural and social health of the Pribilof Communities and the commercial fishing industry?

(Note: determine if useful to depict graphically, then sketch out)

Proposed Leads and questions to help Expand Problem Statement (2 paragraphs)

- 1) Describe how the decline or fluctuations in Halibut CPUE threatens the human, economic, cultural and social health of the Pribilof Communities, as well as the commercial fishing industry? (Larry)
- 2) Describe how the status or fluctuations in crab populations threatens the human, economic, cultural and social health of the Pribilof Communities, as well as the commercial fishing industry? (Heather)
- 3) Describe how the decline or fluctuations in sea birds threatens the human, economic, cultural and social health of the Pribilof Communities, as well as the commercial fishing industry? (Greg)
- 4) Describe how the decline or fluctuations in marine mammals threatens the human, economic, cultural and social health of the Pribilof Communities, as well as the commercial fishing industry? (Debbie)
- 5) Describe how, if TEK was routinely incorporated into research and management decisions this would improve the human, economic, cultural and social health of the Pribilof Communities, as well as the commercial fishing industry? (Anthony)

Budget Development and Funding Strategy (Larry, Randy, Debbie, Meg, Heather)

Evie needs to provide past costs

Larry agreed to put a budget together (Randy will do instead)

Develop funding premises: See Draft Workplan, e.g. meet on a quarterly basis, on-going conference calls, travel, level of support for Science/TEK Advisory Group, other????

Create a draft strategy.

Strawman reviews: Proposed Leads/report outs

Problem Statement: Georgia, Anthony or Greg

Proposed Interaction w/NPFMC: Larry

Proposed Timeline: Joe

Proposed Structure: Evie

Proposed Information Needs: Randy

Proposed Budget and Funding Strategy: Debbie

Proposed Definitions: Heather