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North Slope Science Initiative seeks Science Technical Advisory Panel members

The North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI) is seeking new members for its Science Technical Advisory Panel. 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.

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.

A notice soliciting nominations and applications for the panel was published in the *Federal Register* on April 12, 2018. All nominations and required attachments must be postmarked or electronically dated no later than May 27, 2018. For information, instructions, and the nomination form, go to <https://northslopescience.org/documents/> and select 2018 from the Year drop-down list.

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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