

Economic Activities Technical Work Group

Alaska Adaptation Advisory Group

Meeting #5: Face-to-Face Meeting Summary

October 27, 2008

Participants

TWG Participants

Cmdr. Michael Cerne, U.S. Coast Guard
Paul Dubuisson, Conoco Phillips
John Hellén, Pioneer Natural Resources
Pete Larson, The Nature Conservancy
Tom Krzewinski, Golder & Associates

Facilitators

Nancy Tosta, Ross & Associates
Amy Wheelless, Ross & Associates (*on phone*)

Public Participants

None

Meeting Summary

Introductions and Goals of Meeting

The members in attendance introduced themselves and Nancy Tosta briefly reviewed the goals for the meeting. At this meeting, the members will reviewed the balloting results and determine a set of priority options to advance for further analysis.

Discussion of Preliminary Rating Results

During the balloting exercise, the EA TWG received ballots from most of those who have been active in EA TWG activities.

During this meeting, the EA TWG members present reflected on the highest balloted options to determine whether there was a strong and balanced portfolio of options. Over the course of the meeting, the members discussed the criteria for choosing priority options for further analysis, re-ranked options, and bundled options together where it made sense to pursue items together for further analysis.

The six options that emerged from this meeting as high priority for further analysis were the following:

- **EA-1:** Increase search and rescue, navigation safety, inspection and prevention, enforcement and icebreaking capabilities in the Arctic
- **EA-2:** Participate in international forums dealing with Arctic issues (e.g. resource management, boundaries, shipping, etc.) to better inform U.S. delegations on the desires/needs/interests of the State and its native populations

- **EA-3:** Improve mapping and surveying to accurately and efficiently establish boundaries, address boundary disputes as needed and aid charting for safe navigation
- **EA-4:** Conduct economic analyses of how climate change will positively and negatively affect the major areas of the Alaskan economy
- **EA-5:** Explore economic opportunities that come from climate change, such as green jobs, adaptation changes, and carbon markets.
- **EA-6:** Allocate a portion of major public works investments toward monitoring, data dissemination, and analysis of climate and other environmental data; Identify climate trends and downscale models leading to establishing environmental information, analysis tools, and design criteria for use in adapting to climate change. (To be recommended to the Research Needs Work Group)

Following this meeting, the EA TWG will work over email to refine and review these options before they are presented to the AAG at their November meeting.

Next Steps for EA TWG

- Following this meeting, Nancy Tosta will send out the refined list of priority options for review. The reviewed list of options will be presented at the November AAG meeting.
- 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.

Next Meeting

Following the meeting, the next EA TWG meetings were scheduled for November 20 and December 11.