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What is IARPC?

The Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC) is a committee of the U.S. National Science and Technology Council. It aims to enhance scientific research on environmental issues in the Arctic through coordination of federal agencies and domestic and international collaborators. It consists of representatives from 16 agencies, departments, and offices across the U.S. federal government and is chaired by the director of the National Science Foundation.

What is IARPC Collaborations?

IARPC Collaborations is a platform that brings together federal and non-federal researchers and partners to work together to address the critical challenges laid out in the Arctic Research Plan. Over 2500 Arctic researchers and stakeholders have come together to accelerate the pace of Arctic research. IARPC Collaborations participants include individuals from the state of Alaska and academic, non-profit, private sector, Indigenous, and international organizations.

What is the Arctic Research Plan?

IARPC is required to develop and implement a five-year research plan in consultation with the U.S. Arctic Research Commission, the governor of the state of Alaska, residents of the Arctic, the private sector, and public interest groups. The plan identifies critical areas where U.S. Arctic research supports U.S. policy from community to global scales and looks for areas where federal investment is enhanced through interagency collaboration. It intentionally builds on the strong intellectual accomplishments and ideas of the research community. The plan aims to advance knowledge and decision support for challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. It is implemented in part through IARPC Collaborations.

DEVELOPING THE NEXT ARCTIC RESEARCH PLAN (2022-2026)

Contact plan@iarpccollaborations.org with any comments or questions.

Status of the Arctic Research Plan

Every five years, IARPC develops a new Arctic Research Plan. The next plan, which will cover 2022 to 2026, is currently out for public review and comment.

Beginning in October 2019, IARPC began to share information with the public about the development of the next Arctic Research Plan. IARPC held a public comment period, including listening sessions and webinars, between April 3 and August 2, 2020. Comments received from Indigenous communities, researchers, federal agencies, state of Alaska agencies, and others helped inform the draft of the Arctic Research Plan 2022-2026.

Public Input on the Draft Plan

IARPC is now asking for input on the draft Arctic Research Plan 2022-2026 through June 11, 2021. The plan and information on how to comment can be found at iarpccollaborations.org/draft-plan.html. This input will be used by federal drafting teams to revise the plan.

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