



May 13, 2020

Greetings,

Thank you for your interest in the development of the next Arctic Research Plan 2022-2026 (the “Plan”). This effort is 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 main goal of these plans is 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!

In April 2020, [Dr. Nikoosh Carlo](#) joined IARPC as the Plan Development Director. As an Alaskan from Tanana and raised in Fairbanks, she will work with the IARPC team to develop a vision, scope, and framework for the Plan, as well as refine communications and specific engagement strategies.

This message is the first monthly update IARPC will circulate to 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 Arctic Research Plan.

Request for input

Our main message this month is to let you know that drafting of the new Arctic Research Plan has not yet started. At this point, we are still informing people about the process, where input and discussions will take place, how you can engage with the process, and upcoming deadlines. We have not yet begun to write the new Plan because we want your input first!

- 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?

You can find the current Arctic Research Plan [here](#). If you have thoughts on the above questions, please consider sharing your input by emailing IARPCPlan@nsf.gov or through the different ways outlined on the [IARPC Plan Development webpage](#).

Process and progress to-date

IARPC approved development of the next Arctic Research Plan in October 2019. Later that same month, at the Alaska Federation of Natives Conference in Fairbanks, IARPC started communicating about the upcoming effort to develop the next 5-year Arctic Research Plan and since then has shared information about Plan development at 13 events. See the [full timeline of previous engagement activities](#).

In January 2020, the [Federal Plan Development Team](#) was established and met for the first time. During February and March 2020, IARPC continued to communicate the process for developing the next Plan (see the quick links below to these informational resources) and plan engagement opportunities. See list of future and past engagement events [here](#). We will continue to update this timeline as we learn about or schedule events.

On April 3 2020, IARPC released a Federal Register Notice soliciting input on the content and structure of the Plan. The deadline to submit comments is August 2 (extended from July 2). Please see the [Federal Register Notice](#) for more information.

We are looking forward to future opportunities for engagement. Throughout the Plan development process, we will endeavor to provide email updates on the Plan Development Team's work, and to highlight any upcoming opportunities for public input. You can sign 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)
 - SEARCH hosted community webinars: [May 14](#) and [May 18](#)
- *Background Documents*
 - [About IARPC](#)
 - [Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 \(amended 1990\)](#)
 - [White Papers Prepared to Develop the 2017-2021 Plan](#)
 - [View the current and past Arctic Research Plans](#)
- *Arctic Research Plan 2022-2026 Informational Documents*
 - [FAQ](#)
 - [IARPC Engagement Slides](#)
 - [What is IARPC and What has IARPC Accomplished Flyer](#)
 - [Timeline of Plan Development Engagement Activities to Date](#)
 - [Information about past and future events](#)
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