

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Governor's Global Warming Task Force and Alternates

FROM: Tia Nelson and Roy Thilly, Co-Chairs

DATE: July 8, 2008

SUBJECT: *Final Report Process; Need for Comments Promptly*

At our meeting on June 26, we explained the process for approval of our Final Report on July 24. This memo is sent to remind people of the process and be sure that any members or alternates not present on June 24 are up-to-speed.

The Task Force resolved all substantive policy issues at its vote on June 24 on the Co-Chair Strawman, as modified during the meeting. The Final Report will stick as closely as we can to language already approved by the Task Force in our Interim Report and to the Strawman, as approved on June 24.

The Report will include all of our policy templates in an Appendix. Each template has been, or is being, edited for clarity and consistency and cleared with the co-chairs of the relevant work groups. As this cleanup is done, the revised templates are being posted with notification to Task Force members and alternates. At the same time, we are now posting revised policy templates and new templates that reflect the decisions made in approval of the Strawman. Finally, a few other policy templates that came to the Task Force on a consensus basis have been modified based on a few comments from state agencies and others. These templates also are being posted. In each case, e-mails are being sent to Task Force members and alternates alerting them of these postings and asking for any comments.

It is very important that you review all the revised templates, particularly those that reflect the Strawman compromise as quickly as possible and get the Task Force Co-Chairs your comments. Please send copies of any comments to Caroline Garber and Nick Sayen at the DNR and to John Shenot at the PSC.

The Final Report will contain brief, one paragraph summaries of each policy being recommended. A copy of the summaries is being sent to all Task Force members and alternates by e-mail for comment. Please do not wait for the draft full Final Report to review the summaries. If you have any comments, get them to us as soon as you can. In this regard, please recognize that the summaries are intended only to inform the reader of the nature of each policy. The details are, of course, very important and address matters that are essential from the points of view of various Task Force members. We will reflect this fact in the introduction to the summaries in the Final Report.

The Final Report also will include a report from the TAG on its work and lessons learned. A draft of the TAG Report will be circulated by July 17. We request that any comments be provided to the TAG co-chairs – Kris Krause and George Edgar – and to the Task Force Co-Chairs, with copies to Caroline Garber, John Shenot and Nick Sayen, prior to our meeting on July 24.

Finally, on or before July 17, you will receive a draft Final Report for review and comment. As with the other documents, it is very important that if you have substantive comments, we receive them in advance of the meeting on July 24, so changes can be made, where appropriate.

Thanks very much for everyone's hard work and patience as we finally come to closure.