AMSFCC Steering Committee Meeting notes – 4/29/11

Here is a short recap from today’s meeting

Today’s meeting attendees: Paula Cullenberg, Asia Beder, Beverly Bradley, Rose Fosdick, Mike Miller, Lisa Busch, Ginny Eckert, Sarah Arntson, Barbara Morgan, Bonita Nelson

Meeting Topics/Tasks:

1. Greeting and updates from Steering Committee members
   - Rose:
     - Getting ready for the North Pacific Fishery Management meeting coming up in June
     - Still looking to fill marine biologist position in Nome
       - Wanting someone with a master’s in the natural sciences and experience in management
       - Any suggestions on where to post?
   - Sarah:
     - Summer internships that were posted in February are all filled for ADF&G
       - Were able to hire out of state this year
       - Had over 300 applications for 16 positions
       - Had some Alaskan students who go to school out of state fill the positions and some ANSEP students
     - Working on system to track interns afterward
     - Interns can get school credit if they want it
     - Supervisors were worked with and had to create a training plan before the interns were even hired
     - Working on being able to use social media to broadcast what is going on in the future
   - Barbara:
     - Last day at UAS/UAF but still plans on being active with the coalition
     - Will be doing a naturalist job this summer
   - Lisa:
     - Excited for their intern that is being funded by the coalition ($4,000)
       - Candidate is from Sitka, studying marine science, and has volunteered with the Sitka Sound Science Center in the past
     - Received NOAA grant to help with sperm whale and longline gear research
   - Mike:
     - Sea Alaska curriculum with focus on science and math
       - Being used in some schools
       - Looking for feedback
       - Will send out more specific information to the coalition
     - Provided 360 scholarships for this year
     - Recruitment of students to study archeology in Alaska
       - Currently most research requires people to hire out of state
   - Ginny
     - Working on recruiting for the BA & BS in fisheries
     - Providing two undergrad $7,000 scholarships
     - Grad school
       - Have two Alaskans students one working on masters other on PhD
       - Native American also starting work on PhD in fisheries
Coalition internship
- Funding a Native Alaskan who will be entering grad school this fall
- Have Marine Science High School Camp coming up
- Hosted Workshop March 22-24th
  - 80 graduate and undergrad students attended
  - Included board of Native Alaskan leaders
  - Ginny will send more information and include a link to the website

Bonita:
- Working on Sea Week activities
- Middle School Summer Camp taking place May 6th-13th
- Attending AFS meeting in Seattle to share information about how to use contract labor

Asia:
- Website and blog have stat counters on them
  - As of March 15th Google analytics is keeping track of visitors on the Future website – this is our second stat counter on the site
  - All stats show growing trend of people checking out blog and website
  - Last month internships and summer opportunities have been the most visited
  - Let Asia know if you would like more details
- Future Website:
  - Added youth opportunities link on the home page (will eventually become a separate page)
- Blog
  - Now following a blog called “Bristol Bay Fish Talk” created by a MAP agent Izetta Chambers
  - If you have a blog or something you want posted on the coalition blog please let Asia know
- Volunteering:
  - Helping with the Salmon Celebration in Anchorage May 6th
  - Dillingham Sea Week May 9th-13th
  - Salmon Camp July 28th – Aug. 2nd
  - Also looking at possibility helping out in Sitka for a summer camp and an ADF&G conservation camp in Anchorage.
- WE NEED!
  - New Pictures for the blog and website
  - Information on youth opportunities for website
  - Information on grants for educators for website

2. MSA Sec 109
- We briefly discussed writing a letter to Jim Balsiger and Senators Mark Begich and Lisa Murkowski
  - Paula will develop draft and send out to steering committee