

## **Cross-Cutting Issues Technical Work Group**

### **Alaska Mitigation Advisory Group**

#### **Teleconference Meeting Summary**

**May 29, 2009**

### **Participants**

#### **TWG Participants**

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#### **Facilitators**

Lydia Dobrovolny, Ross & Associates  
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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
- April CC TWG Meeting Summary
- Updated AK CC TWG Policy Option Descriptions

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

#### **Review Feedback from May MAG Meeting**

Nancy Tosta, Ross & Associates, reviewed the feedback from the April MAG meeting.

- The May MAG meeting was added as an additional meeting and was a teleconference meeting. In the abbreviated time, the CC TWG had presented some updated information on CC-2 and CC-6 for feedback.
- For setting state goals on GHG emission reductions, there are many varied views among MAG members. The CC TWG decided that the group would recommend stringent goals at the final MAG meeting for review. The goals recommended by the CC TWG are that Alaska begin to reduce emissions in 2012, reduce them 20% below 1990 levels by 2020

and by 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. The 2050 goal is recommended by the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

- Based on MAG reaction, CC-6 (Alaska Coordination on Climate Activities) has been written more generally. Rather than establishing a state agency, the recommended CC TWG option leaves the implementation mechanism open – it could be a designated staff member, committee from within the Subcabinet on Climate Change, or some other body.

#### **Next Steps for CC TWG Options**

- Ross & Associates will revise CC-2 to incorporate the recommended goals and send out to the CC TWG members for a final “fatal flaw” review.
- Ross & Associates will also be drafting a chapter that will summarize the CC TWG options for the final Alaska Climate Change Strategy. A draft version will be sent around following the June MAG meeting for review by the CC TWG.

#### **Public Comments and Announcements**

*There were no public comments during the meeting.*

#### **Next Meeting**

No meeting has been schedule for the CC TWG. If a meeting to review final materials is needed, Ross & Associates will contact CC TWG members to identify the best time.