

RESOLUTION # 2025-15**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ICE SEAL COMMITTEE AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR THE CO-MANAGEMENT OF ICE SEALS**

WHEREAS, the Iñupiat Community of the Arctic Slope (ICAS) is a regional Alaska Native tribal government that is governed by the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and the ICAS Constitution as amended that represents and is selected by the Iñupiat people of the Arctic Slope region; and

WHEREAS, ICAS is governed by a council; and

WHEREAS, the business of ICAS is focused on protecting the common interests of our community members as descendants of the aboriginal Iñupiat people and to conserve and develop Tribal lands and resources in accordance with Tribal customary and traditional law and applicable Federal law; to establish justice; and to promote effective self-determination including self-governance; and

WHEREAS, bearded seals, ringed seals, spotted seals, and ribbon seals ("Ice Seals") are essential to the cultural, nutritional, and spiritual well-being and way of life of the residents of our communities, including: Anaktuvuk Pass, Atqasuk, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, Utqiagvik (formerly Barrow), and Wainwright; ICAS recognizes its responsibility and authority to exercise its rights to act as a steward of the Ice Seals and their habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Ice Seal Committee was formed through a provision of Section 119 of the US Marine Mammal Protection Act with the purposes to preserve and enhance the marine resources of Ice Seals including their habitat, to protect and enhance Alaska Native culture, traditions, and especially activities associated with subsistence uses of Ice Seals, and to undertake education, research, and co-management related to Ice Seals; and

WHEREAS, the Ice Seal Committee works to achieve its purposes in coordination with ICAS; and

WHEREAS, the Ice Seal Committee is comprised of members appointed by each of the following five regional entities with corresponding Tribal approval: Association of Village Council Presidents, Bristol Bay Native Association, Kawerak, Inc., Maniilaq Association, and the North Slope Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the ICAS Council hereby authorizes the Ice Seal Committee, and delegates to the Ice Seal Committee certain powers and authorities to act on behalf of ICAS for the purpose of co-management of Ice Seals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the ICAS Council withdraws its authorization of the Ice Seal Committee by resolution.

ADOPTED at a duly called meeting of the ICAS Council, in which a quorum was present, on this 2nd day of October, 2025 by a vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstaining.

ATTEST:


President/Chair


Secretary