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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel to Meet in Barrow

The North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI) Science Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) will meet May 9-10, 2016 at the Iñupiat Heritage Center in Barrow. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, with an opportunity for public comment from 4:30 to 5 p.m. The meeting will continue at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The NSSI is an intergovernmental effort to increase collaboration on the science needed to make informed decisions related to development and environmental change on Alaska's North Slope and its adjacent seas. The STAP provides advice and recommendations to NSSI regarding priority research and monitoring needs for management decisions.

This will be a joint meeting of the STAP and NSSI's Senior Staff Committee and will include extensive interagency coordination on planned 2016 and 2017 research and monitoring projects on the North Slope and adjacent Chukchi and Beaufort Seas. It will also include discussions and updates on the ongoing North Slope Development Scenarios Project; ongoing efforts to develop a communications protocol to reduce potential conflicts between research activities and subsistence users; a review of the Arctic Cumulative Impacts Workshop; and a Barrow Area Information Database presentation on its Decision Support Tools Development project.

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