

3 Process Options to Identify New Communities / Projects

Note; In the FY12 Proposed Governor's Budget there is no new funding for ACCIMP efforts to work with the 6 additional communities identified (with community planning grants or hazard mitigation assessments). It's likely that funding won't be provided until, at earliest, in Feb-March 2012 (if funds are included in FY12 Supplemental) or until the beginning of FY 13 (7/1/12).

This provides IAWG with time to implement a process to identify a "next set" of communities and/or new projects.

But first – the 2/17 discussion needs to identify the process IAWG wants to use to identify new communities/projects needing assistance.

1) Pick a reasonable number of new communities

- Identify / Solicit Candidates from
 - Our constituent groups
 - Studies such as AK Climate Change Impact Mitigation Studies, Community Health Impacts, HS&EM, etc. (~Appendix A - 2009 IAWG Report)
 - Consult with Regional Non-Profits

2) Create system in order to make rational recommendations on priorities, locations and projects (without a system, treating symptoms based on anecdotes)

- Document problems/threats (Use Criteria from USACE or develop new criteria (e.g., Community/Project Worksheets and apply to erosion and others threat issues)
- Assess level of threats
- Compare and analyze infrastructure and community conditions

3) Combination of 1 & 2

- Use Criteria – USACE or develop new criteria (e.g., from New Community/Project Worksheets and apply to erosion and others threat issues)
- Develop a process whereby the State is able to make informed decisions about which communities should be identified as "in peril" and in need of "immediate action."

Potential process:

- Winter: Collect / document information on communities to develop an analytical tool, includes rating system to help score communities and characteristics of who develops, reviews and scores. (see communities identified by agencies in Appendix A of 2009 IAWG Recommendations Report)
- Spring – Early Fall: 1-3 IAWG members conduct on the ground site visits.
- Spring – Early Fall: Analytical tool is updated to include site visit information.
- Early Fall: Convene IAWG members to contrast / compare findings, integrate with outcome of analytical tool, to assess level of threats, rank, compare and analyze infrastructure and community conditions, and make decisions on communities in peril needing immediate action or assistance with adaptation and preventing infrastructure damage.
- Early Fall: identify funding recommendations to include in Governor's Budget for upcoming fiscal year.
- Communities need to verify with resolution(s) they want assistance: From Tribe and City when both are present.