



United States Arctic Research Commission's 93rd Meeting

June 2-3, 2010
Washington, DC

Wednesday, June 2 – White House Conference Center. 726 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20503

Commission meets, in executive session, with senior federal representatives. Significant outcomes will be announced in the public meeting on June 3.

**Thursday, June 3 – Office of the Federal Coordinator Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects.
1717 H Street, NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC 20006**

8:30 A.M. Meeting reconvenes

8:30- 11:00 A.M. USARC discussion (from agenda below)

11:00 A.M. **Dr. Fred Lipschultz**, Program Officer, Ocean Biology and Biogeochemistry, Earth Science Division, NASA Headquarters. Will discuss an upcoming, NASA-funded Arctic expedition on the polar icebreaker USCGC *HEALY* in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas during 2010 and 2011 with the goal of improving the calibration and use of NASA's satellite products, and to gain a greater understanding of the region.

11:30 A.M. **Ms. Jennifer Thompson**, Director of Communications and Policy Support, Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects. Will discuss efforts to coordinate the activities of federal agencies with respect to permitting and regulations that impact the construction of a natural gas pipeline from Alaska's Arctic to North American consumers, and links to Arctic research.

noon-1:00 P.M. *Break*

1:00-2:45 P.M. USARC discussion (from agenda below)

2:45 P.M. **CDR Denise Kruse**, Director, and **Dr. Pablo Clemente Colon**, Chief Scientist, U.S. National Ice Center. Will provide a report about the Center's recent activities and future plans.

3:15 P.M. **Dr. Tim Ragen**, Executive Director, Marine Mammal Commission. Will discuss Marine Mammal Co-Management as conducted by Alaska Native Organizations and federal agencies. Will also provide an update or a report on IPCoMM (Indigenous Peoples' Council on Marine Mammals), and funding and strategies to improve tribal consultation with respect to marine mammal research.

3:45 P.M. **Dr. Raymond DuBois**, Senior Advisor, Center for Strategic and International Studies. Will report on CSIS's recently held conference "U.S. Strategic Interests in the High North." For details, see: <http://csis.informz.net/CSIS/data/images/agenda.pdf>

4:15 P.M. *Final comments and adjourn*

USARC business agenda (in no specific order)

1. **Chair's report**
2. **Commissioner reports**
3. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting**
4. **Goals Report**, update and distribution of 2009-2010 report, and plans for next report
5. **Scaling report**
6. **Other reports**, white paper on oil spill response research, US-Russia research access
7. **Calendar 2010-11**
8. **Arctic research policy discussion**
9. **Arctic budget crosscut analysis**
10. **USARC leadership transition discussion**
12. **Discussion of NOAA's draft Arctic Strategic Plan**
13. **Commission advisors**
14. **Support for proposed IOM mental health study**
15. **Other health topics, such as water and sanitation**
16. **Any other business**