LOCAL LEADERSHIP IN ACHIEVING BALANCED ENGAGEMENT IN THE ARCTIC MARINE ENVIRONMENT

Willie Goodwin – Chairman, Arctic Waterways Safety Committee
MANAGEMENT CONTEXT

Understanding who utilizes Arctic waters and why:
• Local Communities
• Industrial and Economic Development
LOCAL COMMUNITIES

– Social Systems Built Around Environmental Systems
– Subsistence Hunting Culture
  • Food Security
  • Survival Through Adaptation
DEVELOPMENT INTERESTS

• Environmental Concerns Are Not Primary Motivation
• Motivated by the Need for Business To Succeed
• Able To Adapt To Promote Success
• Critical for Local Employment
CONFLICT BRINGS DIVERSE INTERESTS TOGETHER
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT = RATIONAL PROBLEM SOLVING

- Subsistence Communities Need Resources To Remain Available
  - MMPA §101(a)(5)(A), (D): “no unmitigable adverse impact to the availability” of subsistence resources
- Local Residents Need Jobs
- Developers Need To Earn Profit

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RATIONAL PROBLEM SOLVING => SHARED OPPORTUNITY

• Red Dog Mine: Scheduled Trucking Around Caribou Migration
• Conflict Avoidance Agreement: Scheduled Oil and Gas Work Around Marine Mammal Migrations/Hunting
• Arctic Marine Mammal Coalition: Coalition of five arctic marine mammal hunter / co-management groups
• Arctic Waterways Safety Committee: Identifying Safe Marine Practices To Benefit All Mariners
SUCCESSFUL STAKEHOLDERS LISTEN AND LEARN

• Value Local Knowledge/Experience
• Value Peer-Reviewed Science
• Respect the Needs and Concerns of Local Communities
• Respect the Operational Needs of Those Who Bring Economic Opportunity

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# Organizational Structure

## Officers

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## Subsistence Hunters

- **Willie Goodwin**  
  *Alaska Beluga Whale Committee*

- **Harry Brower**  
  *George Noongwook*  
  *Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission*

- **John Goodwin**  
  *Alaska Ice Seal Committee*

- **Jack Omelak**  
  *Charles Brower*  
  *Alaska Nanuq Commission*

- **Vera Metcalf**  
  *Charles Brower*  
  *Eskimo Walrus Commission*

## Industry

- **Brian Reep, ExxonMobil**  
  *Oil and Gas*

- **Greg Pavellas, Crowley**  
  *Tug & Barge*

- **TBD**  
  *Regional Economic Development*

- **Wayne Hall, Red Dog Mine**  
  *Mining*

- **Mike Tibbles, CLIA Alaska**  
  *Tourism*

## Other

- **Mayor Richard Beneville**  
  *City of Nome*

- **Patrick Savok**  
  *Northwest Arctic Borough*

- **Frederick Brower**  
  *North Slope Borough*

- **Austin Ahmasuk, Kawerak**  
  *Regional Tribal Organization*

- **James Boyer**  
  *Alaska Marine Pilots*

## Sub-Committees & Chairmanship

- **Subsistence**: Harry Brower, Jr., Austin Ahmasak  
  **Communications**: Jessica Lefevre, Anthony Pennino  
  **Standards of Lightering and Barge Operations**: Greg Pavellas  
  **Science**: Dr. Martin Robards  
  **Infrastructure**: Paul Fuhs & Denise Michels

## Ex-Officio Observers


*Alternates*
WISE POLICY-MAKERS LISTEN TO SUCCESSFUL STAKEHOLDERS

• Let Those Experiencing a Conflict Work Through to the Resolution
• Stakeholders Will Always Know More Than Policy-Makers About Their Needs
• The Arctic Is Changing Rapidly: Be Fast To Adopt Adaptive Approaches, Slow to Impose Regulatory Restrictions