



# News Release

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## **North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel to Meet in Fairbanks**

FAIRBANKS – In an effort to maximize logistical support and reduce the costs of operating on Alaska’s North Slope, the North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI) Science Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) will meet March 20 - 21, 2017, at the International Arctic Research Center, Room 401, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 930 North Koyukuk Drive, Fairbanks, Alaska. The meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day and will adjourn on March 21<sup>st</sup> at noon. There will be an opportunity for public comment from 3:30 – 4 p.m. on March 20th.

The North Slope Science Initiative works to improve scientific and regulatory understanding of terrestrial, aquatic, and marine ecosystems on Alaska’s North Slope and adjacent seas. NSSI is a collaborative consortium of federal, state and regional agencies. The STAP provides advice and recommendations to NSSI regarding priority research and monitoring needs for management decisions.

The meeting will include continued review of emerging issues on the North Slope, and application of the North Slope Scenarios implications to inventory, monitoring and research priorities.

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