



Agenda

United States Arctic Research Commission's 122nd Meeting

Fairbanks, AK

September 17, 2026

501 Akasofu Building, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, Alaska
Commission will receive public comments from 2:00 pm to 2:30pm Alaska Time

Call in information **for public input session only**, 2:00-2:30pm:
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The **view-only** zoom webinar link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82530364988>

Thursday, September 17th

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| 8:30 – 9:00 A.M. | Meeting convenes: Welcome and introductions (<i>Thomas E. Dans, Chairman, United States Arctic Research Commission</i>)

Univ. of Alaska welcome (<i>Russell Vander Lugt, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks and Matthew Cooper, President, University of Alaska</i>)

State of Alaska welcome (<i>Governor Michael Dunleavy, State of Alaska—via Zoom</i>)

Approval of meeting agenda and minutes from 121st meeting |
| 9:00 – 10:30 A.M. | Goals 1 and 2: Military and Energy Security |
| 9:00 – 9:15 A.M. | Arctic and Homeland Defense Center University Affiliated Research Center (<i>Robert McCoy, University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>) |
| 9:15 – 9:30 A.M. | How scientific knowledge of sea ice supports the US Navy's Operation Ice Camp (<i>Andy Mahoney, University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>) |
| 9:30 – 9:45 A.M. | Commercial feasibility of geologic hydrogen in the Arctic (<i>Bruno Grunau, National Lab of the Rockies</i>) |
| 9:45 – 10:00 A.M. | Alaska Geologic Hydrogen Prospectivity Assessment (<i>Jane Hearon, US Geological Survey, remote</i>) |
| 10:00 – 10:15 A.M. | Petroleum and natural gas research projects at University of Alaska Fairbanks (<i>Brent Sheets, University of Alaska Fairbanks</i>) |
| 10:15 – 10:30 A.M. | <i>Discussion</i> |
| 10:30 – 10:45 A.M. | <i>Break</i> |
| 10:45 – noon | Goals 3 and 4: Community and Economic Security |
| 10:45 – 11:00 A.M. | The parasite <i>Ichthyophonus</i> and its impact on Alaskan salmon (<i>Bill Templin, Alaska Department of Fish and Game</i>) |

11:00 – 11:15 A.M.	Tuberculosis in the Arctic (<i>Ronit Dalmat, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation, remote</i>)
11:15 – 11:30 A.M.	Supply chains and logistics: keeping systems running off the road system (<i>Mike Jones, University of Alaska Anchorage</i>)
11:30 – 11:45 A.M.	National Science Foundation Critical Mineral Accelerator Engine in Alaska (<i>LeeAnn Munk, University of Alaska Fairbanks, remote</i>)
11:45 – noon	<i>Discussion</i>
noon – 1:00 P.M.	<i>Lunch</i> (<i>on site, Commissioners, staff and invited guests</i>)
1:00 – 2:00 P.M.	Focus Session, Goal 5: Strategic Arctic Research Cooperation
1:00 – 1:20 P.M.	Research priorities for the Alaska seafood industry (<i>Taylor Holshouser, Sea-Mark</i>)
1:20 – 1:40 P.M.	Lessons learned from Canadian High Arctic Research Station: the first 19 years (<i>David Hik, Polar Knowledge Canada</i>)
1:40 – 2:00 P.M.	<i>Discussion</i>
2:00 – 2:30 P.M.	Public comment session
2:30 – 3:00 P.M.	<i>Break</i>
3:00 – 5:00 P.M.	Commission business session (divided into public and non-public)
	<i>Public session</i>
	-Commissioner Reports
	-Staff reports
	-National Science Foundation update (<i>Roberto Delgado, National Science Foundation</i>)
	<i>Executive session</i>
5:00 P.M.	Meeting adjourns