

## North Slope Social Indicator Project

### North Slope Management Board Meeting April 4-5, 2012, Barrow Meeting Summary

#### NSMB Members

Chair: Taqulik Hepa

Fenton Rexford	Kaktovik
Marie Tracey	Point Lay
George Sielak	Nuiqsut
Johnny Aiken	AEWC
Steve Oomittuk	Point Hope (unable to attend)
John Hopson Jr.	Wainwright (unable to attend)

#### Research Team Members

Steve Braund, Jack Kruse, Marg Kruse

#### Wednesday, April 4

Fenton opened the meeting with a prayer. Taqulik reviewed the purpose of the meeting: to decide on a set of indicators to measure the well-being of North Slope residents. Jack presented an overview of the project and reviewed earlier North Slope social indicator projects and their outcomes. The NSMB noted that it is important to explain the importance of the study and who will benefit:

The purpose of the North Slope Social Indicators Project is to measure the well-being of North Slope residents so that any impacts of offshore oil and gas exploration and development can be identified and mitigated.

Jack reviewed the process followed to arrive at a set of indicators to recommend to the NSMB. This process included identification of the domains (components) of well-being and evaluation of measures used in previous studies.

The NSMB proceeded with a review of the recommended measures. This review resulted in a questionnaire annotated with revisions. Jack will produce a revised questionnaire and circulate it with NSMB members to be sure that he made all the changes made by the NSMB. The NSMB agreed with

Taquilik's suggestion that she arrange to repeat the review process with the two NSMB members unable to attend.

### **Thursday, April 5**

The group reconvened and started with a review of the contents of the project website. In response to NSMB suggestions, Jack will revise the website to include a short statement of the project purpose, importance, and intended benefits. He will also include on the website a summary of this meeting as well as the revised questionnaire.

Taquilik will email a recent NSB health survey report to NSMB and research team members as a way of further review of the health-related questionnaire items.

The NSMB discussed the North Slope population to be sampled. The NSMB recommends that BOEM revise the sample design so that the villages of Anaktuvuk Pass and Atqasuk can be invited to participate.