

Summary of the May 25, 2010, Breakout Session on the “Unique Role of Native People and Rural Communities in Southeast Alaska”

Unique Role of Natives People – Rob Sanderson –

1. Focus on two priorities
 - a. Traditional gathering
 - b. Suicide
2. Thank all of the committee members.
3. Looking at traditional gathering regulations, conflicts with Sea Otters.
4. Workshop this fall in K-town. Will bring folks in POW and Metlakatla.
5. Suicide – Want to work with tribal leaders to see what they have done about suicide to be able to use their ideas elsewhere in SE. Support to reconnect to cultural values. Need guidance from elders.
6. Small work group to see what is working at the culture camps. How to incorporate suicide program into these other camps.
7. Get publicity out about the Roundtable’s involvement in the issue.
8. What is our responsibility? What can we do?
9. Will meet two days prior to the Roundtable in Ketchikan.