United States Arctic Research Commission’s 100th Meeting
Anchorage and Bethel, AK
March 21-22, 2013

Thursday, March 21, 2013 morning: USARC Office. 420 L Street, Suite 315, Anchorage AK

8:30-10:00 A.M.  Meeting Convenes: Commission business
8:30-8:40  Welcome and announcements
8:40-8:45  Approval of 99th meeting minutes
8:45-9:15  Chair and Commissioner reports
9:15-9:45  Staff reports
9:45-10:00  Other/miscellaneous

10:00-10:30 A.M.  Presentation on Scenario Planning (R. Winfree, National Park Service)

10:45 A.M.  Depart to Bethel

Thursday, March 21, 2013 afternoon: Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center on UAF’s Kuskokwim Campus, Bethel, AK

2:30-2:45 P.M.  Welcome and introduction of USARC Commissioners

2:45-3:00 P.M.  Welcome address (R. Herron, Alaska State Representative)

3:00-3:15 P.M.  Public Release of 2013-14 Goals Report (F. Ulmer, Chair, USARC)

3:15-4:15 P.M.  Health Session
  3:15-3:45  Welcome to Bethel and summary of past and present health research and current knowledge gaps (Mayor Joseph Klejka, Medical Director, YKHC)
  3:45-4:00  Health aide program overview (W. Schreiner, Village Operations Administrator, YKHC)
  4:00-4:15  Discussion

4:15-5:00 P.M.  Food Security Session
  4:15-4:30  “Fish to School” project (A. Bersamin, CANHR)
  4:30-4:45  Local food (L. Albertson, UAF Cooperative Extension Service)
  4:45-5:00  Discussion of local food security issues

5:00 P.M.  Adjourn

Friday, March 22 – Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center on UAF’s Kuskokwim Campus, Bethel, AK

9:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M.  Infrastructure, Water and Energy in the Y-K Delta Region, continued
  9:00-9:30  Energy issues in the YK Delta (G. McIntyre, YKHC)
  9:30-10:00  Energy and Fuel Costs in the YK Region (M. Kohler, AVEC)
  10:00-10:30  Update on local water and sanitation progress/programs (B. Lefferts, YKHC)

10:30-11:00 A.M.  Break

11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.  Infrastructure, Water and Energy in the Y-K Delta Region
  11:00-11:30  Rural broadband, higher education and the future of Alaska (K. Kowalski, UA Statewide)
  11:30-12:00  Preparing Residents for Careers in the YK Delta (K. Kuhne, Executive Director, Yuut Elitnaurviat)
12:00-1:00 P.M.  LUNCH
1:00-3:00 P.M.  Tour: Museum and Kuskokwim Campus upgrades
3:00-3:30 P.M.  Commission meeting reconvenes: Goals Report Overview (F. Ulmer, Chair, USARC)
3:30-4:00 P.M.  Overview of the SLATE project and indigenous language vitality (P. Marlow, UAF)
4:00-4:30 P.M.  Other business, public comment period, wrap up and adjourn