Regional Breakout 2: What to do next Bristol Bay/Ivanoff Bay/Iliamna Lake Region

Buy a barge – and go up and down to collect scrap metals – maybe EPA could do this? With the climate change everything is getting closer to water. Maybe NOAA Marine Debris grant? Dillingham has places where there are cars on the beach. The city doesn't have an ordinance to deal with it...

Statewide – maybe working with agency groups on effort to have this happen?

Note that what we do – the logistics will depend partly on who we work with. Depending on who you are dealing with they have certain ways to package – for Northland, junk cars must be flat, 2 vehicles-high (2 ft each after crushed) – 4 tons per flat.

Getting communities together to work together-- this is a big obstacle. Iguiug they do great because they have a great working relationship with city and tribe. Good relationships with all community entities can make backhaul happen even without a lot of funding.

Past/current attempts at backhaul of scrap metals:

SWAMC – has tried to get together a list of solid and hazardous waste, Lake and Pen Borough is trying to put together an inventory for backhauling. State was looking at the regional landfills as a backhaul hub – developing that.

There are private dumps in the region too that must be accounted for.

Lots of folks may not want to fill out the inventory or not know how to break down, or not have time, etc. so not sure what has happened with that or if it is accurate.

CITY AND TRIBE RELATIONSHIP and village corps—all of these make for complex issues that mean the inventory may not be complete or accurate.

Logistics: Someone should go along with the barge and help with the packaging. If we train too much in advance then when the barge gets there folks may have forgotten or it might be someone new.

Could snitzer and transport company work together to get a backhaul going?

What:

Nushagak River – can get a barge usually up there. Work towards a barge going up Nushagak and getting it to Dillingham.

Action: Billy Maines will contact Nelchina-Mulchatna group – to ask for them to submit an Unmet Needs grant for planning a scrap metal backhaul on the watershed. Louie and Christina will provide support in assisting with contacting other villages for letters of support and approval of general proposal workplan. They will also help Billy to contact any regional groups for support letters.