

BEST-BSIERP Science Advisory Board teleconference

Agenda and Meeting Notes

Thursday, 5 March 2009, 1000-1130 am Alaska time

Agenda

- 1) Finalize PI meeting dates: Draft plan is October 13-15; alternate dates are October 6-8 or October 20-22 (all mammal biologists can attend on alternate dates; earlier date is preferred because PICES meeting immediately follows (October 23)).
- 2) Supplemental travel requests: (Lead PI travel to AMSS, not planned this year; PICES/ICES meeting)
- 3) Acknowledging BEST-BSIERP program in manuscripts
- 4) SAB nominations and voting
- 5) EOS article progress
- 6) Cruise planning

In attendance: Mike Sigler, Rodger Harvey, Carin Ashjian, Phyllis Stabeno, Kerim Aydin, Rolf Gradinger, Bill Wiseman, Francis Wiese, Tom Van Pelt

1. As discussed at last SAB teleconference, we have provisionally booked 13-15 October 2009 at Alyeska Hotel in Girdwood. General agreement that retreat setting is good. But the target week conflicts with biannual Marine Mammalogy Society conference. Alyeska Hotel is only available during 13-15 October; but two hotels in Anchorage (Mariott and Hilton) have availability during the week preceding (6-8 Oct) and following (20-22 Oct). The 6-8 Oct is on the heels of the NPFMC meeting, but consensus was that it should not be a conflict. Phyllis noted that her fieldwork winds up around 6 or 7 Oct so she'd prefer later dates. Carin will be doing fieldwork until late Sept so prefers later dates. Kerim noted that 20-22 Oct is bit close to PICES so prefers earlier dates. Also it is possible to retain 13-15 October window; Andrew Trites did say that he could deputize someone to take his role as Patch lead PI (e.g. Kelly Benoit-Bird or Vernon Byrd), and Jackie Grebmeier could stand in for Chad Jay re. the walrus work.

No consensus in the SAB, so decision was to put the options out to all PIs for a poll of availability: <http://www.doodle.com/xn9e76u7wdqzcvbe>. We'll aim for final deadline of 20 March; SAB will reconvene on **24 March at noon AK time** to make a decision based on all the factors we've discussed so far plus new information coming from PI availability poll results.

2. Discussion re. Ocean Sciences meeting in Portland during February 2010; thinking about making that meeting a focal event for BEST-BSIERP. Think about forming a “Bering Sea Ecosystem” special session for the Ocean Sciences meeting, with lots of BEST-BSIERP representation. Furthering goals of broadening the audience for BEST-BSIERP and improving connectivity to related programs, especially in oceanography and lower trophics that are more represented at the Ocean Science meeting compared to AMSS. So the ocean sciences meeting would be the main winter BEST-BSIERP meeting... AMSS would still have adequate BEST-BSIERP presence, plus SAB would attend AMSS and give overview plenary-type talk as they did this year.

Mike will present this at the upcoming BEST-BSIERP PI teleconference next week to get PI input.

3. Anne Hollowed, Nick Bond, et al. have an ms accepted; brings up question of how to acknowledge mss as BEST-BSIERP program contributions (this is a separate question from funding acknowledgement). Agreed to combine BEST and BSIERP contribution numbers, and suggest this phrase: “This is BEST-BSIERP contribution number x”. NPRB staff will maintain numbering system. We will send a message out to all PIs via list serv to notify them and encourage their participation. SAB, NSF staff, and NPRB staff will all need to work together to encourage PIs to participate in coming years.
4. SAB nominations and voting. Rolf decided to withdraw from SAB and not be considered for re-nomination. Many thanks to Rolf for all his work on the SAB during this challenging start-up year. No BEST people to date have been nominated. Carin and Rodger agreed to look harder for nominees [Mike Lomas was nominated immediately following the meeting]. For BSIERP, we have three nominees (Phyllis, Kerim, and Jeff Napp). We’ll delay voting until we hear closure on the BEST nominations from Rodger and Carin.
5. EOS article- little progress since last meeting; Rolf asked how we can help; Rodger said wait until this next draft is ready to circulate, at that point will be ready for input from other SAB members.
6. Cruise planning- onload went smoothly. Phyllis is confident that Dutch Harbor hazmat storage issues will be sorted out, but not sure about hazmat disposal following the Knorr cruise. She and Nancy are researching options. Dutch Harbor agent needs to confirm warehouse space, stevedoring services, and barge shipment back to Seattle- Phyllis is working with him. Renee Crain and Liz Caporelli are working on arranging payment for shoreside services and barging, etc. Carin concerned about ice imagery costs; she’ll speak with Bill Wiseman about it.
7. Agreed to schedule next meeting for **24 March at noon AK time**, to finalize PI meeting time and location decision.