



2021 ANNUAL MEETING - SPRING AGENDA

- 1. ISC Co-Management Committee Meeting 4-Feb-21 (am)
- 2. ISC Board Meeting 4-Feb (pm) & 5-Feb

1. ISC Co-Management Committee Meeting
 February 4, 2021 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

4-Feb

Join via Zoom online:

<https://zoom.us/j/95878429255?pwd=V1dMcyt2amZwYUtDTVgxZ0JSIBlQT09>

Meeting ID: **958 7842 9255**

Passcode: **3RXynA**

Join via phone:

+1 253 215 8782*

Meeting ID: **958 7842 9255**

Passcode: **566633**

*see pg. 6 for other numbers

9:00 – 9:15 am

- 1. Call to Order Billy Adams, 2020 Co-management Committee Chair
- 2. Invocation
- 3. Roll Call *Quorum for Co-Management Committee meeting = 5 members*

Ice Seal Committee		PRESENT	ABSENT
Bristol Bay Native Association	Sam Gosuk		
	Heidi Kritz		
Association of Village Council Presidents	Jennifer Hooper		
	Albert Simon		
Kawerak, Inc.	Brandon Ahmasuk		
	Benjamin Payenna		
Maniilaq Association	Cyrus Harris		
	Emerson Moto		
North Slope Borough	Billy Adams		
	Joe Mello Leavitt		
Total			

National Marine Fisheries Service		PRESENT	ABSENT
Assistant Regional Administrator, Alaska Region	Jon Kurland		
Program Manager, Polar Ecosystems Program	Peter Boveng		
Biologist, Alaska Region	Barb Mahoney		
Total			

9:15 – 10:00 am

4. Meeting Logistics Andy Von Duyke
5. Introductions
6. Dispense with “Robert Rules of Order”. Proceed by consensus.
7. Select Chair National Marine Fisheries Service
8. Adopt the Agenda
9. Approve minutes from Ice Seal Co-Mgmt Committee meeting (21-Jan-2021)

10:00 – 11:30 am

10. NMFS Alaska Region Updates Jon Kurland & Tammy Olson
 - Decision regarding petition to delist the Arctic subspecies of ringed seal under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)
 - Initiation of 5-year reviews for ringed and bearded seals (comments due 26-Mar)
 - Proposal to designate critical habitat for ringed and bearded seals under the ESA
 - Public comment period closes on 9-March 2021
 - Public hearings (virtual) will be announced in Federal Register
 - Final designations by 15 March 2022

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

11. 2021 Action Plan Barbara Mahoney & Andrew Von Duyke
 - Includes actions and information needs to promote conservation and co-management of Alaskan ice seal populations for subsistence
12. Closing Comments
13. Adjourn

[One-hour lunch break at 12:30]

2. Ice Seal Committee - Board Meeting (Day 1)
 February 4, 2021 1:30 to 5:30 pm

1:30 – 1:45 pm

1. Call to Order Billy Adams, ISC Chair
2. Invocation
3. Roll Call *Quorum for ISC Board Meeting = 7 members*

Ice Seal Committee	PRESENT	ABSENT
Bristol Bay Native Association	Sam Gosuk	
	Heidi Kritz	
Association of Village Council Presidents	Jennifer Hooper	
	Albert Simon	
Kawerak, Inc.	Brandon Ahmasuk	
	Benjamin Payenna	
Maniilaq Association	Cyrus Harris	
	Emerson Moto	
North Slope Borough	Billy Adams	
	Joe Mello Leavitt	
Total		

1:45 – 3:00 pm

4. Meeting logistics Andy Von Duyke
5. Introductions
6. Welcome Remarks Billy Adams & Jon Kurland
7. Vote on new member Heidi Kritz (representing BBNA)
8. Approve agenda
9. Approve FY2019-2020 Ice Seal Committee board meeting minutes

3:00 – 5:30 pm

10. Chairman’s report Billy Adams
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

[Adjourn at 5:30 pm - Reconvene at 9:00 am on Friday, February 5, 2021]

1:00 – 1:45 pm

- g. (1:00 – 1:30) UPDATES: Donna Hauser (UAF)
- Evaluating novel assessment approaches for coastal ice seal haulout areas and behavior in the Alaskan Beaufort Sea
 - Alaska Arctic Observatory and Knowledge Hub (AAOKH)
 - Ikaagvik Sikukun ugruk hunting season publication
- h. (1:30 – 1:45) Polar Bear Co-Management Katya Gray (ANCC)

1:45 – 3:00 pm

16. Old Business (Action items from 2020 Board Meeting)
- a. Ice seal population status updates from MML (Chukchi Sea)
- b. Does the ISC wish to pursue funding for an ESA listing workshop(s) in the upcoming grant proposal for FY2021-22? (Recommend tabling until agenda item #17b)
- c. Would the ISC like to proactively work toward facilitating the concurrent use of Indigenous-Knowledge and Scientific-Knowledge for co-management? Examples may include supporting research, requesting research, and/or direct participation.
- d. Does ISC want to request information and/or research into the rate in which various sedatives and other drugs are metabolized by ice seals that have been handled?
- e. Does the ISC want to explore the potential use of an app to conduct harvest monitoring and other ice seal documentation as needed by the ISC¹.

3:00 – 5:30 pm

17. New Business

- a. Proposal to amend By-Laws²
Allows for electronic (email) voting by ISC Board. Vote on inserting the yellow highlighted text into Article VII (Poll Vote) as shown below (or variants):

Article VII - Poll Vote³

*Action of this organization may be taken by teleconference in accordance with State Law. When, in the judgment of the Chairman, any questions arise that should be put to a vote of the membership, and when he/she deems it inexpedient to call a special meeting for that purpose, he/she may, unless otherwise required by these Bylaws, submit the matter to the membership by phone **or electronically (e.g., via email)** for vote and decision, and the question thus presented shall be determined according to a majority or unanimity of the votes received as required by these Bylaws by phone within three (3) days after such submission to the membership, provided that, in each case, votes of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the total membership shall be received. Action taken in this manner shall be as effective as action taken at a duly called meeting, and shall be ratified at the next meeting.*

¹ Time for evaluating the use of apps for local observations has been included in the budget for FY2020-2021

² A notification was sent to ISC >30 days prior to vote on potential amending of By-Laws

³ Text is from the ISC By-Laws (dated November 19, 2012)

- b. FY_2021-22 Section 119 grant proposal Andy Von Duyke & ISC
- Review, amend?

 - Unspent funds, workshops, more youth-participation, capacity building, etc.

- c. 2021 ISC Action Plan (review) Barbara Mahoney

18. Upcoming teleconference

- a. Schedule date (near end of May 2021)
- b. Potential topics
- Ice Seal Management Plan – how to proceed

 - ISC Board membership – Develop process to recruit members with schedules that allow them to commit to attending and fully participating in ISC meetings and activities.

 - ISC Website – Standing request to the ISC, NOAA, and ice seal researchers, partners, and friends for photos, information, publications, and local observations.

19. Closing Comments

20. Schedule next meeting

21. Adjourn Meeting

Additional Zoom call-in numbers (if needed)

- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
- +1 929 436 2866 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/9101122222>

Meeting Logistics:

The meeting will be held via Zoom, with call-in numbers. To accommodate this year's compressed 2-day schedule, please comply with the following requests:

1. Written documentation for board members' packets:
 - a. Regional and hunter reports in writing (word)
 - b. Agency reports in writing (word)
 - c. Research reports/updates/summaries in writing (word)
 - d. All written documents should be sent to the ISC Executive Manager in advance for inclusion in the meeting packets.
 - e. Due date for inclusion in the meeting packet = January 31, 2021

2. Presentations
 - a. Please be brief (~ 10 minutes, or about 10 slides, plus time for questions = 15 minutes)
 - b. Presentations
 - 1) save as pdf (portrait orientation) and send in advance to ISC Executive Manager
 - 2) This enables board members to follow along if there are technical difficulties with screen-sharing in Zoom (highly likely)

3. Meeting format and considerations
 - a. Zoom meeting with phone call-in for people with band-width limitations
 - b. Compressing 3 days into 2 days means:
 - 1) Background info may need to be very limited
 - 2) More reliance on subsequent teleconferences in 2021 to complete unfinished business
 - c. Need to be somewhat strict about schedule. May have to table long-running discussions until the subsequent teleconference.
 - d. We will attempt to minimize any redundancies between the Co-Management and Board meetings via coordination between NMFS and ISC Chair and Executive Manager.

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