Alaska Marine Science and Fisheries Careers Coalition  
Steering Committee Meeting – February 18, 2010

**Draft Meeting Notes:**

Steering Committee Members attending:
Paula Cullenberg, Acting Director, Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program
Rose Fosdick, Vice President, Natural Resources Division, Kawerak Inc.
Mike Miller, Sitka Tribe
Glenn Seaman
Stefanie Benca, VISTA Volunteer, AMSFCC Coordinator

Not attending:
Debbie Hart, ADF&G Fish & Wildlife Careers for Alaskans Program
Barbara Morgan, UAS Fisheries Technology Program
Ida Hildebrand, Tribal Natural Resource Program Director, Chugach Regional Resources Commission
Sue Leatherbery, Lower Kuskokwim School District
Beth Spangler, ANSEP Biological Sciences
Ginny Eckert, Associate Professor, UAF School of Fisheries & Ocean Sciences

*The purpose of this meeting was to debrief from the 2010 Alaska Forum on the Environment where AMSFCC hosted a plenary session. Notes from that meeting was circulated via e-mail. Please e-mail Stefanie at stefanie.benca@gmail.com if you need another copy.

**General:**

1. There were about twenty people in attendance at the meeting. It was very productive and useful. There were seven (7) action items set forth for the Coalition for the year. These include: MS109 letter, distance learning, memorandum between partners, regional champions, measures of success, tracking students, and increasing traditional knowledge (details included in a separate document).

2. MS109 – Paula will draft up a letter for NOAA. The Coalition will offer to facilitate a meeting with NOAA to discuss how the $500K should be allocated. The meeting will be in March or early April. **Action Item: Paula will circulate a draft letter by Tuesday (02/23) and Steering Committee members will give prompt feedback.** Please send her thoughts on what the major points should be.

3. Rose suggested that NOAA bring a legal staff to join the meeting. Also, this meeting would be a great place to talk about the process and criteria used to allocate the money (then perhaps the Coalition can better propose how to spend the money). **The initial letter will only offer meeting facilitation.**

4. Mike will ask Pete Jones next week about NOAA’s relation with Rural CAP and their idea of educational outreach in regards to this money.
5. Todd Radenbaugh (UAF – Bristol Bay), Keith van den Breek (Native Village of Eyak), Katie Murra Straub (UAF – SFOS), and Candice Bressler (ADF&G) will be asked to join the Steering Committee.

6. The meeting was cut short due to low attendance. Please read over the AFE meeting notes and send updates/corrections to Stefanie. Any material or updates for the Future Alaskans in Fisheries & Marine Sciences website (http://www.sfos.uaf.edu/future/index.html) is appreciated as well!

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 10th at 1:30pm