Alaska Arctic Policy Commission

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Arctic Boundary as Defined by U.S. Congress
AAPC Vision Statements: The State of Alaska Envisions an Arctic that:

- Values Community Sustainability and Thriving Cultures
- Ensures Public Safety and Security
- Advances Economic Development and a Healthy Environment
- Incorporates Transparency and Inclusion into Decision Making
The changing conditions will bring new opportunities

Shipping

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in the 21st century
Combining World Trade Routes

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Bering Strait Vessel Traffic 2013-50% Increase Per Year

Increased vessel traffic = Increased opportunity
The changing conditions will bring new opportunities

20,000 tourists visited the Arctic in 2013

For this:

Russians and Norwegians have ports and infrastructure to support a tourism industry in the Arctic

WE have a nearly untapped tourism opportunity
In order for Alaska to Capitalize on the new opportunities We Need:

Private Sector $$$ coming into the state

These Resources will not be developed Without infrastructure

We must provide incentives
Alaska’s Future

Alaskans have been developing the ARCTIC for 40 years

We have the experts

We will continue to push back Against federal overreach 
To develop OUR ARCTIC
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
Key Legislation based on AAPC work

Senate Bill 140

“AIDEA: ARCTIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM/FUND”

* The construction, improvement, rehabilitation, or expansion of a facility
  * In the Arctic to aid in development or meet emergency response needs; or
    * In the state if the construction, improvement, rehabilitation, or expansion supports or furthers the development of a facility in the Arctic
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Alaska’s Future

There is an estimated $100 Billion of private sector funds looking for investment opportunities in the Arctic.

We need to provide the incentives to attract that investment.

Investment in the Arctic is Investment in Alaska.

Developing Alaska’s Arctic will:
- Fortify ALL Communities
- Build Wealth across the State
- Attract new industry, jobs, and opportunities
- A future for our Children
DC Giving More Attention to the Arctic
US National Strategy for the Arctic Region – Implementation Plan

- Released January 30, 2014 – same day as AAPC Preliminary Report
- Due to AAPC Co-chair engagement and receptivity of the NSAR Task Force, both reports align fairly closely:
  - Assessment of Economic and Infrastructure Development
  - Integrated Systems for Arctic Marine Information
  - Timely, Effective and Safe Response to Search & Rescue and Spill Containment
  - Working Towards Energy Security
  - Protecting the Environment
  - Emphasize Public-Private Partnerships

How AAPC can influence NSAR Implementation Plan process – Providing Alaskan expertise, highlighting priorities and emerging challenges, raising Awareness in Lower 48 about the Arctic
New Arctic Appointments

July 16, the State Department appointed:

- Admiral Robert J. Papp Jr. the Special Representative for the Arctic Region
- and Alaskan Fran Ulmer the Special Advisor on Arctic Science and Policy
Arctic Economic Council

- Organizational Meeting September 2-3 in Iqaluit, Nunavut
- Arctic Economic Development Should be on Arctic Council Agenda through Current Working Groups (SDWG) and New Efforts such as the AEC
- Arctic Caucus Can Help Convince US of AEC’s Value
“The Arctic region is the last global frontier and a region with enormous and growing geostrategic, economic, climate, environment, and national security implications for the United States and the world. With the team we're building at the State Department, we will make sure that the United States is in the strongest possible

The Arctic is: OPPORTUNITY

*From Press Release naming:
- Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr (USCG) as Special Representative for the Arctic
- Fran Ulmer (Former AK Lt. Gov) as Special Advisor on Arctic Science and Policy
Questions?

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