

North Slope Science Initiative
Science Technical Advisory Panel Workgroups
July 9-10, 2009
Deadhorse, Alaska

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0800 hours Meeting called to order (Bill Streever)
0815 hours Updates on nomination package, 2009 report to Congress and budget projections for fiscal year 2010 were presented by John Payne
0830 hours Update on GINA and Project Tracking System by Jess Grunblatt
1600 hours Public comment requested: none received

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0800 hours Meeting called to order (Bill Streever)
1100 hours Meeting adjourned

NOTE: This was an announced meeting of the North Slope Science Initiative, Science Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) that combined a short field trip to the oil production facilities and a demonstration of the “bathy boat” water parameters vehicle. The balance of the time for the STAP was spent in break out session working groups to continue refinement of the emerging issues documents. All of the emerging issue papers were reviewed and refined. Included in the breakout sessions were:

- Permafrost
- Coastal and Riverine Erosion
- Sea Ice and Ocean Condition
- Increasing Marine Activities
- Species of Interest (Caribou, Marine Mammals, and Migratory Birds)
- Vegetation Change
- Hydrology and Lake Drying
- Saltwater intrusion
- Changing Fire Regime
- Weather and Climate
- Contaminants
- Social and Economic Structure

Since all discussions took place in working groups no formal notes were taken. Each of the above emerging issue documents remain in a DRAFT until presented to the Oversight Group in October 2009.

Attendees:

STAP Members:

Bill Streever, Chair
W. Scott Pegau
Wendy Loya
Dan Reed
John Kelley
Robert Shuchman
Douglas Kane
Caryn Rea

Senior Staff Members:

Dave Yokel, BLM
Tim Viavant, ADFG
Gary Shultz, ADNR
Ben Greene, NSB
Michael Baffrey, DOI
Dee Williams, MMS
Tom Liebscher, NPS

NSSI Staff:

John Payne, Director
Denny Lassuy, Deputy Director
Jess Grunblatt, GINA/NSSI