



Indigenous People's Council for Marine Mammals (IPCoMM)

Fall Board of Directors Meeting

Egan Civic & Convention Center, Anchorage, Alaska

December 11-12, 2019

MINUTES

The Fall Board of Directors Meeting was called to order on December 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Lower Level, Room 2 of the Egan Civic and Convention Center at 555 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 by Chairman Mike Miller. Invocation was offered by Billy Adams. The roll call established a quorum was present. Attending the meeting were:

<u>Organization Represented in Person</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Alaska Beluga Whale Committee.....	Albert Simon (alt)
Alaska Nannut Co-Management Council.....	Katya Gray (alt)
Alaska Sea Otter and Steller Sea Lion Commission.....	Lianna Jack Peterson (alt)
Aleut Community of St. Paul Island.....	Roxanna Kashatok (alt)
Aleut Marine Mammal Commission.....	Peggy Osterback
Assn. of Village Council Presidents—(IUM).....	Jennifer Hooper
Bristol Bay Native Association.....	Helen Aderman
Chugach Regional Resources Commission.....	Robert Henrichs
Eskimo Walrus Commission.....	Vera Metcalf
Ice Seal Committee.....	Billy Adams
Inuit Circumpolar Council—Alaska.....	Kelly Eningowuk
Maniilaq Association.....	Emerson Moto
North Slope Borough, Dept. of Wildlife Management.....	Taqulik Hepa
Sitka Marine Mammal Commission.....	Mike Miller
Native Village of Tyonek.....	Arthur Standifer
Traditional Council of St. George Island.....	Dennis Lekanof

Organizations Not Represented

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission (Observer)

Visitors/Others Present

Landye Bennett Blumstein: Elizabeth Hensley
Hope Nation: Stephanie Gutierrez
AOOS: Molly McCammon
USFWS: Patrick Lemons
BIA: Glenn Chen
EWC: Sierra Smith
AMMC: Josephine Shangin
Hilcorp: Beth Sharp
NOAA/NMFS: Jon Kurland; Pete Jones, Jenn Hall-Brown; Kristie Balovich; Jenna Malek; Jill Pruitt
Marine Mammal Lab/Alaska Fisheries Science Center: John Bengtson
CRRC: Patricia Schwalenberg
ICC: Vernae Agnaboogok
World Wildlife Fund: Elizabeth Kruger
IPCoMM: Carol Torsen; Sharon Scudder; Mattox Metcalf

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 11, 2019**Seating of New Members and/or Alternates**

Four alternate IPCoMM members were in attendance: (1) Albert Simon representing Tom Gray of ABWC; (2) Katya Gray representing Benjamin Payenna of ANCC; (3) Lianna Jack Peterson representing Margaret Roberts of TASSC; (4) Roxanna Kashatok representing Amos Philemonoff of ACSPI. Maniilaq Association's Board elected a new IPCoMM Representative: Emerson Moto – Letter of Authorization under correspondence.

MOTION: Vera Metcalf moved to accept alternate members. Seconded by Peggy Osterback. Motion carried.

MOTION: Taqulik Hepa moved to approve agenda. Seconded by Billy Adams. Motion carried.

MOTION: Peggy Osterback moved for approval of BOD Minutes of May 9-10, 2019. Seconded by Taqulik Hepa. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report

Carol Torsen summarized Award Action Requests for no-cost extensions for IPCoMM office personnel and introduced two new IPCoMM staff. Work was done over the summer to expand the IPCoMM office space at no additional cost. IPCoMM is preparing to write a NOAA proposal for the next fiscal year and expects to have the same sub-recipients.

Chairman's Updates

Chair Mike Miller reported on IPCoMM's recent activities, including the continuation of the Gap Analysis and that the first 6 organizations completed their Gap Analysis. IPCoMM is working with Stephanie Gutierrez, contractor with Hope Nation Consulting on this project. He also reported that he attended his last ANCC meeting and that ANCC has completed getting their organization going and that will end IPCoMM's involvement as pass-through organization for them. IPCoMM staff will be working on this year's proposal to NOAA due February 2020. Chairman reported he attended a Southeast specific Sea Otter workshop in November 2019.

Co-Management Review and Discussion

Dr. Jenna Malek reported for NOAA on work she did for the Marine Mammal Commission last year and some of the recommendations that were created to help improve co-management relationships.

Gap Analysis Continuation & Next Steps

Stephanie Gutierrez of Hope Nation Consulting reported on what they have gathered from the first six organizations and that they are hoping to work with another three ANOs and they are hoping to have that process done by the end of June, 2020.

First Alaskans Institute Internship & Leadership training program

Karla Booth and Ella Tonuchuk shared with IPCoMM Members First Alaskans Institute's Summer Internship Program that places Alaska Native/Native American, Indigenous and rural undergraduate/graduate students into organizations to further their leadership and employment experiences. Internship is June – August, 2020 for 10 weeks.

AOOS Ocean Observing

Molly McCammon of Alaska Ocean Observing System shared that AOOS is a part of a national program called the Integrated Ocean Observing System. AOOS also runs the Alaska Water Level Watch, the Alaska Acidification Network, and the Alaska Harmful Algal Bloom Network.

Harvest Management Plan template discussion

Elizabeth Hensley of Landye Bennett Blumstein presented on the Harvest Management Plan template she created for member organizations to use for creating their own harvest management plan.

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NMFS Updates

Jon Kurland of NOAA Fisheries Protected Resources Division gave an in-depth review of Humpback Whale Critical Habitat proposals, updates on two UMEs in Alaska; Gray Whale UME and Alaska Ice Seal UME. He also shared updates on the final rule revisions for Northern Fur Seals and updates on pending lawsuits regarding critical habitat.

USFWS Updates

Patrick Lemons of FWS Marine Mammals Management updated on the Walrus Program, Polar Bear activities, and thanked IPCoMM for being instrumental in helping ANCC get up and running. FWS is also undertaking a new 5 year review on the southwest stock of Sea Otters. Patrick also updated on the Regulatory Program and incidental take regulations (ITR) for the North Slope and Cook Inlet for Hilcorp Research on marine mammal activities.

Eskimo Walrus Commission Report

Vera Metcalf reported that EWC had submitted a proposal to hold a Young Hunter's Summit for member communities to develop the next generation of informed, engaged community representatives. Holding the first workshop in Nome and a second workshop in Anchorage.

Sitka Marine Mammal Commission Report

Chairman Mike Miller updated on Sealaska Heritage Institute's Sea Otter Fashion Show that was held in Juneau and all the work it took to organize the fashion show. He also shared about the skin sewing classes that were created to stimulate sea otter handicrafts and to address overabundance of sea otters in certain areas.

Chugach Regional Resource Commission

Patty Schwalenburg shared a new bill that was introduced in July called the Recovering America's Wildlife Act and encouraged everyone to contact the Alaska delegation to tell them about it. Patty announced that she will be leaving her position as Executive Director at CRRRC but will continue at CRRRC in another capacity.

Set Next Meeting Date

Next meeting will be March 11th and 12th, 2020 for Spring Board of Directors Meeting and location TBD.

Elections

Elections of IPCoMM officers were: Chairman–Mike Miller; Vice-Chairman–Taquik Hepa; Treasurer–Jennifer Hooper; Executive Committee Members–Vera Metcalf, Ralph Wolfe, Helen Aderman.

MOTION: Taquik Hepa moved to adjourn. Seconded by Peggy Osterback. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.