

**ARCTIC WATERWAYS SAFETY COMMITTEE
PRESENTATION TO
ARCTIC ICEBREAKER COORDINATION COMMITTEE
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Teleconference

Good Afternoon. Thank you for inviting me to participate in this call. Again, for the record, my name is Willie Goodwin. I am the Chairman of the Arctic Marine Mammal Commission and the Arctic Waterways Safety Committee. And, as most of you know, I am also an Alaska Native subsistence hunter from Kotzebue.

I'm on the phone today to give you an update on the work we've been doing on the Safety Plan and the Standards of Care for Vessel Operation. The Standards of Care for the AWSC are being worked up for finalization based on previous seasons. So far, our work has focused on research vessels, but the Standards of Care will be applicable to other industries seeking to avoid conflict with indigenous subsistence activities, including Cruise Tourism and Ice Breaker traffic.

The Standards of Care is built around communication: pre-season, in-season, and post-season. A tool the AWSC has found valuable is a matrix of expected activities by a given industry. The Ice Breaker Committee could provide such a matrix for their activities, which would allow the AWSC to help identify times and areas of potential conflict that could be resolved through early discussions.

The work we do to prevent conflicts before they arise has become increasingly critical in the Arctic where both the wildlife and indigenous hunters use the sea ice, and where safety can be jeopardized without adequate and effective communication.

Following this teleconference, I can send out an example of what the research vessel matrix looks like, if you are interested in developing something similar for Ice Breakers.

Thank you again for allowing me to provide an update.