

Stakeholder Workgroups

Workgroup Membership:

- Four “Stakeholder” Workgroups (one for each Workgroup Topic).
- 3 Co-Chairs per Workgroup (charged with maintaining balance).
- 12-25 “stakeholders” per Workgroup.
- “Stakeholders” represent a range of affected interests related to each topic, including affected business, agricultural, environmental, and local government interests.
- Interested members of Steering Committee may attend Workgroup meetings.

Each Workgroup to Address the Following Questions (related to its topic):

- Is there a problem? If so, how serious is it?
- What is the nature and scope of the problem?
- What is causing the problem?
- What additional information is needed?
- What, if anything, can we do about it?
- What are the benefits and costs?
- How should costs be allocated?
- What do you recommend?

Workgroup Process:

- Workgroup will meet a total of 4 times over one year.
- Workgroup will strive to answer above questions via facilitated discussion, and to achieve consensus where possible.
- Normal politeness ground-rules apply.
- No formal votes or parliamentary procedure, except for final report if necessary.
- Discussion will be recorded in general terms, and record used to develop a final report subject to group approval. Minority viewpoints can also be expressed in the final report.
- Workgroup representatives will present Workgroup report at Conference.
- Report will be posted on the project website.

Workgroup Staffing:

- General background materials will be provided to all group members prior to first meeting.
- An impartial expert facilitator will lead the meetings.
- Impartial staff will assist the group by recording meetings and preparing a draft report for group approval.

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