

CEMP Partnership Business Meeting
February 13, 2004
Egan Center—Suite 7 & 8

Participants: Lindsay Winkler (Homer SW&CD), Sue Mauger, Dale Banks, and Joel Cooper, (Cook Inlet Keeper); Jennifer McGill (NAFWS--Chickaloon); Lynn Fuller (Mat-Su Borough); Holly Kent and Terri Lomax (Anchorage Waterways Council), Dan Bogan (ENRI/UAA), Lisa Ferber (Alaska Soil and Water Conservation District), Shawna Trumblee Moser and Karen Stickman (NAFWS), Karen Holzler, St. Paul Stewardship Program.

Facilitator: Meg King, Resource Solutions/UAA

Assessment of Volunteer Data Obtained for Anchorage Streams

Alaska Pacific University intern Shayla Swedlund presented on a study she and intern Melissa Mayer, under the direction of APU Professor Rusty Meyers, conducted. This study was of a quality assurance check on volunteer methods and kits. They found no significant differences in volunteer readings and technical readings when using AWC CEMP methods. However, when comparing AWC kit results with analytical data they found turbidity and Hanna combo results to be statistically different, but kit measurements did fall within data quality objectives for each of the instruments. All other methods were compared with analytical data and APU interns found no significant differences in measurements.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Review and Changes

- Modifications were made to clarify the wording of the MOU.
- Consistency in wording and capitalization was recognized as important.
- Changes were agreed on to make the MOU more applicable to the organizations' needs and constituents, e.g., what's needed for a non-profit such as SWCD, may be different than for a local government such as the Mat- Su Borough, or Tribal organizations.

Action Steps Needed to Sign MOU

- Revisions will be made five years from the date of the document (from the date the last partner signed). Date and/or revision number will be designated on the document.
- People who can sign the MOU now, will. Those who can't, will take it to their organizations for approval and a special meeting of the partnership will be called when they are able to sign. The MOU will be modified at that time.
- Goal is to have as many partners sign the MOU at the February 19-20, 2004 training as possible, making the MOU effective immediately.
- Based on today's conversation, Lindsay will make revisions and send it out by Tuesday, February 17. Feedback deadline will be the afternoon of February 18. AWC and ENRI will sign it on Wednesday, February 18 in Anchorage, and D. Bogan will bring it to the training. Those attending the training will sign the MOU on February 19-20.

Future of the CEMPP Conference

- Collapse what has been a two-day conference into one day (the first day). Discussions should focus on issues, presentations, business meeting, and new methods. The second day should be used to conduct re-certification training. There should no longer be a need to expend much time on the MOU and QAPP.
- Prefer not to hold the conference on a Saturday.
- Lindsay will explore the timing for the conference.
- Prefer to not have the conference at the Forum on the Environment. It may be important to have it around the same time when people from the villages will be in town. This would be important for scheduling recertification training for them. Scheduling and space will need to be figured out.
- Several options for holding the recertification training would be good to identify. Holding the training at the Forum is not possible, as lab space is needed.

NAFWS Trainings

Karen Stickman and Shawna Trumblee Moser presented an overview of the citizens/tribal training NAFWS offers. The presentation provided a basis for talking about the similarities of the efforts and possible partnerships.

Brainstorming CEMP-NAFWS Possible Partnership

- **Similar Challenges**
 - Lack of Funding
 - Technical Support
 - Annual Quality Assurance Recertification Training
 - Turnover in Volunteer and Village Environmental Staff
 - Lack of Support from State and Federal Agencies
- **Similar Goals**
 - Not to duplicate efforts, but to advance stewardship and bring diverse groups together to collaborate
 - Looking Forward: Partnerships could be based on CEMPP Monitoring MOU, Regional CI Tribes, and network benefits (e.g., NAFWS provides training, and could also provide information about other watershed efforts and CEMPP, maximize CEMPP-area Tribes and NAFWS resources)
 - CEMPP and NAFWS are already sharing resources, techniques and methodologies
 - Need to build greater technical support capacity (#1 priority need when seeking funding)

Action Plan

- CEMP- NAFWS Draft MOU. Karen has a model MOU and will work with Lindsay (needs to be different than the CEMPP monitoring MOU)
- Training goal is to work something out for next year (Feb.05), and to determine if CEMPP and NAFWS trainings --or parts of-- can be interchanged. (Dan Bogan, Karen, Joel, and Terri will work on this.) How can training programs effectively work together? (Re-certification may have the most potential)

- Explore conducting Tribal Recertification in conjunction with the Forum—IGAP Training (and volunteer training; need to cover why the two use different techniques, such as looking for different things)
- Funding development for partnership and individual partners, including potential endowments (Lindsay will take the lead.)
 - Expand who you are talking with regarding funding and activities and build relationships
 - On March 9-10 a meeting sponsored by GEM/EVOS is being held, which is a potential funder for the CEMPP. CIK will be attending and Shawna with NAFWS will likely go. (Request: Put announcement about this meeting on CIK's List Serve to Tribes.)
 - CEMPP needs to develop a funding plan

Annual Report Review

- Each partner should report the same items for 2003 (number of active sites, number of observations, number of volunteers trained, number of active monitors, hours of contribution, volunteer time expressed in dollars)
- Pictures are needed—get these to Lindsay as soon as possible
- Describe types of monitoring being conducted (i.e., bioassessment, chemical, wetland)
- Create a matrix with the parameters measured by each partner
- NAFWS/Chickaloon will be included in the Annual Report if they want to be (data, description, status in development process)
- Add a statement that the MOU is in the process of being signed in the Introduction section of the review (link brochures statement into the report)
- Mid-March is the goal for final and draft list of distribution for the report
- Graphic assistance for the cover was offered by Resource Solutions, as well as gathering information from other groups
- Lindsay will send everyone a CD with a copy of the pdf report

Adjourn: End of 2004 Annual Partnership Meeting