

Alaska Climate Change Strategy Natural Systems Adaptation Technical Working Group

Teleconference

Monday, December 15, 2008, 1:00-3:00 p.m. (Alaska time)

Meeting Notes

Objectives

- Prep for Dec. 17 Adaptation Advisory Group meeting
- Research & Monitoring recommendations from NS TWG
- Template for analysis of recommendations - Assignments
- Future steps & schedule

Prep for December 17, 2008 Adaptation Advisory Group (AAG)

The TWG briefly discussed the Power Point presentation developed for the December 17 AAG meeting.

Research & Monitoring Recommendations from TWG

Each Adaptation TWG has been asked to provide its current list of research & monitoring recommendations to the newly formed Research Working Group by December 30, in the matrix format that the group provided.

Jan Caulfield will transfer the existing list of research/monitoring needs that the NS TWG has been compiling into the new matrix format and provide it to the NS TWG for edits.

It was noted that recommendations could include Alaska-specific research & monitoring needs, as well as areas where Alaskan agencies or institutions have particular skills or capacities to meet national information needs related to climate change.

Template for Analysis of Recommendations -- ASSIGNMENTS

The next step in further developing the recommendations for adaptations to changes in natural systems is to prepare a three to five-page paper for each recommendation. The AAG will meet on February 6 to review the draft papers, with emphasis on the several sections yellow-highlighted below. (It is understood that the papers will still be in a draft state by the February meeting, but the AAG wants to see how they are coming together.)

The TWGs have been given a template with the following sections:

- Introduction / Overview (to all adaptation options)
- For each recommended adaptation option:
 - Option Title

- Recommended Adaptation Option (one sentence statement)
- Option Description
- Option Design
- Implementation Mechanisms
- Related Policies, Programs and Resources
- Feasibility
- Adaptation Benefits and Costs
- TWG Approval and Deliberations (summary of TWG balloting and discussion of option)

The TWG discussed that preparing these papers will require consultation with others outside of the TWG; it may be a time-consuming task.

The lead for development of the papers is proposed as follows – we will discuss this further at the January 12 TWG meeting, since not all members were able to attend and participate in discussion on December 15. Proposed assignments:

- Introduction / Overview – Jan Caulfield (with Terry Chapin)
- Agriculture – Tony Nakazawa
- Forestry – Chris Maisch
- Wildland Fire – Chris Maisch
- Invasive Species – Trish Wurtz
- Commercial fisheries – Molly McCammon (with Jeff Short, Amy Holman)
- Fish & wildlife – Tom Paragi & Eric Volk
- Water conservation – Terry Chapin

TWG Attendance:

Molly McCammon
Trish Wurtz
Tom Paragi
Jeff Short
Chris Maisch
Tony Nakazawa