ALASKA ESKIMO WHALING COMMISSION

Agenda
Third Triannual Meeting of Commissioners
Crowne Plaza, 109 W International Airport Rd., Anchorage, AK 99518
Tue., Oct. 27, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Join Virtually: TEAMS LINK **Meeting ID**: 234 030 375 925 398 2| **Passcode**: Qf64LJ2A
Call-in Number: 1-469-998-7751| **Phone Conf. ID**: 235 497 884#
Mtg. Materials: Materials LINK
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AEWC Operations & Co-Management Business	
8:30 – 8:45	Call to Order Roll Call Invocation Approval of Agenda Approval of Meeting Minutes (1st & 2nd Triannual)
8:45 – 9:00	**Introductions**
9:00 – 9:15	**Chairman's Welcome** *John Hopson, Jr.*
9:15 – 9:30	**Executive Director Report** *Martin Edwardsen*
9:30 – 9:45	**Financial Report** *Sarah Espelin, CPA*
9:45 – 10:00	**Grants / Operations Report** *Jenny Evans*
10:00 – 10:15	**Break**
10:15 – 11:00	**NSB Science Report** *Dr. John Citta, NSB Department of Wildlife Management*
11:00 – 12:00	**Backyard Buoys Update & Discussion** *Martin Edwardsen, Jenny Evans, Sheyna Wisdom*
12:00 – 1:30	**Lunch**
Executive Session 1 (Commissioners, Staff, NSB)	
1:30 – 2:00	**Legal Counsel Report** *Earl Comstock*
2:00 – 5:00	**CAA Review/Discussion**
5:00	**Wrap up / Adjourn**

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Wed., Oct. 28, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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8:30 – 8:45	Call to Order Roll Call Invocation
Shared Waterways: Addressing increased activity in Arctic waterways	
8:45 – 9:00	**Introductions**
9:00 – 9:30	**Santos Update** *Ryan French & Monica Wiehl*
9:30 – 10:15	**Hilcorp Update** *Weston Eiler*
10:15 – 10:30	**BREAK**
10:30 – 11:00	**Narwhal Exploration, LLC Update** *Shawn Gelsinger*
11:00 – 12:00	**CAA Discussion**
12:00 – 1:30	**LUNCH**
1:30 – 2:30	**North Slope Borough Planning Dept. CRP & Title 19 Updates** *Kristin Guherrez-Edwards, Deputy Director* *Qinugan Roddy, Assistant to LMA*
Executive Session 2 (Commissioners, Staff, NSB)	
2:30 – 4:00	**Management Plan** *Earl Comstock*
4:00 – 5:00	**Village Equipment/Supply Assistance** *Jenny Evans*
5:00	**Wrap up / Adjourn**

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8:30 – 8:45	Call to Order Roll Call Invocation
Executive Session 3 (Commissioners, Staff, NSB, ASHSP Committee)	
8:45 – 12:00	**Hunter Training Program Report & Discussion** • Harvest report update, *Harry Brower, Jr., Chairman & Billy Adams* • Penthrite manufacturing & testing update/discussion, *Mike Till* • Penthrite tracking/inventory, *Harry Brower, Jr. & Martin Edwardsen* • Hunter training update, *Harry Brower, Jr.*
12:00 – 1:30	**LUNCH**
Executive Session 4 (Commissioners, Staff, NSB)	
1:30 – 3:00	**Final Discussion** (CAA & Management Plan)
3:00 – 3:15	**Break**
3:15 – 4:00	**Internal Business** • Convention Planning • Personnel / Administrative Items
4:00 – 4:45	**Village Concerns** *Savoonga, Gambell, Wales, Diomede, Kivalina, Kaktovik, Pt. Hope, Pt. Lay, Wainwright, Utqaigvik, Nuiqsut*
4:45 – 5:00	**Wrap up / Adjourn**

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Fri., Oct. 30, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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SCIENCE DAY	
8:30 – 8:45	Call to Order Roll Call Invocation
8:45 – 9:00	**Introductions**
9:00 – 9:20	**EcoFOCI Field Research 2026: Saildrone & Fairweather** ***Heather Tabisola***, Research Coordinator EcoFOCI Program NOAA, PMEL, EcoFOCI Research Program **Funding source**: NOAA **Project dates/locations**: Saildrone: July – Sept., Arctic Moorings: Sept. **Email**: heather.tabisola@noaa.gov
9:20 – 9:30	**Q/A**
9:30 – 9:50	**Proposed field work at Barter Island in support of improved Arctic coastal erosion modeling and prediction capability** ***Dr. Emily Eidam, OSU*** ***Dr. Tom Ravens, UAA*** UAA, UAF, Oregon State University **Funding source**: Office of Naval Research **Project dates/locations**: Barter Island (summer 2027) **Email**: emily.eidam@oregonstate.edu
9:50 – 10:00	**Q/A**
10:00 – 10:20	**Break**
10:20 – 10:40	**Spring 2025 Ice Seal Survey Update** ***Erin Moreland***, Research Zoologist, NOAA **Funding source**: NOAA **Project dates/locations**: April 4 – June 11, 1015, Bering, Chukchi, Beaufort Seas **Email**: erin.moreland@noaa.gov **Data access**: https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/about/alaska-fisheries-science-center
10:40 – 10:50	**Q/A**
10:50 – 11:20	**Designing a Collaborative Short-Term Sea Ice Prediction Tool for Alaska's Coasts** ***Ayumi Fujisaki-Manome***, Research Associate Professor, University of Michigan **Funding Source**: NOAA **Project dates/location**: Aug. 2024 – July 2027 **Data access**: https://live-seas-alaska-sea-ice.pantheonsite.io/
11:20 – 11:30	**Q/A**

11:30 – 11:50	**DARPA FROSTY Project** ***Dr. Chris Polashenski***, Research Geophysicist, USACE-ERDC-CRREL **Funding Source**: Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) **Email**: chris.polashenski@gmail.com **Data access**: NA
11:50 – 12:00	**Q/A**
12:00 – 1:30	**LUNCH**
SCIENCE DAY	
1:30 – 1:50	**The Beaufort shelf-edge current in a warming climate** ***Robert Pickart***, Senior Scientist Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution **Funding Source**: National Science Foundation **Project dates/location**: Oct/Nov 2027, Chukchi and Beaufort Seas **Email**: rpickart@whoi.edu
1:50 – 2:00	**Q/A**
2:00 – 2:20	**Alaska Seabed Mining: Federal Plans and Possible Impacts** ***Dyani Lezama***, State Director, Alaska Environment ***Anna Rose MacArthur***, *Marine Advocate, Kawerak* Alaska Seabed Mining Coalition **Project point of contact**: dyani@alaskaenvironment.org and armacarthur@kawerak.org
2:20 – 2:30	**Q/A**
2:30 – 2:50	**MIRAI II Arctic Training & Research Cruise in 2027** ***Dr. Takatoshi Matsuzawa***, *Coordinator* Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science & Technology (JAMSTEC) **Email**: matsuzawat@jamstec.go.jp **Project point of contact**: TBD
2:50 – 3:00	**Q/A**
3:00 – 3:20	**Brief report of Oshoro-Maru 2026 Arctic Cruise** ***Dr. Kohei Matsuno*** Hokkaido University **Project dates/location:** June 19 – July 31, 2026, Northern Bering Sea/Southern Chukchi Seas **Email**: k.matsuno@fish.hokudai.ac.jp **Project point of contact**: Kohei Matsuno **Data access:** https://ads.nipr.ac.jp/data/search/list/1 **https:**//www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/metadata/landing-page/bin/iso?id=gov.noaa.nodc:0287423
3:20 – 3:30	**Q/A**
3:30 – 3:50	**Break**
3:50 – 4:00	**Northern Bering Sea Integrated Ecosystem Research Program** ***Danielle Dickson***, *Senior Program Manager* North Pacific Research Board **Email**: Danielle.dickson@nprb.org **Project point of contact**: Danielle Dickson **Data access:** https://www.nprb.org/northern-bering-sea-ierp
4:00 – 4:10	**Q/A**

4:10 – 4:30	**Assessing Impact of Ships on Bowhead Whales in the Bering Sea** ***Bhuvan Ravindran**, Consultant* Pacific Environmental & Resources Center **Project dates/location: Oct. 1, 2025 – Nov. 30, 2025, Bering Sea** **Email**: bhuvanravindran@hks.harvard.edu **Project point of contact**: Julia Hnilicka (907-378-6378) **Data access:** results not published yet
4:30 – 4:40	**Q/A**
4:40 – 5:00	**Wrap-up questions and discussion**
5:00	**Adjourn**