



Press Release
Inuit Circumpolar Council Wildlife Management Summit
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Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) Alaska, working with the other ICC offices, bring Inuit from across the circumpolar together to address food security. Hunting, gathering and fishing are critical to Inuit culture and economy and the foundation of Inuit culture.

The overall goal of the Circumpolar Inuit Wildlife Management Summit is to examine the influence that policies, environmental change, public perceptions, and changing social and economic conditions in the Arctic are having on Arctic wildlife and Inuit food security in order to pave our path to move forward strongly for circumpolar Inuit Wildlife Management across Inuit Nunaat (Inuit homelands).

During the opening panel discussion, Mr. Stotts, stressed that through this summit the Alaska delegation has an opportunity to learn from Canada's wildlife management processes – a process that supports true co-management. "...if we can get to the same level of co-management being practiced in Canada, then we can begin collectively to have serious talks about what's really needed, international collaboration on Wildlife Management in the Arctic. Then we will move from food security into the realm of Food Sovereignty."

Making up the ICC Alaska delegation are representatives of the North Slope Borough, the Northwest Arctic Borough, the Association of Village Council Presidents, Ice Seal Committee, Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission, Alaska Beluga Whale Committee, the Eskimo Walrus Commission, migratory bird hunters, ICC Alaska's president, board youth representative and technical staff.

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ICC-Alaska is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that works on behalf of the Inupiat of the North Slope, Northwest and Bering Straits; the St. Lawrence Island Yupik; the Central Yup'ik and Cup'ik of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region in Southwest Alaska. ICC-Alaska exists to be the unified voice and collective spirit of Alaskan Inuit, to promote, protect, and advance Inuit culture and society. ICC-Alaska is a national member of ICC International, an international non-governmental organization. ICC strives to strengthen unity among Inuit of the circumpolar north; promote Inuit rights and interests on an international level; develop and encourage long-term policies that safeguard the Arctic environment; and seek full and active partnership in the political, economic, and social development of the circumpolar North.