

**Report on CAFF Management Board Meeting
February 13-15, 2006
Helsinki, Finland**

Event:

CAFF Management Board Meeting

Representative

Bobbie Jo Greenland for GCI and IPS.

Funding Source:

IPS covered all expenses related to my participation at the CAFF Meeting.

Purpose of Attendance:

I attended the CAFF management board meeting as a representative for both GCI and IPS. Currently, I am a youth representative for GCI and an intern at IPS, so it was appropriate for me to attend. My participation would help to increase my knowledge of the CAFF working group projects and activities. My participation would also help to lighten the heavy workload for fellow staff of IPS and board members of GCI, and also save on the costs of sending one person for each organization. My participation also increases my overall awareness and involvement as I continue to improve my skills and understanding of Arctic Council activities and projects under each of the working groups.

Discussions

General Discussions occurred around the following topics:

- Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program (CBMP).
- 2010 Biodiversity Assessment. (CAFF National Rep's agree to do a 2010 biodiversity assessment. CBMP and CAFF secretariat will write a white paper to SAO's for April 2006. /A more detailed draft will be submitted at the CAFF Biennial for review and a Final to be presented to the SAO's/Ministers in October 2006.
- AMAP Joint Monitoring. (CBMP will review AMAP's trends and effects program now under revision, and AMAP will review CBMP's list of indicators).
- Focal Point. (Discussion have begun, but not completed yet).
- Budget Review. (Discussed by National Rep's only, I was not present for this)
- CAFF XI. (Will be in Yllas Finland from June 6-8, 2006).
- ECORA Update.
- Expert Group Updates, CFG-CBIRD-CPAN
- Arctic Portal. (CAFF website will be used to show what the Arctic Portal may look like).

Presentations

- John Calder and colleague present on AMAP.
- Martin Raillard made a presentation on the CBMP and Status Report.
- Steiner Eldoy from Stat Oil attended on Tuesday and gave a presentation on the energy and biodiversity initiative and the idea of integrating biodiversity conservation into oil and gas development.

- Mikhail from RAIPON gave a presentation about the status of the sacred sites workshop. (The best possible dates for workshop are October 20-21, 2006, but this will need to be determined).
- Victoria Gofman of AIA made a presentation on IPY CBM Bering Sea region.

Upcoming Meetings of concern to CAFF

- Permanent Participants (PP) workshop in Copenhagen, February 21-24, 2006
- PAME meeting in Oslo, March 1-2, 2006
- IPY data management workshop in Cambridge, March 3-4, 2006
- CBD and COP8, side event on the Arctic in Curitiba, March 20-31, 2006
- Arctic Science Summit Week in Potsdam, March 22-29, 2006
- Senior Arctic Officials (SAO) Meeting in Russia, April 26-27, 2006
- CAFF XI and Management Board Meeting in Northern Finland, June 5-9, 2006
- SAO and Ministerial in Salekhard-Yamalo-Nenetsk, October 24-26, 2006

Items from the meeting for GCI and IPS to follow up on

Support Letter for IPY/ CBM. I will be sending a draft letter of support to GCI executive director and IPS executive secretary. Letter should be printed on organization letterhead, signed and faxed to chair of CBM, Martin Raillard as soon as possible.

Further Information:

For further information on items discussed at this meeting and for general information on CAFF working group and related projects, please visit the following web pages;

www.caff.is

www.arctic-council.org

www.arcticpeoples.org

www.TheEBI.org

www.amap.no/