

# Alaska Climate Change Strategy Natural Systems Adaptation Technical Working Group

## Teleconference

**Monday, January 12, 2009, 1:00-3:00 p.m. (Alaska time)**

## Meeting Notes

### **Objectives**

- Discuss results of Dec. 17 Adaptation Advisory Group meeting
- Research & Monitoring recommendations from NS TWG
- Discuss further analysis of recommendations – Assignments/Template
- Future steps & schedule

### **Results of December 17, 2008 Adaptation Advisory Group (AAG)**

The AAG met on December 17 to review the recommendations from the Natural Systems TWG. Jan's informal notes from that AAG meeting were emailed to the NS TWG on December 29. The AAG recommended going forward with further analysis of all seven of the adaptation options recommended by the NS TWG. Please refer to the AAG's specific comments when preparing the more detailed analysis of the adaptation options (see below).

### **Research & Monitoring Recommendations from NS TWG**

The NS TWG provided a *draft* version of the Natural Systems Research & Monitoring list to the Research Working Group on December 31. The research recommendations were not prioritized and it is understood that this list of recommendations may not be complete.

The template (see below) asks that the TWG consider the research and data needs associated with each adaptation option. This will provide a final opportunity to consider the research, data and monitoring needs that should be met for each option.

At the January 12 TWG meeting, the group decided that it would be best NOT to try to prioritize among all of the recommended Natural Systems research recommendations. Instead, the research needs associated with each recommendation should be prioritized (that is, prioritize *among* the research needs related to Wildland Fire, or to Agriculture, but not across all NS research needs.)

### **Template for Analysis of Recommendations -- ASSIGNMENTS**

The TWG briefly reviewed the template for analysis of adaptation recommendations. The highlighted sections (below) are to be drafted for the February 6 AAG meeting:

- 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)

**JAN IS CHECKING WITH DEC ON WHEN THE DRAFTS ARE DUE FOR POSTING ON THE WEB SITE. (Feasible date for this TWG is Friday, January 30 – But I'll let you know what DEC says about that date....)**

ASSIGNMENTS – The lead for development of the papers is as follows:

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

### **Next Steps / Schedule**

Jan will query NS TWG members re: availability for meeting dates in February and March.

### **TWG Attendance on January 12:**

Molly McCammon  
 Trish Wurtz  
 Chris Maisch  
 Tony Nakazawa  
 Amy Holman