

Project Progress Report

FOR:

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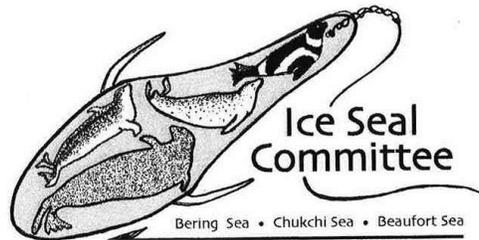
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Project Summary

The Ice Seal committee conducts business between meetings and continues to manage projects. The ISC also seeks to foster the relationship between local communities and managers to continue to improve the ability to meet research needs. Open communication and cooperation between hunters and resource managers' conducting research projects have proven mutually beneficial. Hunters and their communities develop a better understanding of research objectives and goals, and research projects benefit from the hunters' knowledge of the animal behavior and local conditions.

Summary of progress during reporting period:

Project #1

Support of the Ice Seal Committee

The executive manager utilized 3 days of the grants funds during this time familiarizing herself with the committee, email correspondences and grant paper work. I also attended the FY2019 ANO Co-Management Funding Program Grant Application Training Workshop in Anchorage.

The NSB Outreach Coordinator updated some of the information on the ISC web page. We are also looking into ways to meet the committee's request that the ISC web page stands alone.

Problems

Executive manager, Carla SimsKayotuk, has taken on a different job duty within the NSB Dept. of Wildlife and Mike Pederson had taken over the position as ISC executive manager but has also recently resigned and moved on. The new executive manager is Dr. Andrew VonDuyke and we are working together to make this as smooth a transition as possible.