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

Call #10, February 18, 2009, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Attendance:

1. Technical Working Group members:
Doug Buteyn, Donna Mears, Rick Rogers, Chris Maisch
2. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) staff:
Steve Roe (steve.roe@pechan.com), Brad Strode (brad.strode@pechan.com), Jackson Schreiber (jackson.schreiber@pechan.com)
3. Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Observers: Jackie Poston
4. Public Attendees: Erin Uloth, United States Forest Service

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 #9
2. Meeting Notice and Agenda
3. PowerPoint for Teleconference
4. FAW Policy Options Document

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the tenth 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 #9 and asked if the TWG had any further input that should be included in the call summary. No changes to the Call #9 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. The next steps for the TWG include proceeding with the quantitative analysis of options FAW-1, FAW-2, and FAW-3. CCS will continue to work with the TWG on data sources and methods used to achieve these results. A TWG member quickly reviewed comments made off-line regarding the FAW-3 quantification. CCS will go through work done thus far on FAW-1 and FAW-2 during this call. Regarding work that has been queued up for the Inventory and Forecast, CCS announced that the following items will need to be added to the Research Needs Work Group (RNWG) list of items: 1) future soil carbon losses in melting permafrost; and 2. the treatment of the boreal forest as a non-anthropogenic source,. Treatment of these topics is beyond the level of resources available to this TWG. The waste management I&F will be updated based on new input from TWG members.
5. CCS provided an update on the status of the FAW-1 quantification. The FAW-1 analysis performed to-date has not yet been entered into the Policy Options Document (POD). CCS has identified a report that has helped set the baseline for coastal forest thinning. CCS will work off-line with the FAW-1 sub-group to identify the most accurate baseline data. Further discussion touched on the definitions of pre-commercial thinning and commercial thinning. Ms. Uloth suggested some changes in definitions used in the POD, which will be provided to CCS and included in the next iteration of the POD. CCS plans to have the POD up-to-date in the next week or two.
6. Chris Maisch, a member of the RNWG and FAW TWG, provided the TWG with an update on the RNWG as it relates to the FAW TWG. The RNWG template will be sent around to allow TWG members to provide recommendations for topics which require more research beyond the scope of the FAW TWG.
7. CCS began a more in-depth look at the POD, including the Summary Table, Biomass Supply and Demand Table, and the documentation to date for quantification. As FAW-1 and FAW-3 had already been addressed in this call, CCS began a short review of preliminary quantification for FAW-2.
8. CCS requested that TWG members provide CCS with text for various sections needed to fill out the POD. The most vital section that needs to be filled is the Implementation Mechanisms section. For FAW-1, text should be sent to Steve Roe (steve.roe@pechan.com). For FAW-2, text should be sent to Jackson Schreiber (jackson.schreiber@pechan.com). For FAW-3, text should be sent to Brad Strobe (brad.strobe@pechan.com).
9. CCS continued the review of FAW-2. The TWG stressed the difficulty in assigning a single biomass feedstock cost in Alaska, as transportation costs can vary significantly. CCS noted that revisions were already underway in the biomass supply and demand forecast section at the front of the POD which will include information on delivered costs of biomass. TWG members also suggested consulting a new AK Energy Authority report to see if relevant information on biomass supply and costs are available. CCS also requested feedback from the TWG regarding the general approach used. The TWG is encouraged to provide this feedback off-line by sending an e-mail to Jackson Schreiber.
10. CCS gave the TWG an opportunity to comment on FAW-3. Any comments on the first draft should be sent in to Brad Strobe by February 20.

11. CCS reiterated that TWG members are expected to fill in the Implementation Mechanisms, Related Programs and Policies in Place, Key Uncertainties, Additional Benefits and Costs, and Feasibility Issues sections. CCS suggested that TWG members review policy options developed in other states as a source of initial ideas on the text for these sections.
12. CCS discussed the next steps for the TWG. The TWG and CCS will work off-line to complete changes to the Waste I&F, if needed (see point above about the inclusion of forestry I&F issues in the research needs list). CCS will continue to quantify the recommendations in the Policy Options Document.
13. Input from the public was solicited by CCS. No members of the public were on the call.
14. Some members expressed difficulty with the next meeting date. CCS will try to hold the meeting as-scheduled. CCS will work with TWG members off-line to complete work on the draft POD and solicit review and input on the quantification.

Next steps and agreements:

1. The next meeting of the FAW TWG is March 18, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Alaskan time.
2. TWG members should work to submit text for the following sections: Implementation Mechanisms, Related Programs and Policies in Place, Key Uncertainties, Additional Benefits and Costs, and Feasibility Issues. Submit this material directly to Steve Roe for FAW-1, to Jackson Schreiber for FAW-2 (jackson.schreiber@pechan.com), and to Brad Strode for FAW-3 (brad.strode@pechan.com).
3. Below is a table which includes the TWG volunteers for each option. The volunteers should meet communicate off-line to draft and review text for inclusion into the POD prior to submittal to CCS. This material will then be presented to the Group for discussion during the next call. **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