



Indigenous People's Council for Marine Mammals (IPCoMM)

Board of Directors Meeting

Anchorage Marriott Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska
July 15-16, 2021

MINUTES

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order on July 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Skagway/Valdez Room of the Anchorage Marriott Downtown hotel at 820 W 7th 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.....	Tom Gray
Alaska Nannut Co-Management Council.....	Charlie Brower (alt)
Aleut Marine Mammal Commission.....	Josephine Shangin
Bristol Bay Native Association.....	Heidi Kritz
Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.....	Ralph Wolfe
Eskimo Walrus Commission.....	Vera Metcalf
Ice Seal Committee.....	Billy Adams
North Slope Borough, Dept. of Wildlife Management.....	Nicole Kanayurak (alt)
Sitka Marine Mammal Commission.....	Mike Miller

IPCoMM Organization Represented via Zoom

Alaska Sea Otter and Steller Sea Lion Commission.....	Lianna Jack Peterson (alt)
Aleut Community of St. Paul Island.....	Lauren Devine (alt)
Assn. of Village Council Presidents—(IUM).....	Jennifer Hooper
Chugach Regional Resources Commission.....	Raven Cunningham (alt)
Inuit Circumpolar Council—Alaska.....	Kelly Eningowuk
Maniilaq Association.....	Isabelle Booth (alt)

IPCoMM Organizations Not Represented

Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission (Observer)
Native Village of Tyonek
Traditional Council of St. George Island

Visitors/Others Present

Landye Bennett Blumstein: Anna Crary (in person)
USFWS: Patrick Lemons (via Zoom)
BIA: Eugene Peltola (in person)
NOAA/NMFS: Jon Kurland; Shawn Carey; Kristin Cieciel (via Zoom)
USMMC: Vicki Cornish; Daryl Boness; Mike Gosliner (via Zoom)
AFN: Ben Mallott (in person)
World Wildlife Fund: Elizabeth Kruger (via Zoom);
Raven Consulting Project: January O'Connor (in person)
IPCoMM: Carol Torsen (in person)
Senator Murkowski: Cordelia Kellie (in person)
ANCC: Katya Gray (via Zoom)
DOI, IOS: Raina Thiele (via Zoom)
NPRHA: Barry Moring (in person)

IMIG: Kevin Shepeski (in person)

THURSDAY – JULY 15, 2021

Seating of New Members and/or Alternates

New Members: Heidi Kritz representing BBNA

Alternates: Charlie Brower representing ANCC; Nicole Kanayurak representing NSB,DWM; Lauren Divine representing Aleut Community of St. Paul Island.

MOTION: Jennifer Hooper moved to accept new and alternate members. Seconded by Josephine Shangin. Motion carried.

MOTION: Tom Gray moved to approve agenda. Seconded by Charlie Brower. Motion carried.

MOTION: Tom Gray moved to approve BOD Minutes of August 31, 2020. Seconded by Vera Metcalf. Motion carried.

MOTION: Charlie Brower moved to approve Financial Report. Seconded by Tom Gray. Motion carried.

USMMC Updates.

Vicki Cornish discussed the Marine Mammal Commission Tribal Consultation Action Plan. This was forwarded to IPCoMM members as well as Federal representatives, as well as copied to the meeting packet.

USFWS Updates.

Patrick Lemons discussed updates of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Marine Mammal Management Office Actions for 2021. This was forwarded to IPCoMM members and Federal representatives.

NOAA/NMFS Updates.

Jon Kurland of Protected Resources discussed updates on Recent and Pending Regulatory and Management Actions for Marine Mammals, which was copied to IPCoMM members, Federal representatives, and the meeting packet.

BIA Updates and Discussion.

Eugene Peltola, Jr. encouraged IPCoMM members to send him a one-page proposal. This could cover year-end funding on Tribal organizations rather than projects specifically.

Raven Consulting Project Update.

January O'Connor discussed a Forum Series for the Sustainable Stewardship of Bering Straits Region.

FRIDAY - JULY 16, 2021

Discussion of Expanding Regional or Species Harvest Management Plans.

Co-Management ANO groups around the State are most aware of what harvest management plans should consist of in the region and/or species they are involved with. There is not one central group that should dictate things for everyone's harvest management plans. Power with ANOs to have flexibility to adapt to different needs and different regions of the State.

MOTION: Charlie Brower moved to go into executive session. Nicole Kanayurak seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION: Charlie Brower moved to come out of executive session. Tom Gray seconded. Motion carried.

One result of the executive session was wanting to develop a specific sub-committee to make recommendations that inform new initiatives that come along. This would be a sub-committee of Six people. They will be able to work on this and report on this prior to the next meeting. AFN to support two observers. The lead will be taken within the membership of IPCoMM, and it will be open to anyone who is a member of IPCoMM. Charge is going to be general discussion with focus on how to address regional concerns that don't bleed over into other focuses. The intent of our direction is to continue to develop stronger co-management initiatives. These things are going to be as effective as the existing funding – can't effectively do it based on the limited funding that we have for most of the IPCoMM groups. Most have relied on reports by Sealaska Blood Quantum issue.

Discussion of Potential Bylaw Amendment

Discussion centered on IPCoMM Bylaws, Article Five, Section 2 – Membership Criteria. The sub-section 4 that reads: Certify annually that the commission, organization or local government has caused its financial statements to be reviewed or audited by an independent third party. ANOs are being affected by this requirement. If we want to review this, it's open to the IPCoMM group.

Member Organization Discussion of Organizational and/or Environmental changes/Concerns due to effects of COVID.

A survey was taken of IPCoMM members after the August 31, 2020 IPCoMM meeting, and the effects they experienced due to COVID.

IPCoMM and Member Organization GAP Analysis Update

Hope Nation sent IPCoMM its final Gap Analysis. Potential Gap Analysis funding is available for several other IPCoMM ANOs.

Planning for Fall/Winter 2021 meeting and closing comments

The Fall/Winter 2021 meeting is called for first Thursday and Friday of December – December 2 and 3.

MOTION: Charlie Brower moved to go into executive session. Tom Gray seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION: Charlie Brower moved to come out of executive session. Tom Gray seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned approximately 3:30 p.m.