



## Indigenous People's Council for Marine Mammals (IPCoMM)

### Spring Board of Directors Meeting

Egan Civic and Convention Center, Anchorage, Alaska

April 11-12, 2018

#### MINUTES

The Spring Board of Directors Meeting was called to order on April 11, 2018 about 9:00 a.m. in Room 3 of the Egan Civic & Convention Center at 555 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska by Chairman Mike Miller. Invocation was offered by Carol Torsen. The roll call established a quorum was present. Attending the meeting were:

<u>Organization represented</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Alaska Beluga Whale Committee.....	Tom Gray
Alaska Nannut Co-Management Council.....	Benjamin Payenna
Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission.....	Mitch Simeonoff
Alaska Sea Otter & Steller Sea Lion Commission.....	Lianna Jack Peterson (alt)
Aleut Community of St. Paul Island.....	Lauren Divine (alt)
Aleut Marine Mammal Commission.....	Peggy Osterback
Bristol Bay Marine Mammal Council.....	Helen Aderman
Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.....	Ralph Wolfe
Chugach Regional Resources Commission.....	Robert Henrichs
Eskimo Walrus Commission.....	Vera Metcalf
North Slope Borough, Dept. of Wildlife Management.....	Mike Pederson (alt)
Sitka Marine Mammal Commission.....	Mike Miller
Native Village of Tyonek.....	Arthur Standifer

#### Organizations not represented

Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission (Observer)  
Assn. of Village Council Presidents—(IUM)  
Ice Seal Committee  
Inuit Circumpolar Council—Alaska  
Maniilaq Association  
Traditional Council of St. George Island

#### Visitors/Others Present

Landye Bennett Blumstein: Elizabeth Hensley  
Foraker Group: Jonella Larson White  
Udall Foundation: Dana Goodson  
Native Nations Institute: Miriam Jorgensen  
USFWS: Patrick Lemons; Joel Garlich-Miller  
NOAA/NMFS: Pete Jones; Kristie Balovich; John Bengtson; Jenn Hall-Brown  
USMMC: Daryl Boness; Victoria Cornish; Jennafer Malek  
ANCC: Katya Wassillie  
Senator Sullivan: Sara Taylor  
CRRC: Patty Schwalenberg  
IPCoMM: Carol Torsen

**WEDNESDAY – April 11, 2018**

**MOTION:** Peggy Osterback moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Robert Henrichs. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Peggy Osterback moved for approval of BOD Minutes of November 17, 2017 and Executive Committee Teleconference Minutes of January 10, 2018. Seconded by Robert Henrichs. Motion carried.

**Prioritization discussion – How to improve effectiveness of Co-Management**

**Organizations in the Present** took place in the morning. The afternoon session was focused on Action Planning. Presenters were Dana Goodson of the Udall Foundation and Miriam Jorgensen of the Native Nations Institute.

**THURSDAY – April 12, 2018**

**MOTION:** Peggy Osterback moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Mike Pederson. Motion carried.

***Regular session:*****Report on Financial Committee Meeting**

Peggy Osterback and Ralph Wolfe reported on the first IPCoMM Financial Committee meeting held on April 10, 2018 at the North Pacific Rim Housing Authority. Attending were IPCoMM accountants Barry Moring and Martin Angasan; Carol Torsen, IPCoMM ED; Peggy Osterback, AMMC; and Ralph Wolfe, CCTHITA.

**NPRB Arctic Research Program Updates**

Presented by Danielle Dickson of North Pacific Research Board. The Arctic Integrated Ecosystem Research Program will be studying marine processes in northern Bering and Chukchi Seas in 2017-2021.

**Co-Management Review**

Updated by Jennafer Malek of Marine Mammal Commission. Steering Committee developed working definition of co-management. The Steering Committee identified three ANOs for in-depth review.

**Polar Bear Updates**

Presented by Katya Wassillie of Alaska Nannut Co-Management Council. Updates given of ANCC meetings and progress in building organizational capacity and interim operations.

**Alaska Ocean Observing System projects**

Presented by Carol Janzen of AOOS, using AIS (Automatic ID System) vessel data in the Arctic. Marine Exchange is bringing AIS to Alaska.

**Update on MMPA “Harvest Management Prior to Depletion”**

Presented by Mike Miller and Elizabeth Hensley. Implications of MMPA are still valid today. There’s language in the Act that includes specifically more than Section 119 projects, such as additional funding for management of NMFS species. Intent is to get it on the record through Senator Murkowski’s office. We will try to get language in to strengthen Alaska Native amendments.

### **IPCoMM Commission/Council/Committee Reports**

#### AMMC - Peggy Osterback.

New activities indicate ringed seals in Dutch Harbor. Continuing planned scope of work.

#### EWC – Vera Metcalf.

Something we should look at in action items is to develop something we can use as congressional focus. Ivory ban hasn't gone away.

#### ABWC – Tom Gray

Just had a survey done in the Norton Sound region on harvestable surpluses of belugas. We're right at that number we need to manage this resource.

#### CCTHITA – Ralph Wolfe

Recent focus on blood quantum levels of descendants. Couple resolutions coming in.

#### ISC/NSB – Mike Pedersen

Negotiation session on May 22-24. Attended Ottawa meeting. Starting to see Polar bears attack seal lairs. Collecting biological samples from bowheads.

#### CRRC – Patty Schwalenberg

Marine mammal commission developing for Eyak.

#### TASSC – Lianna Peterson

Bio-sampling program underway for sea lions. Focusing on outreach and education.

#### BBNA – Helen Aderman

Hunter discovered ringed seal with hair loss on its stomach, so let it go. Submitted written report.

#### ACSPI – Loren Divine

Meetings in January and May. On look-out for ringed seals.

### **USFWS Updates**

Polar Bear meetings in Russia coming up in July. FWS will work with ANOs and Tribes in Southeast and Kodiak on sea otter management plans.

### **NOAA/NMFS Updates**

A Grants Writing Workshop will be sponsored by NOAA in October for about 30 people, 2-3 people from each ANO. Hands-on workshop. Recipient monitoring.

**MOTION:** Lianna Peterson made a motion to approve recommended changes. Seconded by Robert Henrichs. Motion carried.

### **Next Meeting Date and Adjourn**

BOD annual meeting will be scheduled for December 11-12.  
Adjourn at 3:02 p.m.