

Pribilof ecosystem stakeholder organizing committee  
December 23, 2002  
Meeting Agenda & Minutes

- 11:30 a.m. teleconference
- Call in number: 1-800-503-2899
- Access code: 2795504

Agenda

- 1) Funding:
  - a) Update re: proposal to North Pacific Research Board
  - b) Update re: proposal to Stevens
    - i) Discuss NMFS proposal and decide on course of action for coordination
- 2) Updates re: 501c3 to receive & manage funds for stakeholder process
- 3) Determine selection process for facilitator
  - a) Select team to determine criteria, schedule, conduct interviews
- 4) Updates re: fisheries data needs and requests
- 5) Letter to Hogarth re: stakeholder process
- 6) Logistics
  - a) Discuss posting minutes on WWF web site temporarily (until stakeholder website created)
  - b) Next meeting date

Minutes

- 1) Funding:
  - a) Update re: possibility of submitting proposal to NPRB:
    - ♦ Evie checked with Alan Springer; he is not submitting a proposal for a comprehensive Bering Sea research program because he didn't have enough time and information. He suggested the organizing committee consider submitting a proposal for funding to scope/plan a comprehensive research program. He suggested the stakeholder group define some basic questions, and then convene a workshop of scientists to plan a research program around those questions.
    - ♦ Astrid Schotz contacted Evie and they had a similar conversation regarding social and economic research.

- ◆ Evie reviewed the NPRB RFP and spoke with Clarence Pautzke and determined a proposal to design a research program (essentially to design a proposal) does not fit the NPRB RFP guidelines.
- ◆ Agreement that the stakeholder process will itself act as a scoping exercise and that the organizing committee should focus on seeking funding to initiate the stakeholder process now, not on anticipating what funding might be needed by the stakeholder group in the future.

b) Update re: proposal to Senator Stevens:

- ◆ NMFS gave the organizing committee a “Pribilof Islands Program Research and Management Needs Statement” dated 12/13, which is the proposal Mike Payne described to Evie prior to this committee’s 12/13 meeting (see 12/13 minutes).
- ◆ Discussion about the NMFS Needs Statement, and a letter written by LGL regarding the northern fur seal plan. (Larry will fax copies of the LGL letter to all committee members.)
- ◆ Agreement that NMFS plans overlap aspects of Pribilof Islands Ecosystem stakeholder process plans and that there appears to be contradictions between NMFS Needs Statement and their co-management agreement with the tribes. Agreement that this organizing committee, NMFS and tribes all need to talk and figure out who is planning and doing what.
- ◆ Agreement that Larry will contact Mike Payne, Doug McMaster and Jim Balsiger at NMFS and discuss the apparent overlaps and conflicts.
- ◆ Discussion about this committee going forward with a proposal to Senator Stevens for funding only to convene the stakeholder process, and not including a request for fur seal plan funds at this point.
- ◆ Agreement that the stakeholder group will need to work cooperatively with NMFS and that fostering the development of the fur seal plan is in the group’s best interest.
- ◆ Debbie pointed out that St. Paul and St. George tribes already have authority to begin updating the northern fur seal conservation plan. The contract to do so is a result of having a co-management agreement. The co-management agreement is a good tool that we all need to look at and utilize. She will forward a copy of the agreement to committee members.
- ◆ Agreement to postpone decision about scope of this committee’s proposal to Senator Stevens until we have clarified overlap issues with NMFS.

- ◆ Evie will further develop workplan and budget prior to this committee's next meeting.
- ◆ Discussion about current status of Appropriations bill and about need to inquire with Steven's office re: appropriate timing of the proposal.
- ◆ Randy explained TNC has a tentative appointment next week with Lisa Sutherland from Sen. Steven's office, he will provide a heads-up about the stakeholder process and inquire about appropriate timing of the proposal.

2. – 5) Agreement to postpone these agenda items until next meeting

6) Logistics:

a) Temporary posting of organizing committee materials on WWF web site:

- ◆ Agreement to have WWF post organizing committee minutes and other related materials on the WWF web site until the stakeholder process is able to establish its own website, provided WWF state clearly that this is a collaborative process and that materials are posted as a service without any WWF control over content.

b) Next meeting:

- ◆ Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.