

Overarching Objectives

- 1) Familiarize COSA with BOEM's Alaska Region and their priorities and operations.
- 2) Conduct focus groups with the Alaska regional staff to better understand their perspectives on the development and application of science in the region.

February 11, 2020

Meeting Location: Marriott Anchorage Downtown, Skagway/Valdez Room

OPEN SESSION

9:00 AM	Welcome - Welcome and introductions - Review meeting agenda	Michael Orbach, Committee Chair Stacee Karras, National Academies
9:15 AM	Alaska Office Welcome	Jim Kendall, Regional Director
10:15 AM	Updates from BOEM Headquarters	Bill Brown, Chief Environmental Officer
10:30 AM	Alaska Office Presentations Tribal Relations Orientations	Michael Haller, Tribal Relations Liaison
11:00 AM	<i>Break</i>	
11:15 AM	Resource Evaluation Office	Megan Carr, Regional Supervisor of Resource Evaluation
12:00 PM	<i>Working Lunch</i>	
1:00 PM	Leasing and Plans Office	Patricia LaFramboise, Regional Supervisor Leasing & Plans
1:25 PM	Office of Environment	TBD, Regional Supervisor Office of the Environment
1:45 PM	Environmental Studies	Cathy Coon, Chief of Environmental Sciences Heather Crowley, Environmental Sciences Project Officer
2:30 PM	Overview Databases and GIS tools	Rich Wawrzonek, Lead GIS affiliate Caryn Smith, Physical Oceanographer
2:45 PM	<i>Break</i>	
3:00 PM	Environmental studies table-top exercise	Lorena Edenfield, Environmental Assessment Gwen Robinson, Information Specialist
4:00 PM	Discussion of Tomorrow's Format/Objectives and Brief Closing Remarks for Day 1	Mike Orbach, Committee Chair
4:30 PM	<i>Adjourn Open Session</i>	

CLOSED SESSION (Committee and staff only)

February 12, 2020

Meeting Location: Marriott Anchorage Downtown, Skagway/Valdez Room

CLOSED SESSION (Committee and staff only)

OPEN SESSION

9:00 AM Welcome and Introductions Mike Orbach, Committee Chair

9:15 AM **Focus Groups on Topics: First Session**

Topics:

I) Discovering and Producing Science

A) How are new scientific projects and programs developed and prioritized in your region, and how do you engage with other external (to BOEM) stakeholders in this process?

B) How do you engage with other BOEM regions and Headquarters in the development, prioritization, and execution of your science?

C) How is technical, and in particular outside peer-review, used with proposals and products?

D) How would you improve the scientific discovery and production process?

II) Incorporating Science into Assessments

A) How are data and information managed and stored? In particular, how are data and standardization handled nationally and between regions? How is qualitative data managed?

B) How are ecosystem and socioeconomic effects, including cumulative effects, and risks associated with development evaluated and incorporated into assessments? How are future scenarios developed and analyzed?

C) Do you make use of specific tools such as meta analysis in your assessments?

D) How could the process of incorporating science into assessments be improved?

10:45 AM Break

11:00 AM **Focus Groups on Topics: Second Session**

12:30 PM *Working Lunch*

1:30 PM **Summary and Discussion of Breakout Groups**

2:30 PM *Break*

2:45 PM **Summary and Discussion of Breakout Groups**

3:30 PM **Closing remarks**

4:00 PM **Adjourn Open Session**

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February 13, 2020

Meeting Location: Anchorage Museum

OPEN SESSION

10:00 AM Welcome and initial introductions Mike Orbach, Committee Chair

10:15 AM Guest Presentations (approximately 10 min each) Invited guests

- Brief introduction to guests' organization/role/relevant work
- How you interface with BOEM

Cook Inlet

- Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council Sue Saupe, CIRCAC
- Gulf Watch Alaska Kris Holderied, NOAA

US Arctic Frontier Area

- Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission Jessica Lefevre, AEWC
- USCG Port Access Study & Traffic Issues in Bering Sea LCDR Michael Newell, USCG
- US Arctic Research Committee Cheryl Rosa, USARC
- IARPC Bering Sea Action Plan Amy Holman, NOAA
- North Pacific Research Board Danielle Dickson, NPROB
- Alaska Ocean Observing System Molly McCammon, AOOS

12:00 PM *Lunch*

1:00 PM Discussion

2:30 PM Adjourn for Museum tours