

**Climate Change Immediate Action Workgroup Meeting
September 11, 2009 Anchorage, AK
Convened: 8:30 am**

Communities and individuals participating by phone:

Fairbanks:

Kotzebue:

Kivalina:

St. Michaels:

Nome:

Newtok:

Shishmaref: Brice Eningowuk
Fred Eningowuk (et al at Shishmaref)
Carla

Koyukuk:

Unalakleet/Shaktoolik:

Anchorage:

IAW Members

Mike Black, Co-Chair (DCCED)
Bob Pawlowski (Legislative Representative)
John Madden (DHS&EM)
Amy Holman (NOAA)
Krag Johnson (Denali Commission)

Juneau:

Mike Coffey (DOT)

Public and Agency Participants

Kolena Momberger (DEC)
Sally Russell-Cox (DCCED)
Erik O'Brien (DCCED)
Brett Walters (USACE)

Self-introductions were made.

Agenda Review:

- **Update from the Sub Cabinet** – 2 workgroups to continue: Research Needs and IAWG per Larry Hartig

IAWG will continue to exist, continue work we are doing providing information to Sub-Cabinet for short-term actions 12-18 months, recognizing fit into long term strategies.

- IAWG will review status reports from the IAWG members and communities and update/discuss the March 2009 IAWG Budgetary Recommendations – see page 8 of the Executive Summary

Review of FY10 Community Funding Recommendations to Legislature

Page 8 and 9 of the IAWG March 2009 Executive Summary

- \$500,000 for DHS&EM to continue developing Suite of Emergency Plans, Conduct Trainings, planning workshops on sub-regional basis for Northwestern and Western Alaska.
Yes, for FY11
- \$300,000 for Communities in Need of Planning to Prevent Loss of Infrastructure and/or Life through the Alaska Climate Change Impact Mitigation Program – Community Planning funded through DCCED/DCRA
Increase to \$1.1 mm for phase 2 and 3 for FY11
- \$500,000 DOT/PF Preliminary Engineering and Early coordination with the USACE to actively address Community erosion and flooding issues
Yes, for FY11
- \$180,000 Funded through Federal CIAP now available for the community of Kivalina for DNR to conduct Geologic and Hazard Mapping “Geo Tech Analysis.” DNR is the lead agency. Slow process for receiving the funds still working on grant agreements between DNR and DCCED. No other funding requests at this time.

Waiting for status report before determining funding for FY11

- \$800,000 DOT/PF for Evacuation Road and Upgrade existing road and connecting roads for community of Koyukuk. This will include conducting reconnaissance, engineering studies, preliminary engineering and environmental work and final design.
In status report from USACE include dialog why CIAP funding can be a perfect match for section 22 or 115 funding.
Yes, for FY11
- \$2.0 mm for Community of Newtok/Mekarvic leveraging more than \$5,000,000 from Federal Agencies – IRT and USACE to 1. Build Evacuation Center, 2. Finalize Road, 3. Building materials for Evacuation Road and 4. Final Design.

Newtok—did receive 2.0mm to DOT/PF, IAWG recognizes additional funding needs for the community.

1. DOT FY09 original budget of \$500,000 have 100,000 left to for cost sharing w/USACE for road design and permitting.

Draft

2. \$2.0 mil only funding available at this time is for the shelter design and barge landing. We need to have something now (FY10) so we can be ordering materials for this coming summer.

DCCED is recommending 4.0 mil for the final design and building of Evacuation

Shelter: \$2.5 mm for evacuation shelter material

\$1.5 mm for road materials/construction from barge landing to evacuation shelter

Total **\$4.0 mm addition** to the previously requested \$ 2.0mm

Critical: Need \$\$, permitting, development plans, etc to stay ahead of IRT training. Need money upfront so we have all funds to complete the project.

- \$500, 000 and \$180,000 for community of Shaktoolik
Need to have updates from DNR-DGGS prior to finalizing FY11 recommendation
- \$3mm for community of Shishmaref – need updated information to finalize FY11 recommendation, but will continue to ask for funding for construction and protection of sewage lagoon and washeteria.
- Funding from FY09 State and USACE should be sufficient to build revetment for the community of Unalakleet. Unalakleet should take lead bringing agencies together to develop funding strategies.
Funding recommendations for the Old Unalakleet High School Gym are no longer being considered and deleted due to demolition of the building.
Smitty Johnson for Unalakleet

It was also acknowledged that the budget will likely be seriously scrutinized by the Legislature.

Messages/Considerations:

- What is the role of IAWG and how will it be operating?
 - Inviting more relevant players to the table?
 - What criteria?
 - Process can we use to recommend or address actions needed?
 - Range of possibilities?
 - Direction?
 - Eye on 6 communities; expand scope to a reasonable group which could be imminently threatened.
- Need professional facilitator. Would like to have Meg King or professional facilitator.

Next Steps:

- Send official Letter asking DNR for Status Report/Updates send to Rod Combellick for CIAP funding updates and Shaktoolik
- Mike Black, John Madden will draft working papers IAWG funding recommendations to Sub-Cabinet
- Status Report/Updates from USACE - Kivalina
Contact Janet Mitchell Scope to amend the contract
Ryan Anderson about material placement, rock sources
- Status Report from USACE - Koyukuk
Evacuation Road, other section 117 projects.
Looking at options to continue projects since all section 117 projects have been stopped.

Optional funding sources such as section 22 and 115.

Status Report/Update on funding sources such as section 22.

Problem with section 115 is it will need Congressional approval to be instated. Section 22 is available now. Both have restrictions.

Clarification for CIAP funding, is this a good match with Section 22 or 115? Yes.

Coordinate with Mike Coffey (DOT) on Newtok – numbers and quantity of materials, fabric, rock, culverts, etc for 3000 ft to evacuation shelter

Provide Estimate to Mike Coffey on New road design and evacuation shelter. Should have \$\$ to contribute as a 50-50 match for EA mod.

- Status Report from USACE- Shishmaref
Will have the USACE project Manager contact IAWG Mike B or Sally Cox
Is the base 10.5 or 7.75?
No section 117 how will this change for phase III and IV? Or is this valid?
Program Manager now Andrea Eschelon (?)
- Status Report/Update from DOT
Mike Coffey update on future actions for Kivalina such as the Airport revetment project, Placement of materials
- Status Report/Update from Kawarek on Shaktoolik
Sean McNight working with Denali Commission Transportation program funding of \$55,000
Sean McNight is not Director, contact Denise Michels or Sterling

- John—anticipate being tagged with looking at or acting on some of the recommendations.
- **IAWG** members invited and encouraged to attend the Federal Executive Round Table on Climate Change at APU on September 23. Bob Pawlowski will send information to IAWG members.
- Please send thoughts/Ideas before next meeting:
 - At least 3 ideas of what we need to accomplish right now
 1. Keeping up with current work in priority communities
 2. Establishing some sort of methodology/analysis approach to id additional communities that are in imminent threat
 3. Looking at the policies and moving them farther down the road, as well as any other actions

Any other ideas?

IAWG may be tasked by Commissioner Hartig to assist with the Policy Recommendations from the Adaptation Advisory Group, please be prepared if we are.

- **Next meeting:** Friday, October 16, 2009
9 – 11:30 Atwood Building Room 1770

Mike Coffey will participate via teleconference
Please send thoughts/Ideas:

- At least 3 ideas of what we need to accomplish
 4. Keeping up with current work in priority communities
 5. Establishing some sort of methodology/analysis approach to id additional communities that are in imminent threat
 6. Looking at the policies and moving them farther down the road, as well as any other actions
 7. Any other additional ideas?
 8. Be tasked by Commissioner Hartig to assist with the Policy Recommendations from the Adaptation Advisory Group

Public Comments: None

Meeting Adjourned: 11:30 am