

Arctic Borderlands Ecological Knowledge Co-operative

Fifth Annual Gathering, Old Crow, Yukon
February 2000

Summary of Priorities

Action Item Areas

1. Communications and Linking with other Players.
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1. Communications and Linking with other Players.

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Comments/ Ideas</i>
1.1 Establish links with Canadian Council of Environment	Aynslie Ogden, Northern Climate Exchange, Whitehorse Co-op	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Canadian Council of Environment is planning to develop a list of indicators of climate change: good opportunity for the Co-op: should track this and link to the program
1.2 Establish partnership with Northern Climate Exchange	Aynslie Ogden, Northern Climate Exchange, Whitehorse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Make a partnership with the Northern Climate Exchange: accomplish a lot more.
1.3 Improve reporting of information to the communities	Co-op	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Make sure the chief and council are informed; need leaders present at information sessions; important to consider who is interviewed. ▪ Get the information out to those who make the decisions; communities being studied should get the information; this topic needs more discussion ▪ Important to have a translator when informing elders of the Co-op and presenting results ▪ Make use of newsletters, posters, community radio

2. Web Site Development

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Comments/ Ideas</i>
2.1 Implement changes to ABEKS web page	Joan Eamer, Environment Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Separate page for elders' comments/ words/ theories ▪ Link site with other projects such as Gwich'in project ▪ Create direct links to sources of the information.

3. Community Based Monitoring Program

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Comments/ Ideas</i>
3.1 Improve collection methods to ensure quality information	Gary Kofinas, Co-op	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Present collected information before the gathering to generate more ideas and comments ▪ Use a tape recorder ▪ Contact people interviewed in the past, send a list of questions before the season so they can think about it all season along with a calendar to record their observations; pay more money; make it more formal, like a contract ▪ Have a formal application for monitoring areas: fill it out if going into these areas ▪ Consider how to improve ownership and commitment ▪ More one on one; more compensation, more contribution, more follow up; work with locals to identify individuals or couples to interview; contact individuals by mail with support; invite them to participate; tell them about the Co-op and why it's important; spell out a request; offer them a contract with payment; provide them with a list of questions (specific and general)
3.2 Improve funding and training for interviewers	Co-op	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Investigate sources to supplement funding for interviewers' salary and training ▪ Enhance interviewers' training.

4. Local Monitoring Research Projects

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Comments/ Ideas</i>
4.1 Document native plant names	Co-op	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-op will support applications for funding to document native plant names; support locally started projects
4.2 Collect coastal research information	Anne Morkill, ANWR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal research information can be included in Co-op
4.3 Investigate use of calendars	Gary Kofinas, Co-op	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Keeping track of information throughout the year ▪ Harvest calendars have worked well in some places ▪ Integrate into the school system ▪ Indicators on the calendar ▪ More promotional; photos of animals for easy identification
4.4 Investigate cabin records	Heather Swystun, Aurora Research Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Look at cabin records for ice in and out data as source of local knowledge.
4.5 Expand classroom monitoring programs	Gary Kofinas and Joan Eamer, Co-op	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 'Globe' website and EMAN will support classroom monitoring programs.

5. Indicator and Database Information Sources Development

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Comments/ Ideas</i>
5.1 Implement changes to Indicator web page	Joan Eamer, Environment Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Should note what is being done in that particular area (i.e. solutions that are in progress or being researched) ▪ Add "<i>Last updated</i>" date to pages. ▪ Where appropriate add "What's being done?"
5.2 Add new indicators	Co-op	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revise indicators in light of synthesis report
5.3 Make all acronyms clear	Co-op	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Create a page of acronyms.
5.4 Track development permits	Co-op	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only have Yukon records now, expand to Alaska and NWT. ▪ Involve First Nation in tracking permits.
5.5 Add Aklavik and Kaktovik temperatures records	Co-op	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can they be added?

5.6 Expand information on contaminants	Co-op	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is being done to control contamination levels in the north? ▪ Determine contacts for information. ▪ Explanations of measurements needed.
5.7 Provide report on clean-up of Dew-line stations	Hazel Thompson, Kaktovik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Status report on the state of clean-up in contaminated sites: Dew-line stations in Alaska; clean up near Fort Yukon

6. Going International

<i>Action Item</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Comments/ Ideas</i>
6.1 Expand monitoring in Alaska	ANWR Hazel Thompson, Kaktovik Joseph Tritt, Arctic Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANWR is willing to assist communities in a monitoring program if there is a formal request from the communities. Would like to invite participants from the Yukon and NWT and would facilitate the Co-op making presentations in Alaska. • In order to do this must have formal request from the communities, draw up a plan and ask various groups for support
6.2 Expand Loche liver analysis	Richard Voss, ANWR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ANWR willing to find funding to analyze Old Crow loche livers ▪ Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation would be supportive of this study.
6.3 Co-op representative should attend meetings in Alaskan communities to discuss Co-op.	ANWR Co-op	