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Committee on Offshore  
Science and Assessment



**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	<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Welcome and introductions</li><li>- Review meeting agenda</li></ul>	Michael Orbach, Committee Chair Stacey Karras, National Academies
9:15 AM	<b>Alaska Office Welcome</b>	Jim Kendall, Regional Director
10:15 AM	<b>Updates from BOEM Headquarters</b>	Bill Brown, Chief Environmental Officer
10:30 AM	<b>Alaska Office Presentations</b> 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	<b>Environmental studies table-top exercise</b>	Lorena Edenfield, Environmental Assessment Gwen Robinson, Information Specialist
4:00 PM	<b>Discussion of Tomorrow's Format/Objectives and Brief</b> <b>Closing Remarks for Day 1</b>	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**

**CLOSED SESSION** (Committee and staff only)

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, AEWK
- 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, NPRB
- Alaska Ocean Observing System      Molly McCammon, AOOS

12:00 PM      *Lunch*

1:00 PM      Discussion

2:30 PM      Adjourn for Museum tours