

Alaska Climate Change Strategy

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Economic Activities Technical Work Group **Alaska Adaptation Advisory Group** **Meeting #8: Teleconference Meeting Summary** **January 20, 2008**

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Meeting Summary

Review of Draft Option Proposals

The EA TWG members reviewed each of the draft EA TWG proposals and provided comments and ideas for potential changes prior to presentation to the Adaptation Advisory Group (AAG) in early February.

- For EA-1 on Arctic Ocean service improvement, the leads had conversations with the Alaska Department of Transportation, who suggested a capital improvement project (CIP) may be an appropriate way to implement the option. This idea will be presented to the AAG for their comments.
- For EA-2 on economic opportunities from climate change, those on the call clarified that the option is continuing and enhancing efforts already in place to leverage funding.
- For EA-3 on scenarios for the Alaskan economy, the leads will talk to the Alaska Institute for Social and Economic research on the potential costs of this option and will consider what institute would be best equipped to undertake the option. This conversation does not need to happen before the February AAG meeting but costs will be a focus in the next stage on options.
- For EA-4 on a center for Arctic issues, the EA TWG will ask the AAG if they have any feedback on what entity (state agency, university research center) would be best to host this effort. In addition, in the policy option description, the EA TWG distinguished between those who would be involved with the development and implementation of such a

center and the stakeholders that would be involved in contributing information and using the resource.

- For EA-5 on mapping needs, the leads clarified that priority for real-time mapping should first be on coastal areas and floodplains where there are likely to be significant changes with a changing climate.

Next Steps for EA TWG

- For the February AAG meeting, all TWGs are expected to have draft option proposals for each of the identified priority options for further analysis. At this meeting, the AAG will review each of the options and provide comments and recommendations for refinement. Ross & Associates will clean up the options and make changes based on today's discussions and will send them to the AAG.
- At the February EA TWG meeting the EA TWG will review comments and suggestions from the AAG and determine a path forward for continuing to develop these options.

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 February 11 from 2p.m. to 4p.m. (Alaska time).]