

# Alaska Climate Change Strategy

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## **Cross-Cutting Issues Technical Work Group** **Alaska Mitigation Advisory Group** **Teleconference Meeting Summary** **November 19, 2008**

### **Participants**

#### **TWG Participants**

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None

### **Meeting Summary**

#### **Meeting Materials**

All materials for the Cross-Cutting Issues Technical Working Group (CC TWG) are available on the CC TWG website: [http://www.akclimatechange.us/Cross\\_Cutting\\_Issues.cfm](http://www.akclimatechange.us/Cross_Cutting_Issues.cfm). For this meeting, the following materials were distributed:

- Meeting Notice and Agenda
- Response from November MAG meeting
- Preliminary Write-Ups on Priority Options

The following notes summarize the discussion highlights and identified action items for TWG members.

#### **Recap of November MAG Meeting**

The TWG reviewed the feedback that had been received at the MAG on the priority set of CC TWG options. The MAG gave recommendations for each option as the CC TWG develops the options further.

- CC-1: The MAG recommended including analysis of a voluntary reporting program and ensuring that there was no duplication with EPA. For the inventory and forecasting function, the MAG recommended eliminating “natural” emissions.

- CC-2: For setting goals for greenhouse gas emission reductions, the MAG asked for an analysis of the pros and cons of such an action.
- CC-3: The MAG had no recommendations for this option.
- CC-4: The MAG recommended expanding this option to include integration with any other Alaska resource-based strategic plans.
- CC-5: The MAG referred the option on providing incentives for greenhouse gas emission reductions to the Energy Supply and Demand TWG. The facilitators will work together to ensure that this option advances for further analysis.
- CC-6: The MAG recommended that this option should shift to elucidating the choices between many market-based solutions, including cap and trade and carbon taxes, outlining the pros and cons between each.
- CC-7: The MAG recommended that this option include ensuring that there is education on climate change at multiple education levels.

### **Next Steps**

Over the next few weeks, CC TWG members will work on filling in the draft option proposal templates for each options. At the next meeting, the CC TWG will review what has been put forth and work as a group to fill in missing pieces. Draft option proposals should be prepared for the February MAG meeting.

### **Public Comments and Announcements**

*There were no public comments during the meeting.*

### **Next Meeting**

The next CC TWG meeting is scheduled as for December 10. Members of the public can listen-in to the meeting by calling 1-800-704-9804, passcode 661 718.