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USARC's 2019-2020 Goals Report recommends Arctic research on five topics

Anchorage, AK – Fran Ulmer, Chair of the US Arctic Research Commission, released the Commission's "[*Report on the Goals and Objectives for Arctic Research 2019-2020 for the US Arctic Research Program Plan*](#)" at the Commission's 111th meeting. Affirming the need for continued scientific research, the report provides, for each of the five goals, the motivation for research, specific recommendations, and examples of current research.

The Goals Report highlights these priority research areas:

1. Advance Arctic Infrastructure, 2. Assess Arctic Natural Resources, 3. Observe, Understand, and Forecast Arctic Environmental Change, 4. Improve Community Health and Well-Being, and 5. Enhance International Scientific Cooperation in the Arctic.

“The rapid rate of change in this region has galvanized attention and support for increased investment in understanding and preparing for the New Arctic,” said Ulmer. “Research and innovative technology development can help people adapt to new conditions and challenges. This report illustrates some of the opportunities to engage communities, businesses, researchers and governments in this effort.”

USARC's report guides the development of the comprehensive 5-year program plan for overall Federal effort in Arctic research. This plan, prepared by the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC), is submitted to the President for transmittal to the Congress, and is revised biennially.

The most recent version of the White House IARPC plan is “Arctic Research Plan FY17-FY21,” published in December 2016, and it can be accessed here: <https://www.iarpccollaborations.org/plan/index.html>. More information about IARPC may be found here (<http://www.iarpccollaborations.org/index.html>).

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