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# ALASKA LEGISLATURE

Committees:

Chair: Special Committee on Arctic Policy,  
Economic Development, and Tourism

Member:  
Resources  
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Special Committee on Energy



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## Representative John Lincoln

### Sponsor Statement

#### HJR 19: Arctic Marine Safety Agreements

Since 2008 there has been increased vessel traffic in the Bering Sea. Many of these vessels are transiting from the Northern Sea Route to the North Pacific Ocean. Vessels not calling on a port in the United States are considered what is called "innocent passage" and not subject to United States safety or spill prevention measures.

Prevention measures include vessel tracking and monitoring, prescribed routing measures, immediate notification of loss of vessel power or steering, prepositioned towing packages and ship arrestors, dynamic protection of local marine mammal resources, among others.

The Arctic Waterways Safety Committee was formed in 2014 by Arctic municipalities, marine mammal hunting groups, and Arctic marine ship operators to promote and identify safe and environmentally responsible shipping operations in the Arctic.

Without universal prevention measures, vessels on innocent passage are not subject to safety and spill prevention measure standards or regulations. This lack of uniformity makes Alaska, and its residents, vulnerable to mishaps outside of the jurisdiction of the United States to enforce.

HJR 19 urges the Governor of Alaska and the state's congressional delegation to promote and adopt spill prevention measures into international agreements, and, furthermore, for the President of the United States and the United States Department of State to initiate negotiations with the state's coastal neighbors to enter into such agreements.

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# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 5/17/17

FURTHER: RULES

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 3/20/18

Special Committee on the Arctic considered CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19(AET)

## HJR 19-ARCTIC MARINE SAFETY AGREEMENTS

Commending the Arctic Waterways Safety Committee; supporting the adoption of prevention measures into international agreements to ensure clear, universal, and enforceable marine safety measures in the Arctic; urging the state's delegation in the United States Congress and the governor to promote the adoption of spill prevention measures into international agreements; and urging the President of the United States and the United States Department of State to initiate negotiations to enter into international agreements to ensure safe and environmentally responsible marine operations in the Arctic.

and recommends:

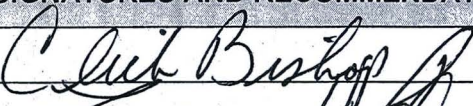

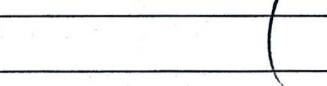
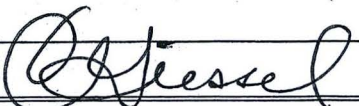
- be replaced with SCS \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  Same Title  Technical Title Change  New Title/SCR No. \_\_\_\_\_
- adopt previous SCS \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  Same Title  Technical Title Change  New Title/SCR No. \_\_\_\_\_
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LWF
CED	LAW
COR	LEG
EED	MVA
DEC	DNR
DFG	DPS
GOV	REV
DHS	DOT
AJS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
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SMCT ARC.			✓	2

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Bishop	✓			
	Hoffman	✓			
	Kelly	✓			
CHAIR: 	Giesel	✓			

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2018 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HJR 19  
Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier: HJR19-LEG-SESS-04-10-17  
Title: ARCTIC MARINE SAFETY AGREEMENTS  
Sponsor: LINCOLN  
Requester: HSE ARCTIC POLICY, ECON DEVELOP & TOURISM

Department:  
Appropriation:  
Allocation:  
OMB Component Number: 0

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2019 Request	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**Change in Revenues**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency?  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

N/A INITIAL VERSION. ONE PAGE. ZERO NOTE.

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Senate Special Committee on the Arctic Committee

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Date: 03/19/2018

**House Joint Resolution 19:  
Arctic Marine Safety Agreements**

**House Special Committee on Arctic Policy,  
Economic Development, And Tourism**

**April 20, 2017**

**Alaska Arctic Policy AS 44.99.105(c)**  
**(2015)**

**Arctic Research and policy Act**  
**(1984, 1994)**

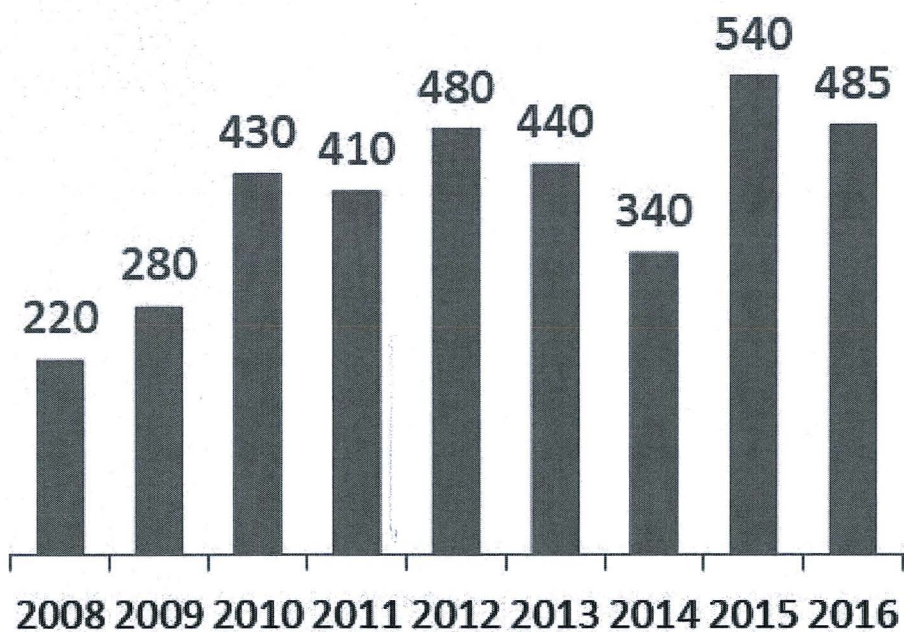




# Bering Strait Transits 2008-2016



## Bering Strait Transits



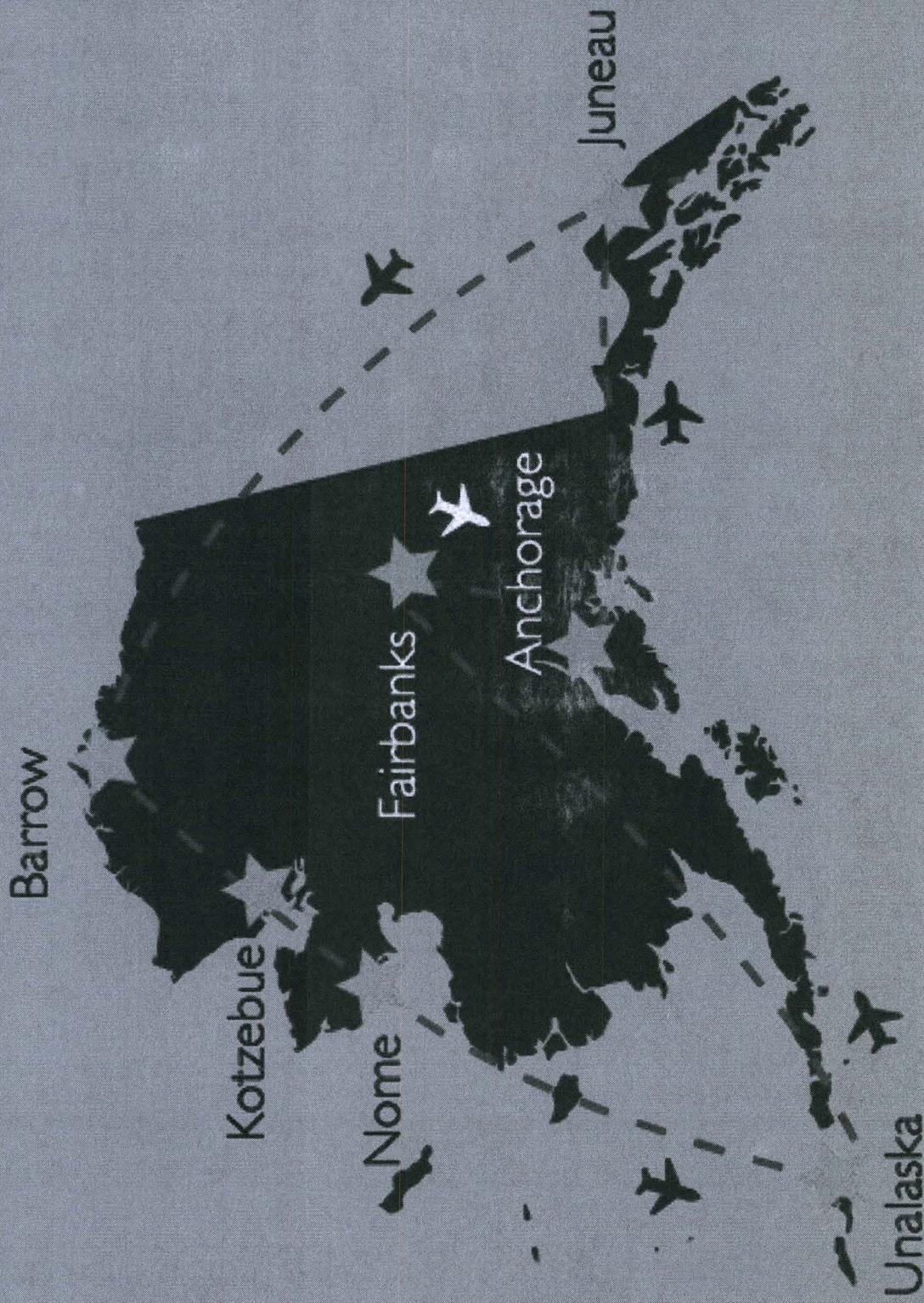
Goals of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission:

**DEVELOP AN ARCTIC POLICY FOR THE  
STATE  
CREATE AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR  
THAT POLICY**



**For 2 years**

**The Commission convened public meetings  
around the state**

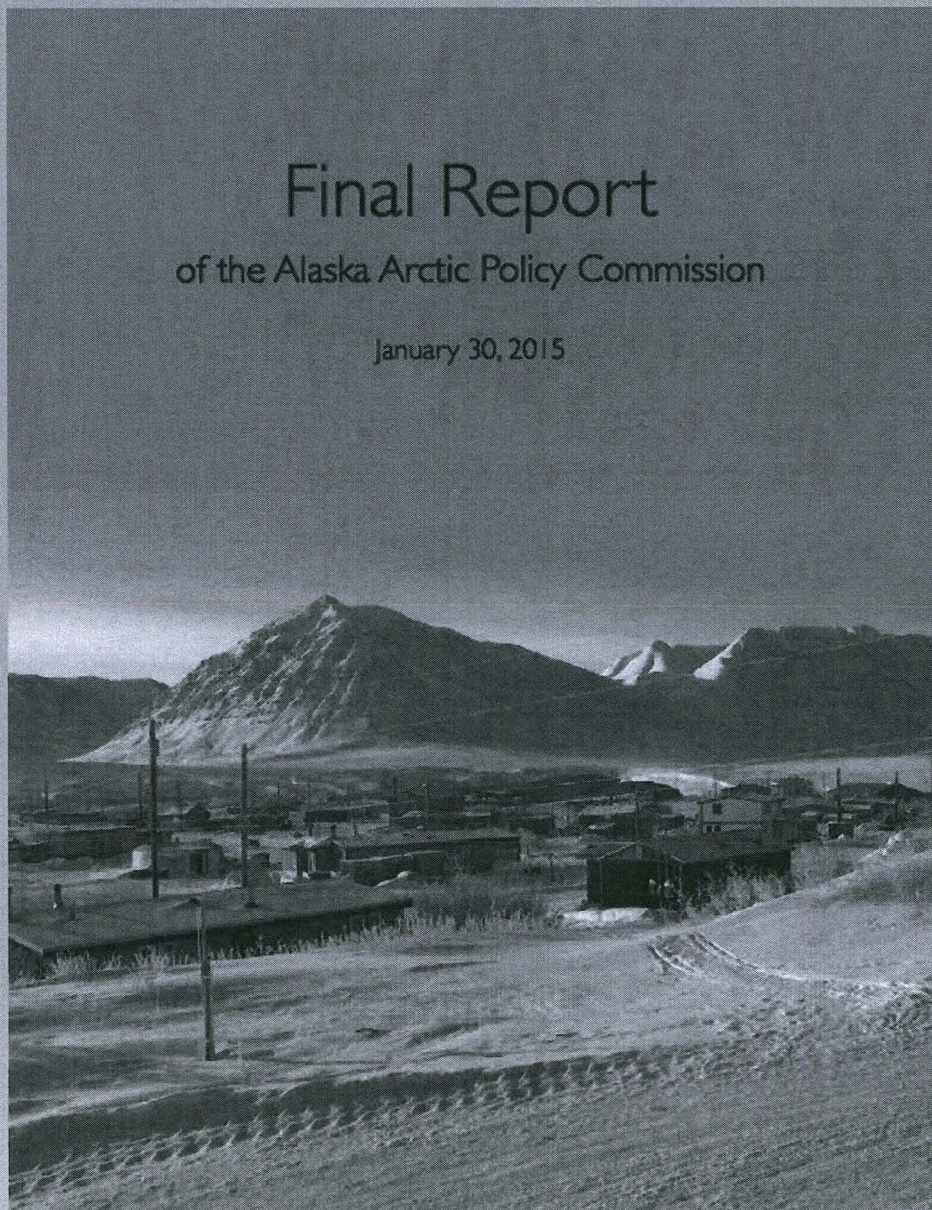


# COMMISSION'S FINAL REPORT TO THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

## Final Report

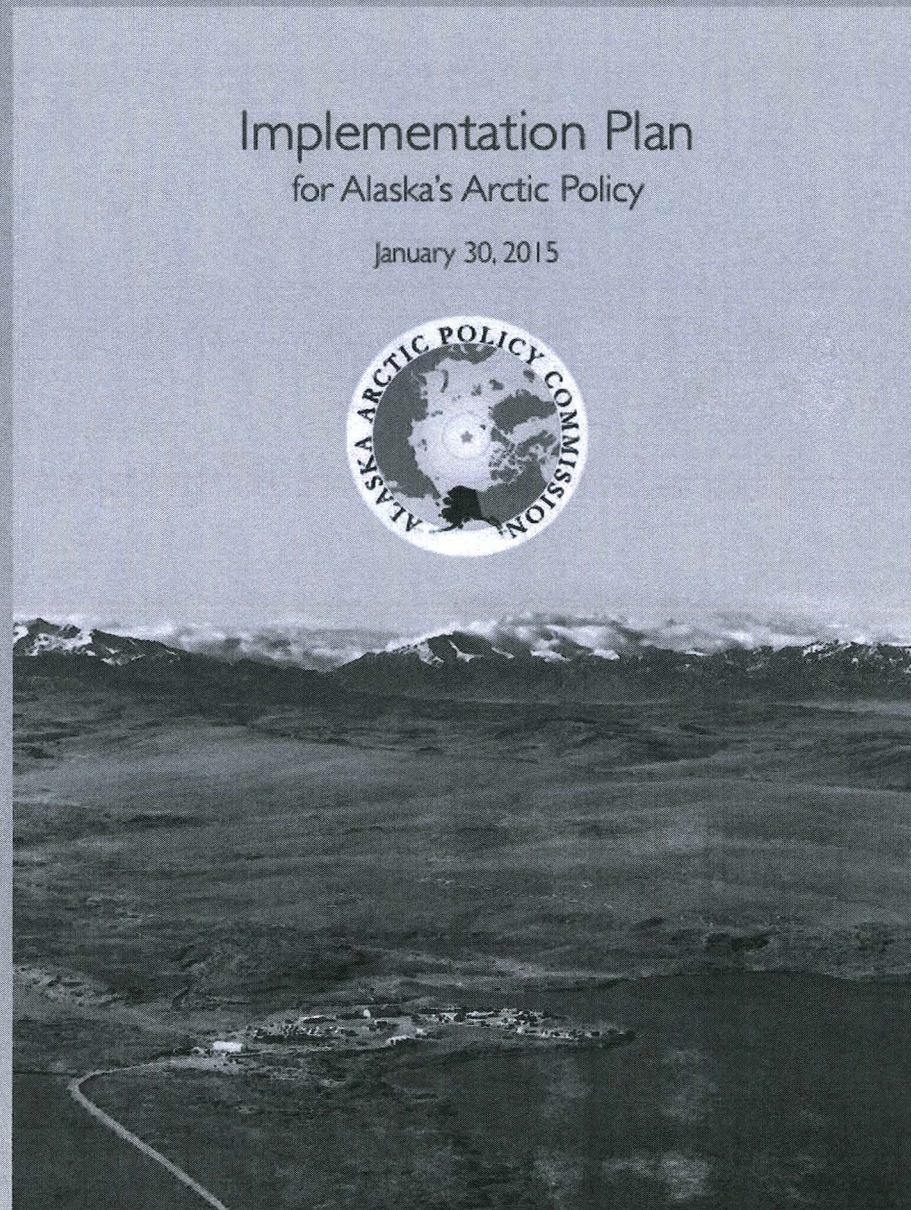
of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission

January 30, 2015



## Implementation Plan for Alaska's Arctic Policy

January 30, 2015

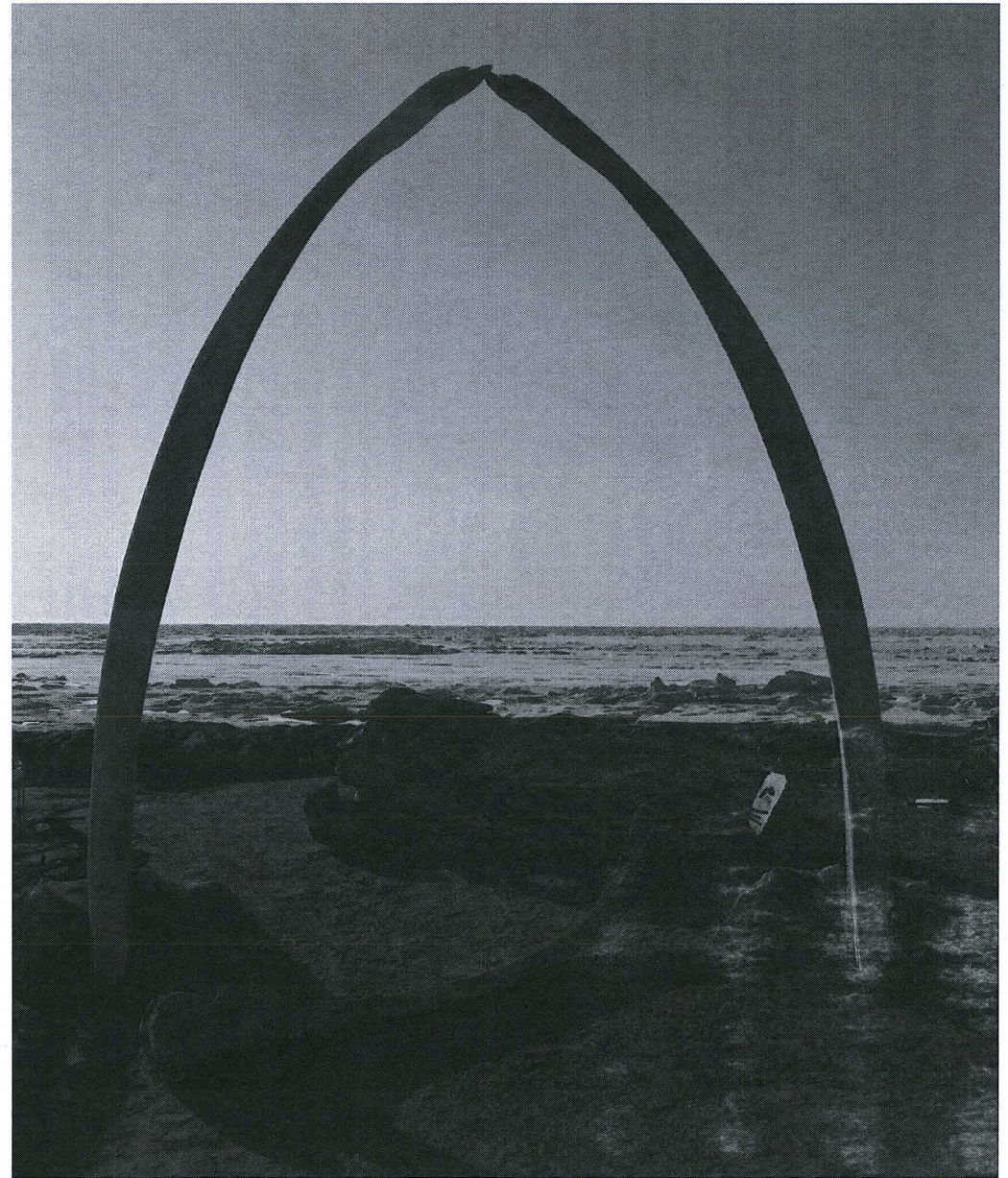


# Alaska's Arctic Policy

AS 44.99.105

(a)(2) collaborate with all levels of government, tribes, industry, and nongovernmental organizations to achieve transparent and inclusive Arctic decision-making, including efforts to

(A) strengthen and expand cross-border relationships and international cooperation, especially bilateral engagements with Canada and Russia;



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AS 44.99.105

(a)(3) enhance the security of the Arctic region of the state and, thereby, the security of the entire state, including efforts to

(A) enhance disaster and emergency prevention and response, oil spill prevention and response, and search and rescue capabilities in the region;

(B) provide safe, secure, and reliable maritime transportation in the areas of the state adjacent to the Arctic;



# Alaska's Arctic Policy

AS 44.99.105

(b) It is important to the state, as it relates to the Arctic, to support the strategic recommendations of the implementation plan developed by the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission and to encourage consideration of recommendations developed by the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission. Priority lines of effort for the Arctic policy of the state include

- (1) promoting economic and resource development;
- (2) addressing the infrastructure and response capacity gap in order to support the Arctic region;**
- (3) supporting healthy communities; and
- (4) supporting existing and fostering new science and research that aligns with state priorities for the Arctic.



# Arctic Policy Implementation Plan

## FOUR LINES OF EFFORT

Economic and Resource Development



Response Capacity



Healthy Communities



Science and Research



## LINE OF EFFORT # 2

### ADDRESS RESPONSE CAPACITY

Response capacity will require strong partnership and communication to prepare for incidents, to respond and develop best practices.



## LINE OF EFFORT # 2

### ADDRESS RESPONSE CAPACITY

#### Recommendation 2A

Ensure Strengthened Capacity within the Administration to address Arctic Maritime, Science and Climate security Issues

- Lead Agency: Governors Office



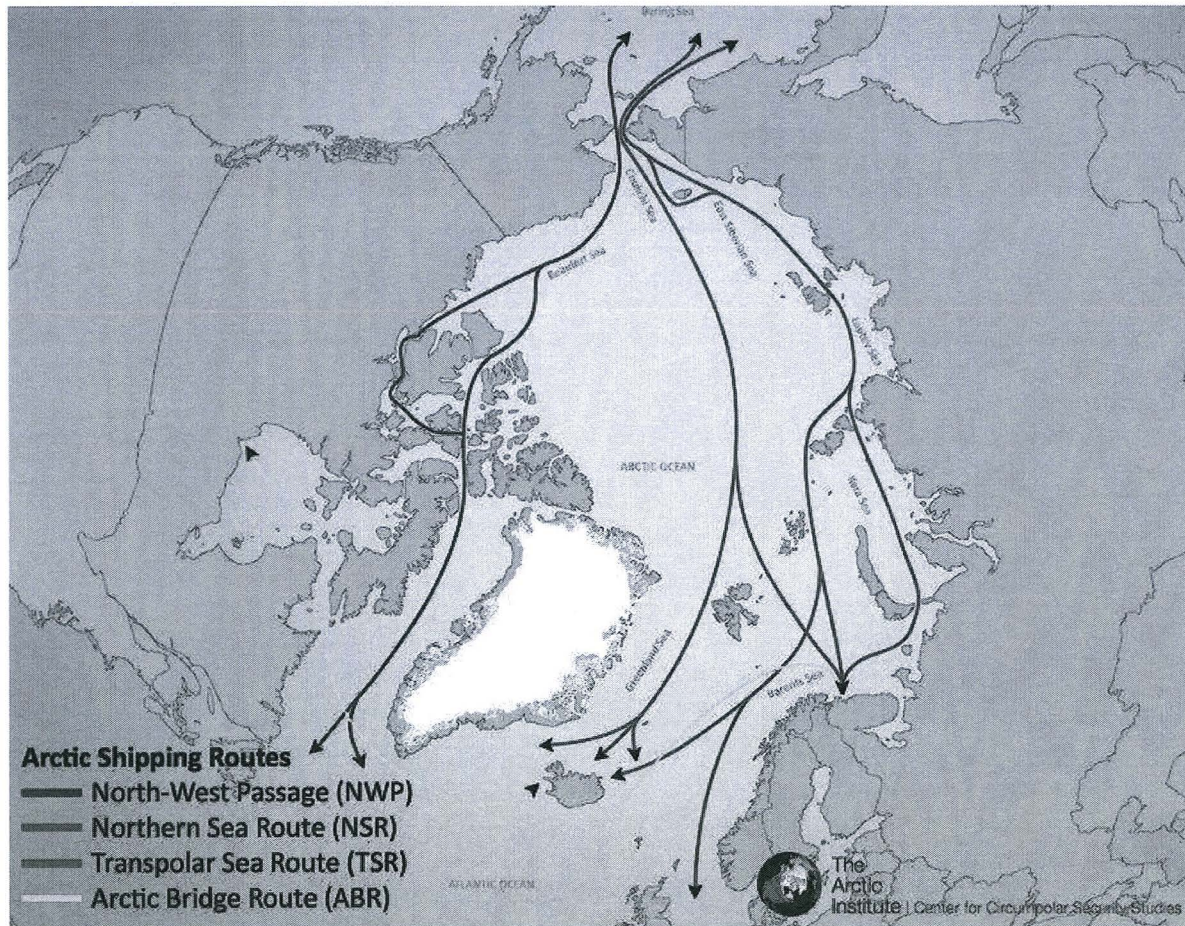
# LINE OF EFFORT # 2

## ADDRESS RESPONSE CAPACITY

### Recommendation 2C

Expand development of appropriately integrated systems to monitor and communicate Arctic Maritime information

-Lead Agency: Marine Exchange of Alaska and Alaska Ocean Observing System



## LINE OF EFFORT # 2

### ADDRESS RESPONSE CAPACITY

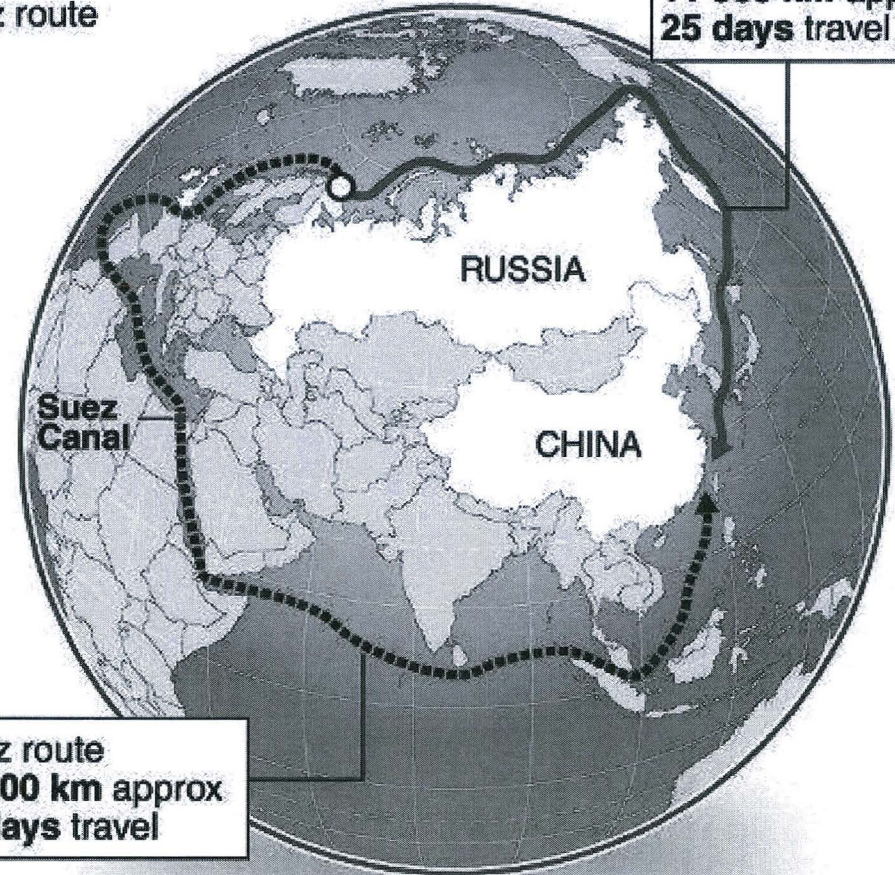
#### Recommendation 2H

Foster and strengthen international partnerships with other Arctic nations, establishing bilateral partnerships with, in particular, Canada and Russia, to address emerging Opportunities and challenges in the Arctic  
-Lead Agency: Office of International Trade, Congressional Delegation, US State Dept., President of the United States

#### The Northeast passage

Receding ice opens up elusive northern trade route which could compete with the Suez route

Northeast passage  
11 500 km approx  
25 days travel



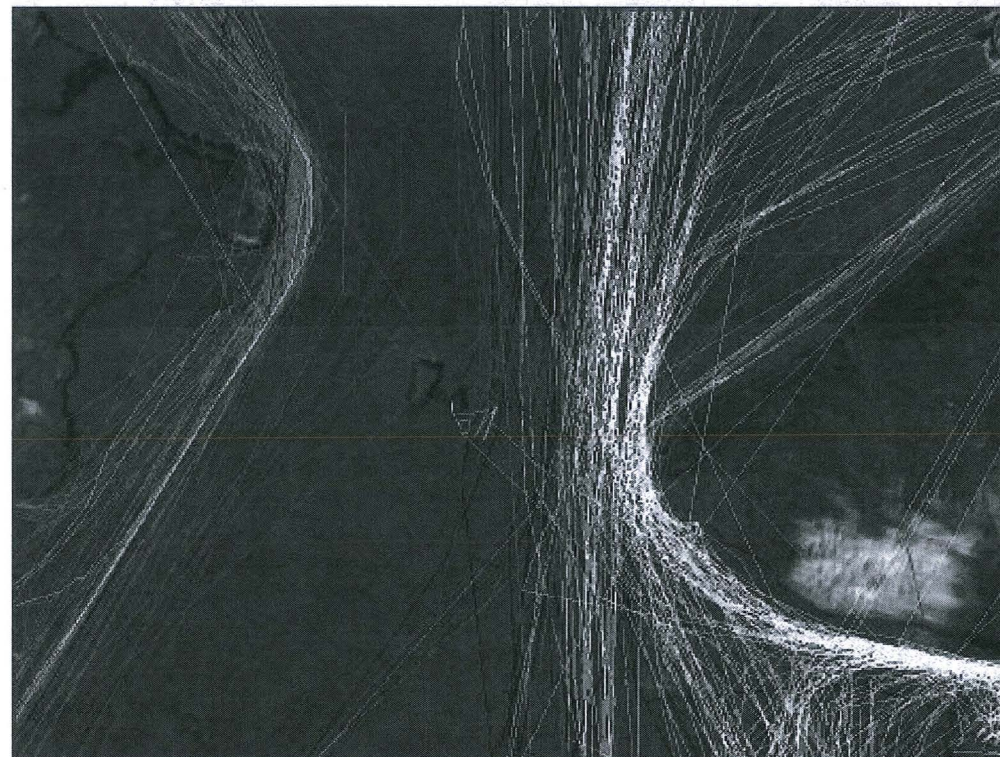
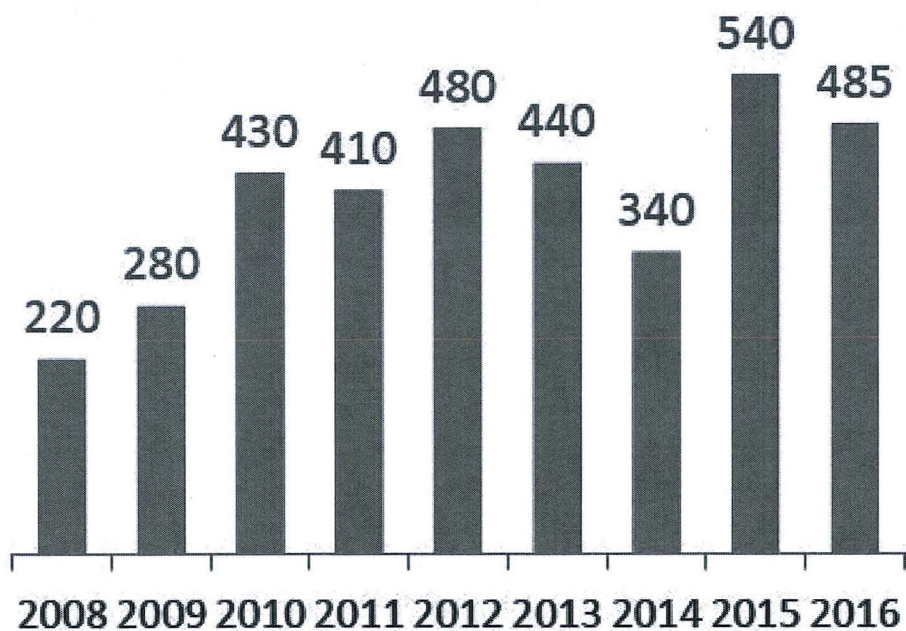
Suez route  
23 000 km approx  
35 days travel

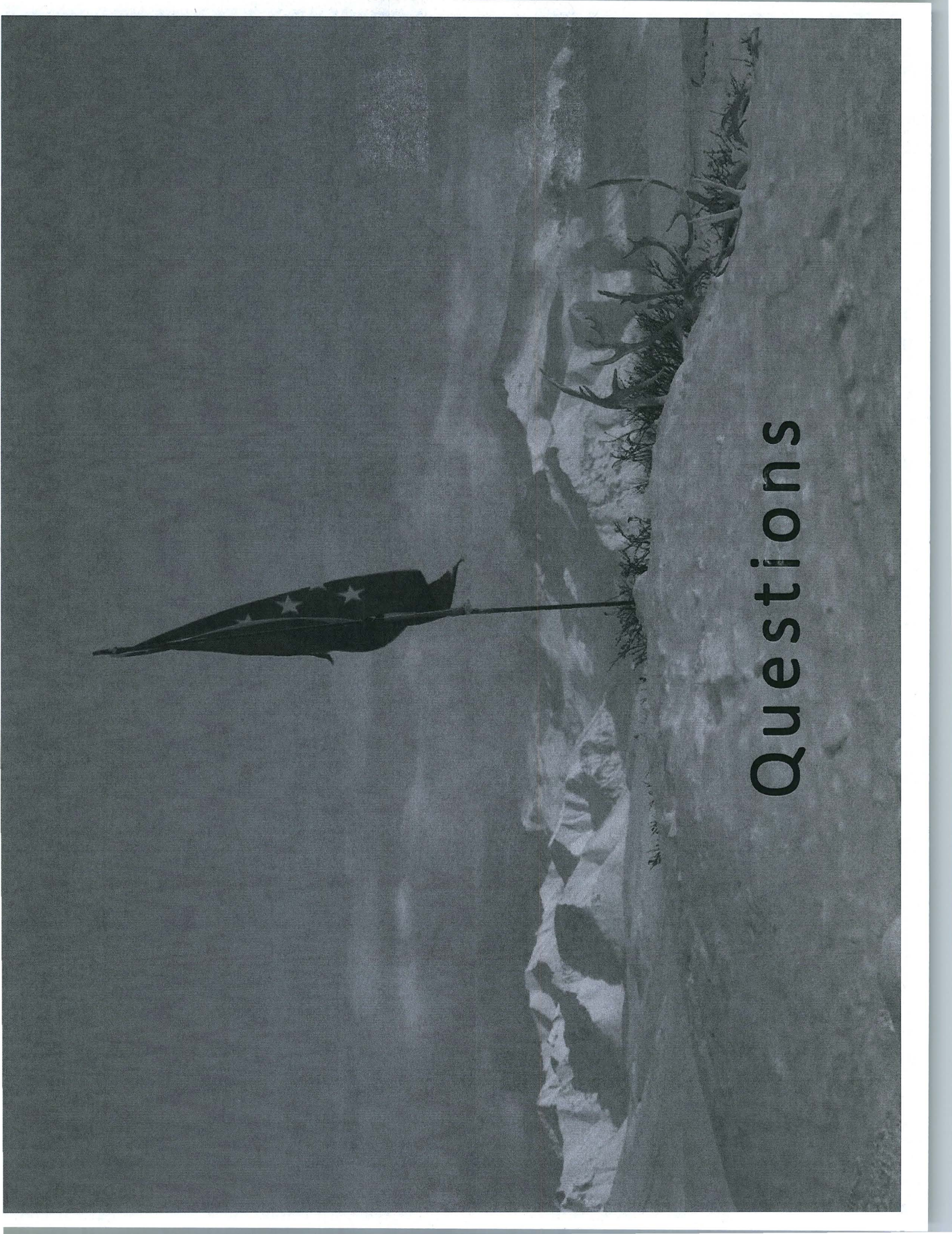


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# Questions