

USARC's 90th meeting in Kotzebue, AK

Monday, 14 September 2009

NW Borough Assembly Chambers, 163 Lagoon Street

NB: the entire meeting may be broadcast over radio station KOTZ

- 8:00 AM **NW Borough Assembly Chambers open**, meeting set up begins, Commissioners/staff/guests/participants arrive
- 8:15 **Students from Nikaitchuat Ilisagvik sing welcome songs**
- 8:30 - 8:50 **Welcome and introduction**, USARC Chair Mead Treadwell and Commissioner Helvi Sandvik, President NANA Development Corporation
- 8:50 - 9:10 **Welcome and discussion of City and Borough issues**, City Mayor Eugene Smith and Borough Mayor Siikauraq Whiting
- 9:10 - 9:40 **Update on the Governor's Alaska Climate Change Strategy**, Jackie Poston (*representing Larry Hartig, State Commissioner*) Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
- 9:40 - 10:10 **Issues of interest to the Maniilaq Association**, President Ian Erlich
- 10:10 – 10:30 **Update on Arctic legislation**, U.S. Senator Mark Begich (*phoning in*)
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Oil spill in ice research**, Amy Merten, NOAA
- 11:00 - 12:15 **Marine mammal panel**, Alex Whiting, Native Village of Kotzebue, Caleb Pungowiyi, Oceana, Willie Goodwin, Chair of the Kotzebue Elders Committee, and Karyn Rode, USFWS
- 12:15 to 1:15 **Lunch speaker**, State Rep. Reggie Joule, On Arctic Research
- 1:15- 2:15 **Indigenous languages and cultures/education panel**, Norman Eck, Superintendent NW Arctic Borough School District, Leland Barger, Director of the Inunailiqtut Dept. (Cultural Dept.) and Linda Lee, Robert Aqqaluk Newlin Sr. Memorial Trust, and Wanda Baltazar (and possibly Agnik Polly Schaeffer) of Nikaitchuat Ilisagvik, the Inupiatun immersion school
- 2:15 – 3:00 **National refuge/parks panel**, LeeAnne Ayres, Selawik National Wildlife Refuge and George Helfrich, NPS
- 3:00- 3:15 *break*
- 3:15 – 4:15 **Energy/natural resources panel**, Lance Miller, WHPacific and Brian Hirsch, DOE/NREL
- 4:15 – 5:00 **Declassification of Arctic data and Alaskan glaciers**, Bruce Molnia, USGS
- 5:00 – 6:00 **Open microphone for questions/comments from community**