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

Call #8, December 17, 2008, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

**Attendance:**

1. Technical Working Group members:  
Doug Buteyn, Charles Knight, Donna Mears, 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: 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 #7
2. Meeting Notice and Agenda
3. PowerPoint for Teleconference.
4. FAW Straw Proposal Template
5. FAW Quantification Memo

**Discussion items and key issues:**

This was the eighth meeting 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 #7 and asked if the TWG had any further input that should be included in the call summary. No changes to the Call #7 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. After the TWG has had the opportunity to review and discuss the final Straw Proposal Template, the CCMAG will review the straw proposals and give the TWG the mandate to proceed with quantification of the policy recommendations.
5. CCS discussed the ongoing process of updating the GHG I&F with input from the TWG on the forestry issues brought up in past meetings. CCS will work with TWG members off-line, but encourages input from the TWG during the call on these matters.
6. The next step for the FAW TWG is the quantification phase, where the TWG will support CCS to develop quantitative GHG benefit and cost-effectiveness estimates for each recommendation. CCS has completed a draft quantification memo that outlines common assumptions, methods, and parameters that will be used in the quantification of the recommendations. The TWG sub-groups will be responsible for submitting text for other sections of the template, including “Implementation Mechanisms” and “Related Policies / Programs in Place” sections. This work will be completed off-line. The TWG will aim to have draft quantifications complete for the next MAG meeting on February 5.
7. The straw proposal for FAW-1 was submitted prior to today’s meeting. One of the sub-group members presented the straw proposal to the group. The end date of the planning period was changed from 2020 to 2025 for each goal. The goal for Boreal Forest Reforestation for the year 2025 was set at 25% of high site class lands. CCS will work off-line with forestry sub-group to gather data and produce a plan for quantitative analysis of this recommendation.
8. CCS requested input from the TWG on FAW-2 regarding increasing the current 2020 goals for a 2025 target. As the current goals are based on best guesses of technical potential, the TWG decided not to change the goals, pending further analysis.
9. CCS quickly reviewed data gathered thus far for FAW-3. CCS will continue to work off-line with TWG members to assure that the information available is gathered and understood.
10. CCS presented the Draft Quantification Memo to the TWG. A major part of this Memo, as it relates to the FAW TWG is the Biomass Supply table. CCS had inserted preliminary numbers from an NREL report and encouraged TWG members to provide numbers that are more appropriate based on local resource studies. CCS would like to receive input on this document by early January.
11. CCS reviewed the updates to the I&F, which were based on the extension of the planning period from 2020 to 2025 and the change of the Anchorage Regional Landfill from the “Flared” to “LFGTE” category in 2015. CCS is still attempting to work with the forestry sub-group members to refine the forestry I&F.
12. A TWG member requested that the goals be clarified to reflect whether the individual goals are cumulative or incremental to the baseline.
13. CCS discussed the next steps for the TWG. The TWG and CCS will work off-line to complete changes to the Forestry I&F. CCS will incorporate TWG comments on the Straw Proposals and submit the full set of straw proposals to the MAG.
14. A work group member expressed concern over the date and time for the next meeting. CCS tries to work to assure as many members will be able to attend as possible. If it is

clear that many members will have to miss a particular meeting, CCS will attempt to reschedule, although it is preferable to hold all meetings as originally scheduled, if possible.

15. CCS requested that TWG members begin drafting language to fill the additional sections in the Template, especially the “Implementation Mechanisms.”

16. Input from the public was solicited by CCS. No members of the public were present.

**Next steps and agreements:**

1. The next meeting of the FAW TWG is January 14, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Alaskan time.
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.**

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