

Health and Culture

TWG

Adaptation Advisory Group Meeting
23 September 2008

Progress

- * Conference calls held
 - * 7/23, 8/13, 9/17
- * Process
 - * Continued good representation from the TWG members
 - * Excellent engagement between calls
 - * Several interested individuals from government agencies, universities, and the public join the calls
- * Catalog of state actions nearly completed
- * Brief descriptions of policy options in process

7 Policy Options That Cross Health and Culture Concerns

- * Impact assessments
- * Uniform indicators and data systems
- * Public awareness
- * Community-based monitoring
- * Community capacity needs assessments
- * Central ombudsmen agency to support rural communities
- * Mechanisms to increase cooperation and collaboration

Categories of Health Options

- * Waterborne diseases
- * Vectorborne diseases
- * Food safety, food security, and foodborne diseases
- * Flooding and other extreme weather events
- * Thermal extremes
- * Air quality and wildfires
- * Toxic exposures
- * Mental stress
- * Health care and emergency response systems

Categories of Culture Options

- * Traditional knowledge, ways of knowing, and subsistence culture
- * Diminishment or change of subsistence diet
- * Archaeology and history
- * Sports and recreation
 - * Winter
 - * Summer
- * Energy demand
- * Local food production

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- * Upcoming Health & Culture TWG meeting
 - * 10/1, 10/22, 11/12, 12/10 @ 8:30
- * Thanks to all of our participants for excellent input and discussions