

Immediate Action Workgroup -
Executive Sub-Cabinet on Climate Change
ADEC – First Floor Conference Room – 555 Cordova
Anchorage, Alaska
October 28, 2008
10 am – 5:00 pm

Open/Welcome/Introductions

(Facilitator)

Meeting Purpose

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- To review current status of both funded projects and proposed project funding to address immediate needs in the Six Villages. (Reference – IAWG Final Report 4/17/08 - http://www.climatechange.alaska.gov/docs/iaw_rpt_17apr08.pdf)
- To identify the tasks, information and activities the IAW will need to achieve its proposed outcomes.
- Determine a workplan for the IAWG to accomplish these tasks - e.g. create a schedule and target deadlines, designate sub-groups, etc. - In order to meet its deadline.

10:15 am Agenda and Meeting Review

(Facilitator)

(Includes public comment procedures and interaction with Villages)

10:30 am Review Mission, Target Date and Membership for Immediate Action Workgroup – 2008-09

Mission: The IAWG mission is to make recommendations on projects and goals that can be accomplished in a 12-18 month timeframe for the six communities of Newtok, Shishmaref, Kivalina, Unalakleet, Shaktoolik and Koyukuk that face imminent threats of loss of life, loss of infrastructure, loss of public and private property, or health epidemics due in-part to a changing climate.

IAWG Target Date: The proposed target date for IAWG capital budget recommendations is January 23, 2009. Target dates for other IAWG tasks will need to be identified.

Membership: Confirm Membership

- Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development - Mike Black, Co-Chair
- United States Army Corps of Engineers - Patricia Opheen, Co-Chair
- Alaska Division of Homeland Security / Emergency Management - John Madden
- Department of Transportation and Public Facilities - Michael Coffey
- Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry - Chris Maisch
- Alaska Municipal League - Luke Hopkins
- Alaska Climate Impact Assessment Commission - Bob Pawlowski
- Denali Commission - George Canelos
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – Amy Holman

10:45 am Review IAWG Background

- IAWG Co-Chairs provide overview of:
 1. April 17, 2008 Report and Accomplishments
 2. Review Community Project Status
 - Local contacts/community representatives provide updates

11:00 am USACE Updates

- US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – update on Baseline Erosion Study (T. Opheen)
- USACE Authorizations and new Recommendations for FY 10 (T. Opheen)

11:45 Public Comments

Noon – Lunch Break

1:00 Detailing Community Needs (IAWG)

Begin to identify needs in the 6 communities along with next steps for projects identified in the April 17, 2008 Report (What can be achieved in the next 12 – 18 months: 7/2009 – 12/2010?)

2:00 – Develop IAWG Workplan (IAWG)

- Identify meeting topics for IAWG 2008-09 effort
- Identify meeting dates for each topic

3:00 – Public Comments

3:15 – Close/Next Steps

3:30 – Technical Presentation – Dr. Martin Fortier, ArcticNet, Canada Center of Excellence