



Sea Ice for Walrus Outlook (SIWO) Partner Workshop

Saturday, 25 March – 26 Sunday, March 2023

UAF Northwest Campus Grand Hall, Nome, Alaska

Workshop Goals: 1. Create an opportunity for SIWO observers and partners to meet and discuss the future of the program (conversations not presentations); 2. Co-develop ways to improve the program and prioritize recommendations from the SIWO evaluation; and 3. Discuss observer opportunities and collaborations.

DAY 1 - Saturday, 25 March 2023

08:30 am – 10:00 am	SIWO operational team internal meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIWO observers, ARCUS, Kawerak, NWS
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Meeting begins for all participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome from Vera Coffee/tea and introductions Hopes and goals for this meeting (Lisa)
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Current conditions and SIWO program updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIWO program news (Lisa) Community updates (any observer who would like to share) Sea ice / weather spring outlook (Mary-Beth, Rick)
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided on-site (Subway; please contact Lisa with dietary restrictions)
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Update from EWC (Vera) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIWO observations support harvest disaster claims
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	SIWO evaluation results/outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of evaluation key findings (Amy Hendricks) See evaluation highlights document Begin group discussion
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Discuss and prioritize SIWO evaluation recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions: Which recommendations are most important for hunters and communities? What additional funding/capacity is needed? How do we address challenges (technical jargon, etc.)? Break out into small discussion groups, if desired.
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Time for final thoughts and discussion on any topic; download SIKU app for tomorrow's training; end for the day
6:00 pm	Meet for group dinner if interested!



DAY 2 - Sunday, 26 March 2023

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Good morning! Coffee/tea and pastries/fruit
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Brief review of Day 1, share any new thoughts.
9:15 am – 11:00 am	The SIKU app - introduction and training (Sarah Rosengard, Arctic Eider Society) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How and why to use the app• Hear from observers who are already using it• Take a walk and make an observation together!• Is the app a good fit for SIWO? Discussion
11:00 am – 11:15 am	Break
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	How to find and interpret satellite imagery (Mary-Beth Schreck, NWS) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training for all on interpreting satellite imagery• Where to find imagery/resources online all year round• Observer thoughts/feedback
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch Break <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided on site, Milano's pizza and salad (please contact Lisa with any dietary restrictions)
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Discussion of SIWO Observer Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alaska Ocean Observing System (AOOS) conference travel support and equipment for observers• Collaboration opportunities on papers, projects, etc.
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Closing thoughts / discussion / next steps
3:00 pm	Wrap-up and end of meeting

COVID-19 Considerations

All SIWO observers traveling will receive COVID home tests in the mail so that you may test before/during/after the meeting. Both masks and COVID tests will be available in the meeting room for any who wish to use them. Please do not attend the meeting if you test positive for COVID-19. Thank you!

SIWO Workshop Participant List

Name	Affiliation
Marcus Barr	SIWO Lead Observer – Brevig Mission
Hajo Eicken	University of Alaska Fairbanks
Amy Hendricks	University of Alaska Fairbanks
Clarence Irrigoo, Jr.	SIWO Lead Observer - Gambell
Frank Boogles Johnson, II	SIWO Lead Observer - Nome
Vera Metcalf	Kawerak & Eskimo Walrus Commission
Ryan Metzger	National Weather Service - Fairbanks
Curtis Nayokpuk	SIWO Lead Observer - Shishmaref
Eeleengayouq Ozenna	SIWO Lead Observer - Diomede
Jill Prewitt	Alaska Ocean Observing System
Sarah Rosengard	Arctic Eider Society, SIKU
Mary-Beth Schreck	NWS Alaska Sea Ice Program
Gay Sheffield	Alaska Sea Grant
Lisa Sheffield Guy	SIWO Project Manager, ARCUS
Rick Thoman	UAF ACCAP
Robert Tokeinna, Jr.	SIWO Lead Observer - Wales
Aqef Waghiyi	SIWO Lead Observer - Savoonga

Nome Local Logistics

Our meeting will be held at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Northwest Campus, 400 E Front Street, Education Center (rooms 107/109 Grand Hall). For those staying at the Aurora Inn, we will be right next door.



Transportation to/from airport

Taxi service is available in Nome and rates are generally \$7 per person from the airport to hotels/lodging.

- Checker Cab, Inc. 907-443-5211
- Mr. Kab 907-443-6000

Lodging options

**Note: SIWO observers traveling to Nome & ARCUS staff will be at Aurora Inn

Aurora Inn Hotel and Car Rental: <https://aurorainnome.com/>

Dredge 7 Inn and Sluice Box: <https://www.dredge7inn.com/>

Nugget Inn: <https://nomenuggetinnhotel.com/>

Lisa's cell phone - 503-739-3456

REMINDER - If ARCUS is paying your travel, please save all receipts for taxi/ground transportation, baggage, parking, etc. (meal receipts not required) and boarding passes. Please send Lisa a text or call if you have any travel difficulties or weather delays.