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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
**Report on Goals and Objectives for Arctic Research 2007**

**Arlington, VA, Dec. 1, 2006**—The public comment period is now open for “Report on Goals and Objectives for Arctic Research 2007,” a draft, outline document that describes the national Arctic research priorities for the United States. All interested parties are encouraged to review the document and provide input during this public comment period (scheduled to close December 12).

As called for in the US Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984, the US Arctic Research Commission (USARC) is drafting its biennial report to the President and Congress. The report describes a vision for US Arctic research and focuses on finishing the International Polar Year with a sustainable Arctic Research Program. The report encourages initiatives on the following five themes: Environmental Change of the Arctic and Bering Seas, Arctic Human Health, Civil Infrastructure, Natural Resource Assessment & Earth Science, and Indigenous Language, Identity, and Culture.

Members from the research community, government representatives (federal, state, tribal and local), industry groups, international representatives, non-governmental organizations and any interested individuals are invited to provide comments.

Arctic research is conducted by 15 agencies of the United States government and is coordinated by the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC) chaired by the Director of the National Science Foundation.

USARC was established by the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984. USARC’s principal duties are to develop and recommend an integrated national Arctic research policy and to assist in establishing a national Arctic research program plan to implement the policy. Commissioners also facilitate cooperation between the Federal government, state and local governments, and other nations with respect to Arctic research, both basic and applied.

Comments should be addressed to Kathy Farrow at the Commission offices by e-mail at [k.farrow@arctic.gov](mailto:k.farrow@arctic.gov) (in the subject line please insert “goals report”) or by fax 1-703-525-0114, and should be received by no later than December 12, 2006.

Copies of the “Report on Goals and Objectives 2005” and other Commission documents may be found at [www.arctic.gov](http://www.arctic.gov).

For additional information about US Arctic Research Commission’s *Report on Goals and Objectives for Arctic Research 2007*, contact Kathy Farrow or visit [www.arctic.gov](http://www.arctic.gov).