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Contracting Officer's Technical Representative
Attention: Carol Fairfield
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Dear Carol:

Please accept this letter as the Annual Report for work completed in January, February, and March 2017 on the BOEM-funded Arctic Whale Ecology Study (ARCWEST; Inter/Intra Agency Agreement Number M12PG00021, AKC-108). All of the ARCWEST PIs are currently working on data analysis and writing for the upcoming draft final report. We are on track to submit the draft final report on schedule. In addition, a number of talks and posters were presented at the 2017 Alaska Marine Science Symposium.

I hope this satisfies your needs for this annual report. As always, the reports will be uploaded to the NMML website in the next couple of days (<http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/nmml/cetacean/arcwest.php>).

Sincerely,

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