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

Call #5, October 1, 2008, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Attendance:

1. Technical Working Group members:
Doug Buteyn, Charles Knight, Donna Mears, Rick Rogers, Ron Wolfe, Kathie Wasserman
2. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) staff:
Steve Roe (steve.roe@pechan.com), Brad Strode (brad.strode@pechan.com)
3. Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Observers: 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. Summary of Conference Call #4
2. Meeting Notice and Agenda
3. PowerPoint for Teleconference.
4. FAW Straw Proposal Template

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the fifth 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 reviewed the summary from Call #4 and asked if the TWG had any further input that should be included in the call summary. CCS and the TWG discussed discussion from item 4(b), with CCS clarifying their understanding of the Group's decision on that item.
3. CCS gave an overview of the process and identified the TWG's current location on the 10-step Stepwise Planning Process.

4. CCS discussed the next steps for the TWG. The TWG will review the results of the balloting process and finalize the priorities that will be presented to the CCMAG. After the third CCMAG meeting, the TWG will begin developing straw proposals.
5. TWG members whose ballots were not counted in the first balloting process were given a chance to verbally respond to the high priority options posted for this call. Three of the four members who had not initially completed ballots verbally agreed to the balloting results.
6. CCS reviewed the key comment from the Mitigation Advisory Group. The MAG suggested that the TWG consider whether or not the TWG has sufficient resources to fully develop all five high priorities for development. Members who attended the September 22 MAG meeting indicated that the MAG intended the TWG to pair the list of priorities down from the original list.
7. A TWG member suggested combining options FAW-5 and FAW-3 to create one option. CCS also asked the TWG to explore where opportunities exist to expand the use of new, used, and recycled wood products under FAW-4. The TWG decided that FAW-4 could be removed, although the group agrees with this option on a philosophical basis.
8. CCS explained the Straw Proposal process. The straw proposals consist of a policy description and policy design. CCS explained the contents of these elements in detail. CCS and the TWG discussed the motivation for the option development that will be undertaken by the TWG. The TWG is tasked with developing policy options that have the potential to reduce GHG emissions while proposing implementation that can lead to reduced cost or potential cost savings to society.
9. CCS reviewed some of the examples in the Straw Proposal Template that is posted on the AK FAW TWG webpage. CCS solicited volunteers for the further development of the AK FAW straw proposals. The volunteer list and contact information will be sent to the TWG via e-mail.
10. CCS used the remaining time on the call to allow a detailed discussion on the Inventory and forecast for the Forestry, Agriculture, and Waste Management sectors. A TWG member had submitted comments on the Waste Management Sector I&F. CCS passed these comments on to the TWG via e-mail and asked the TWG if there were any comments on this information. CCS received approval from the TWG to make the suggested changes to the Waste Management Appendix of the I&F and submit it to the MAG for approval.
11. Input from the public was solicited by CCS. No members of the public were present.
12. CCS discussed the agenda and time for the next meeting. CCS will be in contact with DEC to set the date of the next meeting, whether it is face-to-face or otherwise.

Next steps and agreements:

1. CCS will announce the date for the next TWG meeting in the days following this meeting.

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).
3. Below is a table which includes the TWG volunteers for each option. The volunteers should meet before the next meeting to devise preliminary straw proposals to present to the Group for discussion. **Group leaders are in bold.**

Revised Option #	Draft Policy Option Name	Straw Proposal Volunteers
FAW-1	Forest Management Strategies for Carbon Sequestration	Ron Wolfe, Rick Rogers, Chris Maisch
FAW-2	Expanded Use of Biomass Feedstocks for Energy Production	Charles Knight, Ron Wolfe , Rick Rogers
FAW-3	Advanced Waste Reduction and Recycling	Donna Mears, Kathie Wasserman, Doug Buteyn , Charles Knight