

## Western Alaska LCC



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The mission of the Western Alaska Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) is *'to promote coordination, dissemination, and development of applied science to inform landscape level conservation, including terrestrial-marine linkages, in the face of landscape scale stressors with a focus on climate change'* which easily aligns with many of the goals, strategies and actions in the National fish, wildlife & plants Climate Adaptation Strategy (Climate Adaptation Strategy). As our LCC completes its long-term science strategy we will be able to tell you which specific objectives and strategies will be part of our LCC focus. We intend to have our draft long-term science plan completed early this fall.

As a Steering Committee we have not yet discussed the Climate Adaptation Strategy but will do so in the final stages of completing our long-term science strategy. We will consider the strategies and actions described in the Climate Adaptation Strategy and will be able to identify which ones are a good match with our LCC mission. At a quick glance, only those strategies and actions that are specific to making management decisions are unlikely to be good matches for the LCC. We see our role as providing information, analysis and tools to conservation decision makers but making management decisions falls to the partner with the decision authority to make those decisions.

Please continue to keep us informed as you further discussions about how to integrate the Climate Adaptation Strategy with local LCC activities. Please contact me or our LCC Coordinator, Karen Murphy, at 907-786-3501 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sue Rodman".

Sue Rodman  
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