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## **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **ALASKA CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION ADVISORY GROUP**

#### **Health and Culture Technical Working Group (HC TWG)**

Meeting #8, 22 October 2008, 8:30 – 10:30 AM

#### **Attendance:**

Technical Working Group members: Jim Berner, Mike Bradley, Don Callaway, Jeff Demain, Erin Harman, Henry Huntington, Joe McLaughlin, Father Thomas Weise, Kristie Ebi, Jason Vogel

Public Attendees: Lynn Zender

#### **Background documents:**

Meeting Notice and Agenda

Summary of Meeting #7

Health and Culture Draft Catalog of State Actions

Evaluation Criteria

#### **Procedural items:**

1. Kristie called the meeting to order, completed the roll call, and reviewed the agenda and plans for the call.
2. The summary for meeting #7 was approved.

#### **Discussion items, key issues, and agreements:**

1. The TWG members discussed the process for balloting and agreed with the steps outlined in the email announcing conference call #8.
2. The TWG members agreed to identify their top 10 options and rank the evaluation criteria for each using a scale of “Low, Medium, and High”, with High considered the most desirable ranking for Significance, Benefits and Effectiveness, and Feasibility, and with Low the most desirable ranking for Cost. For example, if a TWG member concluded that option 1.1 was in their top 10, then the Significance, Benefits and Effectiveness, Feasibility, and Cost criteria would each be ranked as Low, Medium, or High.
3. The TWG members will return their ballots as lists (in an email or Word document) or as rankings on the catalog.

4. There was discussion that some of the most desirable options for early action are likely to have high costs and this should not remove them from consideration.
5. The TWG members concluded that it is critical to consider community and population vulnerability when evaluating the options, and so agreed that the “Significance” evaluation criteria would encompass vulnerability.
6. During the last conference call, the TWG began discussing which options within a category should be combined because they would be implemented together. Most categories have not been discussed. Therefore, it was agreed that TWG members will review the catalog, identify options they believe should be combined, and email their suggestions to Jason and Kristie by mid-afternoon (Alaska time) on Thursday, 23 October. The short time frame was agreed so that the options could be combined before balloting.
7. Jason reported on discussions with the facilitators for other TWGs. Options under HC-17 will be moved to the Natural Systems TWG. Options under HC-14 and HC-15 will remain with in the Health and Culture catalog.

**Next steps:**

1. Jason and Kristie will circulate a revised catalog to TWG members before Friday, 24 October, with instructions for voting. Ballots will be returned to Jason and Kristie before 30 October. Jason and Kristie will then tabulate the votes and inform the TWG members of the results before 3 November.
2. The TWG agreed to add a conference call on Monday, 3 November at 12 noon Alaska time to discuss the results of the balloting and to reach consensus on the options to be recommended for further development to the Adaptation Advisory Group.