

Consultation on Beringia International Protected Area,
Log of activities, 2010-2013
NPS, Shared Beringian Heritage Program
Revised 3/7/14

WHAT	WHO	WHEN	Key Comments
Russian American Pacific Partnership (RAPP) Conference – Portland	Rebecca Talbott and Vic Knox, NPS State of Alaska representative Curtis Thayer, Deputy Commissioner; Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development presented.	Sept 2010	Thayer’s comments include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “no better time for strategic, economic partnerships” - “tourism potential is virtually unlimited - Alaska perfect staging ground for tourism to the Russian far east - Beringia – Governor support (!) - Referenced Ambassador Kislyak’s visit. The state is sending a delegation to Russian Far East this fall.
Meetings with local villages on the Seward Peninsula and St. Lawrence Island	Jeannette Pomrenke, NPS Supt. Bering Land Bridge (BELA)	Sept 2010 - March 2011	See notes from each meeting
Flyer “Formal Recognition for Beringia?” distributed in rural Alaska and on Beringia web site. Various frameworks being considered for an international area are presented.	Shared Beringian Heritage Program, NPS	August 2010	
Meetings with NGOs and indigenous groups	DAS Dan Reifsnnyder and Shelbie Legg (OES)	March/April 2011	None recorded
Developed responses to questions raised by local native organizations in Nome. Answers were transmitted to Kawerak and posted on the Beringia web site at www.nps.gov/akso/beringia in both Russian and English.	Kawerak and the general public	March 2011, updated August 2011	None
KNOM interview – live Q & A	Janis Kozlowski,	August	None

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on IPA and Beringia Days Conference	NPS, Jeannette Pomrenke, BELA	2011	
Facilitated two sessions during 2011 Beringia Days Conference in Nome on the IPA: one session included leaders from both countries with a question and answer session, and the other was centered around developing the action plan to implement an MOU if/when signed.	U.S. and Russian leaders on the panel (NPS Regional Director, Deputy Asst. Secretary Reifsnyder, Lt. Gov. Mead Treadwell, on behalf of Chukotka Governor Roman Kopin, Irina Ryabukhina), with local people from Alaskan and Russian communities	September 2011	<p>A draft action plan was developed during the conference.</p> <p>Lt. Gov. Mead Treadwell's comments: I first read about this (a possible international park) in an editorial piece from the National Center for Atmospheric Research in the early 1980s. I see my friend Jim Stimpfle here who helped. The State of Alaska has been cautious for a number of reasons. Things are somewhat challenged because when a project happens outside the park boundaries, people will draw a large border to say no mining because there will be an international park. Economic issues and opportunities must be addressed. Do we want to see a joint park or a sister park? The state's position will try to reflect the interests of the people who live here. Whatever bureaucratic moniker comes out of this, we want it to improve the commerce, trade and cultural exchange in the Bering Strait region.</p>
A "Beringia Working Group" was formed to facilitate communication between different interested parties; representatives were chosen by relevant regional authorities	Matt Ganley, Bering Straits; Walter Sampson, NANA	November 2011 – June 2012	North Slope Borough was invited to participate but declined. The Nome representative was named in November, but it took months to get the Kotzebue representative named.
NPS workshop at the Kawerak Regional Conference and a table was staffed and provided materials throughout the conference.	Shared Beringian Heritage Program Staff	April 2012	Turn out for workshop was about 12. Materials about the IPA distributed to about 125.
Two page flyer released "Creation of a Transboundary	Sent to villages, distributed at	August 2012	

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Area of Shared Beringian Heritage”	meetings, posted on web		
Beringia Working Group meeting	Matt Ganley, Bering Straits; Jean Gamache and Janis Kozlowski, NPS-Anchorage; Jeannette Pomrenke, NPS-Nome; Frank Hays, Willy Goodwin, NPS-Kotz.	8/13/12	Concern over movement on an MOU before the Russian Federation establishes the Chukoskiy NP and legislation makes it clear how the park will be managed and uses allowed was expressed. The desire to prepare a letter to the Congressional delegation with their comments was suggested and State Dept contact in DAS Russel’s office was provided. Kozlowski provided contact information for both Ganley and Sampson to facilitate communication between the two regions. Sampson missed the meeting due to other obligations but was reached by phone the same day. Request for a second meeting was made by the BS representative Ganley. Follow up completed: Phone call to Walter who missed the meeting. Second meeting scheduled for 8/20/12.
Beringia Working Group meeting	Matt Ganley, Bering Straits; Walter Sampson, NANA; Jeanette Pomrenke, NPS-Nome; Jean Gamache, Sue Masica, Janis Kozlowski, NPS-Anchorage; Frank Hayes, NPS-Kotzebue	8/20/12	Both Matt and Walter conveyed similar concerns over lack of Russian park legislation and how an MOU might provide catalyst for undesirable actions in Russia. Time frame for formal consultation isn’t good, October would be better. Walter expressed need for more time to consider options, discuss possibilities and highlight concerns. Walter is concerned subsistence uses may change over time under a new designation. Matt questioned why NPS wants designation given no additional funding and questioned why improved travel opportunities through more liberal Visa procedures weren’t considered. Sue agreed to meet with NANA reps in the next few days. Kawerak is relying on Matt as regional representative on this matter. Jeanette sent out a letter to

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			<p>19 tribes/16 communities in the region and village corps, along with 2 page flyer. Fred Tocktoo is working to set up meetings for those who want them. Frank Hays sent a letter to the villages and will meet with Noatak, Kivalina and Kotzebue tomorrow. Willie Goodwin will meet with Maniliq and NANA.</p> <p>Follow up completed: set up meeting with DOS, send Walter materials from past meeting including feasibility study, respond to requests from NANA office in Anchorage for more information (Sue).</p>
State Dept/DOI/NPS meetings	Shelbie Legg and Laura Hochla, DOS; Rudy D'Alessandro, NPS, WASO; Jean Gamache, Sue Masica, Janis Kozlowski, NPS- Anchorage	8/22/12	
NW Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Committee meeting	Frank Hays, subsistence users	Week of August 13, 2012	No comments received but the topic came up at the end of a very long day and we don't think it's a true reflection of local sentiment.
Kotzebue and Noatak	Frank Hays, community members	Week of August 13, 2012	Concern for consultation process but no other red flags.
Meet with Alaska Miners Association President	NPS Regional Director Sue Masica	Summer 2012	
Nome Nugget	Janis Kozlowski	8/30/12	Full page ad with description of action and map of proposed transboundary area.
Patricia Eckert, state Office of international trade	Janis Kozlowski	8/27/30	Left phone message, sent brief via email
Facebook chat (English)	Janis Kozlowski, Liz	9/4/12	Had 36 people signed up for the

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	Shea, Shelley Wesser and Beringia followers		meeting and continuous dialog (see pdf file). More than a handful of the participants were from Chukotka.
Facebook chat (Russian)	Beringia staff and facebook followers	9/11/12	12 people signed up for the chat and about 8 asked questions. See russian and translated file.
Alaska Dispatch article	Janis Kozlowski, Laura Andrews	9/5/12	Inaccuracies in the article but widespread reach
Kotzebue radio program	Frank Hays, Walter Sampson	9/13/12	From Frank: I talked about the joint statement and the goals outlined- highlighting the statements regarding indigenous rights. I also noted that we would provide more info as it came along-but that folks can look at the Beringia Program web page or contact me for additional info.
Alaska Public Radio broadcast	Vselevod Stepanitsky, Russian Ministry of Natural Resources	September 2012	Interview broadcast in Anchorage and throughout NPR listening area on the international protected area concept and potential creation of National Park Beringia.
Meetings in Anchorage, Nome and Kotzebue on IPA in response to letters to Secretary Clinton on IPA. KNOM interview	DAS Dan Reifsnyder, Shelbie Legg (OAS) from State Department met with community leaders, organizations and local people in both public and formal settings in Kotzebue and Nome. In Anchorage met with Inuit Circumpolar Conference, World Wildlife Fund, State of Alaska (Kip Knudson Office of Governor Sean Parnell, Director of State and Federal Relations	October 2012	

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	<p>Washington, DC; Mark Robbins Office of Governor Sean Parnell, Associate Director Washington, DC; Stephanie Moreland, Office of Governor Sean Parnell, Special Assistant on Fisheries Issues, Juneau, AK; Patricia Eckert Office of International Trade Associate Director, Anchorage, AK; Larry Hartig, Environmental Conservation Commissioner, State of Alaska Juneau) and second meeting with Bering Straits Native Corp representative Matt Ganley in Anchorage.</p>		
<p>Invitation for comment/input on draft work plan of activities implementing the MOU if/when signed. The opportunity was characterized as an early opportunity to provide input on the plan given the Clinton/Lavrov commitment to sign an MOU by years end.</p>	<p>State of Alaska, Beringia Working Group members</p>	<p>Comments requested by mid-December</p>	<p>Kawerak and State of Alaska provided comments.</p>
<p>Meeting with Kawerak on Action Plan</p>	<p>Jeannette Pomrenke, NPS Supt of BELA</p>	<p>Nov 2012</p>	<p>Comments submitted in marginal notes on the action plan.</p>
<p>Kawerak Regional Conference and evening public meeting</p>	<p>Liz Shea</p>	<p>April 2013</p>	

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Radio broadcast, Kotzebue radio	Liz Shea/Frank Hays	June 2013	
Using an outside grant funded 25 people to attend the Beringia Days Conference in Anadyr Russia to allow local people and community leaders to discuss their concerns about the international protected area idea and the designation of National Park Beringia with their Russian counterparts.	Community leaders and local people from Nome, Kotzebue, St. Lawrence island and outlying communities	September 2013	Newly designated Director of National Park Beringia was at the meeting and spoke about the new park. Opportunities were available for people to discuss the topic in informal settings and discussions facilitated by NPS staff when requested or with a translator.
Consultation with indigenous leaders in Russia including RAIPON president	Shelbie Legg and DAS Dan Reifsnyder, State Dept	Week of Nov 11, 2013	Will support MOU. New president not from Far East (Siberia) but there was one representative from the Far East who was knowledgeable on the Beringia program and MOU. Indigenous groups in Russia in favor of the MOU.
Reindeer Herders Association Meeting, Anchorage	Janis Kozlowski, Manager, Shared Beringian Heritage Program	Feb 25, 2014	Questions about SJR-15 language opposing the Beringia designation.