

# Alaska Climate Change Strategy

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## **Cross-Cutting Issues Technical Work Group Alaska Mitigation Advisory Group Teleconference Meeting Summary January 22, 2009**

### **Participants**

#### **TWG Participants**

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#### **Facilitators**

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#### **Public Participants**

*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
- December CC TWG Meeting Summary
- Draft CC TWG Straw Option Proposals

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

#### **Discussion of Draft CC TWG Option Proposals**

The CC TWG members reviewed the current drafts of the priority CC TWG option proposals. At the February Mitigation Advisory Group meeting, Nancy Tosta will present on the current drafts of the CC TWG priority option proposals and the MAG will provide comments and feedback on

the options. Following this meeting, the Sub-Cabinet on Climate Change may also review the options from all the mitigation TWGs and provide overarching comments.

Going into the February MAG meeting, TWG facilitators have been urged to follow the provided format for straw option proposals and to keep options to three to four pages a piece at this time. For future meetings, TWGs are encouraged to develop the options more fully and provide more detail for the MAG.

- CC-1: For this option, Ross & Associates will work to shorten this option and remove text that is repeated in other options. This option also relates to CC-6, and the option lead for CC-6 will work on identifying the overlaps and complements between these two options. In presenting the options, Nancy Tosta will note to the MAG that there is a longer version of the option if they are interested in more detail.
- CC-2: The TWG decided to put in a note indicating that the recommended statewide GHG goals are the minimum that should be pursued at this time. Ross & Associates will reorganize the option into the prescribed option template.
- CC-3: The TWG indicated that they were fine advancing this option and that the matrix of early actions was helpful.
- CC-4: This option overlaps with some of the details of CC-1 and CC-2. Ross & Associates will work to shorten this option and identify the connections between the CC TWG options.
- CC-5: This TWG agreed that this option is sufficient for moving forward to the MAG, with some minor additions about other experiences with market-based systems. Following the MAG meeting, this option will be expanded with more detail about the particular study that may need to be commissioned for Alaska.
- CC-6: The option lead will identify overlaps between this option and CC-1 and emphasize that this option is about a climate change program that could coordinate many of the other options and would coordinate state climate efforts and education and outreach activities.

### **Next Steps**

Ross & Associates will work to compile revised drafts of the options prior to the next MAG meeting, and Nancy Tosta will present the options to the MAG. Any CC TWG members are welcome and encouraged to attend the MAG meeting in Anchorage.

Following the MAG meeting, Ross & Associates will schedule the next CC TWG meeting, and TWG members will review comments from the MAG and make revisions and expansions to the CC TWG documents.

### **Public Comments and Announcements**

*There were no public comments during the meeting.*

### **Next Meeting**

Following this meeting, the next CC TWG meeting was scheduled for February 19 from 9 to 11am (Alaska). Members of the public can listen-in to the meeting by calling 1-800-704-9804, passcode 661 718.