

**Canadian Environmental Network / Environmental Planning and Assessment Caucus**  
Fall Caucus Meeting September 18-20, 2009  
Belcourt Center, South Rustico, PEI

**Review of Action Items from Caucus Meeting of March 13-15, 2009, Ottawa, ON**

**Action Items**

1. John S will connect with Justyna to start conversation, to see if we can schedule a time to talk on the phone or get together, to discuss what would be a good CEAA Act, to create synergy in stakeholder participation in EA law and policy, to push for the review process.
  - Call took place and was about trying to find common ground
  - Was trying to do a RAC response about initiating regulations without consulting RAC
  - Jamie and Justyna took the lead to write a response to the Minister, industry reps would not sign on – letter didn't go anywhere
  - Some RAC members thought that if Minister didn't want to consult with RAC it was his right
2. Gary and Bob will help with phone calls to other members of RAC to see if there is interest in moving ahead with a plan.
  - All industry people except for Justyna would not participate – no plan
3. Gary will write a little release on the history of RAC that can be thrown up on websites or as a letter to the editor. Denys will translate.
  - Not done
  - John Sinclair and Meinhard just wrote one

\*\*\* John Sinclair will forward to Dan the piece that he recently wrote with Meinhard on the history of RAC
4. The following action items are related to getting support to oppose a potential new bill gutting CEAA being introduced in Parliament (as of April 24, 2009, this has not happened).
  - A couple days after meeting they announced the fast tracked regulations and were not going to introduce a new bill
  - Caucus did a couple media releases and press conferences
    - a. Gary will contact local Council of Canadians and the Canadian Council of Policy Alternatives
    - b. Irene will contact grad student association(s), PEI union/labour groups, and Camille Labchuk to ask if she will make a YouTube video.
    - c. John S will send all the info packs through Manitoba Eco-Net
    - d. Anyone who gets sign-on names, should send them to Pat
    - e. Doug will send info through First Nation groups
    - f. Denys will contact US groups and hunter/angler/salmon Federation in NB and the NB Lung Assoc.
    - g. Joseph will contact local tourism groups, local consultants, watershed people in AB, University contact, and he will also help with web/media materials
    - h. Jamie will inform the group of people working on MMER
    - i. Robert will contact watershed/conservation authority people in PEI
    - j. Neil will contact NB union/labour groups
    - k. Michael P will contact SK union/labour groups
    - l. Pat will contact BC union/labour groups
    - m. Roberta will talk to aboriginal groups in her area about duty to consult
    - n. Judy will contact her local First Nations group
    - o. Stephen will work through Sierra Youth and their Facebook group. Philana will help.
    - p. Neil will contact UofM Environment Faculty, and send emails through his list of contacts.
    - q. Lara will talk to ENGOs that she works with to make sure people are signed on.

- r. Philana will ask Susan to notify her contacts in the women's network.
5. Lara will send around a 2 page briefing note on recent US Stimulus Bill and how it got rejected.
    - Done
  6. Philana will post the media briefing items to the RCEN e-bulletin, affiliate offices, and other caucus coords.
    - Done
  7. Philana will send the list of possible participants to the SEA conference to Neil and Oscar.
    - Not done conference did not go ahead
  8. Anyone who puts together attention-grabbing or plain language material, send to the CEEA group.
    - If we were going to launch a campaign (did not happen)
  9. If you send anything out, let Philana know so she can document it
    - If we were going to launch a campaign (did not happen)
  10. Lara will talk to contacts about money for writing draft bill and a meeting in the fall.
    - If we were going to launch a campaign (did not happen)
  11. Stephen will look into getting funding from US foundations consortium, for submission in the fall
    - If we were going to launch a campaign (did not happen)
  12. Philana will ask Jude to separate out the line item for teleconferences from meetings and see where teleconferences are coming out of currently.  
\*\*\*Dan to ask Emile to separate out the line item for teleconferences from meetings in the financial reports
  13. Conference committee will meet next week to discuss the status of the conference and get back to the steering committee about any decision(s) made. Neil will send out the draft program for the SEA Conference to the Caucus, if the conference is to go ahead as planned
    - Done, no conference
  14. Philana will post the strategic EA paper to the website.
    - Done
  15. Anyone who writes letters to the editor (please circulate or at least send to Judy) so they can get posted in other papers in other parts of the country
    - If we were going to launch a campaign (did not happen)