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North Slope Science Initiative announces appointments to Science Technical Advisory Panel

The North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI) today announced appointments of members to its Science Technical Advisory Panel (STAP). The 15-member panel of scientists and technical experts plays a critical role for the NSSI and its Oversight Group by providing advice and other forms of assistance concerning scientific research and monitoring activities related to energy development on Alaska's North Slope.

Panel membership is diverse and may include representatives of the oil and gas industry, subsistence users, holders of traditional ecological knowledge, conservation organizations, academia and other research institutions, and other entities. Panel members may possess technical expertise in one or more of the following areas: North Slope traditional and local knowledge, landscape ecology, petroleum engineering, civil engineering, geology, botany, hydrology, limnology, habitat biology, wildlife biology, biometrics, restoration ecology, sociology, cultural anthropology, economics, ornithology, oceanography, fisheries biology, climatology, or other relevant areas of expertise.

Below are the newly appointed or newly re-appointed members of the Panel:

- Dr. Robyn Angliss is appointed to represent marine mammals.
- Mr. Robert Meyer is appointed to represent fisheries.
- Ms. Julie Lina is appointed to represent Arctic environmental studies.
- Ms. Rada Khadjinova is appointed to represent oceanography
- Dr. Liza Jenkins is appointed to represent landscape ecology and remote sensing.
- Dr. Mark Ivey is appointed to represent climatology and atmospheric science.
- Dr. Miguel Goni is appointed to represent marine ecology and oceanography

- Mr. Ryan Cooper is appointed to represent habitat biology
- Dr. David Cairns is appointed to represent landscape ecology.

The Secretary of the Interior appoints NSSI's Science Technical Advisory Panel members for three-year terms. While serving on the panel, members will be reimbursed for official travel (airline tickets, lodging, and per diem) to participate on the panel. The Federal Advisory Committee Act does not permit salaries, benefits, or honorariums for appointees.

The NSSI was established by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-58), Section 348. This Act directs the NSSI to coordinate scientific data collection that will provide a better understanding of the terrestrial, aquatic, and marine ecosystems of the North Slope of Alaska.

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