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Greetings,

Welcome to the second monthly newsletter updating you on the development of the next Arctic Research Plan 2022-2026 (the “Plan”).

The development of the Plan is an effort led by the [Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee \(IARPC\)](#), which is [required](#) to develop and implement an Arctic Research Plan every five years. The [current Plan](#) will expire at the end of 2021. The Plans are designed to improve the work that Federal agencies conduct in the Arctic by creating a collaborative and coordinated approach to Arctic research.

IARPC invites you to be part of the discussion to shape the next Plan. Through this newsletter, IARPC will keep you informed about the plan process, [upcoming events](#), and how you can discuss and engage with IARPC members, and others, on your thoughts for the next Plan.

General Updates

In May 2020, Dr. Larry Hinzman joined the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) as the new Assistant Director for Polar Science and the Executive Director of IARPC. Dr. Hinzman is joining OSTP from the University of Alaska Fairbanks where he served as Vice Chancellor for Research. Also in May, Sorina Stalla joined the IARPC team as Policy Analyst/Editor for the development of the new plan. She will be supporting Plan Development Director, Dr. Nikoosh Carlo. In June, IARPC welcomed Liz Weinberg as the new Web Manager and Community Outreach Coordinator for IARPC. She is joining us from NOAA’s Office of National Marine Sanctuaries where she served as Writer and Digital Outreach Coordinator. Please see the [IARPC Secretariat page](#) for IARPC staff bios.

Requests for Input

At this stage we are continuing to inform people about the Plan development process and how to engage and contribute to the Plan. We want to hear from you before we start drafting the plan.

- What are the critical issues facing the U.S. Arctic?
- What content and structure should be integrated into the new plan to best communicate these critical issues and how Federal agencies and collaborators should approach them?

Please send us your comments on the above questions by **August 2, 2020**. There are many ways you can contribute your ideas:

- Submit your ideas through the [Federal Register Notice](#)
- Submit your ideas through this [online form](#)
- Comment or direct message us on the [IARPC Collaborations Facebook page](#)
- Email IARPCPlan@nsf.gov
- Participate in public webinars. Information about past and future events available [here](#)

We are also collecting strategic plans and public facing documents that identify research needs from communities, organizations, municipalities, the State of Alaska, international partners, the private sector, and relevant organizations to build from. If you have a planning document already completed that you would like to discuss with us, get in contact with Meredith (mlavalley@arcus.org). View our current resource list [here](#).

For more information on how to contribute please visit our [IARPC Plan Development webpage](#). You can find the current Arctic Research Plan 2017-2021 [here](#).

Outreach Updates

On May 29, IARPC held a [community-wide information session](#) on the Plan development. We will hold another community-wide session on [July 20](#). To attend this session please be sure to register [here](#) or email Meredith LaValley (mlavalley@arcus.org).

Additional upcoming listening and information sessions include a Health and Wellbeing Collaboration Team listening session on [June 16](#) and a Coastal Resilience Collaboration Team monthly briefing on [July 1](#). Registration is required for all listening sessions, if you have issues registering please contact Meredith LaValley (mlavalley@arcus.org). The Coastal Resilience Collaboration Team is devoting a part of their monthly meetings to discuss Plan development and is a regular place to engage.

These sessions are great opportunities to share your thoughts, ask questions, and learn more. As we continue to develop the plan, we will keep you updated on our progress as well as additional opportunities for you to engage and provide input. Stay up to date by signing up to receive the Plan Development newsletter [here](#).

Thank you again for your interest. Please feel free to reach out directly to me (Nikoosh.Carlo@gmail.com), or to the IARPC Secretariat (mlavalley@arcus.org) with questions or comments.

Sincerely,
Nikoosh Carlo
Plan Development Director

Upcoming events, quick links, and additional resources

- [Upcoming Opportunities to Engage](#) (For privacy, the connection information is housed on the member side of IARPC Collaborations, if you would like to attend an event but do not have an account please email mlavalley@arcus.org)
 - [Health & Well-being Collaboration Team Listening Session](#): June 16th

- Coastal Resilience Collaboration Team Monthly Briefings: [June 10th](#); [July 1st](#)
- [Public Information Session on 2022-2026 Arctic Research Plan Information Session](#): July 20th

- Arctic Research Plan 2022-2026 Informational Documents
 - [FAQ](#) for the current and open request for input
 - What is IARPC and What has IARPC Accomplished [Flyer](#)
 - [May 2020 Newsletter](#) Update
 - [Factsheet](#) for current IARPC 5-year plan 2017-2021

You are receiving this message because you have previously engaged with IARPC and/or requested additional information about our Arctic research efforts. If you do not wish to receive these updates, or if you were forwarded this message and would like to receive these messages directly, please notify mlavalley@arcus.org /sign up [here](#). Input may be submitted through the public comment form available [here](#).