

House Arctic Policy, Economic Development and Tourism Committee

Representative Baker, Chair

Committee Hearing on Arctic Policy, An Alaskan Perspective

Presenter: Paul Fuhs, Arctic Goodwill Ambassador, The Northern Forum

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Arctic emergency response diver

Member Arctic Economic Council: Arctic Marine Transportation Working Group; Arctic Investment and Infrastructure Working Groups

Member: International Experts Working Group on the Northern Sea Route

Founding President, Marine Exchange of Alaska

Definition of the Arctic, Includes all of Bering Sea

US and Alaska Domestic Arctic Policy Overview:

US Arctic Policy and National Security Policy

US icebreaker design and production timeline

Port of Nome, No US Navy presence in Alaska

United States 30/30 wilderness designation proposal

US application for extended continental shelf under UNCLOS, 380,000 sq miles.

Alaska Arctic Policy, Legislative Arctic Policy Commission, 2015

International Arctic Policy agencies and reports on activities: Arctic as a 'special place.'

Arctic Council, structure and current status with Ukraine sanctions, activities and standing of the State of Alaska and indigenous observer groups, ICC, AIA, Gwichin, etc.

Arctic Economic Council

The Northern Forum, Participation in COP28, Arctic Energy Policy, BRICS, St. Pete Economic Forum

Arctic Mayor's Forum

International Maritime Organization (Bering Strait routing measures, Arctic Maritime Polar Code)

European Union Arctic Policy: (all oil and gas in the Arctic to remain in the ground)

International Whaling Commission, US/Russia joint Polar Bear Commission, native visa free travel

Norwegian joint fisheries Commission, Enhanced oil spill prevention measures.

Joint Alaska/Russia vessel tracking and prevention measures

Banned joint research on climate change, banned research on fish moving further north and on Salmon in the gulf of Alaska disrupted by sanctions.

Potential Community Development Quota allocations (CDQ) to Arctic Communities

Current Arctic marine activities and threats to Arctic food security (Data on increased shipments on the Northern Sea Route including crude oil shipments due to Ukraine sanctions)

Russian icebreaker development and shipment of LNG modules from China, Loss of Alaska business.

Proposed Alaska/Russia cooperative vessel tracking, monitoring and emergency response system

Protecting the Arctic Environment

Arctic Council, Agreement on Oil Spill Prevention and Response
US Coast Guard, Arctic Coast Guard Forum
Russian Arctic response vessels, Uber for Icebreakers, Jones Act
Russian insurance for Arctic vessels, banned from reinsurance pools
Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA90), Alternative Planning Criteria
Alaska Clean Seas and Chadux Oil Spill Response Organizations
US and Alaska Emergency Response funds

Real time display of Marine Exchange of Alaska vessel tracking and monitoring system

Marine exchange of Alaska (demonstration of system capabilities, Arctic Watch program, geo fencing, examples of emergency response, real time transmission of navigation safety data to vessels, Virtual Aids to Navigation, real time weather data to vessels, dynamic response to marine mammal and local hunting activities, conflict avoidance agreement with Shell during drilling operations)