



MICHIGAN CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL
Cross Cutting Issues Technical Work Group
Draft- Meeting Summary of Teleconference Call #8
Wednesday June 11, 2008, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EDT

Background documents for call:

- Notice and Agenda
- PowerPoint Presentation for Call #8
- Revised Straw Policy Options Document

Tom Looby of CCS called roll and reviewed the agenda.

Purpose of Call #8

The purpose of this call/meeting is to focus exclusively on the revised Straw Policy Options Document straw Proposal Options drafted by TWG members.

Frank would like references to Tribal Governments where appropriate such as for Great Lakes fishing rights. Mike and Frank were going to review all the CC Straw Policies and make adjustments where needed.

Discussion

CCI-10 Enhance and Encourage Economic Growth and Job Creation Opportunities Through Climate Change Mitigation

Comments on Goal 1: Keep the words 'including tourism' in the policy design. Frank supports including tourism. It is hard to make this list comprehensive but boating and fishing is highly impacted by low water levels. Add sport and commercial fishing to the list of impacts.

COMMENT: Great Lakes shipping as it has been practiced in the last several decades has been a net loss to the economy due to the costs to water intakes, aquatic invasive species mitigation, etc.

Tom Looby noted that TLU TWG is developing a policy specifically on Great Lakes shipping.

Goal 2- Edit to: Transitioning our strong manufacturing capacity to focus on green, efficient transportation and clean energy and **low-carbon fuels** products.

Goal 2a: Change 'renewable energy portfolio' to RPS. Unless we manufacture these machines, they will come from out of state and it won't help our economy. We need to explicitly promote them being manufactured in Michigan. Need to link that manufacturing opportunity and the need for the RPS.

Renewable energy and alternative fuels. So we understand that we have power sources as well as fuel sources. Add low carbon fuels. Also remove "storage" from the sentence about feeding the grid.

Goal 4: Add incentives for reforestation. Also note agricultural practices and methane capture and waste-to-energy.

Goal 4: Add investment in bio-fuels which are low-carbon and low water use after life-cycle analysis.

Goal 5: Add education and training component to help people transition to green collar jobs and to help promote these jobs.

Goal 6: Add Tribal governments.

Parties Involved:

Mike offered that MDEQ has had internal discussion on the need for some central organizing body that could implement MCAC policies.

CCI-11 Enhance and Encourage Community Development Through Climate Change Mitigation: Address Environmental Justice

Goal 2: Low use adjustable power rates to mitigate impacts on low income families.

Goal 3: The conversation among indigenous communities is how in previous cycles of climate change, people could move whereas now we are fixed.

Tom suggested that input to CCI-8 on this point was warranted.

Federal and Tribal governments should also be included.

Also include non-profits that are working with impacted populations.

Timing: Commence in 2009.

CCI-1 GHG Inventories, Forecasting, Reporting, and Registry

Discussion of edits made.

In Policy Design section: Develop a standardized protocol for the annual reporting of GHG emissions and sinks attributable to direct and indirect emissions (and certain indirect emissions)⁴ of entities operating within the state.

DELETE FOOTNOTE 5.

Add 'ENTITIES'. Reporting should be conducted at the facility/entities level.

Tom Looby will send out these revisions.

Public Comments

None

Next Call

Another call of the CCI TWG call is tentatively scheduled for June 18, 2008 at 11am to 12:30pm to further discuss the Straw Policy Options, if needed. Mike and Tom will confer and make the announcement

The next regular CCI TWG call is scheduled for July 2, 2008 at 11am to 12:30pm.

Attendance:

Cross Cutting Issues TWG Members:

Ted Bishop
Norman Christopher,
Lana Pollack,
Frank
Dwight Brady

State Agency Representatives:

Mike Beaulac, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
JoAnn Merrick, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Emily McCloud, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

Members of the public:

Duncan Calloway, UM (for Dr, Bierbaum)
Greg Ryan, DTE,
Dusty Fanchor,
David Guard (will be representing Lana Pollack)
Louis Pocalujka, Consumers Energy

Center for Climate Strategies:

Tom Looby
Linda Schade