

# **NPR-A Working Group Teleconference Meeting**

Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 1 pm – 3:30 pm

## **Participants**

1. Crawford Patkotak (WG Co-chair) - Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC)
2. Doreen Lame - (Executive Director, Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope (ICAS))
3. George Edwardson - ICAS
4. George Olemaun - ICAS
5. Lily Aveoganna - ICAS
6. Esther Hugo – Anaktuvuk Pass
7. Mary Jane Lang – Olgoonik Corporation
8. Howard Patkotak – Native Village of Wainwright
9. Blair Patkotak – Native Village of Wainwright
10. John Hopson Jr. – City of Wainwright
11. Margaret Pardue – Native Village of Nuiqsut
12. Sarah Longan – State of Alaska

## **BLM**

1. Lon Kelly
2. Steve Hartman
3. KJ Mushovic
4. Serena Sweet
5. Stacie McIntosh
6. Stacey Fritz

## **Issues Discussed**

- Quorum – what will constitute it for the NPR-A WG?
  - Several options were discussed. No firm conclusion could be reached because the meeting did not constitute a quorum by normal standards. The group agreed on a basic plan and BLM will contact member entity leaders or designated representatives to have them vote on it individually.
- Designation of Representatives
  - The question of whether it would be acceptable to establish more flexible designation processes was discussed. The forms that were used for the first meeting were confusing and there was a poor rate of return or official completion. BLM proposed that the leader of a member entity be allowed to designate representatives at any time in writing whether it be the form, by email, by mail, by

text message, or by fax. Entity leaders can always serve as the default representative.

- Funding, including NPR-A Impact Funds
  - This is a perennial topic. Many have a difficult time understanding that the NPR-A Impact Grant is a State of Alaska administered program that BLM has no control over.
  - ICAS wrote a letter to Sec. of Interior Jewell asserting that the tribes should receive a share of the royalties from O&G development.
  - Crawford Patkotak said that ASRC would be able to provide some funds for logistics and meetings if needed.
- Focus Group and Guiding Principles
  - With at least one representative from ICAS, the NSB, ASRC, and BLM, a focus group will draft the NPR-A WG's Guiding Principles/collective vision by May 23
  - The leasing deferral on the Wainwright area has expired. John Hopson offered as his/Wainwright's vision that a new deferral should be established south of town to protect the Kasegaluk Lagoon but that the northern area should be open to allow a pipeline to transport offshore oil to be constructed there.
  - Focus Group will determine (though current and past research) what constitutes the sensitive area for each community.
  - ICAS iterates that The Inupiat View still constitutes their vision/guiding principles and should be considered by all in the WG. BLM has emailed pdf but will email smaller file version so all can receive it and will make hard copies to be distributed.
  - The WG offered that one principle should be that the WG will continue regardless of changes in administration.
- Date for Next Teleconference Meeting: June 6, 10 am