

Ecosystem Science and Management Working Group

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Lynn Scarlett
Chair, NOAA Science Advisory Board
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Dear Chairman Scarlett,

The Ecosystem Science and Management Working Group (ESMWG) of the NOAA Science Advisory Board(SAB) submits the report "Indigenous and Local Ecological Knowledge and NOAA" for review by the NOAA SAB. In preparing this report, the ESMWG invited 10 experts in the field to share their knowledge with the working group, conducted a survey of NOAA researchers and managers, and consulted the large body of literature on the topic. The subcommittee chaired by Jo-Ann Leong and David Fluharty met with members Michael Castellini, Jackie Grebmeier, Selina Heppell, and Ed Parnell, former member Jake Rice, and Knauss fellow Laura Ferguson. We also invited Henry Huntington, a noted expert in indigenous ecological knowledge to join us. The ILEK subcommittee met over a two year period in its efforts to provide the SAB with this report.

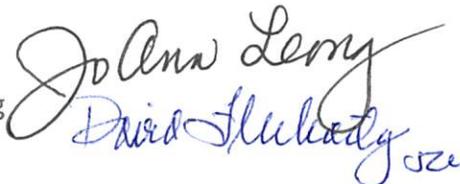
As instructed by the SAB, the report is succinct at 10 pages, not including the appendices and references. It provides:

Findings, Conclusions, and Ways Forward
Guiding Principles for Engagement in the Conduct of ILEK research
Survey of NOAA's Access, Assessment, and Integration of ILEK

We look forward to the SAB review and Comments.

Yours truly,

Jo-Ann C. Leong
David Fluharty

Handwritten signatures of Jo-Ann Leong and David Fluharty in blue ink. The signature of Jo-Ann Leong is written over the signature of David Fluharty.

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