

**House Arctic Policy, Economic Development and Tourism Committee**  
Representative Baker, Chair

**Committee Hearing on Arctic Policy, An Alaskan Perspective**

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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)