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The Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission and the Environmental Law Institute invite you to join in a discussion with representatives of Arctic communities and federal agencies

Arctic Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning and the Role of the Arctic People

- Date** Thursday, March 11, 2010, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
- Location** Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Choate Room
1779 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington DC 20036
- RSVP** This event is free and open to the public, but please RSVP to mcmurrin@eli.org by March 10 and note whether you wish to attend or call in. Space is limited, so please check availability at www.eli.org (under Upcoming).

Meeting Purpose

The Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission and the Environmental Law Institute bring together representatives of US Arctic communities (including Barrow, Savoonga, and Kotzebue) and federal agencies to begin a national conversation about US Arctic coastal and marine spatial planning (CMSP). The discussion will center on the rights, traditions, and experiences of the Arctic people; existing co-management practices; competing management imperatives; and how to build from the existing system toward a US Arctic spatial planning framework.

Welcome & Coffee (8:30 – 8:45 am)

- **Kathryn Mengerink**, *Director, Ocean Program, Environmental Law Institute*
- **Harry Brower**, *Chair, Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission*

Session 1. Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning: Purpose and Concept (8:45 – 10:00 am)

In this first session, panelists will set the stage for the subsequent discussions. They will introduce the scientific rationale for developing a CMSP framework, discuss the Task Force CMSP framework recommendations, and consider the unique nature of the Arctic that must be taken into account when implementing regional CMSP. This session will provide the basis for the day's discussion of how to build from existing management approaches to Arctic CMSP.

Moderator: **Kathryn Mengerink**, *Director, Ocean Program, Environmental Law Institute*

- **Paul Sandifer**, *Senior Science Advisor, National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration*
- **Kate Moran**, *Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President*
- **Eleanor Huffines**, *Manager, US Arctic Program, Pew Charitable Trusts*

Session 2. The Arctic: A Unique People and a Unique Region Require a Unique Approach (10:00 – 11:00 am)

In this session, panelists will provide the context within which CMSP will develop. In particular, panelists will discuss the history of the region and the people and the critical role that traditional ecosystem knowledge plays when managing resources. The discussion following the presentations will focus on the linkage between traditional knowledge and CMSP.

Moderator: **Anne Henshaw**, *Program Officer, Environmental Program, Oak Foundation*

- **George Noongwook**, *Commissioner, Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission*
- **Craig George**, *Senior Wildlife Biologist, North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management*
- **Caleb Pungowiya**, *Arctic Rural Liaison/Senior Advisor, Oceana*

Session 3. Integrating Competing Imperatives in the Co-Managed Arctic Ocean: The Management Challenge (11:15 am – 12:30 pm / 2:00 – 3:30 pm)

In this two-part session, panelists will discuss the role and rights of the subsistence community in co-managing Arctic resources. Within the context of this co-management system, panelists will discuss the competing imperatives, including development, national security, safety, transportation, conservation, and techniques for protecting local uses. Following the presentations, the panelists and audience will engage in dialogue about how to move from the existing management framework towards CMSP.

PART 1: 11:15 am – 12:30 pm

Moderator: **Tim Ragen**, *Executive Director, Marine Mammal Commission*

- **Harry Brower**, *Chair, Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission*
- **Eugene Brower**, *President, North Slope Borough Assembly*
- **Vera Metcalf**, *Director, Eskimo Walrus Commission*

BREAK (LUNCH ON YOUR OWN): 12:30 – 1:45 pm

PART 2: 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Moderator: **Tim Ragen**, *Executive Director, Marine Mammal Commission*

- **Monica Medina**, *Senior Advisor, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*
- **Captain James J. Fisher**, *Chief, Operational and Ocean Policy, United States Coast Guard*
- **Jim Kendall**, *Chief Scientist, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior*
- **Jessica Lefevre**, *Counsel, Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission*

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