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**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**ALASKA CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION ADVISORY GROUP**  
**Forestry, Agriculture, and Waste Management Technical Work Group**  
**(FAW TWG)**

Call #2, June 24, 2008, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

**Attendance:**

1. Technical Working Group members:  
Doug Buteyn, Jeff Riley, Rick Harris (represented by Ron Wolfe), Charles Knight, Ron Wolfe, Rick Rogers
2. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) staff:  
Steve Roe (steve.roe@pechan.com), Brad Strobe (brad.strobe@pechan.com)
3. Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Observers: Alice Edwards, Jackie Poston.
4. Public Attendees: None.

**Background documents:**

(all posted at [http://www.akclimatechange.us/Agriculture\\_Forestry\\_Waste.cfm](http://www.akclimatechange.us/Agriculture_Forestry_Waste.cfm))

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda
2. PowerPoint for Teleconference.
3. AFW Draft Catalog of State Actions.
4. AFW State Actions Descriptions.

**Discussion items and key issues:**

This was the second conference call of the FAW TWG.

1. Steve Roe called the meeting to order, completed the roll call and reviewed the agenda and plans for the call.
2. CCS gave an overview of the process and identified the TWG's current location on the 10-step Stepwise Planning Process.
3. CCS reviewed the summary from Call #1 and asked if the TWG had any further input that should be included in the call summary. Hearing none, the summary will be considered final.

4. CCS provided an overview of the goals for the next CCMAG meeting, which takes place on July 15. The advisory group will be approving the list of actions included in the catalog during this meeting.
5. CCS discussed the next steps for the TWG. The TWG must have the completed catalog by July 8 for discussion at the next CCMAG meeting. After the CCMAG meeting, the FAW TWG will incorporate comments from the CCMAG, fill in nominal ratings for GHG reductions and costs, and establish a set of priorities from this catalog for further analysis.
6. The next portion of the call focused on the FAW Catalog of State Actions, which is posted on the FAW website. CCS briefly explained each catalog item, identifying mechanisms, technologies, and past experiences related to the items. The following discussion points were raised by the TWG:
  - a. A TWG member suggested that the catalog should include some sort of credit or incentive for the increased use of wood products, citing CORRIM research that shows wood to be a preferable building product, from a GHG standpoint. CCS suggested that this could fit in with FAW-1.5, although the TWG members are encouraged to suggest changes to the option titles and descriptions, or suggest the removal or addition of options to make the Catalog best fit the needs of Alaska.
  - b. It was proposed that FAW-3.3 should be moved to 2.7. This change was accepted by the Group.
  - c. A TWG member raised the issue of forest carbon being deposited into the ocean through rivers and streams, creating a long-term sink at the bottom of oceans. This is an area of ongoing research in Alaska. CCS invited the TWG to provide more input on this issue and bring up discussion at a further meeting as to how this issue should be included in the Inventory and Forecast. It currently is not covered in the Forestry appendix (current version is available on the FAW website)
  - d. A TWG member suggested that the principle covered by FAW-8.3 for local food production also applies to forestry. A local forestry products option was inserted as the new FAW-3.3: Promotion of In-state Forestry Products.
  - e. A TWG member suggested adding an option under FAW-11.6 that pertains to the use of WWTP biosolids to offset fossil-derived fertilizers.
7. CCS turned the discussion to the Draft AK Inventory and Forecast (I&F) appendices posted on the website. Responding to a general question, CCS explained that the I&F focuses on direct emissions within each sector. However, the indirect reductions associated with policy actions identified as priorities by the TWG would also be counted (i.e. for many FAW actions, reductions actually occur in the other sectors of the inventory related to energy consumption – electricity supply, residential/commercial/industrial fuel use, and transportation). A TWG member raised a question regarding the potential for GHG reductions from landfills, and how the costs could be calculated. CCS replied with a quick overview of the typical quantification methods, including the use of EPA’s Waste Reduction Model (WARM) to estimate the

life-cycle emission reductions due to recycling, composting, and source reduction in addition to emission reductions that occur at the landfill/waste combustor.

8. Due to time constraints, it was not possible to conduct an in-depth discussion of the I&F appendices. CCS requested TWG members to review the appendices posted online in order to facilitate a detailed discussion during the next meeting.
9. CCS discussed the agenda and time for the next meeting. The TWG will review the CCMAG changes to the catalog and begin to input nominal ratings for the options. The next TWG call will be scheduled after the July 15 CCMAG meeting. CCS will use an online tool to poll the TWG on preferred meeting times and dates going forward.
10. The TWG members are asked to provide any further missing actions to the catalog to Brad Strobe by June 30 and review the Draft AK GHG I&F (in particular the agriculture, forestry and waste management appendices posted to the FAW web page).
11. Input from the public was solicited by CCS. No members of the public were present on the call.

**Next steps and agreements:**

1. The next TWG meeting will be determined after receiving input on available dates from an email to be sent out by Brad Strobe by next week.
2. TWG members should review at least the FAW appendices of the GHG Inventory & Forecast Report, so that issues can be discussed on the next call (available on the FAW web page).