

Copper River Strategy Group

Hosted by Native Village of Tazlina at the Tazlina Hall

April 20 – 21, 2011

The Copper River Strategy Group (CRSG) is an informal group of Copper River watershed stakeholders who have an interest in the status and well-being of the Basin. The CRSG focuses on issues related to salmon, water & in-stream flow reservations, and development-related impacts within the watershed. As always, the Copper River Strategy Group meetings are open to the public.

April 20, 2011

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Casual Continental Breakfast
9:00 am – 9:45 am	Welcome & Invocation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invocation• Why should we look for partnerships and work together? – Betty Lou Goodlataw, Native Village of Tazlina• The History of the Copper River Strategy Group Meetings – Erica McCall Valentine, Ecotrust Copper River Programs
9:45 am – 11:30 am	Introductions – Roundtable introductions & descriptions of our connections to the Copper River region, and briefing on projects & outreach
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Invasive Plants in Alaska – Bonnie Million, Alaska Region Invasive Species Coordinator
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Copper River Inter-Tribal Resource Conservation District/Commission – Bruce Cain, Ahtna Heritage Foundation
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Ahtna Incorporated Mining Updates – Kathryn Martin, Ahtna Incorporated
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Copper River Knowledge System – Gabe McMahan, Ecotrust
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	BREAK

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- 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm** **Fishery Technician Certification-** Alan Sorum, Prince William Sound Community College
- 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm** **Inriver Copper River Salmon Fishery Management** – Mark Somerville, Alaska Department of Fish and Game and Eric Veach, National Park Service
- 3:45 pm – 4:15 pm** **The Gulkana Hatchery and the Production of Sockeye Salmon in the Watershed** – Denny Patnode, Prince William Sound Aquaculture Association
- 4:15 pm – 4:30 pm** **BREAK**
- 4:30 pm – 4:45 pm** **SEARCH Conference** – Pete Peschang, Cheesh’na Tribal Council
- 4:45 pm – 5:15 pm** **IGAP Coordinator Updates** – IGAP Coordinators from throughout the Basin
- 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm** **Performance by the Ahtna Heritage Foundation and Copper River Strategy Group meeting dinner**
- Alaska Pipeline Project Community Meeting** (separate from but immediately following the Copper River Strategy Group meeting dinner)
- 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm** **Alaska Pipeline Project Community Meeting**

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April 21, 2011

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am** **Casual Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 am – 9:15 am** **Opening Remarks –Betty Lou Goodlataw, Native Village of Tazlina**
- 9:15 am – 9:30 am** **Introduction to Break-out Groups -** Participants will break into three different groups to brainstorm the questions, rather than come up with the immediate answers and short term solutions to the topics listed below. These break-out groups are intended to stimulate creativity and promote everyone’s participation because no one has to come up with the answers. The answers to the questions developed during the break-out groups will form the framework for constructing future action plans, research projects, and partnerships. Once the list of questions is set, we ask that the partnerships established through the break-out group continue working together to address the issues detailed in the breakout sessions.
- **Human-caused and Natural Environmental Change**
 - **Contaminants in the Watershed**
 - **Opportunities for Fish Monitoring Partnerships**
- 9:30 am – 9:15 am** **Short Break and Gather into Break-out Groups**
- 9:15 am – 10:45 am** **Break-out Group Sessions**
- 10:45 am – 12:00 pm** **Break-Out Groups Report Back to Larger Copper River Strategy Group**
- 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm** **Lunch & Closing Comments**
- 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm** **FIELD TRIP to the Ahtna Cultural Center, Copper Center Alaska**

Alaska Pipeline Community Meeting

The Alaska Pipeline Project, a joint effort of TransCanada and ExxonMobil, will connect Alaska's North Slope natural gas resources to markets. While the Alaska Pipeline Project community meeting is hosted separately from the Copper River Strategy Group meeting, we encourage attendance as the Alaska Pipeline Project relates directly to issues discussed and addressed by Copper River Strategy Group members. Topics to be covered at the Alaska Pipeline Project community meeting include:

- Project status and progress;
- Project schedule and field studies;
- Local content (i.e. local hire, contracting, and community investments)
- Opportunity for the Alaska Pipeline Project team to listen to insights from you, the public.

For more information, go to www.thealaskapipelineproject.com