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WHALING COMMISSION

Agenda

Third Triannual Meeting of Commissioners

Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage, AK

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Join Virtually: WEBEX LINK | Mtg, Number: 2556 174 7015 | Password: 11villages

Join Telephonically: Dial: 1-844-621-3956 | Mtg. Access: 2556 174 7015

AEWC Operations & Co-Management Business	
8:30 – 8:45	Call to Order Roll Call Invocation Approval of Agenda Approval of Meeting Minutes (July 2023)
8:45 – 9:00	Introductions
9:00 – 9:15	Chairman’s Welcome <i>John Hopson, Jr.</i>
9:15 – 9:30	Executive Director Report <i>Lesley Hopson</i>
9:30 – 10:00	Financial Report <i>Sarah Espelin, CPA</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Grants / Operations Report <i>Jenny Evans</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 -12:00	AOOS/AEWC Wave Buoy Project Update & Discussion
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 3:00	AOOS/AEWC Wave Buoy Project Update & Discussion (continued)
3:00 – 3:15	Break
Executive Session (Commissioners, Staff, NSB)	
3:15 – 3:45	Whaling Captain Registration Discussion
3:45 – 5:00	AEWC Counsel to IWC Report and IWC Discussion <i>Earl Comstock</i>
5:00	Wrap up / Adjourn

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8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Executive Session: IWC (Commissioners, Staff, NSB Mayor, NSB DWM)	
8:30 – 8:45	Call to Order Roll Call Invocation
8:45 – 10:15	NSB Science Report <i>Dr. John Citta</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Additional Questions for AEWC Legal Council <i>Commissioners & Earl Comstock</i>
Executive Session: IWC (Commissioners, Staff, NSB Mayor, NSB DWM, Makah Tribe, Ryan Wulf)	
10:30 – 12:00	Introductions & IWC Discussion
12:00 – 1:30	Working Lunch Executive Session: Commissioners, NSB & Staff Only
1:30 – 3:00	IWC Discussion (continued)
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 4:00	IWC Discussion Wrap-up
Executive Session: IWC (Commissioners, Staff, NSB Mayor, NSB DWM)	
4:00 – 5:00	Internal IWC Discussion Wrap-up & Next Steps <i>Earl Comstock, AEWC Legal Counsel</i>
5:00	Wrap-up / Adjourn

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Friday, December 15, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Shared Waterways: Addressing the increase in Arctic waterways: Research/Science	
8:30 – 8:45	Call to Order Roll Call Invocation
8:45 – 9:00	Introductions
9:00 – 9:15	Submarine Cable Route Survey (Chukchi & Beaufort Seas) <i>LK Lcard, Far North Digital, LLC</i>
9:15 – 9:45	RV/Sikulialq 2024 Arctic Cruise Overview <i>Jeff Richardson, Sikuliaq Science Liaison, UAF</i>
9:45 – 10:00	NOAA Ocean Floor Mapping in the Arctic (2024) <i>Caroline Wilkinson, Alaska Navigation Manager, NOAA Office of Coast Survey</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Ice Seal Research Planning Update <i>Michael Cameron, Polar Ecosystems Program Lead</i> <i>Erin Moreland, Research Zoologist</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 10:45	ONR Science and Technology Efforts in the Central Beaufort Sea <i>Dr. Craig Lee, University of Washington</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Measurements & Predictions on Landfast Ice Breakup <i>Dr. Craig Lee, University of Washington</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Biophysical Drivers of Bowhead Whale Distribution: Review of 2023 Field Season and of Plans for 2024 <i>Carin Ashjian, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute</i>
11:15 – 11:30	US Healy Project <i>Robert Pickard</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Update of DGGs and USGS Coastal & Oceanographic Data Collection & Flood Hazard Modeling <i>Nora Nieminski, Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGs)</i>
12:00 – 1:30	LUNCH
Shared Waterways: Addressing the Increase in Arctic waterways: Research/Science	
1:30 – 1:45	Oshoro Maru Arctic Cruise (June – July 2023) <i>Dr. Hiromichi Ueno, Hokkaido University, Japan</i>

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1:45 – 2:00	R/V Mirai Arctic Cruise 2023 <i>Amane Fujiwara, Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science & Technology</i>
2:00 – 2:15	Bowhead Tagging Update <i>Lori Quakenbush, Alaska Department of Fish & Game</i>
2:15 – 2:30	Summary of USCG Polar Bear Sampling 2023 <i>Todd Atwood, US Geological Survey</i>
2:30 – 2:45	Pacific Walrus Abundance Survey <i>Dan Bjornlie, US Fish & Wildlife Service</i>
2:45 – 3:15	The Genetic Basis of Reproductive Longevity in Exceptionally Long-lived Mammals <i>Dr. Deena Emera, Buck Institute for Research on Aging</i>
3:15 – 3:30	Break
3:30 – 3:45	Narwhal, LLC: West Harrison Bay Survey & Drilling Activities <i>Stephane Labonte, Exploring Manager</i>
3:45 – 4:00	Hilcorp: CAA Implementation, Whaling Support, Monitoring <i>Maniksaq Baumgartner & Jen Dushane, Hilcorp</i>
4:00 – 5:00	Research/Science Day Wrap-up / Decisions / Discussion
5:00	Wrap up / Adjourn

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Saturday, December 16, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Executive Session: Commissioners, Staff, NSB	
9:00 – 9:15	Call to Order Roll Call Invocation
9:15 – 9:30	Commissioner Discussion regarding IWC Human Rights Paper
Executive Session: Commissioners, Staff, NSB, Jessica Lefevre	
9:30 – 12:00	Interview for IWC Paper Addressing the Human Rights of Subsistence Whaling Communities <i>Jessica Lefevre, Lefevre Law</i>
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch
Executive Session: Weapons Improvement Program	
1:30 – 3:00	WIP Report
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 3:45	Village Concerns <i>Savoonga, Gambell, Wales, Little Diomedede, Kivalina, Pt. Hope, Pt. Lay, Wainwright, Utqiagvik, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut</i>
3:45 – 5:00	Other items for Discussion —Mini Convention date, location, and planning —Set dates for July & Dec. 2024 meetings
5:00	Wrap up / Adjourn