**United States Arctic Research Commission’s 97th Meeting Agenda**

**Montreal, Quebec, Canada**

**April 27-28, 2012**

**Summary**

The USARC 97th meeting will be a 1.5-day event beginning at 1:00 pm on April 27th, in the Palais des Congres, after the closing ceremonies of the IPY 2012 Conference “[From Knowledge to Action](http://www.ipy2012montreal.ca/),” April 22-27.

**April 27**—USARC Commissioners will meet jointly with the [Canadian Polar Commission](http://www.polarcom.gc.ca/index.php?page=home&hl=en_US), from 1:00-6:00 pm. Dinner at L’Auberge Saint-Gabriel, hosted by the Canadian Polar Commission, will follow, starting at 7:30 pm.

**April 28**—USARC will meet in the Notre Dame room of [Le Place d’Armes Hotel](http://www.hotelplacedarmes.com/en/), where we will also lodge.

**Details**

### Sunday, April 22-Friday, April 27th

Throughout the week, Commissioners and staff will arrive in Montreal to participate in the IPY conference and the Commission meeting. Info on the IPY conference can be found [here](http://www.ipy2012montreal.ca/). We will be staying at Le Place d’Armes Hotel, 55Saint-Jacques West, Vieux-Montreal (Quebec), H2Y 3X2, 514-842-1887, www.hotelplacedarmes.com/en/.

### Friday, April 27th , 1 pm to 6 pm–Palais des Congres, 159 Rue Saint Antoine Ouest, Room 512C, 5th Floor

**12:00-1 P.M.** IPY Meeting Closing Ceremony

**1:00-1:15** Commissioners from both the Canadian Polar Commission and the USARC convene

in Room 512C (5th floor) for a joint meeting preceded by lunch and presentations.

**1:15** Jointmeeting of CPC and USARC convenes

**1:15 – 1:25** Welcome and Introduction Bernie Funston, CPC, Fran Ulmer, USARC

**1:25 – 1:30** Alaskan Viewpoint Mead Treadwell, Lt. Governor, Alaska and

former USARC chair

**1:30 – 2:00** “Assessing Arctic Change” Robert Corell, Principal, Global Environment

and Technology Foundation

**2:00-2:15** “Ocean Networks Canada”Kate Moran,Director, NEPTUNE Canada

**2:15 – 2:30** “Pacific Northwest Economic Region”Matt Morrison, CEO, PNWER

**2:30 – 6:00** **Discussion of CPC and USARC “Common Research Agenda”**

**1. Governance/overarching framework**

• Canada’s Arctic Foreign Policy and Northern Strategy. Bernie Funston

• US National Arctic Region Policy, and need for a strategy. Fran Ulmer

• "[Scaling](http://www.arctic.gov/publications/arctic_scaling.html)" of Arctic Research. Charles Vorosmarty.

**2. Human Dimension**

• Arctic human health research

- ArcticNet. Martin Fortier

-Water and sanitation. Warren Zapol & Cheryl Rosa

• Arctic Indigenous Languages, assessing, monitoring, and promoting

-ICC Canada proposal to Arctic Council’s SDWG. TBD

• Melding Traditional Knowledge with science. B. Ford, M. Pete, M. Fortier

**3. Terrestrial Issues**

• Terrestrial Ecosystems

-Arctic Council's Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna's Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program's (CBMP) Terrestrial Expert Monitoring Group. Cheryl Rosa.

-“Landscape Conservation [Cooperatives](http://www.fws.gov/science/shc/lcc.html).” Cheryl Rosa

-Nunavut General Monitoring [Plan](http://www.nunavutminingsymposium.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/presentation-8-Nunavut-General-Monitoring-Plan.pdf). TBD

-Northwest Territories Cumulative Impact Monitoring [Program](http://www.nwtcimp.ca/index.asp). TBD

**4. Marine Issues**

• US National Ocean [Policy](http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/oceans/implementationplan) (Arctic focus). John Farrell

• Marine research infrastructure

-Nunavut research [vessel](http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100037415). TBD

-[Sikuliaq](http://www.sfos.uaf.edu/arrv/) (UAF’s global class, ice capable research vessel). TBD

-Polar-class, heavy icebreakers. TBD

• Beaufort/Chukchi Ecosystem

-Synthesis of Arctic Research ([SOAR](http://www.arctic.noaa.gov/soar/)). Cheryl Rosa

-Distributed Biological [Observatory](http://www.arctic.noaa.gov/dbo/). John Farrell

-North Pacific Research Board’s "[Arctic Synthesis](http://arctic.nprb.org/)." Cheryl Rosa

-Beaufort Regional Environmental [Assessment](http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1310583424493). TBD

**5. Natural Resource Development Issues**

• Oil spill prevention and response, current status & research goals. Fran Ulmer

**6. Future Cooperation**

• Joint statement on IPY & on joint meeting of CPC-USARC. Ulmer & Funston

• Discussion on Canada-US back-to-back chairing of the Arctic Council. Ulmer.

• Follow-up meetings or activities from this joint meeting

**6:00 *Adjourn***

### Saturday, April 28th – Le Place D’Armes Hotel, Notre Dame Room

### 55 Saint-Jacques West, Vieux-Montreal

**9:00 A.M.** USARC Commissioners and staff reconvene

**Commission Business:**

Welcome and announcements

Approval of 96th meeting minutes

Review of action items

Chair and Commissioner reports

**10:30** **Break**

**10:45-Noon** **Business continues:**

Staff Reports

Other business (see discussion topics below)

**Noon** **Lunch**

**1:30-3:30 P.M.** **Business continues**

**3:30 – 4:00** **Break**

**4:00 – 5:00** **Business continues**

**5:00 P.M.** **97th Meeting Adjourns**

**Discussion topics**

1. Plans for 2013 Goals Report
2. NPRB board meeting (Rosa)
3. White paper on “US scientific access to the Russian Arctic”: update (Rosa)
4. Water and Sanitation issues: Update on recent efforts
5. Oil spill white paper discussion (Farrell)
6. Northwest Arctic Borough workshop (Rosa)
7. Future meetings, calendar
8. Any other business