Health and Culture
TWG
Adaptation Advisory Group Meeting
23 September 2008

Progress

* Conference calls held
  * 7/23, 8/13, 9/17
* Process
  * Continued good representation from the TWG members
  * Excellent engagement between calls
  * Several interested individuals from government agencies, universities, and the public join the calls
* Catalog of state actions nearly completed
* Brief descriptions of policy options in process

7 Policy Options That Cross Health and Culture Concerns

* Impact assessments
* Uniform indicators and data systems
* Public awareness
* Community-based monitoring
* Community capacity needs assessments
* Central ombudsmen agency to support rural communities
* Mechanisms to increase cooperation and collaboration

Categories of Health Options

* Waterborne diseases
* Vectorborne diseases
* Food safety, food security, and foodborne diseases
* Flooding and other extreme weather events
* Thermal extremes
* Air quality and wildfires
* Toxic exposures
* Mental stress
* Health care and emergency response systems

Categories of Culture Options

* Traditional knowledge, ways of knowing, and subsistence culture
* Diminishment or change of subsistence diet
* Archaeology and history
* Sports and recreation
  * Winter
  * Summer
* Energy demand
* Local food production

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* Upcoming Health & Culture TWG meeting
  * 10/1, 10/22, 11/12, 12/10 @ 8:30
* Thanks to all of our participants for excellent input and discussions