
North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel Meeting Summary
and Minutes

The North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel (NSSI STAP) met on October 23-24, 2018, at the Robert B. Atwood Building in Anchorage, AK. Other meeting participants included NSSI staff, members of the NSSI Senior Staff Committee (SSC), invited subject matter specialists, and members of the public.

Meeting Objectives

- Provide updates on personnel, ongoing engagements, charter renewal and Panel membership.
- Receive updates from working groups formed in previous sessions.
- Continue development of working group reports.

October 23, 2018 Meeting Summary

The following topics were discussed:

- Director's Report and Personnel Updates
- NSSI Ongoing Engagements
- Scientific Peer Review on NEPA Documents Relevant to the North Slope
- Annual North Slope Studies Review
- NSSI Data Catalog Successes
- STAP Charter Renewal
- STAP Nominations Updates
- Explanation of Chukchi Sea Environmental Science Program (CSESP)
- Update on the North Slope Borough / Arctic Slope Regional Corporation Participation with NSSI
- Working Group Updates Provided:
 - Aircraft Disturbance Working Group
 - Habitat Monitoring Working Group
 - Focal Species Monitoring Working Group
 - Traditional/Indigenous Knowledge Working Group

- Public Comment Period Held from 3:30 – 4 pm / No Comments In Person or Via Teleconference Line Opened

October 23, 2018 Attendees

North Slope Science Initiative Staff

Sara Longan - Executive Director
Scott Guyer - Acting Deputy Director
Jess Grunblatt - Data Manager
Lisa Gleason - Communications

Science Technical Advisory Panel

Scott Pegau
Bob Bolton
Jim Hemsath
Lorene Lynn
Sheyna Wisdom
Linda Brewer
Martin Robards
Bob Meyer - On Phone

Invited Expertise Attendees

Robyn Angliss - Nominee
Julie Lina - Nominee
Melanie Smith - Nominee
Anne-Marie Jensen - Applicant

Senior Staff Committee

Cathy Coon (BOEM) - SSC
Matthew Whitman (BLM) - SSC
Wendy Loya (Arctic LCC) - SSC

October 24, 2018 Meeting Summary

The following topics were discussed:

- Communications Plan Update
- Working Group Updates Provided:
 - Past Barrow Workshop Close Out
- New Working Group Recommendations
 - Future Barrow Workshop Planning Group
- Working Groups Continued to Meet and Work on Materials Development/Review
- Monthly Teleconferences Scheduled for Future Meetings

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Robyn Angliss - Nominee

Julie Lina - Nominee

Anne-Marie Jensen - Applicant

Ben Jones - Nominee

Christopher Arp - Nominee

Katya Wessels - Applicant

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