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United States Arctic Research Commission's 118th Meeting

Anchorage, Alaska

April 9, 2024

Administrative/Humanities Bldg (ADM Room 204), Univ. of Alaska Anchorage, AK 99508

Tuesday, April 9th

- 8:00 – 8:30 A.M.** *Arrive on campus, assemble*
- 8:30 – 8:35 A.M.** **Meeting convenes:** Welcome and introductions by Dr. Mike Sfraga (*Chair, USARC*)
• **Approval of meeting agenda**
- 8:35 – 8:45 A.M.** **Univ. of Alaska welcome** (UA President Pat Pitney and UAA Vice Chancellor for Research Dr. Aaron Dotson)
- 8:45 – 9:05 A.M.** **“Update on the Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies: Research”**
Mr. Randy “Church” Kee, Maj. Gen., USAF (Ret.), Director, and Mr. Matt Hickey, Associate Director of Engagement
- 9:05 – 9:25 A.M.** **“Understanding a Changing Arctic Water Cycle”**
Dr. Jeffrey Welker, Professor, Department of Biology, UAA
Dr. Eric Klein, Assistant Professor, Department of Geological Sciences, UAA
- 9:25 – 9:45 A.M.** **“Alaska’s Unmet Needs for Environmentally Threatened Villages”**
Ms. Jackie Q. Schaeffer, Dir. of Climate Init., AK Native Tribal Health Consortium
- 9:45 – 10:00 A.M.** *Depart for the UAA/APU Consortium and attend a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Arctic Domain Awareness Center (ADAC), a DHS Center of Excellence.*
- 10:10 – 11:10A.M.** **Fireside chat on Arctic security, research, and related topics**
Dimitri Kusnezov, PhD, Under Secretary for Science and Technology, DHS
Larry Hinzman, PhD, Assist. Dir., Polar Science, White House OSTP
Liz Qualluq Cravalho, VP of lands at NANA and USARC Commissioner
Mead Treadwell, 11th Lt. Gov. of Alaska and former Chair, USARC
- 11:10 – 11:20 A.M.** *Depart ADAC event, and walk back to ADM204.*

11:20 – 11:40 A.M.	“What works in the Arctic for Economic Development?” Dr. Nolan Klouda, Executive Director, Center for Economic Development, UAA Ms. Richelle Johnson, Lead Analyst, Center for Economic Development, UAA
11:40 – noon	“Applied science for decision support – Integrating perspectives and practice” Dr. Brad Harris, Professor – Marine and Environmental Sciences, Director – Fisheries, Aquatic Science & Technology Laboratory, Alaska Pacific University
noon – 1:00 P.M.	<i>Lunch break</i>
1:00 – 1:20 P.M.	“Arctic research is relationship” Mr. James Temte, Director, Community Extension Office, Alaska Pacific University
1:20 – 1:30 P.M.	“Update on the Arctic Mayors’ Forum” Ms. Patti Bruns, Secretary-General, Arctic Mayors’ Forum
1:30 – 1:40 P.M.	“Reflections on the ‘new’ Arctic, and on USCG and Arctic marine research” Dr. Lawson Brigham, UAF, Wilson Center, and USARC Advisor
1:40 – 2:00 P.M.	Commission business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of minutes from 117th meeting • Commissioner and staff reports • Advisors • Future meetings
2:00 – 2:45 P.M.	Co-production of knowledge and Indigenous leadership in research
2:45 – 3:15 P.M.	<i>Break</i>
3:15 – 4:00 P.M.	Other initiatives (energy transition, icebreakers, and economic research)
4:00 – 5:00 P.M.	Next goals report, and AOB
5:00 P.M.	<i>Meeting adjourns</i>