

Economic Activities Technical Work Group

Alaska Adaptation Advisory Group

Meeting #10: Teleconference Meeting Summary

March 5, 2009

Participants

TWG Participants

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Facilitators

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Public Participants

None

Meeting Summary

Review of EA TWG Options

The option leads on the call reviewed the changes to the options that had been made since the last EA TWG meeting and the EA TWG discussed next steps.

- For EA-1, the option leads incorporated a number of suggestions, including refining the option description and design to be more consistent and putting in some information about costs and benefits. During the call, EA TWG members agreed that the option should include some more information about potential costs. The option lead agreed to put in a broad range of what this option should cost, with the caveat that the Sub-cabinet would need to fully define their needs for an evaluation of Arctic capabilities in order to have a strong cost estimate.
- For EA-2 and EA-3, Ross & Associates combined these options, at the recommendation of the AAG from their last meeting and sent it to the EA TWG for review. One EA TWG member made comments on the option, which EA TWG members reviewed on this call, incorporating and adding as necessary. An option lead agreed to draft some cost estimates for this option based on its current versioning.
- EA-4 has been wrapped into an overarching option with similar options from the Natural Systems and Health & Culture TWGs and Nancy Tosta is facilitating a group of interested TWG members to refine and consolidate this option. This option will be available for EA TWG members to review while it is being drafted.
- For EA-5, the option leads had made some minor revisions. For the next version, the option leads will provide some estimation of costs.

Next Steps for EA TWG

- EA TWG members will make revisions as discussed in the above section to the options and return to Ross & Associates. The final options will be forwarded to the AAG for their review prior to the April 3 AAG meeting.
- EA TWG members are encouraged to attend the April 3 AAG meeting, which will be in Anchorage. If any members are planning to attend and are interested in presenting on an option, contact Nancy Tosta.

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.