

To: Roslyn Sellars[roslyn_sellars@fws.gov]
Cc: Gregory Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Thomas Irwin[thomas_irwin@fws.gov]
From: Clark, Karen
Sent: 2018-06-12T15:18:47-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Friday BLM Scoping Meeting for Arctic Refuge
Received: 2018-06-12T15:19:40-04:00

Hey Ros,
Greg Siekaniec is attending for FWS.

Karen

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On Tue, Jun 12, 2018 at 10:54 AM, Roslyn Sellars <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov> wrote:

After reviewing, Greg Sheehan thought this looked more like something FWS program staff should attend. He asks if someone from R7 or Refuges is attending.

Roslyn

On Tue, Jun 12, 2018 at 12:40 PM Greg Siekaniec <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov> wrote:

We'll send the info. I have requested that he be invited but it doesn't seem to be happening by BLM who is charged with the meeting logistics and management.
The Public Scoping Meeting in Washington DC is at the National Housing Center (Auditorium). [1201 15th Street NW, Washington, DC](#)

Schedule is as follows:

At 2:30 there is a BLM safety briefing at the National Housing Center.

3:00 PM open house in Atrium

4:00-4:20 press brief with Q&A held in room D

4:30 BLM presentation followed by public comment period
9:00 pm anticipated end of meeting
9:30 venue security ends duty.

The FWS has no active role in the scoping meeting. We are a cooperating agency listening to the public interests so we have an understanding of issues that need to be addressed in the development of EIS alternatives.

The above is the most current provided by BLM to our Anchorage office.

Greg

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 12, 2018, at 8:25 AM, Roslyn Sellars <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov> wrote:

Greg is interested in attending. Can someone send us info or ask he be added to the invite.

Roslyn Sellars

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Please copy Thomas Irwin (thomas_irwin@fws.gov) on future emails related to scheduling.

On Mon, Jun 11, 2018 at 12:13 PM Greg Siekaniec <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Ros/Thomas,

There is a scoping meeting this Friday in DC for the Arctic Refuge coastal plain oil and gas EIS. I asked BLM to reach out and invite Greg Sheehan. I'm not sure that has happened after my discussion with BLM this morning. I'm headed to Venetie for scoping and will be out of communications for a couple of days.

If Greg has interest in attending the Friday evening meeting Karen Clark will have the information.

I plan to attend.

Greg

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To: Greg Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]
From: Karen Mouritsen
Sent: 2018-06-14T16:06:48-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Public Meeting Materials
Received: 2018-06-14T21:16:55-04:00
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[ATT00004.htm](#)
[NGO Letter DC meeting.pdf](#)
[ATT00005.htm](#)
[2018_940CoolFacts_FINAL.pdf](#)
[ATT00006.htm](#)
[BLM_AKhighlights_Winter2018.pdf](#)
[ATT00007.htm](#)
[CoastalPlain Scoping Presentation FINAL for Week 3 508 \(1\).pdf](#)
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Cc: "Karen E. Mouritsen" <kmourits@blm.gov>, "Hayes, Miriam (Nicole)" <mnhayes@blm.gov>, Megan Crandall <mcrandal@blm.gov>, James Hart <jehart@blm.gov>
Subject: Public Meeting Materials

All,
Attached are helpful documents to read through to prepare for the meeting tomorrow. If you have any questions, or need more info, please reach out to myself or Jim Hart who will be in DC this afternoon. He can be reached at 907 355 7441.

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To: Greg Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]; karen_clark@fws.gov[karen_clark@fws.gov]
From: Karen Mouritsen
Sent: 2018-06-20T14:24:19-04:00
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To: Bert Frost[bert_frost@nps.gov]; Karen Mouritsen[kmourits@blm.gov]; Siekaniec, Greg[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]
Cc: Tankersley, Yolanda[yolanda_tankersley@nps.gov]; Lucille Frerich[lucille_frerich@fws.gov]; Eileen Frost[efrost@blm.gov]; Stephen Wackowski[steve_wackowski@ios.doi.gov]
From: Monson, Lesia
Sent: 2018-06-26T15:31:32-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: OMB/EOP visitors in July/August
Received: 2018-06-26T15:33:10-04:00

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To: Lucille A Frerich[lucille_frerich@fws.gov]
From: Greg Siekaniec
Sent: 2018-06-26T19:37:52-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: letter to BLM
Received: 2018-06-26T19:38:35-04:00
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Please prepare final of this for signature.

Thank you,

greg

To: Devaris, Aimee[adevaris@usgs.gov]; Greg Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]
From: Mouritsen, Karen
Sent: 2018-06-29T13:50:59-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Tasker
Received: 2018-06-29T13:51:29-04:00

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From: **Stephen Wackowski** <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Fri, Jun 29, 2018 at 9:31 AM
Subject: Re: Tasker
To: Lisbeth Chandler <lchandle@usgs.gov>, Joseph Hayes <joseph.hayes@boem.gov>
Cc: "Opstal, Daniel" <dopstal@usgs.gov>, "Noyles, Christopher" <cnoyles@blm.gov>, Karen Mouritsen <kmourits@blm.gov>, Catherine Hillis <chillis@blm.gov>, gs_commercial_requests_gims@usgs.gov

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On Wed, Jun 27, 2018 at 10:19 AM Chandler, Lisbeth <lchandle@usgs.gov> wrote:

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On Tue, Jun 19, 2018 at 12:08 PM, Stephen Wackowski <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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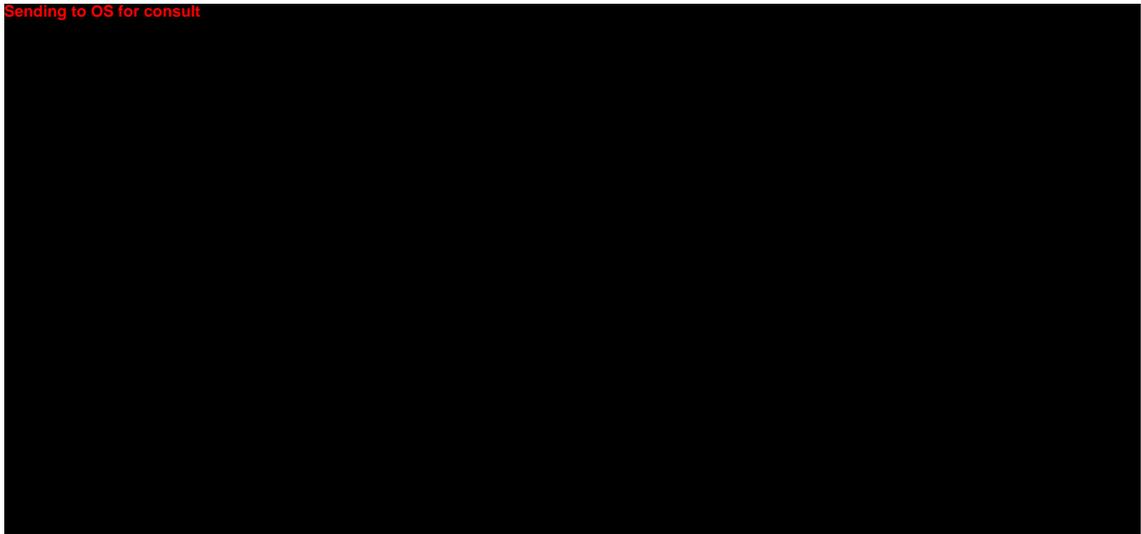
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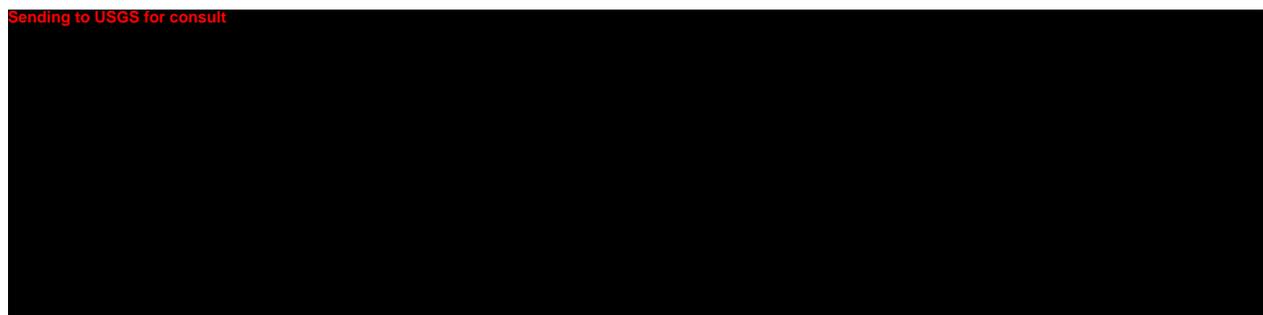
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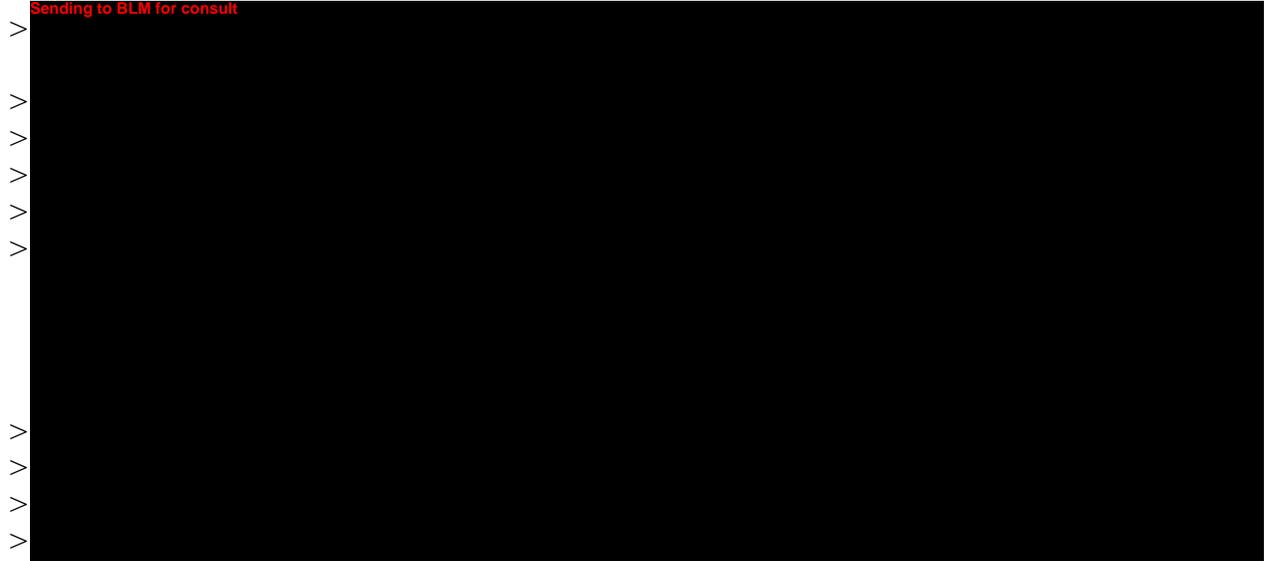
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>> >> Chris/Libby/Steven Hak,

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>> >> Thanks all,
>> >> Dan

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>> >> On Jun 18, 2018, at 9:00 PM, Noyles, Christopher <cnoyles@blm.gov> wrote:

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>> >> Cheers,

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>> >> Chris

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>>>> On Mon, Jun 18, 2018 at 4:32 PM, Stephen Wackowski
>>>> <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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>>>>> From: "Caikoski, Jason R (DFG)" <jason.caikoski@alaska.gov>
>>>>> Date: June 18, 2018 at 7:59:40 PM EDT
>>>>> To: Stephen Wackowski <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>
>>>>> Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Quick call
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>>>> From: Stephen Wackowski [mailto:stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov]

>>>> Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 3:39 PM

>>>> To: Caikoski, Jason R (DFG)

>>>> Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Quick call

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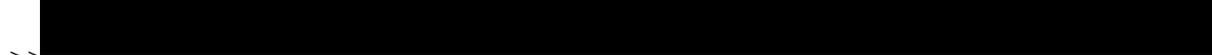
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To: Gregory Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]
Cc: Patrick Lemons[patrick_lemons@fws.gov]
From: Colligan, Mary
Sent: 2018-06-30T01:17:37-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: MMPA Authorizations and the Coastal Plain
Received: 2018-06-30T01:17:40-04:00

Greg Just wanted to provide an update on Marine Mammal Protection Act authorizations as it relates to oil and gas development in the Coastal Plain. As you know, SAE applied for 2 year Incidental Take Regulations for seismic and related activities. Our team reviewed the application and met with SAE last week to ask some questions and discuss the application. SAE is currently addressing those questions and providing additional clarification. Our folks are concurrently working on the MMPA determination analysis, developing the proposed ITRs and the associated EA.

We have had many discussions with BLM regarding MMPA authorization for the broader leasing and exploration program. No private applicant has come forward. We have raised concerns about the fact that we can't start the process until we have an application. We are concerned that there may be the expectation that once the EIS is completed and the ROD is issued, all associated permits and authorizations will be issued in 90 days. That will not be the case if the MMPA authorization process is not conducted simultaneous with the NEPA process. (b) (5) ACP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I understand further discussions were held between BLM and our staff this week. It appears at least some staff at BLM were under the impression that the 2 year ITRs SAE is applying for would cover all of the leasing and exploration program. We, again, reiterated that these are two separate actions and the the scope of the 2 year ITRs will be limited to the application submitted by SAE.

We have a memo headed your way on Monday to reiterate the process being used for the ESA Section 7 consultation as well.

Thanks and please let me know if you have any questions.

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Cc: Greg Sheehan[greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov]; Jim Kurth[jim_kurth@fws.gov]; Stephen Guertin[stephen_guertin@fws.gov]; Kashyap Patel[kashyap_patel@fws.gov]
From: Morris, Charisa
Sent: 2018-07-03T12:45:06-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Slides for Susan Combs; due 2pm 7/5/18
Received: 2018-07-03T12:45:57-04:00
[SOI Monthly Briefing slides 2018-07-11.docx](#)
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Thanks,
Charisa

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From: **Maureen Foster** <maureen_foster@ios.doi.gov>

Date: Tue, Jul 3, 2018 at 11:41 AM

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I have attached our slides from last month. This is the model to follow.

Please print a hard copy of the 7/11 slides and bring to Susan. Please email to me.

Thanks.

Maureen

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From: Morris, Charisa
Sent: 2018-07-05T13:42:30-04:00
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Subject: Re: Slides for Susan Combs; due 2pm 7/5/18
Received: 2018-07-05T13:43:15-04:00

Thank you, Greg!

On Thu, Jul 5, 2018 at 1:37 PM, Greg Siekaniec <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov> wrote:

- Revised rule and EA to allow Alaska 1002 exploration and issue permits

The revised rule was determined by the Assistant Secretary of Fish Wildlife and Parks to no longer be of consideration. The Tax Act assigned responsibility for an oil and gas program on Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to the Bureau of Land Management. We are a cooperating agency with BLM in developing the environmental impact statement. Public scoping has been completed and alternative analysis is underway among the cooperating agencies. BLM schedule is for review of Draft and Final Announcements and Materials for Public Comment version of Draft EIS Sept 27-Oct 15, 2018.

- King Cove land exchange

The Service Regional Office, Alaska, is working with the King Cove Corporation to implement the exchange per Secretary's agreement. The Bureau of Land management is anticipating completing a land survey this summer of the subject lands (both parties) to establish valuations of lands to be exchanged. The DOI Office of Valuation Services is consulting to ensure we complete the background work that will satisfy the DOI appraisal standards.

On Tue, Jul 3, 2018 at 10:28 AM Morris, Charisa <charisa_morris@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Greg and Karen-

Sheehan wants to be sure you know that we weren't the ones who put "completed" by King Cove - somebody in FWP did. Therefore, it's pretty important we provide a corrected update, etc.

Happy fourth!
Charisa

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I have attached our slides from last month. This is the model to follow.

Please print a hard copy of the 7/11 slides and bring to Susan. Please email to me.

Thanks.

Maureen

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To: Greg Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]
From: Stephen Wackowski
Sent: 2018-07-11T19:38:25-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] USFWS 404 b letter
Received: 2018-07-11T19:38:45-04:00
USFWS 24Jun2016 Unacceptable Impacts 2nd letter OCR.pdf

Can we discuss this in the next day or two?

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From: Newman, Sheila M CIV USARMY CEPOA (US)
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Date: Wed, Jul 11, 2018 at 7:13 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] USFWS 404 b letter
To: Stephen Wackowski <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>

Steve,
The attached letter was signed by an acting but I don't recognize the signature.
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Sheila M. Newman
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To: Karen Clark[karen_clark@fws.gov]
From: Greg Siekaniec
Sent: 2018-07-14T01:21:57-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Thank you to the interdisciplinary team
Received: 2018-07-14T01:22:34-04:00
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I added some perspective from both of us so please take a look and edit as you feel appropriate.

To: Clark, Karen[karen_clark@fws.gov]
From: Greg Siekaniec
Sent: 2018-07-17T12:48:11-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Thank You
Received: 2018-07-17T12:48:17-04:00

Still timely... woke up at 1:00 am thinking about it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 17, 2018, at 9:42 AM, Clark, Karen <karen_clark@fws.gov> wrote:

Glad that went out, I was going to ping you on it today because I hadn't seen it!

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On Tue, Jul 17, 2018 at 8:25 AM, Greg Siekaniec <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov> wrote:

You are very welcome Steve. Let us know how else we can help and when/where it is important for us to show up.

Greg

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 17, 2018, at 8:54 AM, Steve Berendzen <steve_berendzen@fws.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Greg - this is a really nice note recognizing the work of the team. We appreciate your leadership!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 17, 2018, at 5:35 AM, Greg Siekaniec <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov> wrote:

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Compliments have been forthcoming from BLM and others on how well the Service was prepared for presenting data, ideas, and dialogue around the issues. Your toils provided leadership to the entire planning group of cooperating organizations. You all contributed to empowering our representatives with the information needed to provide the scientific and conservation basis for requesting stipulations and best management strategies that will reduce impacts to high value wildlife habitats and important uses. Other cooperating organizations expressed gratitude that we had the foresight to bring forward data and information that could help inform a reasonable range of alternatives in this difficult and accelerated decision-making process.

Again, thank you for all the time and hard work over these past few months. Please know that your efforts are valued and you are making a positive impact as we stay the course as a Cooperating Agency on the Draft Leasing EIS and Seismic EA.

Greg

To: karen_clark@fws.gov[karen_clark@fws.gov]
From: Greg Siekaniec
Sent: 2018-07-17T14:26:37-04:00
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Subject: Fwd: Thank You
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Date: July 17, 2018 at 11:11:44 AM PDT
To: Greg Siekaniec <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Thank You

Greg,

Thank you for acknowledging the hard work that staff did pulling together the alternative. This is a really well crafted email. Yes, the work that was done was rushed, but this is a great example of staff putting all else aside, rolling up their sleeves, and showing the BLM and others how dedicated to our mission the Service really is.

Thank you,

Todd

Todd E. Hopkins, Ph.D.

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Cc: Greg Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Stephen Guertin[stephen_guertin@fws.gov];
Morris, Charisa[charisa_morris@fws.gov]; Lucille Frerich[lucille_frerich@fws.gov]
From: Karen Clark
Sent: 2018-07-25T10:19:05-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: 2018 Top Policy Goals update - by noon EDT 26 July please
Received: 2018-07-25T10:19:06-04:00

Hi Kashyap- we're on it!
Karen

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 25, 2018, at 6:05 AM, Kashyap Patel <kashyap_patel@fws.gov> wrote:

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Very many thanks,
Kashyap

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Cc: Greg Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Stephen Guertin[stephen_guertin@fws.gov]; Morris, Charisa[charisa_morris@fws.gov]; Lucille Frerich[lucille_frerich@fws.gov]; Howard, Ameer[amee_howard@fws.gov]; Boario, Sara[sara_boario@fws.gov]
From: Clark, Karen
Sent: 2018-07-25T17:33:18-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: 2018 Top Policy Goals update - by noon EDT 26 July please
Received: 2018-07-25T17:34:09-04:00

Hi Kashyap, Below are a few bullets on each topic per your request. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Status update for completion of the Environmental Assessment of Seismic Activities on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

- June 25 Arctic Refuge forwarded draft “Affected Environment” Chapter to BLM
- July 10-17 BLM forwarded the proposed action to the seismic applicant for review
- July 20 FWS forwarded “Issue Statements” to BLM for consideration and analysis
- Ongoing - BLM and interdisciplinary team drafting best management practices, alternatives, and environmental impacts analysis

Next planned milestones:

- Mid-August Post draft EA for 30-day comment period (internal review period for BLM and FWS)
- Late-September Interdisciplinary team completes Response to Comments

Status update for completion of the Environmental Impact Statement to implement an oil and gas leasing program within the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

- June 9-12 – BLM and Cooperating Agencies (including FWS) participated in Alternatives Development Workshop in Anchorage
- July 24 Scoping phase completed with BLM’s release of the Final Scoping Report
- Ongoing BLM and contractors drafting affected environment, environmental consequences, reasonable foreseeable development scenario and alternatives

Next planned milestones:

- Mid-August BLM and Cooperating Agency Review of Draft EIS
- October/November Public Review/Comment Period

Status update for King Cove Land Exchange

- Beginning in May of 2018, FWS R7 has had regularly scheduled meetings with the King Cove Corporation to exchange information regarding the land exchange process and facilitate the exchange. The teleconferences occur approximately every two weeks.
- FWS R7 Realty Officer is in frequent communication with the Appraisal and Valuation Services Office (AVSO) to ensure the appraisal process is completed correctly, timely,

and in full cooperation with both the AVSO and BLM. Many of the steps related to the land exchange fall within the scope and authorities of both the AVSO and BLM.

- FWS R7 facilitated the recent BLM survey of the proposed road corridor in order to move the preliminary steps forward in the appraisal process.
- FWS R7 is communicating regularly with the State of Alaska DOT regarding permitting and timing of actions related to geotechnical work and environmental surveys.
- FWS R7 is coordinating with the Solicitor's office and DOJ to ensure ongoing litigation is taken into account during all our processes.

Karen

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To: Bud Cribley[bud_cribley@fws.gov]
From: Greg Siekaniec
Sent: 2018-07-30T12:27:20-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Alaska Updates
Received: 2018-07-30T12:27:59-04:00

Good Morning Bud,
I'm in Nome after late flight from Russia. Not back in the office until Wednesday. Kenai River MOU with the Ninilchik Traditional Council.

Greg

On Mon, Jul 30, 2018 at 5:59 AM Bud Cribley <bud_cribley@fws.gov> wrote:

Greg,

Are you back in the office.

I was wondering if you would have some time today to discuss what is happening with BLM's O&G leasing EIS and the Seismic permit and your progress on Izembek.

I'm in all day today and tomorrow.

Thanks,

Bud

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To: Sara Boario[sara_boario@fws.gov]
From: Greg Siekaniec
Sent: 2018-07-31T11:53:35-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Coastal Plain Seismic Statement
Received: 2018-07-31T11:53:45-04:00

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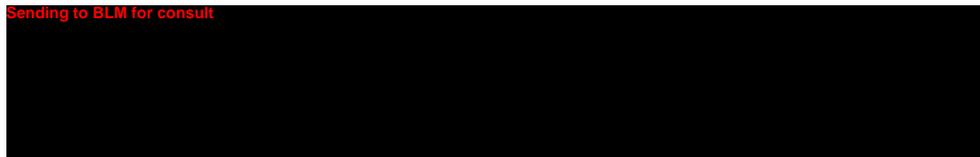
From: Karen Mouritsen <kmourits@blm.gov>
Date: July 28, 2018 at 5:16:37 PM AKDT
To: karen_clark@fws.gov, Greg Siekaniec <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov>
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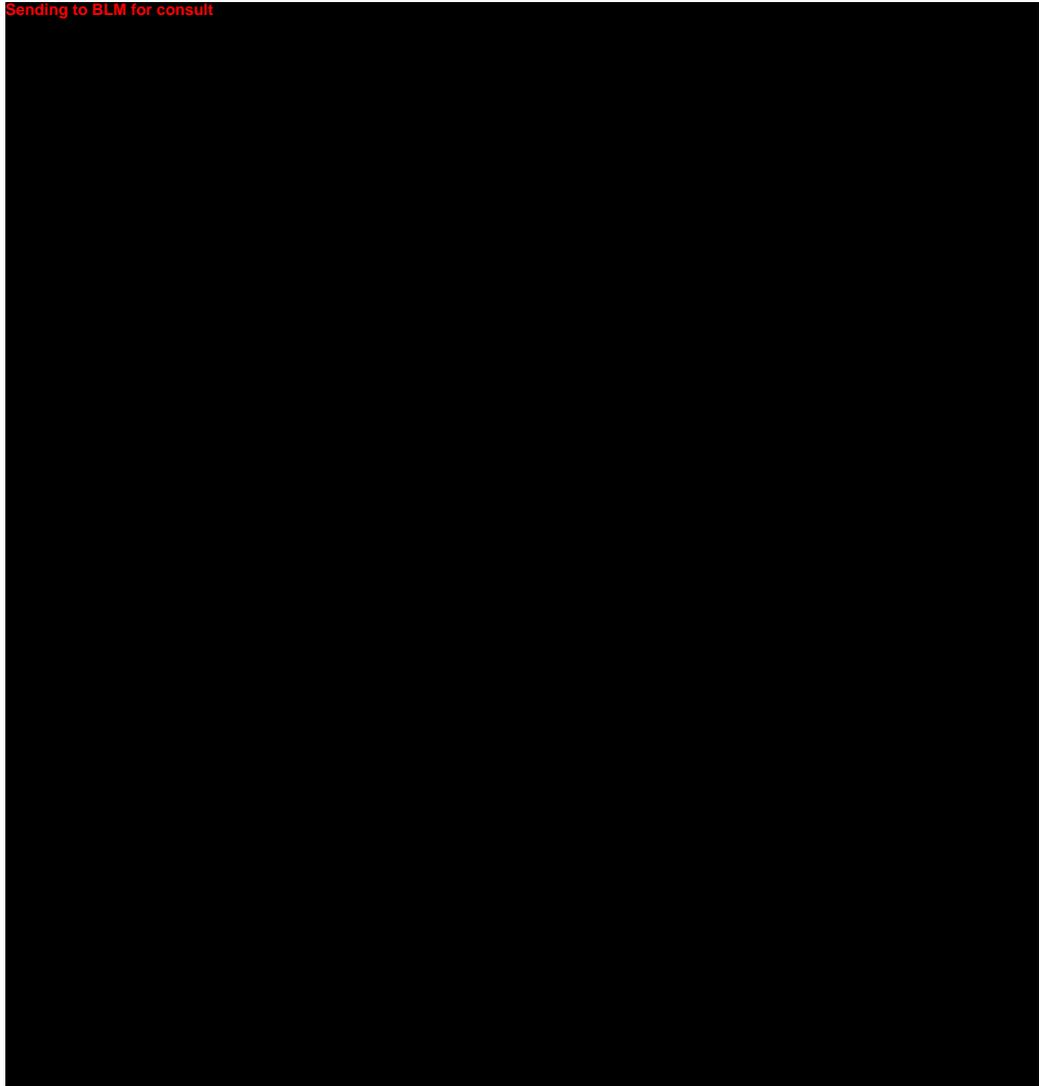
From: Lesli Ellis-Wouters <lellis@blm.gov>
Date: July 27, 2018 at 3:27:54 PM AKDT
To: Ted Murphy <t75murph@blm.gov>, "Nichelle (Shelly) Jacobson" <njones@blm.gov>, Michael Gieryic <mike.gieryic@sol.doi.gov>, James Hart <jehart@blm.gov>, Wayne Svejnoha <wsvejnoh@blm.gov>, Robert Brumbaugh <rbrumbau@blm.gov>, "Karen E. Mouritsen" <kmourits@blm.gov>, Lisa Gleason <lgleason@blm.gov>, "Hayes, Miriam (Nicole)" <mnhayes@blm.gov>, Serena Sweet <ssweet@blm.gov>
Subject: Coastal Plain Seismic Statement

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To: greg_siekaniec@fws.gov[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]
Cc: Doug Damberg[doug_damberg@fws.gov]; Steve Berendzen[steve_berendzen@fws.gov]; Socheata Lor[socheata_lor@fws.gov]
From: Mitch Ellis
Sent: 2018-08-01T09:31:14-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Seismic Monitoring on the 1002 Area
Received: 2018-08-01T09:31:21-04:00

Greg - see Steve Berendzen's note at the bottom of this string. (b) (5) DPP

We would appreciate it any ideas or support on this one. Thanks.
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From: "Damberg, Doug" <doug_damberg@fws.gov>
Date: July 31, 2018 at 10:34:17 AM MDT
To: "Berendzen, Steve" <steve_berendzen@fws.gov>
Cc: Mitch Ellis <mitch_ellis@fws.gov>, Joanna Fox <joanna_fox@fws.gov>, "Lor, Socheata" <socheata_lor@fws.gov>, Joshua Rose <joshua_rose@fws.gov>, John Trawicki <john_trawicki@fws.gov>, "Loya, Wendy" <wendy_loya@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Seismic Monitoring on the 1002 Area

Steve:

Thanks for providing your insights (b) (5) DPP

. We will be sure to share this information and need with our leadership.

Thanks,
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On Fri, Jul 27, 2018 at 4:48 PM, Berendzen, Steve <steve_berendzen@fws.gov> wrote:

Doug,

After spending some time in the interior of the 1002 Area last week on the ground and flying in helicopter and fixed wing aircraft, my concerns (b) (5) DPP

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Steve Berendzen
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To: Greg Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]
Cc: Colligan, Mary[mary_colligan@fws.gov]; Wackowski, Stephen[stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov]
From: Schindler, James
Sent: 2018-08-01T17:43:48-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: MMPA/ITR link up
Received: 2018-08-01T17:43:57-04:00

Are we still on for 11am tomorrow? If so what is the address/directions once I get to the building? Thanks!

On Tue, Jul 31, 2018 at 6:49 PM, Schindler, James <james.schindler@boem.gov> wrote:

11 works, but I have to step out at noon for a conference call. Thanks!

On Tue, Jul 31, 2018 at 6:48 PM, Greg Siekaniec <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov> wrote:

James,
My apology as I have a 10:00 am call with our headquarters office. 11:00 am could work though.

Greg

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2018, at 2:45 PM, Schindler, James <james.schindler@boem.gov> wrote:

Thanks Steve! Hi Mary and Greg, does Thursday morning 10am work for you guys? I'm happy to come to your building if you give me an address and instructions.

On Mon, Jul 30, 2018 at 7:49 PM, Colligan, Mary <mary_colligan@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Steve We would be happy to talk MMPA and polar bears. Please let us know what days & times work for you and I will coordinate with our team here.

Thanks,
Mary

On Mon, Jul 30, 2018 at 7:50 AM, Wackowski, Stephen <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Mary-
James, our Senior Adviser at BOEM is going to be in Anchorage this week. I was hoping you and your team would have time to meet with him to chat

MMPA and ITRs for the Arctic. Also, could give him a Polar Bear brief?

Thanks,

Steve

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To: Gregory Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]
Cc: James Wilder[james_wilder@fws.gov]; Christopher Putnam[christopher_putnam@fws.gov]; Patrick Lemons[patrick_lemons@fws.gov]
From: Colligan, Mary
Sent: 2018-08-02T11:39:49-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Polar Bear Briefing
Received: 2018-08-02T11:40:02-04:00
[2018 August Polar Bear Briefing.docx](#)

Greg We prepared the attached briefing document providing an overview on polar bear status and ITRs for the briefing today. We did not receive any specifics so what we put together is very general, but we can just provide this in hard copy and focus on his questions or areas of interest or handle it however you see fit.

Thanks
Mary

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To: Wilder, James[james_wilder@fws.gov]
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From: Colligan, Mary
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[2018 August Polar Bear Briefing.docx](#)

Good catch I changed it in the attached. Thanks

On Thu, Aug 2, 2018 at 8:48 AM, Wilder, James <james_wilder@fws.gov> wrote:

One correction to the I-I section of the briefing document (sorry I missed it earlier):
When Canada changed the eastern boundary of the SBS (we will determine the specific year that occurred), the voluntary quota # also changed due to the smaller area in Canada.

As a result, the current quota is 56 bears (35 U.S., 21 Canada).

On Thu, Aug 2, 2018 at 7:39 AM, Colligan, Mary <mary_colligan@fws.gov> wrote:

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To: Karen Mouritsen[kmourits@blm.gov]
From: Greg Siekaniec
Sent: 2018-08-08T20:53:36-04:00
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Subject: Re: Joe's AK Itinerary
Received: 2018-08-08T20:54:26-04:00

thanks Karen

On Wed, Aug 8, 2018 at 2:58 PM Mouritsen, Karen <kmourits@blm.gov> wrote:

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From: **Seidlitz, Joseph (Gene)** <gseidlit@blm.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 8, 2018 at 11:25 AM
Subject: Fwd: Joe's AK Itinerary
To: Ted Murphy <t75murph@blm.gov>, "Mouritsen, Karen" <kmourits@blm.gov>

Hi

Gene Seidlitz
ASLM Analyst-Liaison
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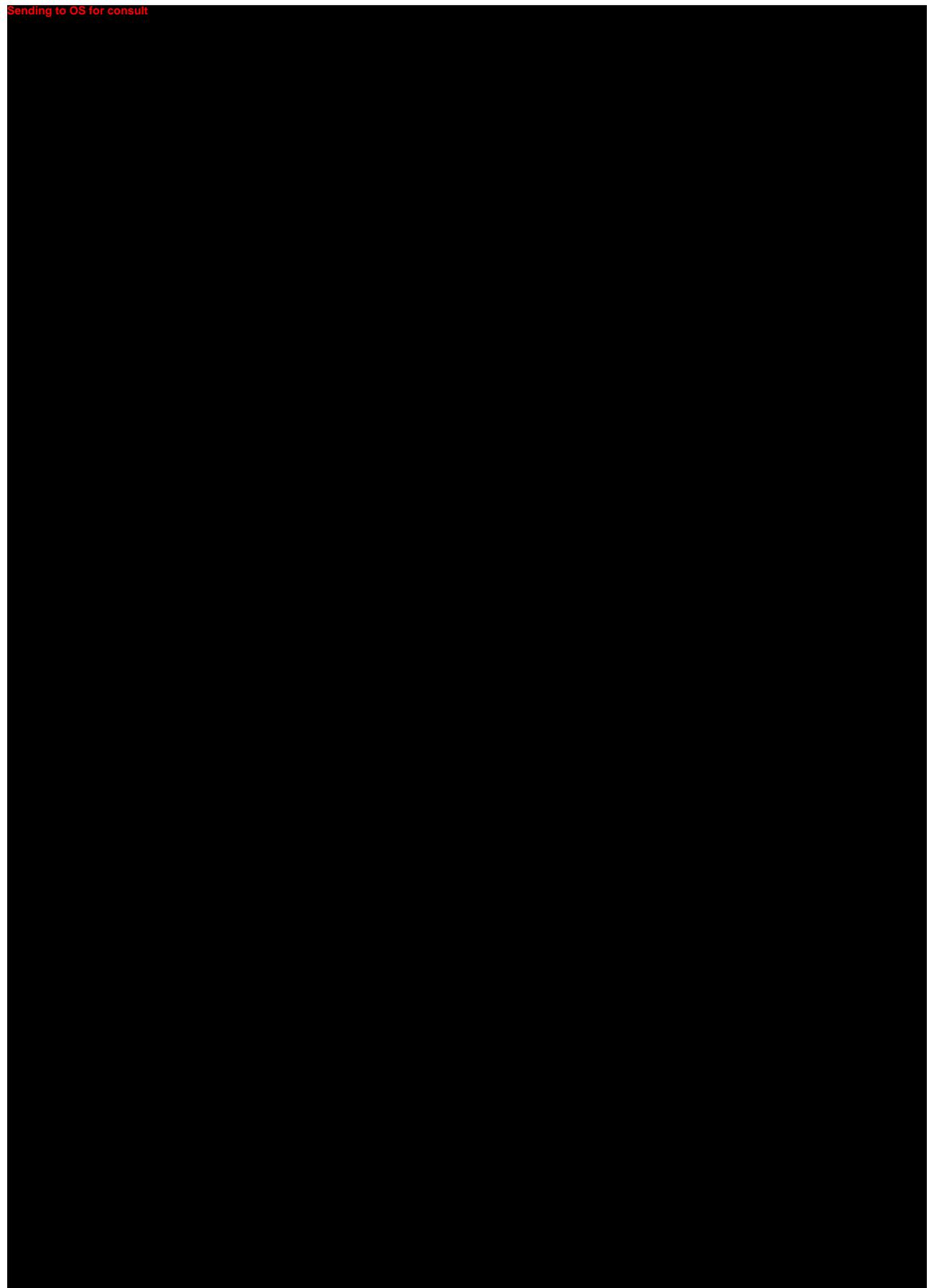
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Cc: Stephen Wackowski <steve_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>, "Joseph (Gene) Seidlitz" <gseidlit@blm.gov>

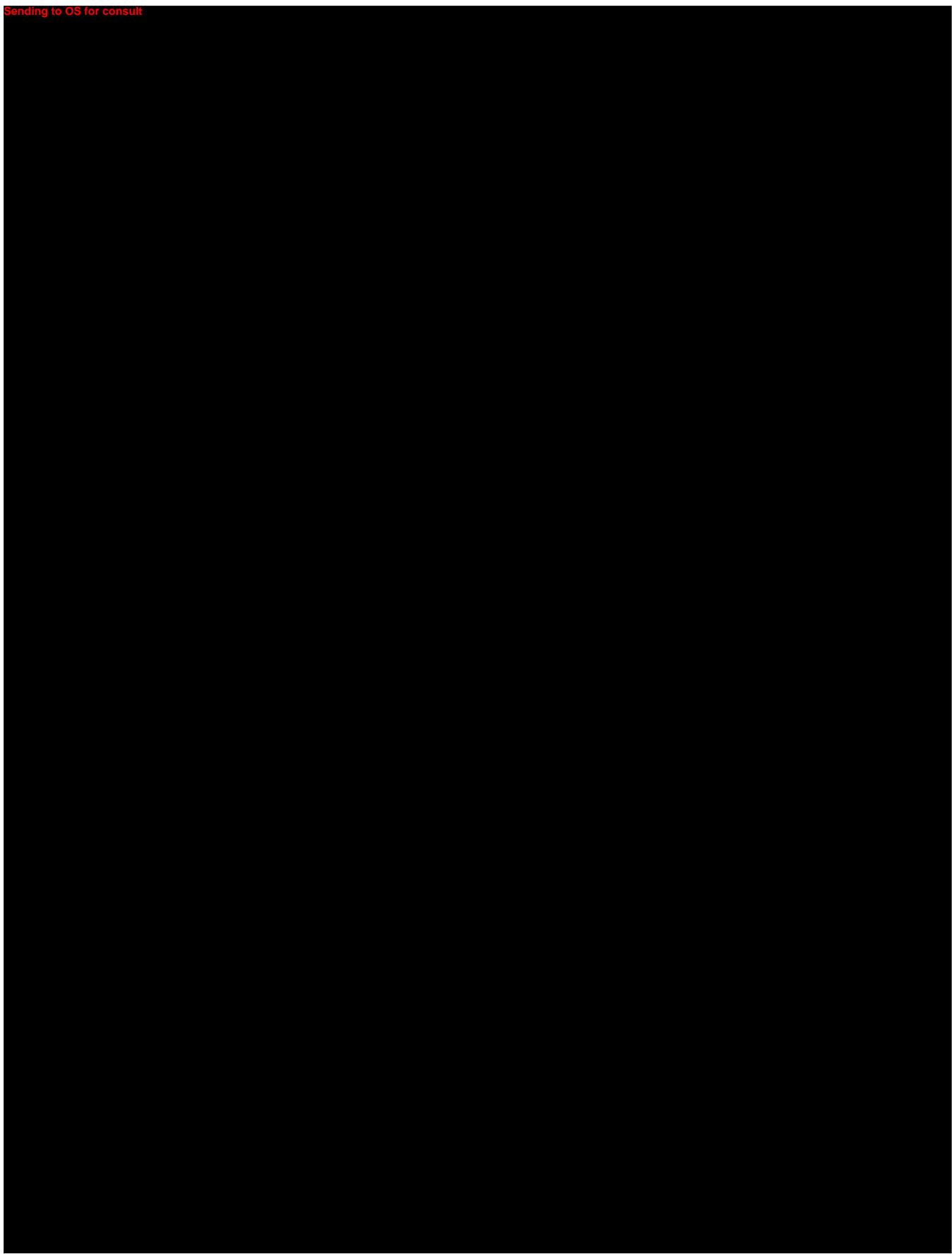
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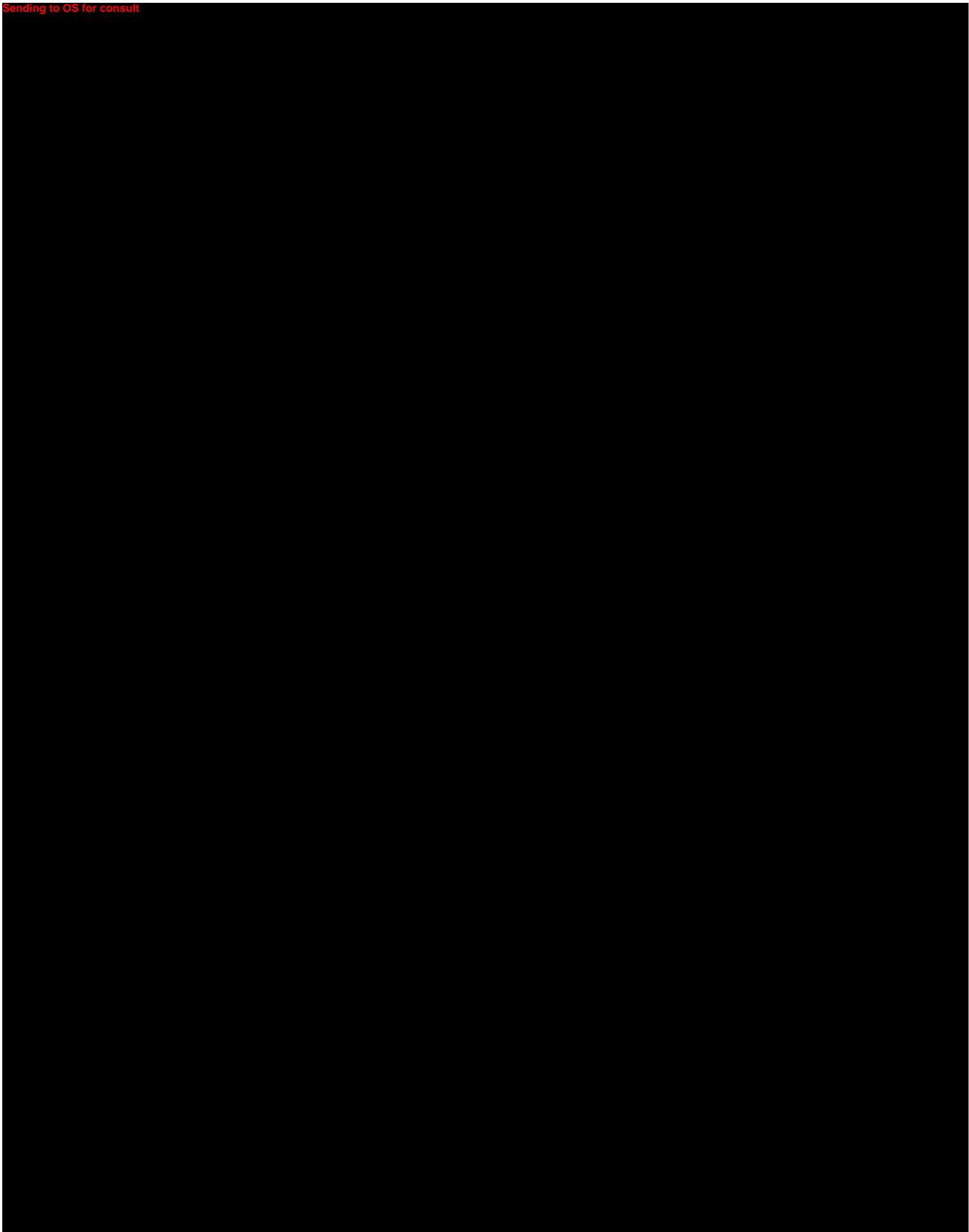
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Thanks,

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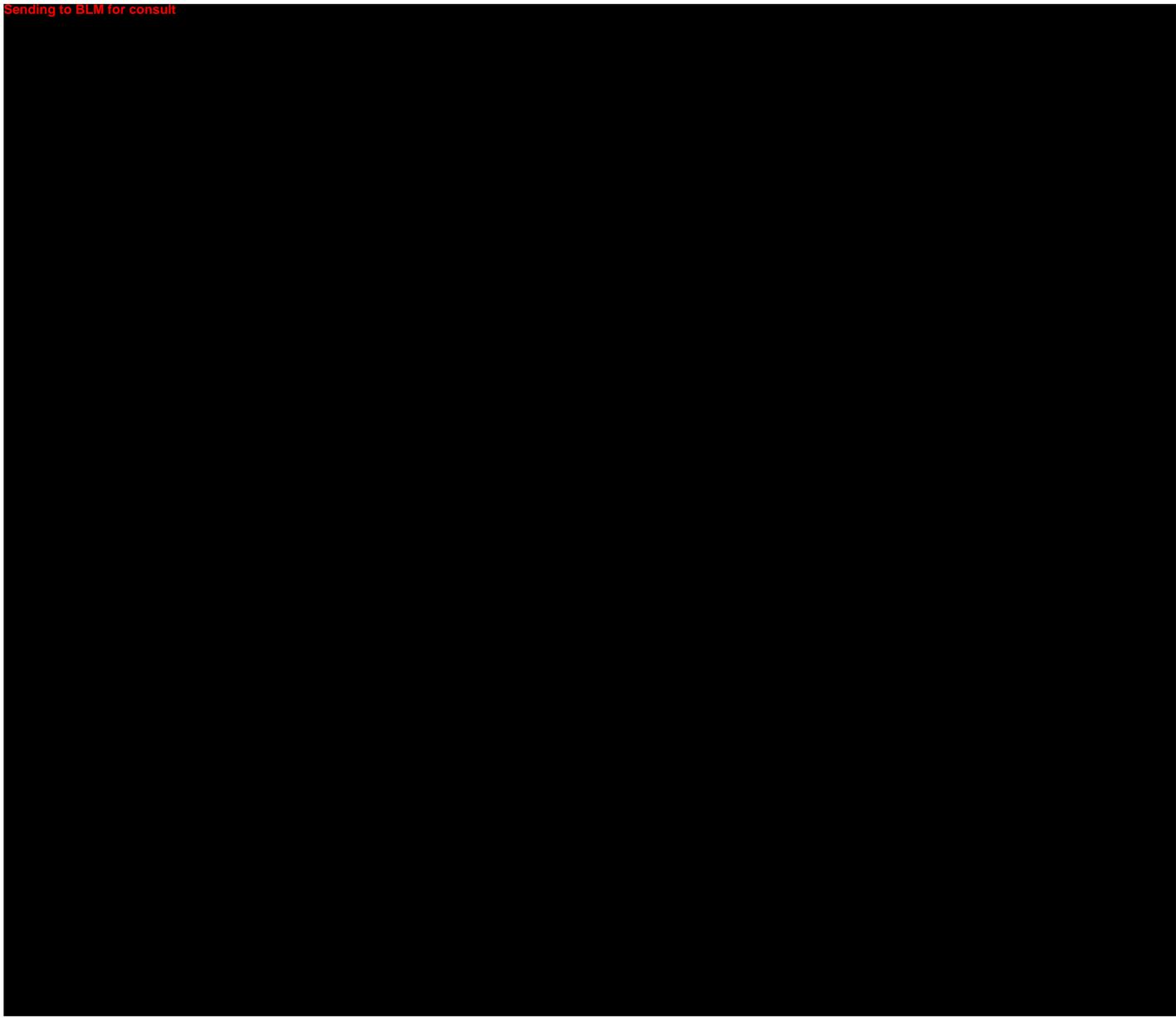
Steve/Joanna,

Are you in the loop on the proposed consultations noted at the end of the attached table? I understand they may not be scheduled but would like to know if we are being considered as participants.

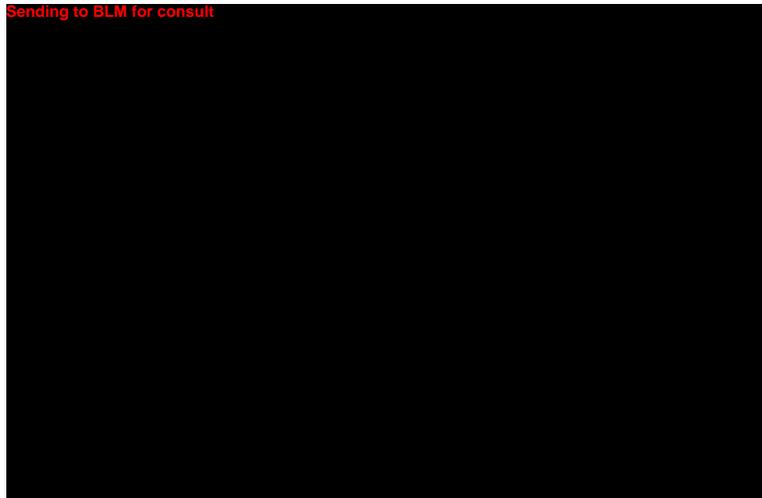
Thanks,

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From: Amee Howard
Sent: 2018-08-13T12:47:33-04:00
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Subject: FYI Article - New York Times re: Arctic Refuge Seismic EA
Received: 2018-08-13T12:47:52-04:00

Hi Greg,

The New York Times article does indicate there will be a 30 day comment period for the Seismic EA.

Here is a link to the article you mentioned:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/03/climate/alaska-anwr-seismic-testing-tracks.html>

"Ms. Ellis-Wouters said there would be a 30-day public comment period when the assessment is finished. She said there was no time frame for a decision as yet."

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Sent: 2018-08-13T21:18:10-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: BLM-Alaska Table of Trips
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Here you go!

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Best Regards,

Eileen A. Frost

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Cc: Gregory Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Mitch Ellis[mitch_ellis@fws.gov]
From: Damberg, Doug
Sent: 2018-08-17T19:42:43-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Draft agenda and itinerary for IPCB Mtg
Received: 2018-08-17T19:42:50-04:00

Overall this is fine for a draft. The 28th field trip portion should equally focus on viewing the habitat of the Refuge Coastal Plain.

Thx,

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Thanks Doug,

I made that change, and will send the following to Lesia/Steve W. now.

Cheers,

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From: Howard, Amee
Sent: 2018-08-28T19:49:38-04:00
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Subject: Draft Presentation, Briefing Papers and Discussion Topics for Assistant Sec. Briefing - Friday
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[Arctic 1002 Presentation with Content Fomatted 8.28.18.pptx](#)
[Alaska Region Highlights March 2018.pdf](#)
[08.28.18 - RD Discussion Topics.docx](#)
[08.28.18 Sterling Highway Milepost 45-60 Project -Cooper Landing Bypass.docx](#)

Hi All,

Please find attached the draft Arctic 1002 presentation, updated briefing papers and draft discussion topics for Friday's VTC meeting with the Assistant Secretary. I have also populated the Google Drive File with these attachments. I have two additional briefing paper out for program review - BP for Polar Bear viewing Management in Kaktovik and BP for Polar Bear Science-Research.

Last Year's Region Highlights document is included as well, as potential materials for the ASFWP's reference.

A couple logistical questions:

1. Is there a POC in the director's office that needs to be added to the Google Drive or emailed materials?
2. Will Greg and Karen be in the Region Office for Friday's meeting or in King Salmon?

Please send your edits to Nate, Crystal, and myself. Also, let us know if there are additional topics that need more detail or that may have been missed.

Thanks so much!

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Hi Ros, attached is our presentation for Tuesday. Please let me know if you have any questions!
Karen

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From: Jim Kurth
Sent: 2018-09-06T21:09:24-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: 1002 and Polar Bear Briefing Document
Received: 2018-09-06T21:09:26-04:00

Thanks Mary. Very helpful.

Sent from my iPad

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Sent: 2018-09-07T17:46:21-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Updated Timelines for Polar Bear Population Estimates
Received: 2018-09-07T17:46:43-04:00

Hi Greg, Karen, and Ted:

I sent this letter to USGS HQ, and the information will be making its way to ASWS. I understand key members of your staffs are aware of this change in our schedule. Just sending for your awareness and further coordination. Please call me if you'd like to discuss. I'll be in the office all next week.

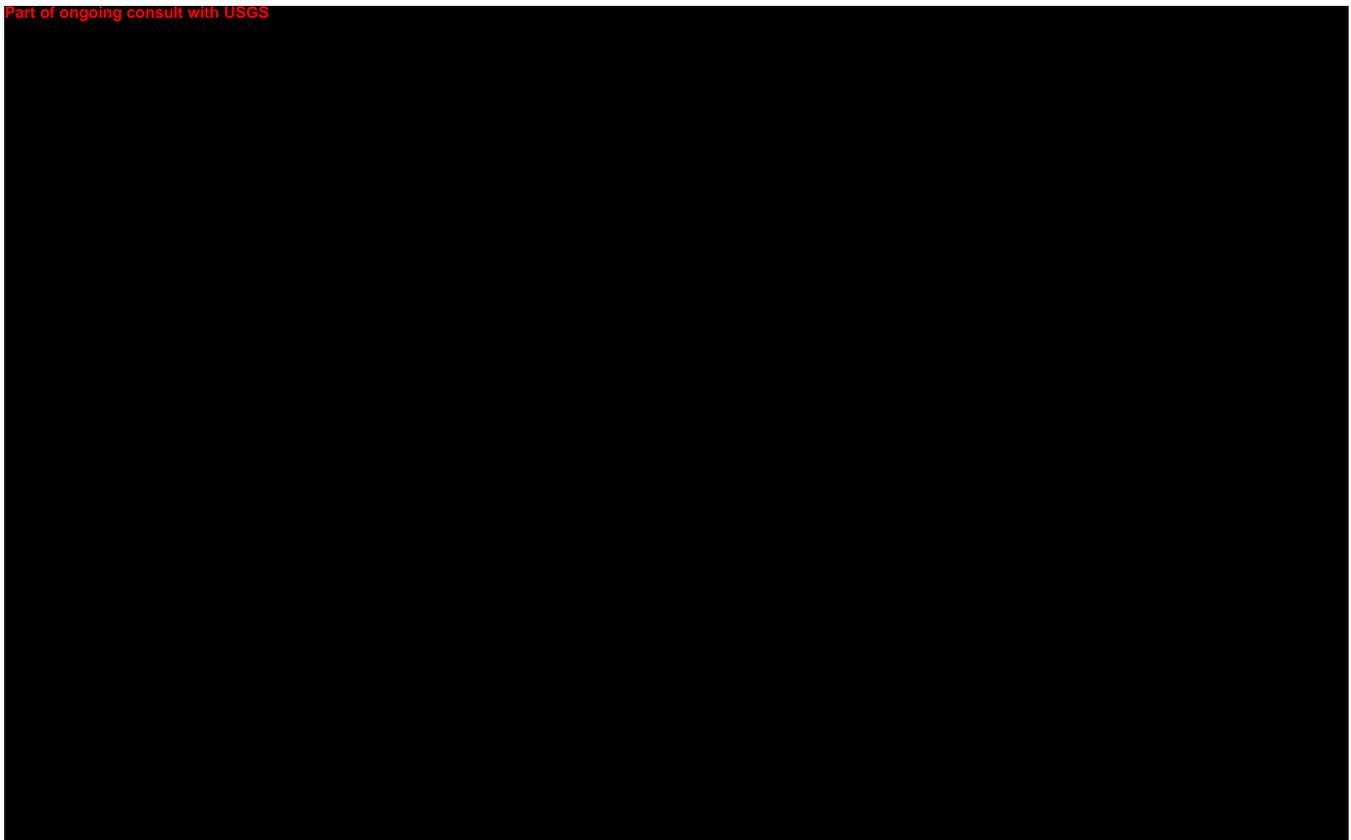
Have a nice weekend,
Aimee

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Date: Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 1:11 PM
Subject: Updated Timelines for Polar Bear Population Estimates
To: Aimee Devaris <adevaris@usgs.gov>

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Part of ongoing consult with USGS



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David Bernhardt called me up to talk about polar bears and 1002 seismic. It was a good conversation and I will download with Karen at AFWA. You should plan on having your team come to DC the week after next to do a comprehensive briefing on polar bear issues for David.

Sent from my iPad

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From: Lemons, Patrick
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Cheers,
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From: Lemons, Patrick
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Subject: Re: 1002 Seismic ITR Discussion Materials
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[Rode et al. 2018 - JMamm.pdf](#)
[Amstrup et al. 2004 - Bioscience.pdf](#)

Hi Greg,

Attached are the two publications you asked for. I've also cc'd Mary as she was asking for the Amstrup et al. 2004 but I wasn't sure if she'd received it. We're just about ready to send out the Electronic copy of the section of the ITR we went over this morning. Let me know when you've figured out how you want me to handle this and I'll get it done.

Let me know if there's anything else.

Patrick

On Mon, Sep 10, 2018 at 5:24 PM, Lemons, Patrick <patrick_lemons@fws.gov> wrote:

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Denning Bears 11Sept2018 - All 26 pages .docx

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On Tue, Sep 11, 2018 at 3:51 PM, Lemons, Patrick <patrick_lemons@fws.gov> wrote:

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Hi Grant,

As discussed over the phone, we'd like to request an informal review of the enclosed document analyzing disturbance and take of polar bears incidental to proposed seismic activities in the 1002 Area. Specifically the attached 25 page document is a draft of the "Denning Bears" section of the analysis that would be included if we promulgate Incidental Take Regulations. We have a briefing on Thursday afternoon so ideally we'd like your comments by close of business Wednesday the 12th of September. I realize that is a very rapid turn around for a 25 page document. If that timeline is not possible, would it be possible to let us know if you see any red flags before Thursday morning? We also have a briefing with DOI Headquarters late next week so if you do decide you need more time, would it be possible to have your full comments back to us by Monday, September 17th?

I've also included a short 4 page briefing to help with understanding some of our determination under the MMPA. Hopefully this will be useful. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Colligan (907 786 3505) or Christopher Putnam (907 786 3844) as I will be out of touch starting tomorrow through the rest of the week.

Thanks for considering this request.
Patrick

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Hi Craig,

Things are moving rapidly on the analysis for the ITRs for the proposed seismic activities in the 1002 Area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Given your past experience with these analyses, I wondered if you'd have a little time to look at one of the important sections of the document. Attached you will find the section dealing with take of "Denning Bears" that is included in our analysis. We are scheduled to have a briefing with regional folks on Thursday, September 13th. I know this is very last minute, but if you have the time, would you mind taking a quick look at the document and letting us know if you see any glaring holes or issues? If not, no worries as I'm sure you are busy dealing with other 1002 issues.

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Patrick

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Hi Steve,

Yes this is pre-decisional and also has not gone through regional or HQ review.

On Tue, Sep 11, 2018 at 4:23 PM, Wackowski, Stephen <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks. I assume this is still a predecisional draft?

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Received: 2018-09-11T20:31:55-04:00

Hi Craig,

One last bit I failed to mention, this document has not gone through regional or HQ review and is considered pre-decision and draft. Therefore, please consider it "close hold" and do not distribute. My apologies for the multiple emails but things are moving very fast here.

Thanks,
Patrick

On Tue, Sep 11, 2018 at 4:29 PM, Lemons, Patrick <patrick_lemons@fws.gov> wrote:

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Thanks for considering this request and I hope all is well on your end.
Patrick

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Cc: Joshua Kindred[joshua.kindred@sol.doi.gov]; Greg Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Colligan, Mary[mary_colligan@fws.gov]; Christopher Putnam[Christopher_Putnam@fws.gov]; Klein, Kimberly[kimberly_klein@fws.gov]
From: Lord, Kenneth
Sent: 2018-09-12T19:54:23-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Estimate of Take of Denning Polar Bears During Seismic Activities in the 1002
Received: 2018-09-12T19:54:29-04:00

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From: Mary Colligan
Sent: 2018-09-12T19:58:26-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Estimate of Take of Denning Polar Bears During Seismic Activities in the 1002
Received: 2018-09-12T19:58:35-04:00

Yes that is correct. I will send a call in number in the morning.

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 12, 2018, at 3:54 PM, Lord, Kenneth <ken.lord@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

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Cc: Colligan, Mary[mary_colligan@fws.gov]; Greg Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]
From: Perham, Craig
Sent: 2018-09-13T14:21:31-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Estimate of Take of Denning Polar Bears During Seismic Activities in the 1002
Received: 2018-09-13T14:22:52-04:00

Thanks, Patrick.

I'll take a look at it. I received it on Tuesday when you sent it and won't be able to get it back to you in time for the meeting today, but I can give you my comments by tomorrow or the latest on Monday.

Craig

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From: Colligan, Mary
Sent: 2018-09-13T16:57:06-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: 1002 Seismic ITR - Steve Wachowski and Solicitor Briefing
Received: 2018-09-13T16:57:13-04:00

Hi Steve Yes, we are still planning on the briefing. We were planning on it being here Greg has to attend an all hands meeting at 1 so will be running upstairs for our meeting.

I provided Ken a call in number this morning.

Thanks,
Mary

On Thu, Sep 13, 2018 at 12:22 PM, Wackowski, Stephen <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Just want to confirm we are on for 1:30 today--we may be a few mins late as we will be coming off another call. Are we coming to you?

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On Fri, Sep 7, 2018 at 7:58 PM, Stephen Wackowski <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Ok. Hope you and the team get out and enjoy the last vestiges of summer Wx.
Thursday time should work.

My Best,
Steve

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 7, 2018, at 3:14 PM, Lemons, Patrick <patrick_lemons@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Steve,
I wanted to follow up with you about the briefing on Thursday. Have you had a chance to check with the solicitors to gauge their availability for a meeting at

130pm on Thursday, September 13th? Also, staff here have been working hard to get the section of the ITR we talked about on Wednesday finished up for you to review. Many of us worked through last weekend and I don't want to ask them to do that again this weekend. I'd like to propose that we have this to you Tuesday afternoon so that we have Monday and Tuesday morning to finish it up.

Let me know and we'll go from there.
Patrick

On Wed, Sep 5, 2018 at 4:43 PM, Lemons, Patrick <patrick_lemons@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Steve,
I spoke with Lucy Frerich about setting up a briefing with you and the DOI Regional Solicitors on Thursday or Friday of next week. Greg is only available from 130pm to 330pm on Thursday the 13th. I've had Lucy reserve that time on our end and we've booked the Mary Smith Conference Room in our office for the meeting. Let me know if that works for you and the solicitors.

Also, as we discussed this morning, we're on track to send you a copy of the section of the ITR that deals with take of denning polar bears. My goal is to have that sent to you by mid afternoon Monday the 10th so that you have time to review it before our meeting on Thursday.

Let me know if that works for you or if you have questions.
Patrick

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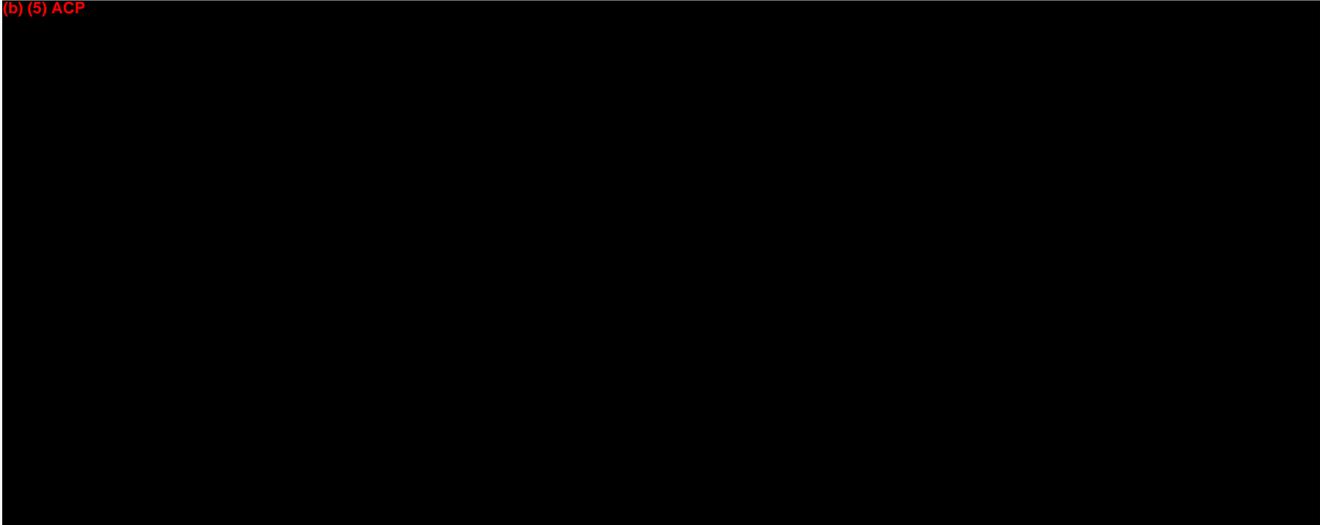
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To: Greg Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Karen Clark[karen_clark@fws.gov]; Mary Colligan[mary_colligan@fws.gov]
From: Kindred, Joshua
Sent: 2018-09-14T18:38:50-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Estimate of Take of Denning Polar Bears During Seismic Activities in the 1002
Received: 2018-09-14T18:38:59-04:00
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If you have any questions or concerns, please just let me know.

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To: edward_decleva@fws.gov[edward_decleva@fws.gov]
From: Greg Siekaniec
Sent: 2018-09-14T22:03:27-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Venetie Tribal Request for ACHP Involvement
Received: 2018-09-14T22:03:30-04:00
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FYI - should we discuss?

Greg

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From: Matthew Newman <mnewman@narf.org>
Date: September 4, 2018 at 1:53:51 PM AKDT
To: "jfowler@achp.gov" <jfowler@achp.gov>
Cc: "judy.bittner@alaska.gov" <judy.bittner@alaska.gov>, "kmourits@blm.gov" <kmourits@blm.gov>, "greg_siekaniec@fws.gov" <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Venetie Tribal Request for ACHP Involvement

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Sincerely,

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To: Greg Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]
From: Decleva, Edward
Sent: 2018-09-17T10:20:51-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Venetie Tribal Request for ACHP Involvement
Received: 2018-09-17T10:21:12-04:00

Greg,

Thank you for the information. This is the first that I've heard of it. I don't think that I can add much to your understanding of this, but I am familiar with the process at play here. We should discuss when you are available.

Ed

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On Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 6:03 PM Greg Siekaniec <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov> wrote:

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From: Lemons, Patrick
Sent: 2018-09-17T15:29:34-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Estimate of Take of Denning Polar Bears During Seismic Activities in the 1002
Received: 2018-09-17T15:29:40-04:00

Hi Grant,
I just got back in town. As Mary said, thanks to you and your polar bear team for turning this around so quickly. We appreciate the support and objective review, particularly on the expedited timeline.

Cheers,
Patrick

On Thu, Sep 13, 2018 at 9:20 AM, Colligan, Mary <mary_colligan@fws.gov> wrote:

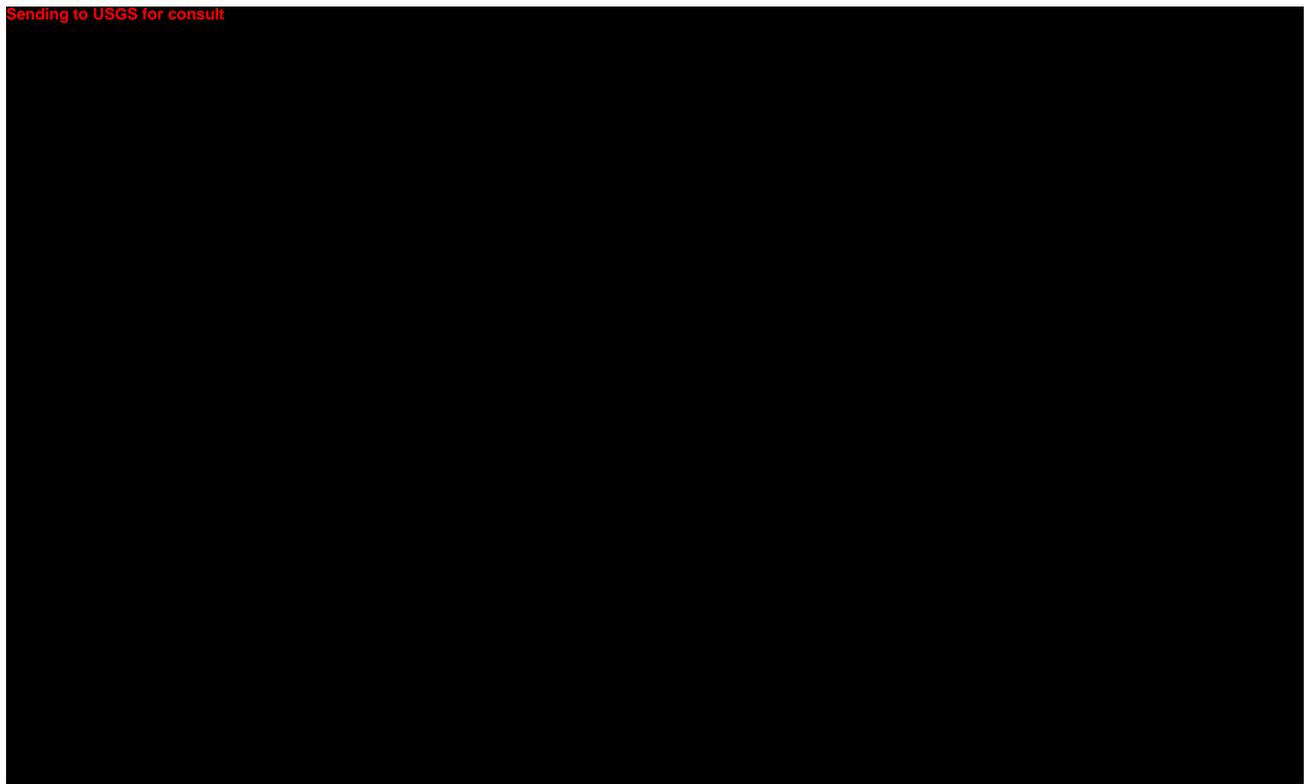
Grant Thank you to Todd, George and the others on your team who provided this very helpful review in a very quick timeframe. It is much appreciated.

Mary

On Thu, Sep 13, 2018 at 9:11 AM, Hilderbrand, Grant <ghilderbrand@usgs.gov> wrote:

Hello Patrick,

Sending to USGS for consult



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All the best,

Grant

On Tue, Sep 11, 2018 at 4:24 PM, Lemons, Patrick <patrick_lemons@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Grant,

As discussed over the phone, we'd like to request an informal review of the enclosed document analyzing disturbance and take of polar bears incidental to proposed seismic activities in the 1002 Area. Specifically the attached 25 page document is a draft of the "Denning Bears" section of the analysis that would be included if we promulgate Incidental Take Regulations. We have a briefing on Thursday afternoon so ideally we'd like your comments by close of business Wednesday the 12th of September. I realize that is a very rapid turn around for a 25 page document. If that timeline is not possible, would it be possible to let us know if you see any red flags before Thursday morning? We also have a briefing with DOI Headquarters late next week so if you do decide you need more time, would it be possible to have your full comments back to us by Monday, September 17th?

I've also included a short 4 page briefing to help with understanding some of our determination under the MMPA. Hopefully this will be useful. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Colligan (907 786 3505) or Christopher Putnam (907 786 3844) as I will be out of touch starting tomorrow through the rest of the week.

Thanks for considering this request.

Patrick

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From: Siekaniec, Greg
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From: **Murphy, Ted** <t75murph@blm.gov>

Date: Wed, Sep 19, 2018 at 7:25 AM

Subject: Fwd: FWS comments

To: Greg Siekaniec <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov>, Karen Clark <karen_clark@fws.gov>, Mary Colligan <mary_colligan@fws.gov>

Cc: Ted Murphy <t75murph@blm.gov>

Hi Greg,

Enclosed is our review of the FWS polar bear take analysis with comments and suggested edits.

Lets loop back, soon.

Thanks, Ted

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To: Jim Kurth[jim_kurth@fws.gov]
From: Siekaniec, Greg
Sent: 2018-09-19T14:45:53-04:00
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Subject: Fwd: Documents on Arctic Refuge to share with HQ
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[2018 0618 FWS Coastal Plain Leasing EIS Scoping Comments \(sn\) RD .pdf](#)
[2018 Arctic Refuge Coastal Plain Research Plan 090518.pdf](#)

Jim,

I do not think we closed the loop on this one. We provided these; however, there is also a bibliography of Arctic related studies that we have compiled in concert with USGS. Another thought is the CCP for Arctic Refuge.

Let me know if we should send these along to help answer the request from Andrea.

greg

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This is what we sent Jim so it's on the top of your email..

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Date: September 5, 2018 at 10:25:38 AM AKDT
To: Jim Kurth <jim_kurth@fws.gov>, Cynthia Martinez <cynthia_martinez@fws.gov>
Cc: Greg Siekaniec <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Documents on Arctic Refuge to share with HQ

Hey Cynthia and Jim,
Attached are the documents requested by Andrea yesterday. Please let me know if you need anything more!

Karen

Karen P. Clark
Deputy Regional Director
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From: **Wendy Loya** <wendy_loya@fws.gov>
Date: Wed, Sep 5, 2018 at 10:20 AM
Subject: Documents on Arctic Refuge to share with HQ
To: Karen Clark <karen_clark@fws.gov>, Greg Siekaniec <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov>
Cc: Amee Howard <amee_howard@fws.gov>

Hi Karen,

Attached are the two documents requested by Andrea: 1) our scoping comments for the Coastal Plain Leasing EIS that outline the concerns that have been identified by our staff, that we heard raised at public scoping meetings for this EIS, and from our knowledge and experience with Comprehensive Conservation Plan revision; and 2) a list of the research projects initiated in 2018. The Research Plan list has evolved since we shared with HQ last spring as a result of further planning and research on methods as well as funding allocations.

Please call or email me if you would like additional details.

Thank you,

Wendy

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Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: FWS comments
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Thank you Ted,
We will review quickly as we engage with the permit applicant.

Greg

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Subject: Fwd: Response to comments sent by Josh Kindred
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Josh,
Initial comments to the recent email asking for clarification and or recommendations for improving our analysis.

Greg

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Subject: Response to comments sent by Josh Kindred

Greg and Karen Attached please find our response to the comments provided by Josh Kindred on the draft denning section of our analysis of SAE's seismic application.

Thanks

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Importance: Normal
Subject: performance plan - first section write up
Received: 2018-09-20T15:26:01-04:00
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Hi Greg -

We've been having terrible internet issues all morning and just now getting reconnected. Here's the first section of five for your performance write up for your review. The other four are in progress, but I'm awaiting information from Doug, Cindi, and Eric to complete. I should receive that while in transit.

This is a little long, but please review and provide edits to this "Leading Change" section (just so you remember these are the issues we identified for this section; other accomplishments will be covered in the other four):

Pasting and attaching for you:

Leading Change

Following passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, I recognized the direction to support BLM in establishing a competitive oil and gas program in the coastal plain of Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would be challenging on several fronts. One, the decision itself represented a monumental shift in direction – just two years prior, the coastal plain was recommended for Wilderness by the previous administration. Two, staff would be greatly challenged to find new capacity and skills to contribute to a large-scale, fast-moving initiative outside. I also knew that one of both of these could greatly impact employee morale. In response, I organized several all employee and targeted leadership meetings emphasizing our strong history of professionalism and scientific contribution that would support our continuing conservation mission in the Refuge. I also quickly organized an interdisciplinary, cross-programmatic team to assist BLM in establishing a competitive oil and gas program in Arctic NWR. The team engaged partners at USGS, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Native tribal governments, the North Slope Borough, NOAA, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), industry and other organizations to compile the best available information on how fish and wildlife resources might be affected by oil development. Within 6 months of standing up the team and developing Rapid Resource Assessments, we were participating as a Cooperating Agency on the Environmental Impact Statement and presenting a leasing option that balances the wildlife, habitat, subsistence, and wilderness purposes of the Arctic NWR with opening the area with the highest oil potential to leasing. I can't underscore enough the rapid pace at which everyone worked to create a viable pathway forward for the oil and gas purpose. We have brought similar collaborative conservation and science to assisting BLM with the Environmental Assessment for Seismic Exploration proposed for this coming winter. Compliments have been forthcoming from BLM and others on how well the Service prepared for presenting data, ideas, and dialogue around the

issues. Other cooperating organizations expressed gratitude that we had the foresight to bring forward data and information that could help inform a reasonable range of alternatives in this difficult and accelerated decision-making process.

In response to direction in the President's budget and associated decreasing staff in the Science Applications program, I took the initiative to redesign how we implement the Science Applications program in R7. I recognized that whether funding continued or not, we needed to identify what success looked like and pursue it. The establishment of Science Applications eight years ago allowed us to build upon and accelerate our landscape conservation efforts. This occurred not only through the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs), but through all our programs; we have helped lead and been part of LCCs and many other partnerships across the state. In order to remain true to these strategies and efforts, in FY18 I tasked the regional leadership team with integrating Science Applications staff into the other programs and developing a cross-programmatic community of practice. Our goal is to provide a stable foundation that eliminates duplication, saves money, and allows us to continue influencing strategic conservation initiatives and actions across large geographic areas. We are beginning to see the results from this strategy; for example, nonprofit partners have stepped up to take the lead on two of our flagship LCCs resulting in significant cost savings and leveraged funding.

One of the key focus areas of our regional strategic intent is creating a positive, more inclusive work experience for our employees. In addition to each program identifying priority focus areas from the FEVS results, I also pushed for more investment in internal communications, including developing a position solely focused on this work. Additionally, I tasked our DCR team with finding new ways for employees to meet their annual diversity and EEO training requirements in enriching and creative ways that don't always require turning to DOI Learn. They accepted the challenge and created a series of impactful learning experiences across the year – they developed a quarterly schedule that allowed employees to pre-plan, particularly important for our remote employees. These training opportunities included variable learning methods – visual, auditory, and kinesthetic. Overall, my team offered 30 + innovative instructor led courses outside of DOI Learn this year. Additionally, on the recruitment front we continued to grow our partnership with the Alaska Native Science and Engineering program – acquiring a \$233,000 grant to develop internship for Alaska Native youth interested in conservation management. And, secured a commitment from my regional leadership team to place 5 Director Fellows in the next 5 months.

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To: Jim Kurth[jim_kurth@fws.gov]
From: Siekaniec, Greg
Sent: 2018-09-20T19:49:34-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: FWS Arctic Bibliography
Received: 2018-09-20T19:50:16-04:00
Coastal Plain 1002 Area FWS LITERATURE 030118.docx

Bibliography as we discussed

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From: **Wendy Loya** <wendy_loya@fws.gov>
Date: Thu, Sep 20, 2018 at 3:44 PM
Subject: FWS Arctic Bibliography
To: Greg Siekaniec <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov>
Cc: Mary Colligan <mary_colligan@fws.gov>

Hi Greg,

Attached is the bibliography we completed on March 1, 2018 that describes most publications related to Service staff research in the Arctic. I will work with the ARDs to update it every 6 months.

Thank you, let me know if you need any other information,

Wendy

Dr. Wendy M. Loya,

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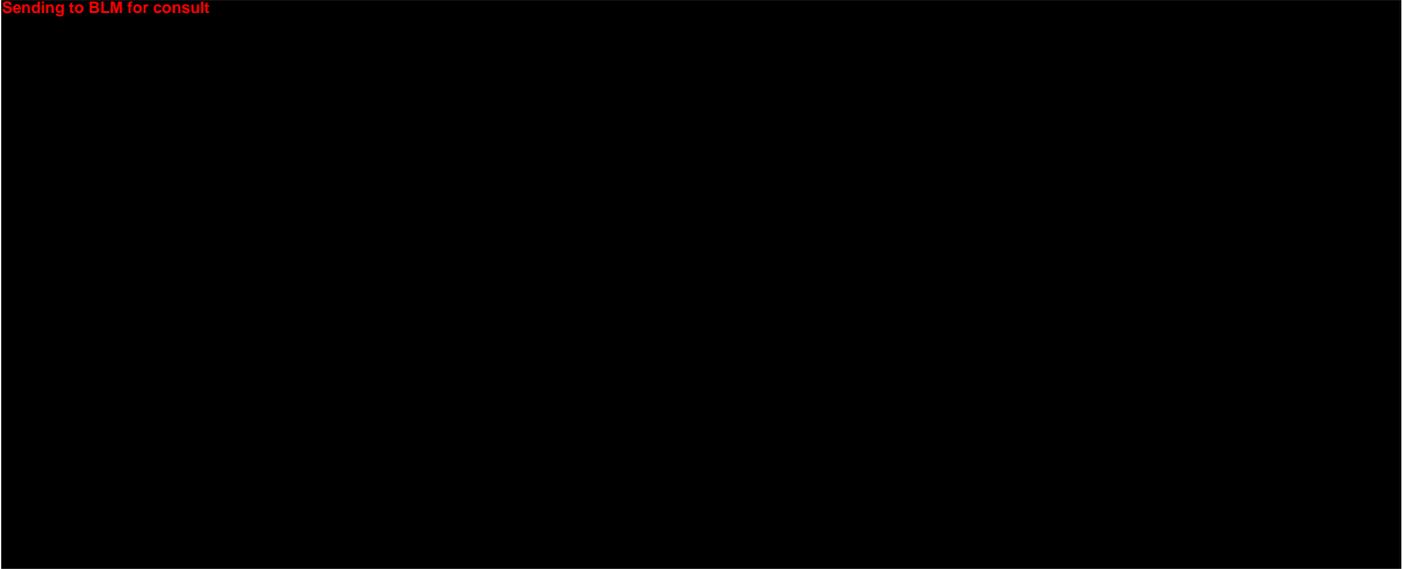
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To: Greg Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Karen Clark[karen_clark@fws.gov]; Mary Colligan[mary_colligan@fws.gov]
From: Murphy, Ted
Sent: 2018-09-21T20:11:56-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Review
Received: 2018-09-21T20:12:11-04:00
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Greg,

Sending to BLM for consult



Ted

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To: Murphy, Ted[t75murph@blm.gov]
Cc: Karen Clark[karen_clark@fws.gov]; Mary Colligan[mary_colligan@fws.gov]
From: Greg Siekaniec
Sent: 2018-09-21T20:25:23-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Review
Received: 2018-09-21T20:25:29-04:00

Ted,
Thank you for the feedback. The information provided is only a portion of the analysis and some of your noted items will certainly be included in the complete document/analysis.

More to come.

Greg

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On Sep 21, 2018, at 4:11 PM, Murphy, Ted <t75murph@blm.gov> wrote:

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To: Greg Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]
From: Wackowski, Stephen
Sent: 2018-09-25T16:30:12-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: In the news -- Proposed oil exploration plan would put polar bear population at an unacceptable risk
Received: 2018-09-25T18:20:41-04:00

Interesting timing. I wonder what changed from 2004 when in *Amstrup et all 2004*, he asserted, "Data suggested that FLIR surveys conducted during optimal conditions for detection can produce detection rates approaching 90 percent and thus can be an important management and mitigation tool." The technology has only gotten better and we haven't had any lethal takes from seismic since then.

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On Tue, Sep 25, 2018 at 1:33 PM Siekaniec, Greg <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov> wrote:

FYI - Looks like an opinion piece by Dr. Amstrup that differs from our thinking on the initial review of information.

greg

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From: **Medeiros, Andrea** <andrea_medeiros@fws.gov>

Date: Tue, Sep 25, 2018 at 9:26 AM

Subject: In the news -- Proposed oil exploration plan would put polar bear population at an unacceptable risk

To: Patrick Lemons <Patrick_Lemons@fws.gov>, Colligan, Mary <mary_colligan@fws.gov>, Gregory Siekaniec <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov>, Sara Boario <sara_boario@fws.gov>

<https://firenewsfeed.com/news/2025397>

It looks like this opinion was written by Steve Amstrup.

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From: Kurth, Jim
Sent: 2018-09-27T14:54:49-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Requested Information
Received: 2018-09-27T14:55:06-04:00

Thanks. I have to be upstairs in 5 minutes, don't have the rest yet.

On Thu, Sep 27, 2018 at 2:22 PM Siekaniec, Greg <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov> wrote:

Jim,

The DTS number (068749) we provided you this morning has both the supporting "data" for the Secretary Memo on the bi-lateral meetings and subsequent sustainable harvest change.

In DTS # BP034692 is the requested brief for the Assistant Secretary that was requested.

We are packaging three additional items into one DTS so you have it available in one location. I'll send you the number once it is uploaded. It will contain the 1002 brief previously provided by Mary, the AK SOL office comments on our seismic application analysis, and our response to the SOL comments and guidance.

We tried, and still are trying, to have a discussion with the SOL office but Josh could not make it work with other legal hearings and obligations he had last week.

I have requested that Mary provide a brief status of where we are in the process of application analysis and what we are expecting yet (e.g., SOL discussion on potential biological removal, calculated probability based on applicant information, and overall Infrared radar detection rates), and other important information around this issue.

We have been very open in our work and have consulted our counterparts in USGS, BLM (polar bear expert on loan from BOEM and biometrician), and SOL. We are looking for methodology that is scientifically validated in our approach and have received great feedback.

I'll send you a note when I receive the DTS number. It should be soon.

greg

To: Jim Kurth[jim_kurth@fws.gov]
From: Siekaniec, Greg
Sent: 2018-09-27T15:50:47-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Briefing
Received: 2018-09-27T15:52:13-04:00
Seismic ITR Analysis Status Briefing 092718.docx

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From: **Colligan, Mary** <mary_colligan@fws.gov>
Date: Thu, Sep 27, 2018 at 11:08 AM
Subject: Briefing
To: Gregory Siekaniec <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov>, Karen Clark <karen_clark@fws.gov>

Greg and Karen Attached please find a suggested set of briefing bullets for Jim Kurth.

Thanks

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To: greg_siekaniec@fws.gov[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov];
karen_clark@fws.gov[karen_clark@fws.gov]
From: Sara Boario
Sent: 2018-10-01T13:23:02-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: final caribou board presser
Received: 2018-10-01T13:23:10-04:00
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Date: October 1, 2018 at 8:49:23 AM AKDT
To: Sara Boario <sara_boario@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: final caribou board presser

FYI, I didn't see your name on the to block.

Lesli J. Ellis-Wouters

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Date: Sun, Sep 30, 2018 at 7:43 PM
Subject: final caribou board presser
To: Interior Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Joseph Balash <joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov>, Joshua Kindred
<joshua.kindred@sol.doi.gov>, Gieryic, Michael <mike.gieryic@sol.doi.gov>,
Miriam Hayes <mnhayes@blm.gov>, Ellis-Wouters, Lesli <lellis@blm.gov>,
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Comms Team- You already approved most of this release--included is the approved quote from the Canadian delegation. Sending this presser is required as part of the international agreement. Our plan is to put this on DOI letterhead then have FWS AK region send to their Alaska list. Let us know if there is any issues. I am cc'ing the 10-02 team for their situational awareness. My Best, Wacko

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From: **Stephen Wackowski** <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Fri, Sep 28, 2018 at 1:10 AM
Subject: Fwd: Press Release
To: <craig.machtans@canada.ca>

Final version. You good with this?

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From: "Monson, Lesia" <lesia_monson@ios.doi.gov>
Date: September 27, 2018 at 8:32:13 PM AKDT
To: Stephen Wackowski <steve_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: **Press Release**

attached.

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To: Greg Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Karen Clark[karen_clark@fws.gov]
Cc: Sara Boario[sara_boario@fws.gov]
From: Lor, Socheata
Sent: 2018-10-01T20:28:01-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Talking Points from Refuges for tomorrow's all-employee meeting
Received: 2018-10-01T20:28:39-04:00

Hi Greg,

Here are some bullets for you for tomorrow:

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Let me know if you need anything else.

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To: Gregory Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Karen Clark[karen_clark@fws.gov]
From: Colligan, Mary
Sent: 2018-10-02T15:20:47-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: BLM Response to comments on Preliminary Arctic Coastal Plain Leasing DEIS (Do not forward)
Received: 2018-10-02T15:21:04-04:00
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I apologize for not sending this yesterday. As I discussed with Karen, I have not spent time reviewing this yet as I think it will be most informative when we have the DEIS in hand and can cross walk the table with changes in the document itself.

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From: Wendy Loya <wendy_loya@fws.gov>
Date: Thu, Sep 27, 2018 at 1:28 PM
Subject: BLM Response to comments on Preliminary Arctic Coastal Plain Leasing DEIS (Do not forward)
To: Paul Leonard <paul_leonard@fws.gov>, John Trawicki <john_trawicki@fws.gov>, Randy Brown <randy_j_brown@fws.gov>, Jennifer Reed <jennifer_reed@fws.gov>, Sarah Conn <sarah_conn@fws.gov>, Hollis Twitchell <hollis_twitchell@fws.gov>, Joanna Fox <joanna_fox@fws.gov>, Drew Crane <drew_crane@fws.gov>, Christopher Latty <christopher_latty@fws.gov>, Patrick O'Dell <patrick_odell@fws.gov>, Carl Johnson <carl_johnson@fws.gov>, Stephen Arthur <stephen_arthur@fws.gov>, Joshua Ream <joshua_ream@fws.gov>, Steve Berendzen <steve_berendzen@fws.gov>, Catherine Collins <catherine_collins@fws.gov>, Susan LaKonski <susan_lakonski@fws.gov>, Edward Decleva <edward_decleva@fws.gov>, Tim Allen <tim_allen@fws.gov>, Ryan Wilson <ryan_r_wilson@fws.gov>, Ted Swem <ted_swem@fws.gov>, Joshua Rose <joshua_rose@fws.gov>, Janet Torre Jorgenson ^{(b) (6)}, Lynnda Kahn <lynnda_kahn@fws.gov>, Angela Matz <angela_matz@fws.gov>, Charles Hamilton <charles_hamilton@fws.gov>, John Martin <john_w_martin@fws.gov>, Roger Kaye <roger_kaye@fws.gov>, Stephanie Brady <stephanie_brady@fws.gov>, Christopher Putnam <christopher_putnam@fws.gov>
Cc: Mary Colligan <mary_colligan@fws.gov>, Socheata Lor <socheata_lor@fws.gov>, Doug Damberg <doug_damberg@fws.gov>, Bud Cribley <bud_cribley@fws.gov>, Eric Taylor <eric_taylor@fws.gov>

Hi 1002 Interdisciplinary Team,

Attached are BLM's responses to comments they received from all Cooperating Agencies on the preliminary Coastal Plain Leasing Draft EIS. They are organized by subject, but include your last name/FWS. This is for your personal reference, and should not be shared with other staff or outside FWS.

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A few notes:

- Not every comment was transmitted to BLM. I worked with the 1002 POCs to look for redundancy, clarity of recommendation, conflict with other comments or information FWS had previously provided, and also whether it was something the EIS should/could address. As a result, some comments were combined and submitted under multiple or a different name(s), revised or noted internally but not shared.
- We were not provided with the revised DEIS, so it may be difficult to determine exactly how your comment was addressed. It was not provided because it is still undergoing review by solicitors and BLM HQ prior to being made available to the public. Thus, further changes are likely to occur. The DEIS was scheduled to be released to the public on 10/17 for 45 day review; I will keep everyone updated on whether that timeline changes.
- With some refinement, Alternative D2, reflecting FWS suggestions for how to balance all purposes of the Refuge, remained in the DEIS following Cooperating Agency review.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Complaints can be directed at your POC ☺

Thank you all for your hard work!

Wendy

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Cc: karen_clark@fws.gov[karen_clark@fws.gov]
From: Greg Siekaniec
Sent: 2018-10-03T17:35:05-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Update on 1002
Received: 2018-10-03T17:35:06-04:00

Matt,

I'm forwarding you some basic info on Arctic coastal plain area planning from recent all Alaska employee meeting.

Another on refuge and Izembek will follow.

Greg

1002 update for All Employee Meeting:

- Along with the other Cooperating Agencies, we submitted comments on the preliminary Draft of the Arctic Refuge Coastal Plain Leasing Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which outlined 4 alternative approaches to where and how leasing could occur in the 1002 area. BLM considered every comment and provided a response which has been shared back with the interdisciplinary team of scientists. We were pleased to see that the alternative that FWS put forward was included in the preliminary draft.
- BLM is scheduled to Brief Deputy Secretary Bernhardt on the Draft Leasing EIS next week, and the outcome of that will determine when it is published for public review. It is expected that there will be a 45-day public review period and public meetings will be held in all the 7 locations where scoping occurred, plus Ft. Yukon. (Full list: Kaktovik, Arctic Village, Venetie, Utqiagvik, Fairbanks, Anchorage, DC, Ft Yukon)
- The Environmental Assessment evaluating the seismic application for the Arctic Refuge Coastal Plain is still in progress, as BLM continues to work with the applicant on refining their proposed plan and developing the guidelines under which they will operate.
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To: Greg Siekaniec[greg_siekaniec@fws.gov]
Cc: Karen Clark[karen_clark@fws.gov]
From: Huggler, Matthew
Sent: 2018-10-04T16:32:26-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Talking Points on Refuge Issues
Received: 2018-10-04T16:32:45-04:00

Thanks, that is a big help. Sorry for the short turn-around. I am sure you guys are busy!

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On Thu, Oct 4, 2018 at 4:25 PM Siekaniec, Greg <greg_siekaniec@fws.gov> wrote:

Matt,

I made a few edits to the bullets as this is how I would present this information. AS to your questions about two actions the answer is yes. One EIS on leasing program and an Environmental Assessment on the seismic application. Two different analysis and potential action outcomes.

Greg

Arctic NWR – No Slide

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Does this make sense or did I botch something? Is there 2 different EIS?

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- Matt

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**To:** Greg Siekaniec[greg\_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Colligan, Mary[mary\_colligan@fws.gov]  
**From:** Lemons, Patrick  
**Sent:** 2018-10-05T03:05:03-04:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Deputy Secretary Briefing and Supporting Docs - 1002 Seismic Analysis  
**Received:** 2018-10-05T03:05:15-04:00  
[Southern Beaufort Sea Polar Bears - Draft SAR - 22 June 2017.pdf](#)  
[Amstrup et al. 2004 - Bioscience.pdf](#)  
[Bromaghin et al. 2015 - Eco Apps.pdf](#)  
[Conservation Council for Hawaii v NMFS.pdf](#)  
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[Denning Map.pdf](#)  
[Durner et al. 2003 - Arctic.pdf](#)  
[Final Rule MMPA 101\(a\)\(5\).pdf](#)  
[MMPA Implementing Regulations on Incidental Take.pdf](#)  
[Natural Resources Defense Council v Evans.pdf](#)  
[Proposed Rule MMPA 101\(a\)\(5\).pdf](#)  
[Robinson et al. 2014 - Bioscience.pdf](#)  
[Rode et al. 2018 - JMamm.pdf](#)  
[Rode et al. 2018b - Global Change Biology.pdf](#)  
[Schiedler 2013 - Section 6 FLIR Report.pdf](#)  
[Briefing Document October 2018.docx](#)

Hi Greg,

I tried several ways to zip this stuff into one file but at the end of the day, it was funky. It is a result of some issue with the new zip program, 7zip, so I didn't want to take any chances. Therefore, I've attached all files to this email (about 20MBs worth). There should be 16 files, 15 of which are supporting docs and 1 of which is the actual briefing paper. I've labelled them in what I hope is an obvious format so you can send them forward.

I should be up for another hour or so in hopes that I'm not dreaming about FLIR, "negligible impact", or mismatched toppers. If you need anything or have questions, please let me know. Otherwise, I'll be in the office by 8am at the latest.

Cheers,  
Patrick

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Under small numbers the reference is to national resource defense council rather than natural resource...

This reviewing on a phone is a difficult way to go.

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Hi Greg.

Attached is an updated BP with the edits you suggested. I agree we should remove peoples names. I removed them in an earlier draft but they were re-inserted and I didn't have a chance to find out why before sending it to you last night. They are replaced now with what you suggested. To answer your question, Steve's comments were never in writing but he's said it multiple times in meetings.

The term "read out" is a legal term so I'm not 100% sure on it's meaning. The language in the BP is direct from Shawn Finley as to what the court found. My understanding is that they "read out", or ignored, the term "potential" when they required the action to actually cause a disturbance (i.e. NMFS required with 100% certainty that an activity would cause a disturbance so the bar was set higher than potential to cause disturbance). I hope that makes sense. We asked this question to Shawn and the Regional Solicitors in response to their comment that we shouldn't consider 14% probability of den collapse as it's less than 50% and therefore not likely. From our reading, the MMPA and implementing regulations do not use the term "likely" but use "potential" as the bar. I've got a call into Shawn to verify my understanding of the courts finding and the term "read out" and will let you know when I get an answer.

With regards to your question on what NMFS's rationale was for authorizing take even if lethal take exceeded PBR, that's a question we've asked Shawn to ask Holly Wheeler at NMFS. It sounds like Shawn has posed the question but not received a response yet from Holly so unfortunately we can't answer your question. I'll see if I can get Shawn to reach out again so we have the answer for the meeting next week.

Finally, I agree that the "Issues that Remain Unresolved" section is a awkward. Our goal was to make it clear that we're working with SAE on these issues and not just ignoring the potential to find mitigation or stipulations that could reduce take and therefore allow us to reach our determinations. If you'd like, I can remove the underlying text of each one and just tee up the topics, or remove them all together. Let me know if you have any ideas and I'll make the necessary changes.

Thanks,  
Patrick

On Fri, Oct 5, 2018 at 7:59 AM, Greg Siekaniec <[greg\\_siekaniec@fws.gov](mailto:greg_siekaniec@fws.gov)> wrote:

Good Morning Patrick,

I'm not sure I understand the bullet on Natural Resource Defense Council v Evans. What does "read out" mean? Also, I recommend that we do not use the names of the counsel and Wackowski. Let's use terminology such as we received comments or recommendations from the "Alaska office of the Solicitor and DOI Alaska office" or something similar. I'm not sure

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what Steve's title is but we could use it. Also, did we receive comments from Steve or was it personal communications?

I'm planning to read again. The open ended questions or unresolved perspective seem awkward. What rationale is behind NMFS indicating they would have authorized even if using PBR (I think this was the issue). I'm not sure how else we address this or if it has bearing on this decision.

Thanks,

Greg

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Hi Greg and Karen,

Attached is the updated version of the briefing paper as well as all the supporting documents. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have questions or need anything else from my end.

Thanks for all the support and help on this.  
Patrick

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Jim,

I trust your travels went well and you enjoyed some time away from DC. Attached are background documents and a briefing note for the upcoming polar bear brief. The background files represent papers (best available science) that is helping us formulate our thinking on the seismic application, MMPA, and ESA consultation.

I asked for the background to be provided rather than citations someone would need to track down via the web or journals.

The brief is not in the normal “format” but more of a timeline. After you take a look at it we can modify to regular briefing format if you prefer. Since it sounded like Deputy Secretary would like to discuss the issue with us this approach seems most appropriate. Taking up briefing space with supporters and opponents doesn’t appear to be a need right now.

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Also, the information is in DTS for Gary and Bud to look over should they want to preview prior to our Friday meeting. I see we have a pre brief with you as well.

I'm available this weekend should you want to discuss.

Greg

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Hey Kashyap- here are a few bullets per your request. Let me know if you have any questions!  
Karen

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On Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 1:05 PM Patel, Kashyap <[kashyap\\_patel@fws.gov](mailto:kashyap_patel@fws.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,  
I just want to confirm receipt and check if this is realistically feasible today. If not, your best forecast is useful too.

Thanks,  
Kashyap

On Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 8:58 AM Patel, Kashyap <[kashyap\\_patel@fws.gov](mailto:kashyap_patel@fws.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Greg & Karen,  
Last spring the Secretary hosted a Conservation Roundtable with a number of stakeholders, and asked each of them to submit their top 5 goals. We're being asked to provide a few bullets of Administration progress or accomplishments related to those goals in preparation for the follow-up Roundtable this fall.

Could you embed a few bullets under each numbered goal in the attachment by COB today please?

Thanks,  
Kashyap

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Would like to get your input on this before moving forward.  
I know the polar bear viewing planning team will be in Kaktovik Oct 31-Nov 4 (leading planning workshops with community etc). Steve will be up there Oct 31-Nov 2.

thx

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**To:** Sara Boario <[sara\\_boario@fws.gov](mailto:sara_boario@fws.gov)>

Sara,  
I've been tasked with putting together an itinerary for Marcella Burke, DOI Deputy Solicitor for Energy and Minerals. She asked for an itinerary similar to the one we did for Kate Macgregor July 2017. I'm attaching one created similar to that. Will someone from FWS be available to do a meeting in Kaktovik on Nov. 5? Let me know, I'm scheduling aircraft now.

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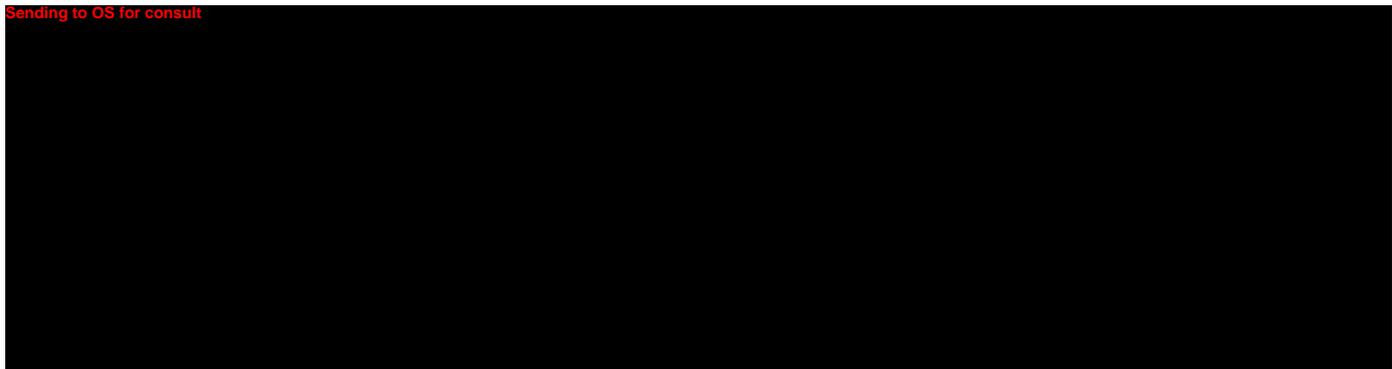
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My Best,

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Is this the type of slides you were looking for? I put some information into the notes section.  
Holler if you need something else.

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On Tue, Oct 9, 2018 at 5:12 PM Wackowski, Stephen <[stephen\\_wackowski@ios.doi.gov](mailto:stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

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Paul

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**To:** Frazer, Gary[gary\_frazer@fws.gov]  
**Cc:** Gregory Siekaniec[gregory\_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Colligan, Mary[mary\_colligan@fws.gov]; Patrick Lemons[Patrick\_Lemons@fws.gov]; Jim Kurth[Jim\_Kurth@fws.gov]  
**From:** Bud Cribley  
**Sent:** 2018-10-14T21:57:24-04:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd:  
**Received:** 2018-10-14T21:57:28-04:00

For me the important work is similar!  
Bud

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 14, 2018, at 9:31 PM, Frazer, Gary <gary\_frazer@fws.gov> wrote:

fyi  
Gary Frazer  
Assistant Director -- Ecological Services  
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**From:** Romanik, Peg <peg.romanik@sol.doi.gov>  
**Date:** Fri, Oct 12, 2018 at 12:50 PM  
**Subject:**  
**To:** Frazer, Gary <gary\_frazer@fws.gov>

Gary (b) (5) ACP [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Peg

SEC. 20001. OIL AND GAS PROGRAM. (a) DEFINITIONS. In this section: (1) COASTAL PLAIN. The term "Coastal Plain" means the area identified as the 1002 Area on the plates prepared by H. R. 1 183 the United States Geological Survey entitled "ANWR Map Plate 1" and "ANWR Map Plate 2", dated October 24, 2017, and on file with the United States Geological Survey and the Office of the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior. (2) SECRETARY. The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management. (b) OIL AND GAS PROGRAM. (1) IN GENERAL. Section 1003 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3143) shall not apply to the Coastal Plain. (2) ESTABLISHMENT. (A) IN GENERAL. The Secretary shall establish and administer a competitive oil and gas program for the leasing, development, production, and transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain. (B) PURPOSES. Section 303(2)(B) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Public Law 96 487; 94 Stat. 2390) is amended (i) in clause (iii), by striking "and" at the end; (ii) in clause (iv), by striking the period at the

end and inserting “; and”; and (iii) by adding at the end the following: “(v) to provide for an oil and gas program on the Coastal Plain.”. (3)  
MANAGEMENT. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Secretary shall manage the oil and gas program on the Coastal Plain in a manner similar to the administration of lease sales under the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6501 et seq.) (including regulations).

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**To:** Wackowski, Stephen[stephen\_wackowski@ios.doi.gov]  
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**From:** Colligan, Mary  
**Sent:** 2018-10-15T23:14:06-04:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Re: NCAC briefing on Den Detection  
**Received:** 2018-10-15T23:14:10-04:00

Thanks for the update, Steve. We have folks pretty focused right now on the seismic application so would prefer to keep them on that task for now. We can follow up to make sure we understand what information would be most useful.

Mary

On Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 4:22 PM, Wackowski, Stephen <[stephen\\_wackowski@ios.doi.gov](mailto:stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

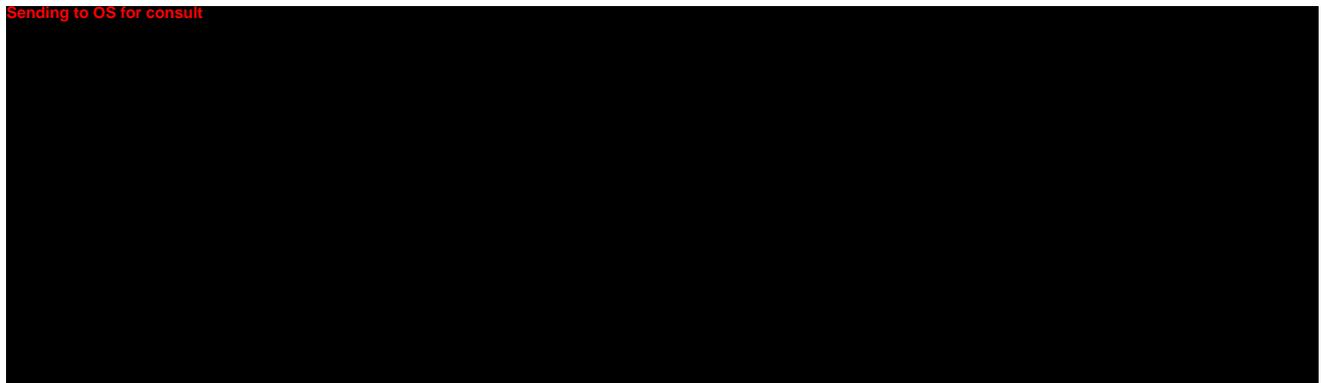
One clarification: We're not engaging on this until early November at the earliest. So no rush on getting me the examples.

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On Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 4:26 PM Wackowski, Stephen <[stephen\\_wackowski@ios.doi.gov](mailto:stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

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My Best,

Steve

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From: **Young, Paul** <[pyoung@usgs.gov](mailto:pyoung@usgs.gov)>  
Date: Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 3:43 PM  
Subject: Re: NCAC 101 Brief  
To: Stephen Wackowski <[stephen\\_wackowski@ios.doi.gov](mailto:stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov)>  
Cc: Daniel Opstal <[dopstal@usgs.gov](mailto:dopstal@usgs.gov)>

Is this the type of slides you were looking for? I put some information into the notes section.

Holler if you need something else.

Paul

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wrote:

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**To:** Mouritsen, Karen[kmourits@blm.gov]  
**From:** Greg Siekaniec  
**Sent:** 2018-10-18T12:33:04-04:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Re: Existing Contracts Question  
**Received:** 2018-10-18T12:33:10-04:00

Thanks for taking my call. You should come back to AK.

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On Oct 18, 2018, at 11:01 AM, Mouritsen, Karen <[kmourits@blm.gov](mailto:kmourits@blm.gov)> wrote:

sorry, just the regional directors.

Karen E. Mouritsen  
State Director, Eastern States  
Bureau of Land Management  
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cell 202-329-2030

On Thu, Oct 18, 2018 at 11:58 AM Greg Siekaniec <[greg\\_siekaniec@fws.gov](mailto:greg_siekaniec@fws.gov)> wrote:

Region 2 and 4 with all employees or the facilitators?

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On Oct 18, 2018, at 10:55 AM, Mouritsen, Karen <[kmourits@blm.gov](mailto:kmourits@blm.gov)> wrote:

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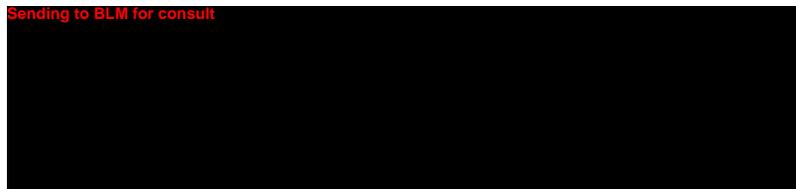
On Thu, Oct 18, 2018 at 11:51 AM Greg Siekaniec <[greg\\_siekaniec@fws.gov](mailto:greg_siekaniec@fws.gov)>  
wrote:

There will be a lot of fretting I'm afraid. Do you know why Mike  
Tupper is trying to have a call on Friday?

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On Oct 18, 2018, at 10:49 AM, Mouritsen, Karen <[kmourits@blm.gov](mailto:kmourits@blm.gov)> wrote:

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On Thu, Oct 18, 2018 at 11:08 AM Greg Siekaniec  
<[greg\\_siekaniec@fws.gov](mailto:greg_siekaniec@fws.gov)> wrote:

FYI

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Varrati, Alissa"

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<[alissa\\_varrati@fws.gov](mailto:alissa_varrati@fws.gov)>

**Date:** October 18, 2018 at 10:05:50 AM CDT

**To:** Greg Siekaniec <[greg\\_siekaniec@fws.gov](mailto:greg_siekaniec@fws.gov)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Existing Contracts Question

Hi Greg,

I think this may answer your question regarding an IDIQ for 1002 arrangement with BLM.

Best Regards,  
Alissa Varrati  
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From: **Varrati, Alissa** <[alissa\\_varrati@fws.gov](mailto:alissa_varrati@fws.gov)>

Date: Wed, Oct 17, 2018 at 9:34 AM

Subject: Fwd: Existing Contracts Question

To: Janine Velasco <[janine\\_velasco@fws.gov](mailto:janine_velasco@fws.gov)>

Cc: Kristin Young <[kristin\\_young@fws.gov](mailto:kristin_young@fws.gov)>

Good morning,

A little clarity after a night of sleep ;-) I believe this may be the contract you're referring to. Please see the email below to Leslie at BLM.

Please let me know if there is any additional information I can provide or feel free to pass my contact information along to Charlie or Karen if further discussion is necessary.

Best Regards,

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Date: Tue, Aug 7, 2018 at 10:53 AM  
Subject: Existing Contracts Question  
To: Holland, Leslie <[lholland@blm.gov](mailto:lholland@blm.gov)>

Hi Leslie,

FWS has a BPA in place for scientific technical advisory services that may work for your EIS needs. I've attached the contract, SOW, and ordering instructions. Use of the BPA requires coordination with the Contracting Officer, Jerry Perry.

I'm not aware of any existing FWS contracts for translation services. The GSA professional services schedule may have contractors able to meet your needs.

Hope that helps out some. Have a great day.

Best Regards,  
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**To:** Damberg, Doug[doug\_damberg@fws.gov]; Sara Boario[sara\_boario@fws.gov]; Jordan Muir[jordan\_muir@fws.gov]; Eric Taylor[eric\_taylor@fws.gov]; Mary Colligan[mary\_colligan@fws.gov]; Steve Klein[steve\_klein@fws.gov]; Cynthia Jacobson[Cynthia\_Jacobson@fws.gov]; Socheata Lor[socheata\_lor@fws.gov]; Rory Stark[rory\_stark@fws.gov]  
**Cc:** Greg Siekaniec[greg\_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Karen Clark[karen\_clark@fws.gov]  
**From:** Howard, Amee  
**Sent:** 2018-10-19T16:25:22-04:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Urgent Review - Draft points for ASFWP for today's data call  
**Received:** 2018-10-19T16:25:42-04:00  
[10.19.18 Points for ASFWP - Sec Briefing Oct 2018.docx](#)

Hi All,

Please find attached draft points. Please review and add any edits in Track Changes. Return to me or let me know your comfort level as soon as possible. I will incorporate your edits and get the final to Karen.

Thanks so much!  
Amee

On Fri, Oct 19, 2018 at 10:18 AM Howard, Amee <[amee\\_howard@fws.gov](mailto:amee_howard@fws.gov)> wrote:

Hi All,

Sara has sent me the lists of accomplishments that you all shared for Greg's review. She would like me to take a first pass at pulling relevant points for this effort into a single document for your review. I will have something out to you as soon as I can, for you to take a look at it, edit, add to and return to me. I will then incorporate edits and get a final to Karen.

More to come...  
Thanks so much!  
Amee

On Fri, Oct 19, 2018 at 8:44 AM Damberg, Doug <[doug\\_damberg@fws.gov](mailto:doug_damberg@fws.gov)> wrote:

Amee and Sara:

Seeing this quick bullet format, it seems that one way to do this task quickly and painlessly is to pull from the information we all provided for Greg's FY18 performance report. If you can forward to each program their respective accomplishments that we submitted, we could highlight the ones we think might be most important from the program perspective.

Thoughts?

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On Fri, Oct 19, 2018 at 7:33 AM Karen Clark <[karen\\_clark@fws.gov](mailto:karen_clark@fws.gov)> wrote:

More info! Thanks for the quick turnaround.  
Karen

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Patel, Kashyap" <[kashyap\\_patel@fws.gov](mailto:kashyap_patel@fws.gov)>  
**Date:** October 19, 2018 at 6:41:38 AM AKDT  
**To:** Jim Kurth <[jim\\_kurth@fws.gov](mailto:jim_kurth@fws.gov)>  
**Cc:** Greg Siekaniec <[greg\\_siekaniec@fws.gov](mailto:greg_siekaniec@fws.gov)>, Paul Souza <[Paul\\_Souza@fws.gov](mailto:Paul_Souza@fws.gov)>, Robyn Thorson <[Robyn\\_Thorson@fws.gov](mailto:Robyn_Thorson@fws.gov)>, Jody Holzworth <[jody\\_holzworth@fws.gov](mailto:jody_holzworth@fws.gov)>, Kathy Hollar <[kathy\\_hollar@fws.gov](mailto:kathy_hollar@fws.gov)>, Karen Clark <[karen\\_clark@fws.gov](mailto:karen_clark@fws.gov)>, "Morris, Charisa" <[charisa\\_morris@fws.gov](mailto:charisa_morris@fws.gov)>, Melissa Beaumont <[melissa\\_beaumont@fws.gov](mailto:melissa_beaumont@fws.gov)>, Stephen Guertin <[Stephen\\_Guertin@fws.gov](mailto:Stephen_Guertin@fws.gov)>  
**Subject: Re: California, Alaska, and Hawaii**

Good morning,  
We found out from Andrea this morning that what she's looking for are issues with CA, AK & HI, not necessarily project updates.

She had in mind the attached product she saw earlier this month, which she found very useful.

Please send your input to Jim & cc: to Charisa, Melissa & I.

Hope this helps,  
Kashyap

On Fri, Oct 19, 2018 at 5:14 AM Jim Kurth <[jim\\_kurth@fws.gov](mailto:jim_kurth@fws.gov)> wrote:

No. I will ask this morning for clarification.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 18, 2018, at 10:32 PM, Greg Siekaniec <[greg\\_siekaniec@fws.gov](mailto:greg_siekaniec@fws.gov)> wrote:

Any clue at all on what projects we are speaking of?  
Greg

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On Oct 18, 2018, at 7:16 PM, Patel, Kashyap <[kashyap\\_patel@fws.gov](mailto:kashyap_patel@fws.gov)> wrote:

Please find attached the format I believe Andrea is expecting. I anticipate the advance staff will use these project BPs to update the meeting memo that Andrea mentioned below.

On Thu, Oct 18, 2018 at 7:34 PM Jim Kurth <[jim\\_kurth@fws.gov](mailto:jim_kurth@fws.gov)> wrote:

Please see Andrea's request for briefing materials. Sorry for the short turn around, due COB tomorrow.

Please send to me, copy Charisa and Kashyap. Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Christine Powell  
<[chris\\_powell@nps.gov](mailto:chris_powell@nps.gov)>  
**Date:** October 18, 2018 at 7:04:45 PM EDT  
**To:** "Travnicek, Andrea" <[andrea\\_travnicek@ios.doi.gov](mailto:andrea_travnicek@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Cc:** Jim Kurth <[jim\\_kurth@fws.gov](mailto:jim_kurth@fws.gov)>, Melissa Beaumont  
<[melissa\\_beaumont@fws.gov](mailto:melissa_beaumont@fws.gov)>, "Paul (Dan) Smith" <[paul\\_smith@nps.gov](mailto:paul_smith@nps.gov)>, "Obernesser, Rick" <[rick\\_obernesser@nps.gov](mailto:rick_obernesser@nps.gov)>, Maureen Foster <[maureen\\_foster@ios.doi.gov](mailto:maureen_foster@ios.doi.gov)>, "Guertin, Stephen" <[stephen\\_guertin@fws.gov](mailto:stephen_guertin@fws.gov)>, [charles\\_laudner@nps.gov](mailto:charles_laudner@nps.gov)  
**Subject: Re: California, Alaska, and Hawaii**

Andrea,  
Do you have any information on who

the meetings are with in order for us to  
get you the right type of information?

Chris

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 18, 2018, at 6:21 PM, Travnicek, Andrea  
<[andrea\\_travnicek@ios.doi.gov](mailto:andrea_travnicek@ios.doi.gov)>  
wrote:

Team-

Looking for information on updates on projects in California, Alaska, and  
Hawaii for the Secretary for  
meetings next Tuesday. This  
would be included in his  
meeting memo for his 5-10 min  
remarks. I would like to have  
information by COB tomorrow.

Thanks.  
Andrea

Andrea Travnicek, Ph.D.  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science  
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**From:** Boario, Sara  
**Sent:** 2018-10-19T16:51:18-04:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Fwd: Update on VIP trip to Kaktovik  
**Received:** 2018-10-19T16:51:37-04:00  
[Draft Itinerary - Marcella Burke.docx](#)  
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[Facebook Logo for Email Signature Block.png](#)

Just keeping you in the loop - this trip has been canceled (steve b would have been available for it though)

sb

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**From:** Ellis-Wouters, Lesli <lellis@blm.gov>  
**Date:** Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 7:14 AM  
**Subject:** VIP trip  
**To:** Sara Boario <sara\_boario@fws.gov>

Sara,  
I've been tasked with putting together an itinerary for Marcella Burke, DOI Deputy Solicitor for Energy and Minerals. She asked for an itinerary similar to the one we did for Kate Macgregor July 2017. I'm attaching one created similar to that. Will someone from FWS be available to do a meeting in Kaktovik on Nov. 5? Let me know, I'm scheduling aircraft now.

***Lesli J. Ellis-Wouters***  
Communications Director  
Alaska State Office  
Bureau of Land Management  
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Assistant Regional Director External Affairs  
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**To:** Howard, Amee[amee\_howard@fws.gov]  
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**Subject:** Re: Urgent Review - Draft points for ASFWP for today's data call  
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My suggested edits are attached

On Fri, Oct 19, 2018 at 12:25 PM, Howard, Amee <[amee\\_howard@fws.gov](mailto:amee_howard@fws.gov)> wrote:

Hi All,

Please find attached draft points. Please review and add any edits in Track Changes. Return to me or let me know your comfort level as soon as possible. I will incorporate your edits and get the final to Karen.

Thanks so much!

Amee

On Fri, Oct 19, 2018 at 10:18 AM Howard, Amee <[amee\\_howard@fws.gov](mailto:amee_howard@fws.gov)> wrote:

Hi All,

Sara has sent me the lists of accomplishments that you all shared for Greg's review. She would like me to take a first pass at pulling relevant points for this effort into a single document for your review. I will have something out to you as soon as I can, for you to take a look at it, edit, add to and return to me. I will then incorporate edits and get a final to Karen.

More to come...

Thanks so much!

Amee

On Fri, Oct 19, 2018 at 8:44 AM Damberg, Doug <[doug\\_damberg@fws.gov](mailto:doug_damberg@fws.gov)> wrote:

Amee and Sara:

Seeing this quick bullet format, it seems that one way to do this task quickly and painlessly is to pull from the information we all provided for Greg's FY18 performance report. If you can forward to each program their respective accomplishments that we submitted, we could highlight the ones we think might be most important from the program perspective.

Thoughts?

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On Fri, Oct 19, 2018 at 7:33 AM Karen Clark <[karen\\_clark@fws.gov](mailto:karen_clark@fws.gov)> wrote:

More info! Thanks for the quick turnaround.  
Karen

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Patel, Kashyap" <[kashyap\\_patel@fws.gov](mailto:kashyap_patel@fws.gov)>  
**Date:** October 19, 2018 at 6:41:38 AM AKDT  
**To:** Jim Kurth <[jim\\_kurth@fws.gov](mailto:jim_kurth@fws.gov)>  
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Hope this helps,  
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Hi Jim,

Attached are responses to 2 Alaska data requests. I am hopeful we got them in the correct formats! Please let me know if you have any questions. Have a great weekend :)

Karen

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**From:** Kurth, Jim  
**Sent:** 2018-10-24T15:17:25-04:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Surname needed on state briefing papers for Director nominee by COB tomorrow  
**Received:** 2018-10-24T15:18:39-04:00

Earlier this week the President nominated Aurelia Skipwith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, to be Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Department is preparing for a confirmation hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. We anticipate the hearing will take place in mid November.

To help prepare Aurelia for the hearing, the Department requested that the Service provide updated state briefing papers, for states with Senators on the committee, by Friday. Previous papers had been developed by the regions for Aurelia at her request in May/June 2018, so most of this assignment should be easily addressed by updating the existing papers as needed.

To facilitate this request, the Division of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (CLA) created a DTS package BP034722 that includes all of the relevant state briefing papers. Please review the papers for your region, update as needed, and **surname no later than COB Thursday, October 25.**

The total list of state papers needed in the DTS record by region are listed below. Again there are existing papers in the DTS record (that were prepared by the regions in the summer) for all of these states except for Alaska.

Region 1: Oregon

Region 2: Oklahoma

Region 3: Illinois, Iowa

Region 4: Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama

Region 5: West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts

Region 6: Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota

Region 7: Alaska

For Region 7, because there currently is not a state briefing paper for Alaska one will need to be created. This is intended to be a high level overview of Service assets in the state and current high profile issues. No need for great depth on these papers, as we may also be asked to provide separate issue briefing papers with more detail (e.g., oil development in the Arctic NWR).

For Region 8, I'm including you on this email for your awareness but since there are no Senate EPW Members representing CA or NV, Region 8 is not on the surname route in the DTS record.

Please contact Martin Kodis, Chief of Congressional and Legislative Affairs with any questions and thank you for your assistance on this quick turnaround request.

**To:** Gregory Siekaniec[gregory\_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Karen Clark[karen\_clark@fws.gov]  
**Cc:** Sara Boario[sara\_boario@fws.gov]  
**From:** Howard, Amee  
**Sent:** 2018-10-24T20:09:02-04:00  
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**Subject:** Review Request - Draft Briefing Paper for A. Skipwith Confirmation  
**Received:** 2018-10-24T20:09:21-04:00  
[10.24.18 Briefing Paper - R11 Alaska EAdraft.docx](#)

Hi Greg and Karen,

Please find attached a draft briefing paper for the A. Skipwith Confirmation request received from Jim Kurth today. Sara has reviewed and approved for me to send it on to you both. Let us know your edits and if there are topics or points we missed.

We can figure out DTS logistics tomorrow by COB, after your edits are incorporated and you are happy with the final.

Thanks so much!  
Amee

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**Sent:** 2018-10-26T13:06:32-04:00  
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**Subject:** Updated Briefing Documents  
**Received:** 2018-10-26T13:06:41-04:00  
[Analysis Update - 181026 - v3.docx](#)  
[Briefing on Progress Since Dep Sec Meeting - 181026 v6.docx](#)

Greg and Karen Attached please find an updated chronology of discussions with SAE and an updated summary of the analysis conducted to date. As discussed yesterday, we will reach out to SAE today to schedule a meeting for early next week to discuss our analysis of their proposed plan of operation and ideas for additional measures that could be taken to reduce the potential take of polar bears.

In the meantime, please let us know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Thank you,  
Mary

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[Briefing on Progress Since Dep Sec Meeting - 181026 v6.docx](#)  
[ATT00002.htm](#)

Jim,

I wanted to discuss Friday but we missed each other. We are closer as the most recent plan calculates out to 4 bears (2 dens) in the MMPA lethal take due to den disturbance. I'm not in the place that this demonstrates a "gold standard" but it is greatly improved. We are intending to meet again with SAE to see there can be any more timing changes that can help reduce the disturbance to zero or one den.

If you want to discuss please give me a call.

Greg

**Subject: Polar Bear**

**To:** Gregory Siekaniec[gregory\_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Karen Clark[karen\_clark@fws.gov]  
**Cc:** Sara Boario[sara\_boario@fws.gov]  
**From:** Howard, Amee  
**Sent:** 2018-10-29T18:34:58-04:00  
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**Subject:** Time Sensitive Review - One-pager for Arctic NWR BP for Aurelia's upcoming Senate confirmation hearing  
**Received:** 2018-10-29T18:35:18-04:00  
10.29.18 Arctic NWR Briefing Paper R11 draft v3.docx

Hi Greg and Karen,  
HQ-Congressional and Legislative Affairs (CLA) requested a draft one-pager on oil and gas development in the Arctic Refuge. Devin provided a previous version for us to edit. I updated his version and Sara reviewed and edited.

We have added language regarding polar bear. Please review and let me know your edits. I will then send it back to Devin at HQ.

Thanks so much!  
Amee

On Mon, Oct 29, 2018 at 7:39 AM Helfrich, Devin <[devin\\_helfrich@fws.gov](mailto:devin_helfrich@fws.gov)> wrote:

Hi Amee, just checking in on this one - are we on track to get this back from the region by COB Alaska-time today?  
Thanks,  
Devin

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**From:** Helfrich, Devin <[devin\\_helfrich@fws.gov](mailto:devin_helfrich@fws.gov)>  
**Date:** Fri, Oct 26, 2018 at 1:43 PM  
**Subject:** Arctic NWR BP for Aurelia's upcoming Senate confirmation hearing  
**To:** Amee Howard <[amee\\_howard@fws.gov](mailto:amee_howard@fws.gov)>, Sara Boario <[sara\\_boario@fws.gov](mailto:sara_boario@fws.gov)>  
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Hi Amee and Sara,

We're working on issue-specific one-page briefing papers to prepare Aurelia for her upcoming Senate confirmation hearing, which is anticipated to be mid-November. We'd like to include a briefing paper on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

I have attached a draft BP that is in pretty good shape.

We'd like to have an updated briefing paper by **COB Monday**. We would then do a large DTS clearance process for all of the briefing papers and ADs and RDs would have the opportunity

to surname.

Thank you!

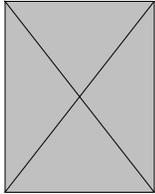
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**Subject:** Review Request - HQ edits to Arctic NWR Briefing Paper for A. Skipwith Confirmation  
**Received:** 2018-10-31T14:30:08-04:00  
10.29.18 Arctic NWR Briefing Paper R11 with HQ Edits.docx

Hi All,

I reviewed the HQ DTS version and compared it with ours. There are very few edits. I put them in track changes in the document attached for your review. One note - they added "incidental take permits" to the sentence where we discuss subsistence take of polar bear. It could be read that we are calling subsistence incidental and may get confused about which types of harvest and uses requires an incidental take permits. Take a look and let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks so much!  
Amee

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**Subject:** Re: Briefing Papers for Aurelia's potential confirmation hearing  
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Hi Greg,  
Already on it! Sent their minor edits in track changes to you for review with one recommendation. Lucy has all the info as well.

Thanks so much!  
Amee

On Wed, Oct 31, 2018 at 11:12 AM Greg Siekaniec <greg\_siekaniec@fws.gov> wrote:

Amee,  
Please review the Arctic brief provided in the DTS file noted by Barbara and let us know if it represents our perspective.

Looks like a short turn around of today.

Thank you,

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**Date:** October 31, 2018 at 9:37:13 AM AKDT  
**To:** "Frazer, Gary" <gary\_frazer@fws.gov>, Gina Shultz <Gina\_Shultz@fws.gov>, Cynthia Martinez <cynthia\_martinez@fws.gov>, Shaun Sanchez <shaun\_sanchez@fws.gov>, Jerome Ford <jerome\_ford@fws.gov>, "Johnson, Mike J" <Mike\_J\_Johnson@fws.gov>, A Alvarez <aeric\_alvarez@fws.gov>, "Bell, Gloria" <gloria\_bell@fws.gov>, "Grace, Edward" <edward\_grace@fws.gov>, Robyn Thorson <robyn\_thorson@fws.gov>, Amy Lueders <amy\_lueders@fws.gov>, Charles Wooley <charles\_wooley@fws.gov>, "Weber, Wendi" <wendi\_weber@fws.gov>, Noreen Walsh <Noreen\_Walsh@fws.gov>, Greg Siekaniec <greg\_siekaniec@fws.gov>, Paul Souza <paul\_souza@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Briefing Papers for Aurelia's potential confirmation hearing

As you know we're preparing for a confirmation hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works for Aurelia Skipwith, Deputy

Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, to be Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We anticipate the hearing will take place in mid-November.

To help prepare Aurelia for her confirmation hearing, the Department requested that the Service provide briefing papers on issues of potential interest to Senators on the committee.

To facilitate this request, the Division of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (CLA) created a DTS package - BP034732 - that includes all of the relevant briefing papers. CLA worked with the appropriate programs and regions to develop these briefing papers. Please review the papers for your program or region, update as needed, and submit no later than COB Wednesday, October 31. Sorry for the quick turnaround.

Assignments for each program and region are listed below.

ES: ESA Reform; Proposed Revisions to ESA Regulations; Grizzly Bear; Gray Wolf; Greater Sage Grouse; American Burying Beetle; Lesser Prairie Chicken; Klamath Basin and Endangered Suckers

NWRS: Deferred Maintenance; Resource Protection Act; Sportsmen's Access; GMO Memo; Arctic NWR

MB: M-Opinion; Black vultures; Cormorants

IA: Trophy Hunting

OLE: Trophy Hunting

Region 1: Grizzly Bear; Gray Wolf

Region 2: American Burying Beetle; Lesser Prairie Chicken

Region 3: Asian Carp; Gray Wolf

Region 5: White-nose Syndrome

Region 6: Grizzly Bear; Gray Wolf; Greater Sage Grouse

Region 7: Arctic NWR

Region 8: Klamath Basin and Endangered Suckers

Please contact Angela Gustavson, Deputy Chief of Congressional and Legislative Affairs with any questions and thank you for your assistance on this quick turnaround request.

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**To:** Jim Kurth[jim\_kurth@fws.gov]  
**From:** Greg Siekaniec  
**Sent:** 2018-11-03T09:30:41-04:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Fwd: MMPA 1002 Status Update  
**Received:** 2018-11-03T09:30:43-04:00  
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[Briefing on Progress Since Dep Sec Meeting - 181102 v8.docx](#)

Status update we discussed. The analysis is in being written and will be ready at end of this week. We should again discuss when you have time. I have had some additional discussions with AK Solicitor office.

Greg

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Colligan, Mary" <[mary\\_colligan@fws.gov](mailto:mary_colligan@fws.gov)>  
**Date:** November 2, 2018 at 3:26:10 PM AKDT  
**To:** Gregory Siekaniec <[greg\\_siekaniec@fws.gov](mailto:greg_siekaniec@fws.gov)>, Karen Clark <[karen\\_clark@fws.gov](mailto:karen_clark@fws.gov)>  
**Cc:** Patrick Lemons <[patrick\\_lemons@fws.gov](mailto:patrick_lemons@fws.gov)>, Christopher Putnam <[christopher\\_putnam@fws.gov](mailto:christopher_putnam@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** **MMPA 1002 Status Update**

Greg and Karen Attached please find the updated status document that Patrick and his folks have put together regarding discussions with SAE and progress on the MMPA analysis.

Please let us know if you have any questions

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**To:** Gregory Siekaniec[greg\_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Karen Clark[karen\_clark@fws.gov]  
**Cc:** Patrick Lemons[patrick\_lemons@fws.gov]  
**From:** Colligan, Mary  
**Sent:** 2018-11-07T00:34:52-05:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Briefing Document  
**Received:** 2018-11-07T00:34:59-05:00  
Coastal Plain 1002 Area State of Knowledge - Polar Bears v8.0.docx

Greg and Karen I have attached the cleaned up briefing document. Patrick and I will do another clean read of this, but we wanted to get you it in case you want to review it tonight. We are still working on reviewing the detailed analysis that will be an attachment and as we discussed this afternoon, Patrick plans to work with Ryan in the morning to get the map titles consistent with each other and with what is in the table itself.

Thanks,  
Mary

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**To:** Karen Clark[karen\_clark@fws.gov]  
**From:** Siekaniec, Greg  
**Sent:** 2018-11-07T12:55:36-05:00  
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Coastal Plain 1002 Area State of Knowledge - Polar Bears v7.0.docx  
Scenario Analysis - V4.0.docx

The moment I hit send I realized you were not on the email.

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**From:** **Siekaniec, Greg** <greg\_siekaniec@fws.gov>  
**Date:** Wed, Nov 7, 2018 at 8:54 AM  
**Subject:** Polar Bear  
**To:** Jim Kurth <jim\_kurth@fws.gov>

Jim

Attached are the two most important documents for a current status briefing. A second email will allow you to access various documents via a link rather than directing you to a shared google drive file. The scenario analysis has maps that give you a visual of the discussion in the State of Knowledge document.

Please contact us if you have any questions or want further clarification.

As always, we look forward to having more conversations around polar bears and the 1002 area of Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

greg

**To:** Jim Kurth[jim\_kurth@fws.gov]  
**Cc:** Karen Clark[karen\_clark@fws.gov]  
**From:** Siekaniec, Greg  
**Sent:** 2018-11-07T12:56:56-05:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** supporting literature for polar bear analysis of seismic application  
**Received:** 2018-11-07T12:57:39-05:00

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[\\_Wilder et al. 2017.pdf](#)  
[\\_Wood et al. 2012.pdf](#)

**To:** Andrea Travnicek[andrea\_travnicek@ios.doi.gov]  
**Cc:** Gregory Siekaniec[greg\_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Gary Frazer[Gary\_Frazer@fws.gov]; Cynthia Martinez[Cynthia\_Martinez@fws.gov]  
**From:** Kurth, Jim  
**Sent:** 2018-11-07T13:40:20-05:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Fwd: Polar Bear  
**Received:** 2018-11-07T13:40:48-05:00  
[Coastal Plain 1002 Area State of Knowledge - Polar Bears v7.0.docx](#)  
[Scenario Analysis - V4.0.docx](#)

Attached is the analysis of options for conducting seismic operations on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. David is expecting the Alaska folks to come back for a follow up briefing. Do you want us to schedule it or do you want to review these first?

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**From:** Siekaniec, Greg <[greg\\_siekaniec@fws.gov](mailto:greg_siekaniec@fws.gov)>  
**Date:** Wed, Nov 7, 2018 at 12:55 PM  
**Subject:** Polar Bear  
**To:** Jim Kurth <[jim\\_kurth@fws.gov](mailto:jim_kurth@fws.gov)>

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**To:** Wackowski, Stephen[stephen\_wackowski@ios.doi.gov]  
**From:** Siekaniec, Greg  
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Steve,

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Josh contacted me and we have a discussion again tomorrow as he indicated that he has already spoken to Deputy Secretary feels there may be a path forward.

I trust DC is treating you well,

Greg

**To:** Greg Siekaniec[greg\_siekaniec@fws.gov]  
**From:** Wackowski, Stephen  
**Sent:** 2018-11-08T09:27:36-05:00  
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**Subject:** Re: Polar Bear  
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Thanks for sending. I assume this is still draft... albeit coming to final.

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On Wed, Nov 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM Siekaniec, Greg <[greg\\_siekaniec@fws.gov](mailto:greg_siekaniec@fws.gov)> wrote:

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Greg

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**To:** Jim Kurth[jim\_kurth@fws.gov]  
**From:** Siekaniec, Greg  
**Sent:** 2018-11-08T20:11:43-05:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Fwd: materials  
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Simplified Table of Alternatives wFigs.docx

Here is information we discussed with Josh and Steve.  
greg

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**From:** **Colligan, Mary** <mary\_colligan@fws.gov>  
**Date:** Thu, Nov 8, 2018 at 3:59 PM  
**Subject:** materials  
**To:** Gregory Siekaniec <greg\_siekaniec@fws.gov>, Joshua Kindred  
<joshua.kindred@sol.doi.gov>

Greg and Josh I just sent the attached document to Jeff Hastings (SAE) and Theresa Imm (ASRC).

Thank you

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**To:** Wackowski, Stephen[stephen\_wackowski@ios.doi.gov]  
**From:** Siekaniec, Greg  
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Steve,

I don't recall if Josh was planning to send to you or if we are. I apologize if this is double posted in your inbox.

greg

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Thank you

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**To:** Siekaniec, Greg[greg\_siekaniec@fws.gov]  
**Cc:** Mary Colligan[mary\_colligan@fws.gov]  
**From:** Patrick Lemons  
**Sent:** 2018-11-09T14:45:41-05:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Re: 1002 Check-in  
**Received:** 2018-11-09T14:45:48-05:00

No problem. Wasn't much else I could respond with other than the facts. Guess we'll see how the inevitable conversation goes.

Patrick

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 9, 2018, at 10:35 AM, Siekaniec, Greg <[greg\\_siekaniec@fws.gov](mailto:greg_siekaniec@fws.gov)> wrote:

Thank you. I have not heard anything yet. I'm standing by as well. I appreciate how you responded to the continued "nagging" on our approach to the analysis and what we based our assumptions on (literature) versus what others think we should use or ignore.

greg

On Fri, Nov 9, 2018 at 10:29 AM Patrick Lemons <[patrick\\_lemons@fws.gov](mailto:patrick_lemons@fws.gov)> wrote:

Hi Greg,

Given Mary and I are both at offsite meetings today, I thought I'd check-in to see if anything has come up regarding this morning's meeting between the Department and SAE. If you need anything from me, please don't hesitate to call my cell or shoot me a text or email.

I'll be standing by.

Patrick

Sent from my iPhone

**To:** Gregory Siekaniec[greg\_siekaniec@fws.gov]  
**From:** Medeiros, Andrea  
**Sent:** 2018-11-14T16:31:05-05:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Fwd: IPCB press release request  
**Received:** 2018-11-14T16:31:52-05:00  
News Release Porcupine Caribou Board Meeting.pdf

Press release is attached below.

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**From:** **Monson, Lesia** <lesia\_monson@ios.doi.gov>  
**Date:** Wed, Nov 14, 2018 at 11:37 AM  
**Subject:** Re: IPCB press release request  
**To:** <rose\_primmer@fws.gov>  
**Cc:** Andrea Medeiros <andrea\_medeiros@fws.gov>

Hi Rose,  
I have a website request for you. Can you upload the attached press release to the FWS AK website? If you want to discuss, feel free to call me at the number below.  
Thank you,  
Lesia

Lesia Monson  
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On Wed, Nov 14, 2018 at 11:30 AM Medeiros, Andrea <andrea\_medeiros@fws.gov> wrote:

Rose Primmer would be the person who would post it.

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On Wed, Nov 14, 2018 at 11:17 AM Monson, Lesia <[lesia\\_monson@ios.doi.gov](mailto:lesia_monson@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Just double checked with Steve and he prefers it go on the Alaska FWS site. Is there someone I can talk to about uploading it?

Lesia Monson  
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On Wed, Nov 14, 2018 at 9:42 AM Medeiros, Andrea <[andrea\\_medeiros@fws.gov](mailto:andrea_medeiros@fws.gov)> wrote:

Shouldn't it go on DOI's website?

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On Wed, Nov 14, 2018 at 9:32 AM Monson, Lesia <[lesia\\_monson@ios.doi.gov](mailto:lesia_monson@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Hi Andrea,

Can you assist or put me in contact with someone who can upload the IPCB press release onto the FWS Alaska website?

Thanks very much,

Lesia

Lesia Monson

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**To:** Greg Siekaniec[greg\_siekaniec@fws.gov]; Colligan, Mary[mary\_colligan@fws.gov]  
**From:** Lemons, Patrick  
**Sent:** 2018-11-16T20:33:17-05:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Fwd: Prep for Next Discussion  
**Received:** 2018-11-16T20:33:29-05:00

Just an FYI

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**From:** Lemons, Patrick <patrick\_lemons@fws.gov>  
**Date:** Fri, Nov 16, 2018 at 4:32 PM  
**Subject:** Prep for Next Discussion  
**To:** Forrest Burkholder <fburkholder@saexploration.com>, Jeff Hastings <jhastings@saexploration.com>, Rick Trupp <rtrupp@saexploration.com>, Imm, Teresa <timm@asrc.com>  
**Cc:** Christopher Putnam <Christopher\_Putnam@fws.gov>, Colligan, Mary <mary\_colligan@fws.gov>, Ryan Wilson <ryan\_r\_wilson@fws.gov>

Hi Forrest, Rick, Jeff, and Teresa,

Thanks Rick and Forrest for being willing to get on a call with me at 7am. We've continued to work through the new project plans you've sent us and it's pretty clear that activity occurring prior to March is going to result in take that exceeds the Negligible Impact determination. That is, more than a 50% chance of 1 or more lethal or Level-A takes. After running the analysis the SAE requested on Wednesday we could that the access road itself, as currently routed and beginning on January 17th, results in a 63% probability of a lethal of Level-A take of a cub which exceeds our determination threshold of a probability of 50% or greater. If we add on the actual survey blocks the result will get us further away from our ability to reach Negligible Impact. This finding is also consistent with the numerous scenarios we ran over the last few weeks, trying to find a path forward and is why all 4 scenarios you received last week began work in mid March. I wanted to bring this to your attention now to set the stage for our discussion next week. In addition, if you have not already, you might take a look at Scenario D from the information that was provided to you last week as this scenario seems to offer the most promise for a path forward. If you want to discuss this finding further, before we meet next week, please let me know as it's an important starting point for our discussion.

On another note, I'm working with our Polar Bear Program Lead and our Regulatory Program Lead to discuss a potential research project around testing the efficacy of aerial infrared technology. We all recognize that it would be beneficial to have more up to date information on aerial infrared technology and this could be a fruitful opportunity for us to conduct a joint research project this coming winter. Would you or your team be interested in working with us on that effort? If so, I'd like to put together a very draft plan and share that with you for comment and consideration. We could cover this effort under our existing Research Permit, but we'd likely need your help with creating artificial dens and conducting aerial surveys of those dens. Let me know what you think and we'll go from there.

I also just got off the phone with Ryan regarding his availability and his progress on an updated

analysis. He thinks he'll have another couple scenarios run, based on feedback received from SAE, by late Sunday so I'll pass the results on then. He also mentioned that the only days that he's available to discuss further modifications in detail are either Tuesday or Friday of next week. Please let me know what works for you so we can setup a time for our next discussion. Let me know if you have questions. Otherwise I'll be in touch soon.

Cheers,  
Patrick

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**To:** Greg Siekaniec[greg\_siekaniec@fws.gov]  
**Cc:** mary\_colligan@fws.gov[mary\_colligan@fws.gov]; Karen Clark[karen\_clark@fws.gov]  
**From:** Patrick Lemons  
**Sent:** 2018-11-25T17:00:18-05:00  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] National Academies' report on Alaska National Wildlife Refuge  
**Received:** 2018-11-25T17:00:23-05:00

Thanks Greg. Appreciate you passing it along.  
Patrick

PS....Karen, my apologies for being such a space cadet Friday night. Between the 145am flight and the flu, I felt like a zombie. Hope the remainder of your trip went well.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 25, 2018, at 2:55 PM, Greg Siekaniec <[greg\\_siekaniec@fws.gov](mailto:greg_siekaniec@fws.gov)> wrote:

Mary/Patrick,  
You may have received this separately but thought you would like to see this recent email to the Assistant Secretary.  
A report is noted in the letter as Arctic in the Anthropocene that may be of interest.

Greg  
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Staudt, Amanda" <[AStaudt@nas.edu](mailto:AStaudt@nas.edu)>  
**Date:** November 20, 2018 at 5:02:08 PM PST  
**To:** "'[Joseph\\_balash@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov)'" <[Joseph\\_balash@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Cc:** "'[Gregory\\_Siekaniec@fws.gov](mailto:Gregory_Siekaniec@fws.gov)'" <[Gregory\\_Siekaniec@fws.gov](mailto:Gregory_Siekaniec@fws.gov)>, "'[t75murph@blm.gov](mailto:t75murph@blm.gov)'" <[t75murph@blm.gov](mailto:t75murph@blm.gov)>, 'Julie Brigham-Grette' <[juliebg@geo.umass.edu](mailto:juliebg@geo.umass.edu)>, "Geller, Laurie" <[LGeller@nas.edu](mailto:LGeller@nas.edu)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] National Academies' report on Alaska National Wildlife Refuge

Dear Mr. Balash,

On behalf of the Polar Research Board (PRB) of the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM), we are writing regarding the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) plans to permit seismic testing and conduct a leasing program in the Coastal Plain

of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. As you may know, the PRB was established in 1958 to promote excellence in polar science and to provide independent scientific guidance to federal agencies and the nation on issues regarding the polar regions and cold regions in general. More information on the Polar Research Board, including current members, is available [here](#).

In 2003, the National Academies issued the report, *Cumulative Environmental Effects of Oil and Gas Activities on Alaska's North Slope*, which was requested by the U.S. Congress and developed by an expert committee that exhaustively studied this issue. Below we highlight some of the key findings of this report that are particularly relevant to developments currently being considered for the ANWR Coastal Plain. Because you may be unaware of this older report, we wanted to call it to your attention so that its findings can be considered in any Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment related to the proposed activities in the Coastal Plain region.

### **Impacts of Seismic Survey Activity**

With regards to conducting seismic testing on the Coastal Plain, some of the key findings of the 2003 Committee include the following:

- “With a seismic line density 10-20 times greater than that for 2-D procedures, expanded application of the new three-dimensional (3-D) technology in those areas will increase the potential for conflicts with the Central Arctic Herd (CAH) and Teshekpuk Lake Herd (TLH). Avoidance of the seismic lines and the attendant human activity could reduce the animals’ ability to avoid areas of deep snow (Dyer et al 2001). The energy costs of multiple encounters with seismic disturbance could increase winter weight loss and reduce calf production and survival (Bradshaw et al 1998).” [p. 109]
- “The nature and condition of permafrost in the Brooks Range foothills is poorly characterized, and the hilly topography increases the likelihood that vehicles will damage vegetation, especially on knolls and riverbanks, causing increased erosion, exposing bare soil, and promoting development of thermokarst.” [p. 157]
- “The currently favored three-dimensional seismic surveys require a high spatial density of trails and the potential damage is substantial because larger camps and more vehicles are used than were used previously for two-dimensional exploration.” [p. 157]

We understand that in order to reduce the impacts of seismic testing, BLM is considering the permitting of seismic activity to occur in the winter, when the equipment should have less direct contact the tundra vegetation. We note that snow cover and depth on the Coastal Plain are highly variable suggesting that some damage could still occur due to

insufficient snow or unanticipated snowmelt. In addition to the intensive network of seismic operations themselves, BLM's planned activities also include extensive logistics and personnel requirements (e.g., two support camps of up to 160 people each that would be moved throughout the area periodically, temporary airstrips, and generators). The 2003 report found that should damage occur, the landscapes in the Coastal Plan are unlikely to recover for decades, stating: "Natural recovery in the Arctic is very slow, because of the cold, so the effects of abandoned structure and unrestored landscapes could persist for centuries and accumulate with effects of new structures." [p. 158]

### **Human-wildlife interactions**

The 2003 Committee found that wildlife inhabiting or using periodically the areas where industrial activity is underway may experience a variety of impacts, for example:

- "As a result of conflicts with industrial activity during calving and an interaction of stress of summer insect harassment, reproductive success of Central Arctic Herd female caribou in contact with oil development was lower than for undisturbed females, contributing to an overall decrease in herd productivity . . . Although the accumulated effects of industrial development to date have not resulted in large or long-term declines in the overall size of the Central Arctic Herd, the spread of industrial activity into other areas that caribou use during calving and in summer, especially to the east where the coastal plain is narrower than elsewhere, would likely result in reductions in reproductive success, unless the degree to which it disturbs caribou could be reduced." [p. 158]
- Denning polar bears are among the animals that "have been affected by industrial activities on the North Slope." [p. 6]
- "The readily available supply of food in the oil fields has resulted in the persistence of higher-than-normal densities of predators, such as brown bears, arctic foxes, ravens, and glaucous gulls. Those animals are important predators on nests, nestlings, and fledglings of many bird species, and the reproductive success of some bird species in the developed parts of oil fields has been reduced to the extent that it is insufficient to balance mortality." [p. 157]

### **Cultural and Aesthetic Values**

The Committee noted that development similar to that being planned today also could have a long-lasting influence on other values attributed to the Coastal Plain:

- "Roads, pads, pipelines, seismic-vehicle tracks, and transmission lines; air, ground, and vessel traffic; drilling activities; landfills,

housing, processing facilities, and other infrastructure have reduced opportunities for solitude and have compromised wildlife and scenic values over large areas. The structures and activities also violate the spirit of the land, a value that is reported by some Alaska Natives to be central to their culture. Given that most of the affected areas are not likely to be rehabilitated or restored to their original condition, those effects will persist long after industrial activity has ceased on the North Slope.” [p. 157]

- “The Gwich’in have a centuries-old nutritional and cultural relationship in Alaska and the Yukon Territory with the Porcupine Caribou Herd. Most view petroleum development in the 1002 Area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as a threat to the herd and, thereby, to their cultural survival. The threats accumulate because there have been repeated attempts to develop the area and there is continuing pressure to do so.” [p. 156]

### **Cumulative Impacts**

The Committee’s main charge in 2003 was to assess known and anticipated cumulative effects of oil and gas activities on the North Slope. Given that BLM is currently preparing an EA for a seismic exploration program and a draft EIS for a proposed leasing program, the following statements in the 2003 report may be of particular interest to BLM:

- “Although NEPA requires EISs for many major projects, if those projects are considered separately from similar projects or in isolation from different kinds of projects in the same area, some of their effects their cumulative effects are likely to be missed.” [p. 14]
- “The basic issue of cumulative-effects assessment is that when numerous small decisions about related environmental matters are made independently, the combined consequences of those decisions are often not considered. The result is that patterns of the environmental perturbations or their effects over large areas and long periods are not analyzed.” [p. 13]
- “The effects of North Slope industrial development on the physical and biotic environments and on the human societies that live there have accumulated, despite considerable efforts by the petroleum industry to minimize them.” [p. 10]
- “Continued expansion is certain to exacerbate some existing effects and to generate new ones...” [p. 11]

The findings in the 2003 report remain highly relevant today. In fact, more recent National Academies’ reports, including the 2014 report *Arctic in the*

*Anthropocene: Emerging Research Questions*, have detailed significant environmental changes occurring in the Arctic environment, which make the findings from the 2003 report all the more relevant to BLM's planning process. We hope these and other findings and recommendations from the 2003 report will be useful to BLM in any Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment related to seismic survey activity and/or leasing in the Coastal Plain region.

Feel free to reach out to us if you wish to discuss any of these points, or if there are other ways we can be of assistance to BLM.

Sincerely,

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Laurie Geller, Ph.D., Program Director, Polar Research Board

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Hi Greg and Karen,  
Mary, Soch and I met yesterday to talk about immediate Arctic science needs. We also met with the POC group yesterday afternoon. By the end of the week we will have a brief summary of where things are at on the three most critical winter activities related to the coastal plain. We have a good idea of what funding we have available for immediate use, if necessary, and a general idea of additional funding through the year. You will be happy to know that things are well underway for a FLIR project. Next week, the POCs will have their working list of the additional science needs and will describe the process that they have underway to prioritize and refine the list.

We are trying to find a time on your calendar for a briefing. Mary will be at an ARD meeting until Thursday and it would be good to have her participate. We are working to set up a time on Friday. Please let me know if you want to meet with Soch and/or I earlier in the week.

I hope the meeting is going well,  
Karen

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Greg et al.,  
Just an FYI. There's a quote from a former Service employee and also the article refers to comments from current, anonymous employees.

Soch

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Yep, oh boy.... here we go.

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On Dec 4, 2018, at 8:30 AM, Cribley, Bud <[bud\\_cribley@fws.gov](mailto:bud_cribley@fws.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for sharing!

I see that Doug Vincent Lang is the new acting head of the state F&G.

Bud

On Mon, Dec 3, 2018 at 8:47 PM Greg Siekaniec <[greg\\_siekaniec@fws.gov](mailto:greg_siekaniec@fws.gov)> wrote:

You have probably already received this but thought I would pass it along.

Greg

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Was actually just talking with Gavin yesterday on an unrelated matter about having the two of us connect with Steve. Steve is there a good time next week or in future that works for you?

sb

On Thu, Dec 6, 2018 at 9:46 PM Greg Siekaniec <[greg\\_siekaniec@fws.gov](mailto:greg_siekaniec@fws.gov)> wrote:

Sara,  
Please ensure Steve is linked with Gavin and Barbara regarding press inquiries on ITR and EA inquiries.

Thank you,

Greg

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FYI. Please let me know when you get pinged on press requests with regards to this topic.

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Greg and I will call within 30min; he's finishing up a call!

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Steve,

As I thought, the FWS FOIA office has responded to any FOIA requests relating to polar bears and the seismic program. (b) (5) ACP

Ken

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Steve,

Both Josh and Mike are out, (b) (5) ACP [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I'll let you know as soon as I have an answer.

Ken

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