

Alaska Climate Change Strategy

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Economic Activities Technical Work Group **Alaska Adaptation Advisory Group** **Meeting #4: Conference Call Summary** **October 14, 2008**

Participants

TWG Participants

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Facilitators

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Public Participants

None

Meeting Summary

Recap of September AAG Meeting

Nancy Tosta briefly summarized the AAG meeting, with the help of EA TWG members who attended in person.

- Overall, the AAG is satisfied with the progress of the EA TWG.
- The AAG wants to have priorities from the TWGs for review at the November AAG meeting.
- The AAG heard presentations from the Scenario Network on Alaska Planning (SNAP), which discussed the various models of climate impacts on Alaska.

Discussion of Preliminary Rating Results

Prior to this meeting, EA TWG members were asked to review the EA TWG catalog and rate each option as “High,” “Medium” or “Low” priority for further analysis by the TWG as a policy option, based on criteria of costs, significance, benefits, feasibility, timing of the affected impact and adaptive capacity of affected impact.

- Prior to the meeting five EA TWG members had submitted their initial ratings, which were compiled and reviewed by the TWG members on the call.
- TWG members on the call seemed to think that the criteria that were considered in this exercise were inclusive of what should be considered when rating EA TWG options.
- A TWG member noted that receiving ratings from other EA TWG members who had participated in the past would make him feel more comfortable with more formerly beginning to rate the EA TWG Options. He volunteered to send a reminder email to all EA TWG members about the importance of submitting ratings on the options.

- A TWG member raised the question about whether the TWG’s high priority options should include an option from all the sectors encompassed within the EA TWG. The AAG will review the options that come from the EA TWG and will make the determination of whether the group should consider an additional option for further analysis.
- In the next version of the catalog, options will be broken into “High” priority, “Medium” Priority and “Not Considered.” The “Not Considered” options will include those options that a majority of respondents considered to be “Low” priority, options that should be considered by other TWGs and options that should be considered by the Research Needs Work Group.

Next Steps for EA TWG

- To encourage higher response rates on the options, additional ratings on the options will be accepted through the week of October 20.
- At the face-to-face meeting on October 27, the EA TWG will discuss the “High” priority options, determine whether any from the “Medium” category should be moved up to “High”, consider them in and narrow and consolidate the options into a set of 4-8 policy options to send to the AAG for review and approval.
- After the November AAG meeting, assuming that the AAG approves the options that the EA TWG sets forth, EA TWG members will take assignments to develop the identified options more fully prior to the February AAG meeting.
- The EA TWG will meet approximately once per month between November and February; meeting requests will be forthcoming to set dates for these meetings.

Public Input

There were no public comments.

The next meeting of the EA TWG will be a face-to-face meeting in Anchorage, AK on October 27 from 1:30 – 5:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Anchorage Sheraton, Room 308. The call-in number for the meeting is (800) 315-6338, Passcode: 1903#.