

Habitat Science and Management Coordination Meeting
September 28-29, 2010

Alaska Region, Habitat Conservation Division
Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Habitat and Ecological Processes Research Program

Agenda

Goals:

- 1) Improve AFSC habitat researchers' understanding of HCD activities and information needs
- 2) Improve HCD staff's understanding of AFSC habitat research activities and processes
- 3) Identify HCD information needs for habitat management
- 4) Examine the alignment between AFSC habitat research and HCD information needs
- 5) Identify opportunities for improved coordination and collaboration

Tuesday September 28

- 8:30 - 8:40 Welcome and Introductions (Sigler, Kurland)
- 8:40 - 9:00 Background (Kurland, Sigler)
- National context: Habitat Assessment Improvement Plan, National Habitat Assessment Workshop
 - Overview of current AFSC/AKR processes for coordinating habitat science and management: things that work well and opportunities for improvement
- 9:00 - 10:00 HCD 101 (Kurland)
- Presentation and discussion regarding HCD's structure, staffing, major activities, and the ways HCD uses habitat science to fulfill its management responsibilities (environmental review and consultations with other agencies, habitat aspects of fishery management, habitat restoration, watershed planning and partnerships, etc.)
- 10:00 - 10:15 Break
- 10:15 - 12:00 Habitat Science at AFSC (Sigler)
- Overview of current and planned habitat research projects
 - Research related to climate change
 - AFSC's process for identifying and funding new habitat research projects via internal and external sources
 - Other prospective sources of funding for habitat research
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (order in)
- 1:00 - 1:45 HCD's Habitat Science and Information Needs (Katharine Miller)
- What types of information does HCD need? Presentation of HCD's draft list
 - Discussion and refinement based on AFSC feedback

- 1:45 - 3:00 Alignment Between HCD's Information Needs and AFSC's Habitat Research: How well is current AFSC habitat research addressing management needs? (Kurland, Sigler)
- Examples of good alignment and support, and identification of unmet needs
 - Coastal / Nearshore
 - Offshore
 - To what extent has the EFH Research Plan helped set priorities?
- 3:00 - 3:15 Break
- 3:15 - 4:30 Alignment Between HCD Needs and AFSC Habitat Research (continued)
- What else could we do to improve the linkages between AFSC habitat research and HCD's information needs?
- 4:30 Adjourn
- 6:30 Dinner at Kurland's house – everyone's invited!

Wednesday September 29

- 8:30 - 10:00 Updating the EFH Research Plan (Sigler)
- Review of the FY2007-11 EFH Research Plan
 - Discuss general research approach/framework
 - Identify aspects of the plan that could be improved
 - Determine major steps, process, and timeline for updating the research plan
- 10:00 - 10:15 Break
- 10:15 - 11:30 Accessibility of Data and Research Findings (Sigler)
- Existing processes for AFSC to make habitat research results available to users (peer reviewed journals, reports, other)
 - Opportunities for improvement: ways to make habitat research results more accessible to HCD
- 11:30 - 12:30 Lunch (order in)
- 12:30 - 3:30 Opportunities for Collaboration (Kurland)
- Examples of recent successful HCD-AFSC collaboration
 - List some things we've done together that have gone really well
 - What did "success" look like?
 - What made it successful?
 - Ideas for new opportunities to work together
 - Future meetings: biennially?
 - List next steps and develop action plan
- 3:30 Adjourn