

Alaska Climate Change Strategy

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Economic Activities Technical Work Group **Alaska Adaptation Advisory Group** **Meeting #9: Teleconference Meeting Summary** **February 11, 2009**

Participants

TWG Participants

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Larry Hinzman, International Arctic Research Center, University of Alaska – Fairbanks
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Facilitators

Nancy Tosta, Ross & Associates
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Public Participants

None

Meeting Summary

Review of AAG Comments and Recommendations

Nancy Tosta reviewed the comments from the Adaptation Advisory Group (AAG) meeting earlier in February.

- For EA-1, the AAG had no overall big recommendations for this option, but was curious about some of the implications and related efforts to this option. The leads on this option will revise this to include some of the related programs and policies that are in place that would illustrate the type of services that this option would focus on. The leads will also clarify that this option would be looking at the needs for increased activities and policies in the Arctic region, rather than directly recommending it.
- For EA-2 and EA-3, the AAG conveyed that options seem to overlap a great deal, and could be combined, with EA-2 as a component of EA-3. The AAG also recommended that EA-2 look at the risks and challenges of climate change, in addition to the opportunities that it could provide. Ross & Associates will combine these options and send them to the EA TWG for review.
- EA-4 is a very similar option to a number of other TWG option, and so the Adaptation facilitators will be coordinating to develop an Overarching Option for a coordinated center on Arctic issues. Nancy Tosta will be in contact with those who have expressed interest in the EA TWG for moving forward on developing an overarching option.

- For EA-5, NOAA representatives at the AAG meeting expressed interest in helping further develop this option. In addition, AAG representatives noted that the need for charting, mapping and data is consistent among all the TWG. The leads of this option will continue developing it, including adding in more detail around charting, as well as costs and benefits, and Nancy will coordinate with the AAG and other TWGs on whether this should be an Overarching Option for the adaptation work.

Next Steps for EA TWG

- The EA TWG option leads will continue developing their options, including the assignments discussed on this call, and information around costs and benefits of the various options. Option leads should forward along their refined options the week of March 2 for discussion on the next EA TWG call.
- Ross & Associates will forward along guidance about costs and benefits to TWG members.
- The next AAG meeting has been moved from March 23 to April 3. At this meeting, the AAG will review the options again, specifically focusing on the costs and benefits pieces, and make any recommendations. The AAG will also review the overarching options that were identified at the last meeting and make any necessary recommendations.

Public Input

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting

A scheduling request will be sent to find the best time for the next EA TWG meeting. [After this meeting, the next EA TWG meeting was scheduled for March 5 from 2p.m. to 4p.m. (Alaska time).]