



ICE SEAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING
AGENDA

January 22-23, 2020
9 am Start

Dimond Center Hotel – 700 E Dimond Blvd, Anchorage, AK 99515

1. Call to Order

2. Invocation

3. ISC Roll Call: A quorum constitutes 7 members

- **Bristol Bay Native Association**
___ Helen Aderman, Regional Rep. ___ Sam Gosuk, Hunter Rep.
- **Association of Village Council Presidents**
___ Jennifer Hooper, Regional Rep. ___ Albert Simon, Hunter Rep.
- **Kawerak, Inc.**
___ Brandon Ahmasuk, Regional Rep. ___ Benjamin Payenna, Hunter Rep.
- **Maniilaq Association**
___ Emerson Moto, Regional Rep. ___ Leonard Barger, Hunter Rep.
- **North Slope Borough**
___ Billy Adams, Regional Rep. ___ Joe Mello Leavitt, Hunter Rep.

4. Introductions

5. Welcome Remarks:

- a. ISC Chairman: Billy Adams
- b. NMFS: Jon Kurland

6. Approve the Agenda

7. Approve the May 30-31, 2019 Ice Seal Committee annual meeting minutes

8. Chairman's Report

Billy Adams

9. Ice Seal Research (MML)¹

Peter Boveng and/or Michael Cameron

10. Section 119 Funds and Grant Process

- a. 2011-19 Merit Review Funding for the ISC (Table 1)
- b. NMFS Section 119 Grants
- c. Current Application funding request for FY_2020-21

Barbara Mahoney
 Shawn Carey
 Andrew Von Duyke

Table 1

ICE SEAL COMMITTEE SECTION 119 FUNDS				
Year*	Requested Funds	ADFG[^]	Received Funds	Percent Received
2019	\$70,236		\$61,936	88.50%
2018	\$41,253		\$33,159	80.50%
2017	\$49,001		\$41,153	84%
2016	\$77,234		\$48,175	62%
2015	\$108,196		\$105,701	97%
2014	\$79,064		\$68,814	87%
2013	\$130,204		\$111,976	86%
2012	\$115,590		\$115,590	100%
2011	\$284,385	\$142,589 (\$62,882)	\$205,471	72%
Total	\$955,163	\$142,589	\$791,975	
9 Year Average	\$106,129		\$87,997	84%
* 2011 started the merit review for Section 119 grant proposals				
[^] Alaska Department of Fish and Game was a subrecipient of Section 119 funds from the Ice Seal Committee				

11. Regional and Hunter Representative Reports

- a. Association of Village Council Presidents
- b. Bristol Bay Native Association
- c. Kawerak, Inc.
- d. Maniilaq Association
- e. North Slope Borough

12. Federal Agency Reports

- a. NMFS Update:
- b. NMFS Marine Mammal Stranding Update:

Jon Kurland
 Barbara Mahoney

13. Ice Seal Research

- a. Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- b. NSB Department of Wildlife Management

Lori Quakenbush and/or Justin Olnes
 R. Stimmelmayer and A. Von Duyke

¹ Due to scheduling conflicts, MML has requested to present on 22-Jan-2020.

14. Old Business

a. RESEARCH PROJECT UPDATES

- i. Long Marine Laboratory, UC-Santa Cruz² Colleen Reichmuth
Research update on new bearded seal.
Plans for upcoming work under next NOAA Alaska Pinnipeds Award.
 - ii. Evaluating novel assessment approaches for coastal ice seal haulout areas and behavior in the Alaskan Beaufort Sea
Donna Hauser (UAF) & Andrew Von Duyke (NSB-DWM)
 - iii. Investigating the impact of anthropogenic noise on aquatically breeding ice seals in the Alaskan Arctic
Aaron Rice, Holger Klinck, & Michelle E. Fourné (Cornell University)
 - iv. Integration of Local or Traditional Knowledge and Western Science using a Bayesian approach for fully formed models
Rowenna Gryba (University of British Columbia)
Marie Auger-Méthé (University of British Columbia)
Henry Huntington (Huntington Consulting)
Andrew Von Duyke (NSB-DWM)
- b. Ice Seal Management Plan Barbara Mahoney
 - c. Ice Seal Co-Management Action Plan Barbara Mahoney & Andrew Von Duyke

15. New Business

- a. Marine Mammal Data Collection Program – Lauren Divine (Aleut Community of St. Paul Is.) and Bruce Robson (Community and Ecology Resources, LLC)
- b. Vote on the agreed upon compensation for satellite tag recovery
- c. Discuss the need to elect ISC officers per By-Laws
- d. Discuss amending the By-Laws to facilitate electronic (email) voting
- e. Ringed and Bearded Seal ESA issues
 - i. Status of ringed seal delisting petition
 - ii. Discussion on critical habitat for ringed and bearded seals
 - iii. Discussion of process for the current UME declaration
 - iv. Discuss Shipping “best practices” guide for villages and dead stuff. When to use FedEx, USPS, etc. Account numbers, billing, lists of contact information.
- f. ISC Website (draft) – brief demo

16. Closing Comments

17. Schedule next Teleconference and Meeting

- a. Includes creation of calendar with blocks of time that are better or worse for meetings and teleconferences. For example, key subsistence activity periods in the regions, AFN, etc.

18. Adjournment

² Due to scheduling conflicts, Dr. Reichmuth has requested to present in the morning of 23-Jan-2020.