

5th Symposium on the Impacts of an Ice-Diminishing Arctic on Naval and Maritime Operations

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Two U.S. Senators from Alaska, top government and military officials, international partners, research scientists and representatives from the oil and shipping industries will speak at the 5th Symposium on the Impacts of an Ice-Diminishing Arctic on Naval and Maritime Operations, July 16-18, 2013, at the Navy Heritage Center, 701 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W., Washington, DC.

The symposium, co-hosted by the U.S. National/Naval Ice Center (NIC) and the U.S. Arctic Research Commission (USARC), will address the changing state of Arctic sea ice and associated environmental conditions that are impacting naval, maritime and other critical activities in the region.

A **press conference** will be held on Wednesday, **July 17, 9:40 a.m.** at the Naval Heritage Center, detailing the Arctic Ocean's declining sea ice and evolving environment, and how these are impacting maritime commerce, national security, international relations, and those who have traditionally depended on these waters for their livelihoods. Panelists include:

- Vice Admiral Peter Neffenger, U.S. Coast Guard Deputy Commandant for Operations
- Rear Admiral Jonathan White, Oceanographer of the U.S. Navy
- Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, NOAA Acting Administrator

More about the Symposium

WHAT: A three-day symposium on the impacts of an ice-diminishing Arctic

WHY: The symposium provides information on Arctic policy, science, and maritime operations in a rapidly changing Arctic Ocean environment to help inform national decision-makers

WHO: Speakers include:

- The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator, Alaska (R) - July 16
- The Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senator, Alaska (D) - July 17--*Sen. Begich will be available to speak with reporters after his speech.*
- Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, NOAA Acting Administrator - July 16
- Admiral Robert Papp, U.S. Coast Guard Commandant - July 17
- The Honorable Mead Treadwell, Lt. Governor, State of Alaska - July 16
- The Honorable Fran Ulmer, Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission - July 16

WHEN: July 16-18, 2013

WHERE: Naval Heritage Center, 701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

For more information, please visit: <http://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/star/Ice2013.php>