

**North Slope Science Initiative  
Oversight Group  
March 21, 2107  
International Arctic Research Center  
MEETING NOTES**

**ATTENDEES**

**Oversight Group**

Bud Cribley, Chair  
Matthew Whitman, BLM  
Mark Fesmire, BSEE  
Cheryl Rosa, USARC  
Scott Marsteller, DOE-NETL  
Dee Williams, USGS  
Sharon Warren, BOEM (for James Kendall)  
Greg Dudgeon, NPS (for Bert Frost)  
Kaja Brix, NOAA  
☎-David Rodgers, ADF&G Habitat Division  
☎-Jamie Robinson, U.S. Coast Guard

**NSSI Staff**

Sara Longan – Executive Director  
Mark Miller – Deputy Director  
John Payne – Advisor  
Jess Grunblatt – Data Manager  
Lisa Gleason – Communications

**Senior Staff Committee**

Sue Rodman, ADF&G  
Brian Person, NSB  
Heather Crowley, BOEM  
Lois Dalle-Molle, NPS  
Gordon Brower, NSB Planning  
Wendy Loya, Arctic LLC/FWS

**STAP Members**

Robyn Angliss, Chair  
Robert Meyer, Vice Chair  
Bob Bolton  
Linda Brewer  
David Cairns  
Lorene Lynn  
Robert Shuchman  
Robert Suydam  
Sheyna Wisdom  
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Gerry McBeath – Call In

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

**01:30 – 01:45 PM**

**Oversight Group Chair Cribley** introduced new NSSI staff / Executive Director / Deputy Director / Communications. He concluded with an informal request for agency priorities update or reports on budget changes.

**01:45 – 02:00 PM**

**Oversight Group Advisor Payne** presented an Oversight Group Retreat overview and discussed the pending STAP member expirations. He noted that meetings will not be fully manned with 15 members until expired members are nominated and approved

## **02:00 – 02:45 PM**

**STAP Chair Angliss** presented:

- Key points from NSSI STAP 3/20-3/21
- Recommendations from the OG to the STAP after the Retreat
- STAP-SSC proposed modified recommendations from the OG to the STAP

A key discussion item was aviation disturbances to residents and subsistence resources / activities on the North Slope. Recommendations included examining other practices and best practices, listening to residents and reconvening.

## **02:45 – 03:15 PM**

**Oversight Group Chair Cribley** requested a summary of Oversight Group announcements.

## **03:15 – 03:45 PM**

**NSSI Executive Director Longan** briefed an overview of her vision as the incoming Executive Director. **Longan** shared a summary of feedback she has received from NSSI Oversight Group members and participants regarding thoughts on current priorities, emerging interests, and NSSI next steps. She additionally solicited feedback from numerous NSSI participants as part of a general outreach effort to make the group aware of NSSI leadership and staff changes. From these outreach efforts, which will continue in the coming months, priority interests fall within these following themes, for the NSSI Oversight Group to consider:

- (1) assess and standardize Cumulative Impacts Assessment strategies
- (2) assess and standardize, where possible, Long-term Monitoring strategies
- (3) Education & Awareness on emerging NS issues, such as, aircraft conflict avoidance
- (4) continued priority interest and effort to better integrate TK into agency decision-making
- (5) continued priority interest in data sharing and centralized information management among government, academic, and industry partners.

**Longan** also reported hearing feedback regarding the need to advance the North Slope Scenarios Planning exercise into its implementation phase.

**Oversight Group Member Williams** discussed pursuing the issue of conflict avoidance with the North Slope Borough to include noise from vessels. **Williams** mentioned that there is ongoing development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the 2016 Oil and Gas Forum. The MOU, in part, may be aimed at BLM/DOI conflict avoidance mechanisms. **NSSI Executive Director Longan** will follow up on this topic and will include this as an action item for discussion at future NSSI OG meetings. **Oversight Group Chair Cribley** will engage with Stacie McIntosh to see if the Arctic District Office was contacted to consider MOU development.

## **3:45 P.M. Adjourn**