

# 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