

The Alaska Legislature's Continuing Role in Arctic Governance

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GOALS OF THE ALASKA ARCTIC POLICY COMMISSION:
DEVELOP AN ARCTIC POLICY FOR ALASKA
CREATE AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR
THAT POLICY



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



LINE OF EFFORT #1

PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

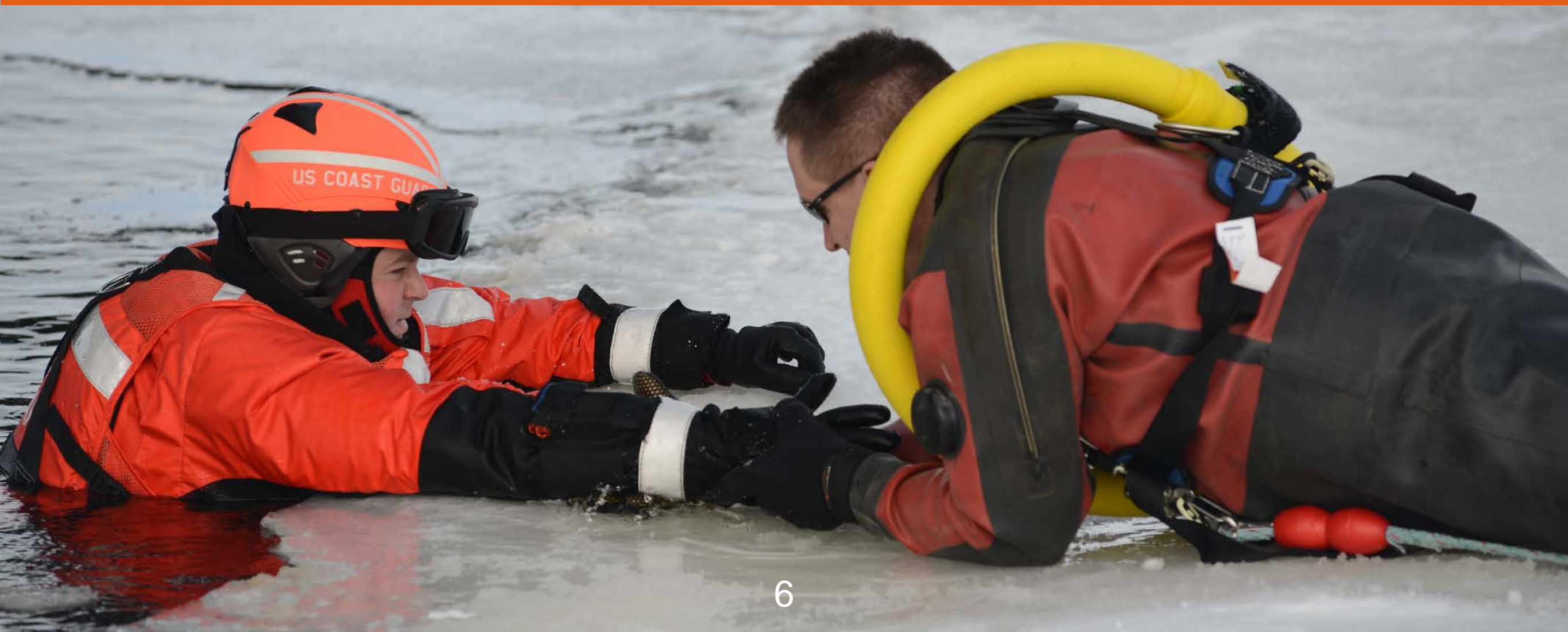
With careful consideration and state investment, the Arctic region will continue to produce returns to the state and communities that ensure community health and vitality.



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 #3

SUPPORT HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Quality of life can be improved for the whole Arctic region without compromising the economic security and well-being of other communities or the state as a whole.



LINE OF EFFORT #4

STRENGTHEN SCIENCE AND RESEARCH



Alaska should pursue strategies to broaden and strengthen the influence of its agencies, its academic experts and its local governments and associations

32 Strategic Recommendations in the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission Implementation Plan (akarctic.com)



- 1A - Facilitate the development of Arctic port systems in the Bering Strait region to support export, response and regional development
- 1B - Strengthen or develop a mechanism for resource production-related revenue sharing to impacted communities
- 1F - Increase economic returns to Alaska and Alaskan communities and individuals from maritime and fisheries activities
- 2B - Support efforts to improve and complete communications, mapping, nautical charting, navigational infrastructure, hydrography and bathymetry in the Arctic region

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- 3B - Reduce power and heating costs in rural Alaskan Arctic communities
- 3D - Anticipate, evaluate and respond to risks from climate change related to land erosion and deterioration of community infrastructure and services
- 3F - Enforce measures that protect and help further understanding of food security of Arctic peoples and communities
- 4F - Invest in U.S. Arctic weather, water and ice forecasting systems
- 4G - Update hydrocarbon and mineral resource estimates and mapping in the Alaskan Arctic



Loading zinc ore to a bulk carrier off Kivilina, Alaska near the Red Dog Mine.

HOUSE BILL 1 – ALASKA’S ARCTIC POLICY

NOW IN STATE STATUTE: 44.99.105

Policy Includes 4 vision statements developed by the AAPC:

- 1) Uphold economically vibrant communities sustained by development activities consistent with a healthy environment
- 2) Collaborate with all levels of government, tribes, industry and nongovernmental organizations to achieve transparent and inclusive Arctic decision-making
- 3) Enhance the security of the state through a safe and secure Arctic for individuals and communities
- 4) Value and strengthen the resilience of communities and respect and integrate the culture and knowledge of Arctic peoples



SENATE BILL 140

“AIDEA: ARCTIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM/FUND”

- Allows AIDEA to leverage private money for Arctic infrastructure by financing up to 1/3 of well-vetted, projects' costs
- This is designed to attract investment from the Private Market
- Financing via low interest loans and loan guarantees
- Loan guarantees are limited to companies that are majority owned by Alaskan Residents



ALASKA LEGISLATURE'S ARCTIC COMMITTEES

Senate Special Committee on the Arctic
Co-Chaired by Senators McGuire and Giessel

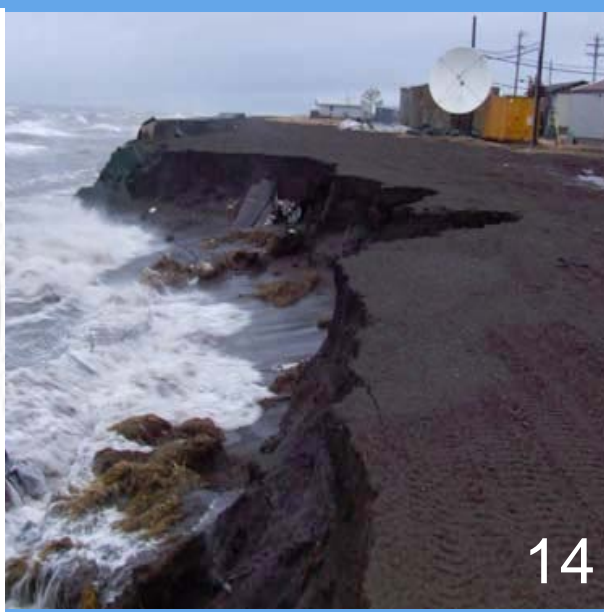
House Special Committee on
Economic Development, Tourism and Arctic Policy
Chaired by Representative Bob Herron



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Arctic Committees Met Jointly on October 2
to Review the Walker Administration's Progress
On AAPC Line of Effort #3: Healthy Communities

Arctic Committees Will Continue to Lead
Enactment of the AAPC Implementation Plan



AK LNG PROJECT

800-mile pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to a liquefaction plant and export terminal at Nikiski

Partners: BP, ConocoPhillips, Exxon

Decision on a 42 inch vs. 48 inch pipe by 4.30.16

During recent Special Session, Legislature bought out TransCanada: the Alaska Gasline Development Corp. will assume TransCanada's role

Cost: \$45-60 Billion (Approx. \$15 Billion from Alaska)

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