



**ICE SEAL COMMITTEE – BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

Mar 13-14, 2024 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Federal Building Annex
222 West 8th Ave A-35, Anchorage, AK 99513**

1. **Call to Order (9 am)** Billy Adams – ISC Chair
2. **Invocation**
3. **Roll Call** Quorum¹ for ISC Board Meeting = majority (6 members)

Ice Seal Committee		Present	Absent
Bristol Bay Native Association	VACANT		X
	Sam Gosuk		
Association of Village Council Presidents	Jennifer Hooper		
	Albert Simon		
Kawerak, Inc.	Charles Menadelook		
	Ben Payenna		
Maniilaq Association	Timothy Smith		
	Cyrus Harris		
North Slope Borough	Billy Adams		
	Joe Mello Leavitt		
Total			

4. Introductions & Meeting Logistics

- Meeting will be recorded, so please speak clearly & loudly, and always identify yourself before speaking.
- Breaks at 10-ish and at 3-ish. Lunch on your own at noon till 1:30 pm.

¹ **ISC By-Laws – Article IV, Section 4.5:** A *majority* of the members of this Working Group, when present at any meeting, shall constitute a quorum, and in case there is less than this number, the presiding officer may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is present.

5. Welcome remarks.....Billy Adams & Anne Marie Eich

6. Approve agenda.....Ice Seal Committee

- *Dr. Donna Hauser has asked to give her report on March 12 @ 3pm due to scheduling issues.*

7. Approve Minutes.....Ice Seal Committee

A. Spring 2023 – ISC Board Meeting

B. Fall 2023 – ISC Virtual Meeting

8. Unfinished Business

A. Officer elections

Current Officers		Elected	End of Term
Chair	Billy Adams	2022	2024
Vice-Chair	Jennifer Hooper	2022	2024
Sec./Treas.	Joe Mello Leavitt	2022	2024

9. New Business

A. Reports – ISC

1) ISC Chair.....Billy Adams

2) ISC grant status update.....Andy Von Duyke

B. Reports – Regional

1) Association of Village Council Presidents.....Jennifer Hooper & Albert Simon

2) Bristol Bay Native Association.....Sam Gosuk

3) Kawerak, Inc.....Charles Menadelook & Ben Payenna

4) Maniilaq Association.....Timothy Smith & Cyrus Harris

5) North Slope Borough.....Billy Adams & Joe Mello Leavitt

C. Reports – Research

1) North Star Ringed Seal Monitoring (Hilcorp).....Jen Dushane

- 2) AAOKH (U of Alaska Fairbanks)².....Donna Hauser & Roberta Tuurraq Glenn
- a) *Children’s book “Natchiq Grows Up”*
 - b) *Marine Traffic Overlap with Tagged Ringed Seals, 2013-2022*
 - c) *Alaska Arctic Observatory & Knowledge Hub (AAOKH)*
 - d) *Short Update on the Monitoring of Spotted Seals at Terrestrial Haulouts³*
- 3) U of British Columbia / ICC Canada.....Dr. Rowenna Gryba (ICC Canada)
- a) *Integration of Traditional Knowledge and Western Science Using a Bayesian Approach for Fully Informed Models.*
 - b) *Indigenous Knowledge Habitat Models of Bearded Seals (Ugruk – Erignathus barbatus) in Coastal Alaskan Waters – Update on Lenfest Grant*
- 4) ADFG – Arctic Marine Mammal Program.....Justin Olnes
- a) *Harvest Monitoring*
 - b) *Ice Seal Biomonitoring*
 - c) *Ringed Seal Winter Density Project (Prudhoe Bay)*
 - d) *Bearded Seal Close-Kin Mark-Recapture*
- 5) Aleut Community of St. Paul Island.....Lauren Divine
- a) *Update on the NETS project status*
 - b) *Update on the Indigenous Sentinels Network*
- 6) University of Alaska Fairbanks.....Meaghan Connor
- Exploring Novel Technologies to Assess the Terrestrial Ecology of Spotted Seals*
- 7) Michigan State University.....Sydney Waloven
- Exploring Alaska: Building Partnerships, Understanding Co-Management, and Navigating Subsistence Challenges.*
- 8) NOAA – NMFS – Marine Mammal Laboratory.....Michael Cameron
- a) *2024 fieldwork plans*
 - b) *Trophic Roles Project*

² March 12 @ 3pm

³ Maeghan Connor will present more on this later.

10. Next Meeting Dates

A. 2024 Fall Meeting (virtual)

Typically, this meeting will last 3-4 hours and is a chance for updates and for topics that are timely and cannot wait until the spring meeting.

B. 2025 Spring Meeting

Period between late-January and early-March is strongly preferred.

11. Adjourn

Executive Session (if needed –Ice Seal Committee members only)

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