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**United States Arctic Research Commission’s 107h Meeting**

**Washington, DC**

**July 17, 2017**

### US Navy Memorial’s Naval Heritage Center, 701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC, Presidents Room

**8:30 - 10:00 A.M. Meeting convenes: Welcome/Commissioner and Advisor reports**

8:30 - 8:45 -Welcome and introduction of USARC Commissioners, Advisors, Staff, and Guests

-Announcements

-Approval of 106th meeting minutes

8:45 - 9:45 Chair & Commissioner reports

9:45 – 10:00 Advisor reports – Dr. Lawson Brigham, Mr. Paul Bienhoff and Dr. Pablo Clemente-Colon.

*Mr. Zac Hamilla and Mr. George Newton send regrets.*

**10:00 – 10:20 A.M.** ***Break***

**10:20 – 11:15 A.M. Staff report and Working Group Readouts**

10:20 –10:50 Staff reports (Dr. John Farrell and Dr. Cheryl Rosa)

10:50 – 11:15 USARC [Working group](https://www.arctic.gov/working_groups.html) updates (AK Rural Water and Sanitation, Arctic Renewable Energy, and Arctic Mental Health), Rosa

**11:15 – 11:50 A.M. Discussions and Presentations**

11:15 – 11:20 Preview of Symposium on the Impacts of an Ice Diminishing Arctic on Naval and Maritime Operations, Clemente-Colon.

11:20 – 11:40 Research associated with implementation of the IMO Polar Code, Brigham

11:40 – 11:50 Wilson Center, Polar Initiative update, Dr. Mike Sfraga

**noon – 1:00 P.M. *Lunch***

**1:00 – 2:20 P.M. Presentations**

1:00 – 1:20 US Global Change Research Program. [4th Nat. Climate Assessment](http://www.globalchange.gov/nca4): outcomes from the Alaska regional engagement workshop, and the regional analysis chapter on Alaska (Dr. Fred Lipschultz, USGCRP)

1:20 - 1:40 [Federal Research Center for Integrated Studies of the Arctic](Federal%20Research%20Center%20for%20Integrated%20Studies%20of%20the%20Arctic%20–%20FRC%20ISArctic) – FRC [ISArctic](http://arctic.ru/infrastructure/20160406/333245.html). (Dr. Vladimir Pavlenko, Russian Academy of Sciences’ Urals Division Arkhangelsk Scientific Center)

1:40 - 2:00 Report on the “[Polar Icebreaker Cost Assessment](http://www.trb.org/PolicyStudies/PolarIcebreakerCostAssessment.aspx)” study by the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies of Sciences. (RADM Richard West, US Navy, Retired)

2:00 - 2:20 Update on Arctic research at the National Science Foundation (Mr. Simon Stephenson, Arctic Section Head, National Science Foundation)

**2:20 – 2:50 P.M.** ***Break***

**2:50 – 3:40 P.M. Discussion and Presentations**

2:50 - 3:20 Discussion on the [implications](https://www.newsdeeply.com/arctic/articles/2016/07/26/arctic-council-hails-new-scientific-partnership) of the newly signed “[Agreement](https://oaarchive.arctic-council.org/handle/11374/1916) on Enhancing International Arctic Scientific Cooperation” established via the Arctic Council. (with Mr. David Gravallese, Office of the Legal Advisor, Department of State).

3:20 - 3:40 Report on current activities, interests, and concerns of the [Marine Exchange of Alaska](http://www.mxak.org/home/programs.html). (Captain Ed Page (USCG, Retired), Marine Exchange of AK).

**3:40 – 4:05 P.M. Meeting review, further discussion, review of action items, next meeting**

**4:10 – 4:30** **P.M.** Preventing Unregulated Commercial Fishing in the Central Arctic Ocean **(**Dr. Peter Harrison, Professor Emeritus, School of Policy Studies, Queen’s University, former Deputy Minister of Natural Resources Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans).

**4:30** **P.M.** **Meeting adjourns**