

# Bering Ecosystem Science | Bering Ecosystem Study Workshop

## Humans in the Bering Sea Ecosystem Community Forum

25-26 March 2004  
Sheraton Anchorage Hotel  
Anchorage, Alaska  
Agenda

### Thursday, 25 March 2004

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15 a.m. History of the Bering Ecosystem Study (BEST) Plan and the Need for Community-Integrated Human Dimensions Component  
*Anna Kerttula, National Science Foundation*
- Process of Community Involvement in Planning and Conducting Research  
*Charlie Johnson, Alaska Nanuuq Commission*
- Summary of BEST Draft and Plans for Completion  
*George Hunt, University of Washington (via speaker phone)*
- Overview of Human BEST Plan Development Process  
*Ben Fitzhugh, University of Washington*  
*Henry Huntington, Huntington Consulting*  
*Mary Pete, Alaska Department of Fish and Game*

12:30 p.m. Lunch

- 2:00 p.m. What are Important Research Questions and Topics From the Community Perspective?  
*Group Discussion*

### Friday, 26 March 2004

- 9:00 a.m. What Social Science Methods and Approaches are Appropriate For:
- Data requirements and collection
  - Analysis and interpretation
  - Community involvement
  - Infrastructure support
- Group Discussion*

12:00 p.m. Lunch

- 1:30 p.m. Reflecting Social Science Methods and Approaches in the BEST Plan:
- Preparing the community/social science part of the plan
  - Preparing the natural science part of the plan
  - Other topics that should be included in the plan
  - How best to reflect community input in the final plan
- Next Steps:
- Work plan/timeline for spring 2004 and beyond
  - Work assignments
- Group Discussion*