

AGENDA

Point Lay Regional Advisory Group Meeting

Monday, Apr 22 / 10:00 AM – 12:00 ADT

Kali School Library & via Zoom

Join the meeting: <https://alaska.zoom.us/j/9074742459?omn=82304228182>

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10:00 Welcome and Introductions

Invocation

10:15 Community Update

What's new in Point Lay regarding infrastructure, coastal erosion, permafrost thaw, and their impacts on the community since we met in early December?

10:30 Point Lay Infrastructure Project Update

- TNHA Housing construction – Griffin Hagle-Forster, TNHA
- Water and sewer infrastructure design – Travis Holmes, NSB/UMIAQ Design)

10:40 Research Project Updates: 2024 plans and questions (5-7 minutes each)

The focus of the spring meeting is on plans for the upcoming season. While you may remind us of the overall goals of your project, focus most of your time on planned research activities in Point Lay, data to be collected, and any questions you have for advisory group members.

- **Nature-based Solution Implementation for Coastal Resilience in Arctic Alaska** (EA/CRREL) — Courtney Pijanowski, EA
- **NNA Ice-rich Permafrost Study:** Landscape evolution and adapting to change in ice-rich permafrost systems (NSF) — Billy Connor, Ben Jones, UAF ([Slides](#))
- **NNA ACTION:** Alaska Coastal Cooperative for Coproducing Transformative Ideas and Opportunities in the North (NSF) – Chris Maio, Casey Ferguson, Ben Jones, UAF ([Slides](#))
- **Cold Weather Defense Resilience Project** (CRREL) – Sherif Abdelaziz, Virginia Tech ([Web](#))
- **BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Project** — Jennifer Robinette, BIA
- **NNA PIPER:** Resilience and adaptation to the effects of permafrost degradation induced coastal erosion (NSF) — Vladimir Romanovsky, UAF ([Slides](#))

11:40 New Projects and Opportunities (5-7 minutes each)

- **USGS Walrus Haulout Study** (USGS)— Tony Fischbach, USGS; Eduard Zdor, UAF ([Slides](#))
- **NNA Permafrost Discovery Gateway** (NSF), Anna Liljedahl, Woodwell Climate

11:55 **Next Meeting - October:** Proposal for standing meeting time and date ([Slide](#))

12:00 **Adjourn**

Meeting Archive

Meeting materials and recordings will be available on the Division of Community and Regional Affairs [Assistance to Environmentally Threatened Communities](#) website.

1. Scroll down to **“The Communities”** section
2. Click on the **drop-down menu for Point Lay**
3. Click on **“Point Lay Research and Project Advisory Group Quarterly Meetings”**

Meeting Schedule

The Point Lay Regional Advisory Group currently meets three times a year in January, April, October. The spring meeting is focused on plans for the upcoming season and logistics needs and coordination. The fall and winter meetings are focused on research findings, data sharing and next steps.

About the Point Lay Regional Advisory Group

The Point Lay Regional Advisory Group grew out of an advisory group created for the [Navigating the New Arctic: Landscape evolution and adapting to change in ice-rich permafrost systems \(NNA-IRPS\)](#) project. The purpose of the group is to provide a regular forum to share updates on new and ongoing research and infrastructure projects in Point Lay, to enhance data sharing and avoid research duplication, and to discuss issues related to permafrost thaw, coastal erosion, and climate adaptation. It is open to the public. Coordination for this effort is currently provided by the [Navigating the New Arctic: Alaska Coastal Cooperative for Co-producing Transformative Ideas and Opportunities in the North \(AC³TION\)](#) project, with support from the Alaska Division of Community and Regional Affairs and the Denali Commission.

Questions

If you have questions about the Advisory Group or the agenda, please contact Jana Peirce at UAF (907-322-2520, jlpeirce@alaska.edu)