

## **Polar Bear Conservation/Recovery Planning Agenda**

October 29, 2010 8:30am-5:00pm

Hotel Captain Cook

Endeavor Room

### **Meeting Objectives**

1. Describe the background and process of the development of the Plan.
2. Refine our collective understanding of the threats to polar bears and develop strategies to mitigate those threats.
3. Solicit input and collaboration from our partners in polar bear conservation in the early stages of the development of the Plan.
  - a. Collect information about our partners' concerns and/or goals regarding the Plan.
  - b. What aspects of the planning and implementation process are of interest to our partners, and what can we do to facilitate their involvement?

**Friday, October 29**

### ***Morning Session – Managers' Briefing***

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| <b>8:30-8:35</b>   | <b>Facilitator Ground Rules</b>                           | <b>Colleen Matt</b>           |
| <b>8:35-9:05</b>   | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b>                          | <b>Geoff Haskett</b>          |
| <b>9:05-9:20</b>   | <b>Comments on the Meeting Agenda</b>                     | <b>LaVerne Smith</b>          |
| <b>9:20- 9:35</b>  | <b>Introduce Federal Polar Bear Mangers/Researchers</b>   | <b>Rosa Meehan</b>            |
| <b>9:35- 9:50</b>  | <b>The Role of USGS in Polar Bear Research/Management</b> | <b>Leslie Holland-Bartels</b> |
| <b>9:50- 10:05</b> | <b>Conservation Planning Overview/Discussion</b>          | <b>Jim Wilder</b>             |
| <b>10:05-10:20</b> | <b>Break</b>  |                               |
| <b>10:20-11:30</b> | <b>Conservation Planning Discussion (continued)</b>       | <b>All</b>                    |
| <b>11:30-12:00</b> | <b>Presentations on some existing partnerships</b>        | <b>ANC, NSB, Defenders</b>    |
| <b>12:00-1:00</b>  | <b>Lunch, provided on site by Defenders of Wildlife</b>   |                               |

***Afternoon Session – Identifying and Mitigating Threats***

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| <b>1:00-2:00</b> | <b>Modification or Curtailment of habitat or range</b> | <b>Jim Wilder/All</b> |
| <b>2:00-2:55</b> | <b>Human-caused Removals</b>                           | <b>Jim Wilder/All</b> |
| <b>2:55-3:10</b> | <b>Break</b>   |                       |
| <b>3:10-4:05</b> | <b>Other Natural or Manmade Factors</b>                | <b>Jim Wilder/All</b> |
| <b>4:05-4:50</b> | <b>Cumulative Effects/Research Coordination</b>        | <b>Jim Wilder/All</b> |
| <b>4:50-5:00</b> | <b>Wrap-up</b>   | <b>Colleen Matt</b>   |