

Dear NSAE TWG Members,

Today we DO have a work request!

DEADLINE: Noon, Alaska time, Friday, August 22. Please return your completed tables to both Colleen and Mike (cdonovan@stratusconsulting.com and fraid@earthlink.net).

It is time for us to take our huge list of 228 policy options and winnow these down to a short list of priorities you would like us to discuss at the next conference call. Recall that we first thought the objective was to select your top ten policy options. That has changed to the more liberal objective of creating your initial short list, which can be larger than ten. Selection of your top ten will now occur after the September AAG meeting.

As facilitators we see your present objective as getting the original list winnowed down to a set of policy options that simultaneously reflects some kind of inherent logic and a 'first cut' at the subset you think could be effective adaptation responses. Condition your thinking about this short list remembering that the very next task we will put you through (the week of August 25) is identification of criteria you want to use in selecting your top ten; then, after the September AAG meeting, we will wrestle with selecting, fully explaining, justifying, etc. your top ten options.

TWG member Terry Chapin volunteered a first cut at this winnowing. His work turned out to be the model we facilitators have adopted for this assignment (Thanks Terry!). He read through the original list looking for,

. . .only the options that could potentially be implemented as policies now, without further research (i.e., I eliminated items that recommended research and monitoring because these will be dealt with by a different advisory group (research needs advisory group). I then combined options that were relatively similar (e.g., public education about climate effects on fish, wildlife, and sea mammals). This reduced the list to 17 policy options. . . I tried to include ALL the policy options that were suggested, in the order in which they were listed in the

catalogue, without attempting to eliminate or prioritize them. We will probably choose to split up, modify, or delete many of these options, but I thought it might be useful to consolidate the previous list into a manageable number of options for us to think about carefully. Many of the options in the previous NS catalogue listed a topic without specifying an explicit policy. I tried to describe these as an explicit policy that the State of Alaska might implement.”

We have attached Terry’s original list in case you want to see his thinking prior to our editing and re-organization into a worktable.

ASSIGNMENT- POLICY OPTIONS:

Use the attached Policy Worktable and “Track Changes”. We have created the attached Policy Worktable (in Microsoft Word) for collecting your input about what should be the short list of policy options for our TWG. The initial content in this table is Terry’s cut at winnowing, reformatted and with some editing by us to put it into table format. Please use Word’s “Track Changes” feature when working with this document. You initiate this feature by going to the “Tools” menu and clicking on the “Track Changes” option. Your changes will appear in a different color. You can turn (toggle) off this feature by doing the same click sequence.

First, edit Terry’s material. If you have edits or additions to Terry’s material just navigate to the appropriate cell in the table and enter your text. Note that a number of the cells in his material are blank so feel free to add new material there as you see appropriate. If you want to delete something you can do that as well. The Track Changes feature will keep track of these for us.

Second, add your new material. Please add any new options that are important to you in the blank cells below Terry’s material.

ASSIGNMENT- RESEARCH NEEDS:

Use the attached Policy Worktable. If you have strong feelings about important research needs we have been asked to pass these along to the research committee. To capture any of these just open this document and fill in the blanks. We do not see our TWG spending much time processing nor trying to arrive at a consensus on these. Our proposal is for the facilitators to simply capture your thinking in a single document and pass your ideas along to that committee.

Thanks everyone. Call with any questions.

Colleen 303-381-8000
Mike 360-867-1140

Attached resources:

07-06-08 AK NSAE Option Description - See:

<http://www.akclimatechange.us/ewebeditpro/items/O97F18407.pdf>

and attached here as a Word file in case you want access to editable text.

Terry Chapin's original cut at winnowing – Open this document if you want to see his original thinking and/or to capture editable text.

Policy Worktable and

Research Worktable – These are Microsoft Word documents ready for you to use in providing feedback to the facilitators.