



Status Report Representative Community EI

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Status Report

- Survey information underway for 8 communities: Sand Point, Dillingham, Arctic Village, Northway Village, Minto, Huslia, Bethel, and Sitka
- Additional effort required to recruit and obtain surveys from 6 communities: Barrow, Buckland, Stebbins, Gambell, Nome, and Port Graham.
- Inventory Preparation and QA Plan: draft circulated to Alice Edwards for comments, revisions prepared, and re-circulated to work group.



Project Concerns

- Project is falling behind schedule
- While substantial resources remain, disproportionate share spent on recruitment
- Community selection nearing completion
- Surveys just getting started in several areas – some not yet started
- Need WRAP Alaska Tribal Coordinator to assist with village contacts



Lessons Learned (So Far)

- Contract timeline was overly ambitious. Unanticipated delays have put the project behind schedule.
- Personal contacts and commitment from regional non-profit organizations help make the survey process more successful. Informal networks are valuable in making contacts at the village level.
- Regular communication with tribal representatives and local contacts is critical to assess progress and encourage completion of surveys.
- Villagers are cynical about surveys after having been surveyed many times in the past. “Survey fatigue” is an issue.
- There is skepticism that there will be a report back to the tribes about the survey results and analyses. Timely follow-up presentations to the villages about the findings will be critical.



Next Steps

- Sierra Research to focus resources on processing survey results for 8 communities
- Sierra Research to deliver summary of results for presentation at March workshop
- Alaska Native Outreach Coordinator to assume recruitment responsibilities for remaining 6 communities
- Extend contract date to allow time for Sierra to process remaining survey responses
- Continue monthly status reviews (via conference call) by work group



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