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

Call #6, November 5, 2008, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Attendance:

1. Technical Working Group members:
Doug Buteyn, Steve Gilbert, Chris Maisch, Donna Mears, Ron Wolfe, Jeff Riley,
Rick Harris
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: None.
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 #5
2. Meeting Notice and Agenda
3. PowerPoint for Teleconference.
4. FAW Straw Proposal Template
5. Quantification Memo - Example

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the sixth meeting of the FAW TWG. The meeting was held in person in Anchorage. Members of the public and TWG members were able to call in via telephone.

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 #5 and asked if the TWG had any further input that should be included in the call summary. No changes to the Call #5 Summary were proposed.
3. CCS gave an overview of the process and identified the TWG's current location on the 10-step Stepwise Planning Process.

4. CCS explained the changes made to the Waste Management section of the AK Inventory and Forecast (I&F). These changes were based on input from TWG members. The resulting projection from GHG emissions from the Waste Management sector was a factor of two lower than the original projection. Based on the TWG input, the Anchorage Regional Landfill will be moved from the Flared category to LFGTE in 2015.
5. A TWG member requested time to address the Forestry I&F. CCS briefly explained the methods and data sources used for this I&F. A discussion was held about the concept of AK's boreal forest being treated as an unmanaged forest, and hence a non-anthropogenic source/sink of carbon. The TWG member felt that some fire suppression management does occur in the state and mentioned that there is a forest management plan in place that covers all AK forests; hence, the forest should be considered a managed forest. While estimates on both managed (coastal) and non-managed (boreal) forests are presented in the inventory, including the total of all forest carbon flux in the inventory will greatly change the overall forest sector and total state emissions. Another key issue raised involved the soil carbon assumption for permafrost areas. CCS does not believe that these were included in the UAF modeling upon which the inventory is based; however this needs to be verified. CCS and the TWG member will follow up off-line to discuss recommended changes to the inventory.
6. CCS discussed the next steps for the TWG. The TWG will review the preliminary straw proposals for presentation to the CCMAG. CCS will follow up on comments on the Waste and Forestry I&F Appendices and prepare changes that will be presented in a future meeting.
7. 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.
8. CCS reviewed the straw proposals submitted thus far in the Straw Proposal Template that is posted on the AK FAW TWG webpage. CCS will go through the document and make changes, as necessary, at the meeting.
9. CCS asked the FAW-2 Straw Proposal sub-group leader to present the current straw proposal. The TWG was given time to comment on this preliminary straw proposal. Changes were made in real-time at the meeting.
10. AK DEC Commissioner Larry Hartig visited the TWG meeting and was introduced by Jackie Poston. The TWG took a break for lunch. After lunch, discussion of FAW-2 resumed. The goals decided upon by the TWG will be included in the next version of the Straw Proposal Template to be posted on the Group's webpage and presented to the CCMAG during their meeting the next day.
11. CCS asked the FAW-3 Straw Proposal sub-group leader to present the current FAW-3 straw proposal. The TWG was given time to comment on this preliminary straw proposal. Changes were made in real-time at the meeting. This proposal will also be presented to the CCMAG.

12. CCS reviewed an example of a Quantification Assumptions Memo from a previous CCS state process. This document will serve to present common assumptions used throughout the quantification of the FAW options. The TWG discussed potential data sources from which information may be found to populate the Quantification Memo.
13. The TWG was unable to provide the Straw Proposal for FAW-1 due to technical difficulties. The TWG discussed this option in general terms, identifying facets of this option with strong potential for GHG mitigation. The TWG will continue to revise this proposal and have it ready for review by the CCMAG during their next meeting.
14. Input from the public was solicited by CCS. No members of the public were present.
15. CCS discussed the agenda and time for the next meeting. CCS proposed moving the next meeting from November 19 to November 18. Brad Strode will follow up with the Group to determine whether this new date is acceptable.

Next steps and agreements:

1. CCS will announce the date for the next TWG meeting in the days following this meeting.
2. 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