

**Ice Seal Committee – 2024 Fall Meeting**  
**September 30, 2023 (9:00 am to 1:00 pm) – Virtual**

*Meeting link*    <https://meet.google.com/bmj-hteh-bby>

*Join by phone*    224-408-1143    *PIN* 937497291

1. **Call to Order (9 am)**..... Billy Adams – ISC Chair
  - A. Invocation
  - B. Meeting Logistics (drop Robert’s Rules unless voting)..... ISC Executive Manager
  - C. Introductions

2. **Roll Call**..... *Quorum = 6 members<sup>1</sup>*

Ice Seal Committee		Present	Absent
Bristol Bay Native Association	VACANT		X
	Sam Gosuk		
Association of Village Council Presidents	Jennifer Hooper		
	VACANT		X
Kawerak, Inc.	Charles Menadelook		
	Ben Payenna		
Maniilaq Association	Timothy Smith		
	Cyrus Harris		
North Slope Borough	Billy Adams		
	Joe Mello Leavitt		
<b>TOTAL</b>			

3. **Approval of Agenda**..... ISC
  - Dr. Donna Hauser has requested to present early due to later scheduling conflict. ([link](#))
4. **Minutes from 2024 ISC Spring Meeting**..... ISC Executive Manager
  - A. Draft ISC Board Meeting minutes were sent out to the ISC members on 17 Sep 2024.
  - B. Draft Co-Management Meeting minutes sent out to Co-Management Committee on 17 Sep 2024.<sup>2</sup>
5. **Reports / Updates**..... ISC & Guests
  - Website update / email issues
6. **Unfinished business**
  - A. ISC membership vacancies..... ISC  
*There are currently are two vacancies in the ISC roster. Alternate members should also be recruited for each region.*
  - B. Requested resolution..... ISC and Kawerak  
*In the 2024 ISC Spring Meeting minutes, Chuck Menadelook requested an ISC resolution in support of a Nome based lab to more readily receive analytical results from stranded marine mammals, sick birds, and other issues related, but not limited to, HABs and/or HPAI.*
  - C. Subsistence Harvest Report Update ([link](#))..... Justin Olnes (ADFG)

<sup>1</sup> ISC By Laws – Article IV – Section 4.5: “A majority of the members of this Working Group, when present at any meeting, shall constitute a quorum”

<sup>2</sup> No vote to authorize until after all Co-Management Committee members have had a chance to correct/revise.

D. NETS summary.....Lauren Divine (Aleut Community of St. Paul Is.)

**7. New business**

**A. Research**

- 1) UAF update ([link](#)).....Donna Hauser
- 2) NOAA Marine Mammal Lab
  - Vessel work ([link](#)).....Heather Ziel
  - Aerial surveys ([link](#)).....Michael Cameron
- 3) UNH Bearded seal acoustics update ([link](#)).....Michelle Fournet
- 4) NOAA ringed/bearded seal recovery plan ([link](#)).....J. Malek & C. Cummings
- 5) Other comments, concerns, and/or new business
  - Critical Habitat court decision.....Tyson Kade & ISC

B. ISC 2025 Spring Meeting.....ISC

- 1) Date.....**24-26 Jan 2025**
- 2) Location.....**Anchorage, AK**
- 3) Hotel preference? Logistics...
  - Captain Cook (AMSS location)
  - Embassy Suites
  - Girdwood (low gov't rates)
  - Residence Inn
  - Meet at BP Building
  - other suggestions?
- 4) 2-day Ringed / Bearded Seal Recovery Workshop.....requested by NOAA
  - Prior to 2025 Ice Seal Co-Management Committee meeting.....**22-23 Jan 2025**
  - Logistics? Funding? Virtual?

**8. Executive Session**

A. Review resolutions to Authorize ISC.....ISC

- 1) Letter affirming current ISC reps
 

*Request that each regional entity send an updated letter affirming the name of their current selected ISC representatives and alternates, and/or any replacements or filled vacancies.*
- 2) Sample resolution to authorize ISC
 

*Request approval and plan to travel dates to each Regional Entity. Goal is to work with Regional Entities (first), then move on to Tribal authorization. Meeting dates need to be set<sup>3</sup> or this objective will not get accomplished.*

B. By Laws – discuss (executive session).....ISC

*Revised ISC By-Laws sent to ISC members prior to the meeting. Changes include updates requested at the ISC Strategic Planning meeting. Added conduct code for ISC travelers. There are still things to consider, so a formal vote cannot be held at this meeting. Suggest that we set a date for E-Vote prior to the 2025 ISC Spring Meeting.*

**9. Adjourn**

<sup>3</sup> Could this also be a good time for NOAA recovery coordinators to meet at regions? For example, have an ice seal-oriented portion at meeting that includes resolution to authorize, and then discuss recovery planning?