

Managing our Planet: the State of the Arctic (and National Security)





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Climate Change. Challenges. Solutions

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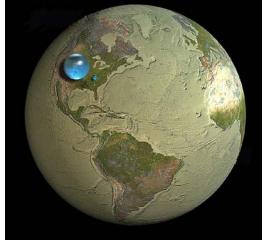


Why Care About Climate Change?



It's About People

• It's About Water



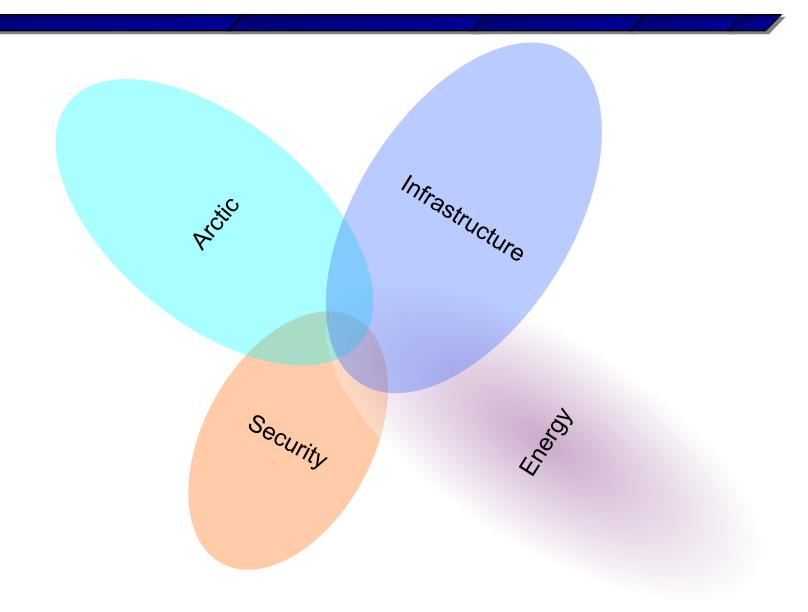




World Population (est.) 10,000 BC - 2,000 AD

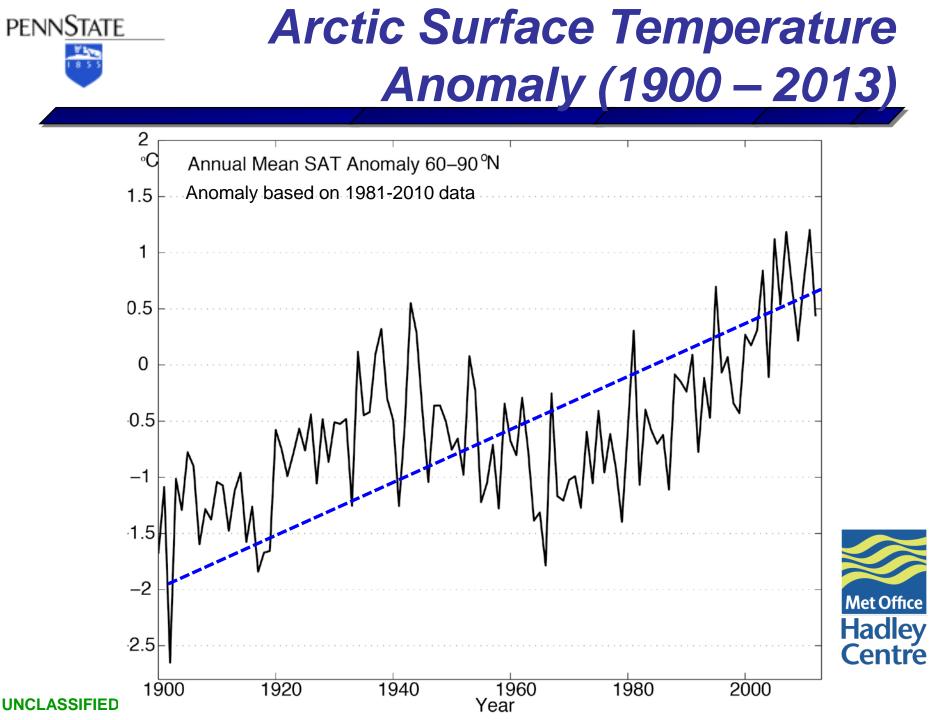






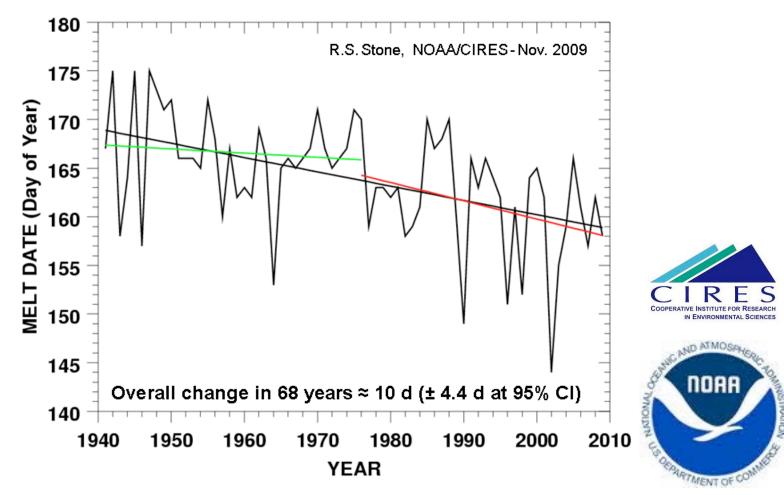


It's an Ocean
It's Changing
It's not a Vacuum





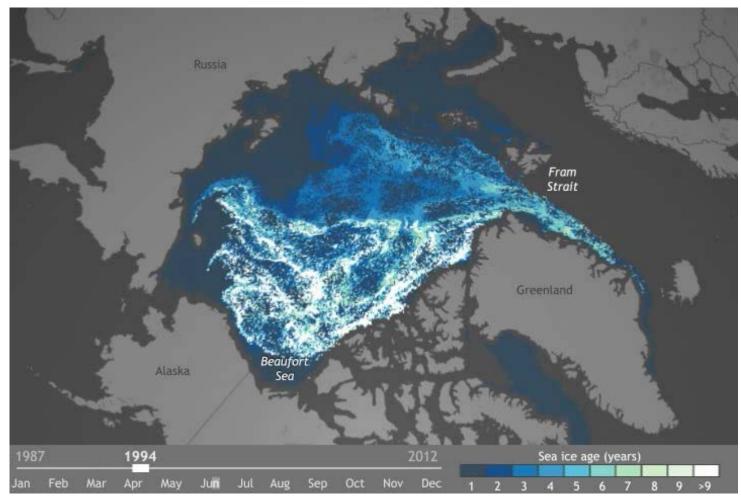
NOAA BRW melt date time series, 1941-2009



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Arctic Sea Ice (1994 – 2012)



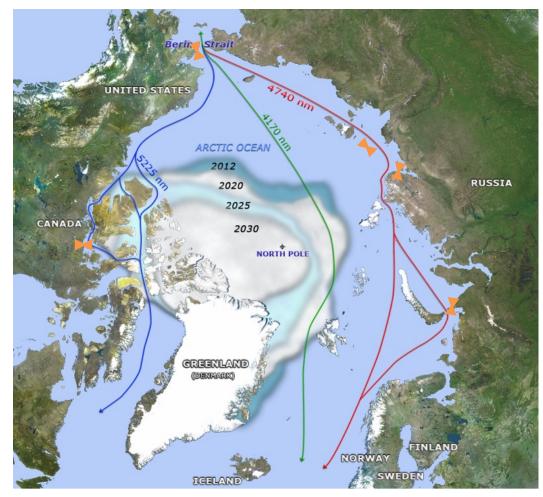


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Courtesy: US Navy

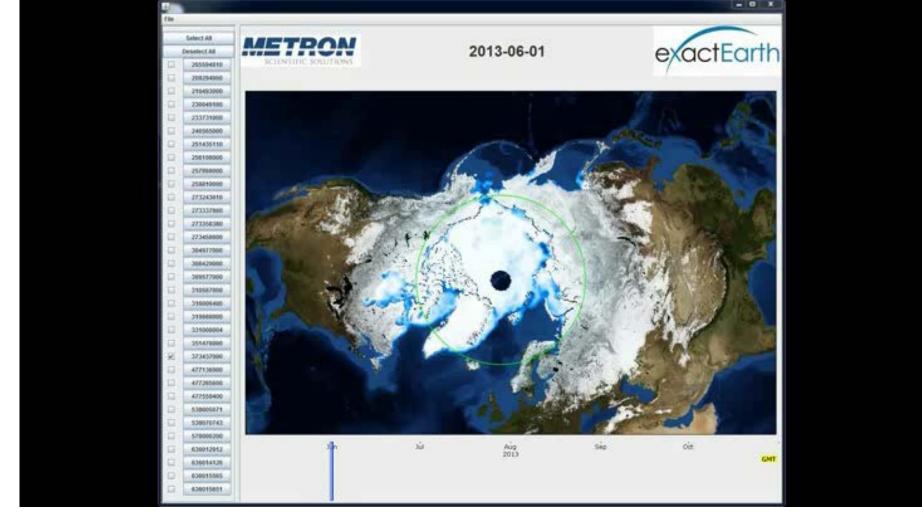
Northern Sea Route 2025: 6 weeks open 41' controlling draft

Transpolar Route 2025: 2 weeks open Deep ocean transit

Northwest Passage 2025: intermittently open 33' controlling draft

> Crossroads Sea route distances: Distance from the Bering Strait to Rotterdam

M/V NORDIC ORION Summer Cruise 2013



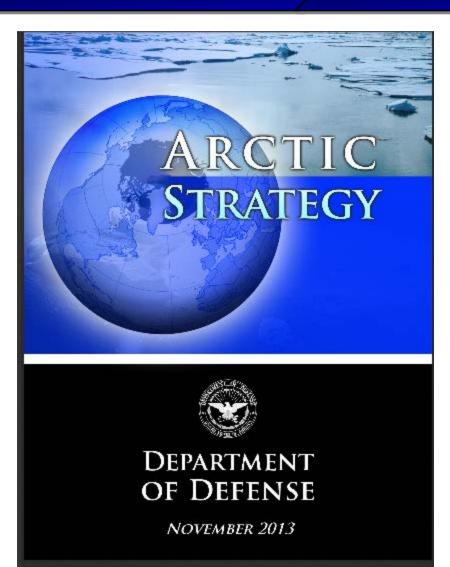
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DoD Arctic Strategy



Desired End-States:

- Secure and Stable Region
- Safeguard US National Interests
- Protect US Homeland
- Pursue responsible stewardship
- Work cooperatively

National Arctic Implementation Plan

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| White House Releases Implementation Plan for the National Strategy for the Arctic Region Posted by Patrick Ventrell on January 30, 2014 at 01:09 PM EST | GIVE FEEDBACK ABOUT THIS PAGE |
| Today the White House released the Implementation Plan for the National Strategy for the Arctic Region. The Administration solicited input from Alaska Natives, the State of Alaska, Congress, academia, industry and others to develop an Implementation Plan that sets forth the guidelines for Federal Departments and Agencies to execute the National Strategy for the Arctic Region. The Implementation Plan complements and builds upon existing initiatives by Federal, State, local, and tribal authorities, the private sector, and international partners, and also focuses efforts where opportunities exist and action is most needed. It is designed to meet the reality of a changing Arctic environment and uphold our interests in safety and security, protect the environment, and work with international partners to pursue our global objective of combating the effects of climate change as described in the President's Climate Action Plan. | WHITE HOUSE |
| While the Implementation Plan is designed to guide the activities of Federal Departments and Agencies, successful implementation will depend upon active engagement and coordination with Alaska Natives and the State of Alaska. | BLOGS |

The Implementation Dian will be reviewed on an annual basis to ansure that pressness continues to be





One Scenario

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The Arctic is not a vacuum – the changes in the region will also impact Asia

Navy Arctic Strategic Objectives

Signed by CNO on 21 May 2010





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I. Contribute to safety, stability, & security in the region



IV. Strengthen existing & foster new cooperative relationships in the region



II. Safeguard U.S. maritime interests in the region



V. Ensure Navy forces are capable and ready

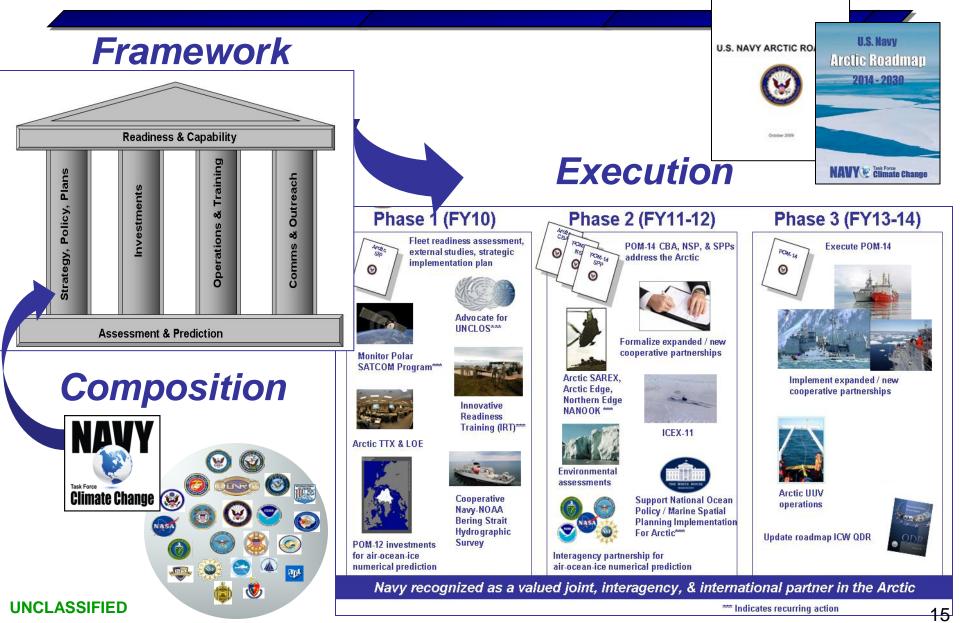


III. Protect the American people, our critical infrastructure, & key resources

Towards the desired end state: a safe, stable, and secure Arctic

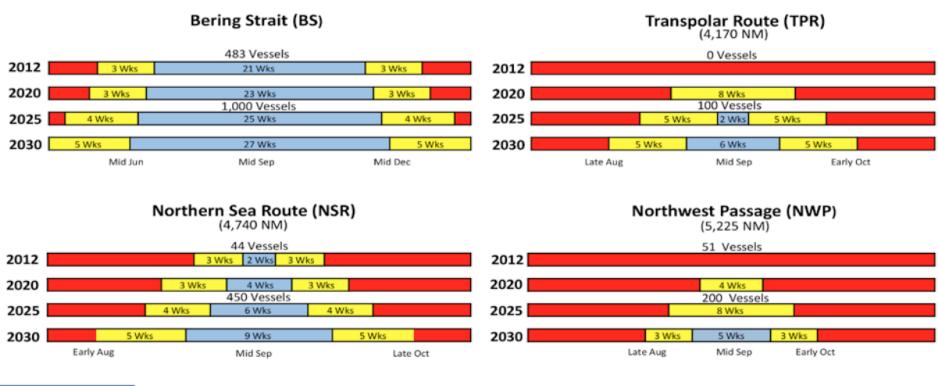


Navy Arctic Roadmap





Arctic Sea Route Navigability





> 40% sea ice

Shoulder Season: 10-40% sea ice

Open Water: < 10% sea ice



Arctic Roadmap 2014 Implementation Plan



Working Groups

ATF

Policy, Strategy, Missions, & Plans

Requirements Operations & Training

Science & Technology

Environmental Observation & Prediction

Safe Navigation

Maritime Domain Awareness

Platforms, Weapons, & Sensors

C4ISR

Installations & Facilities

Strategic Communications & Outreach

| Near-term | (present-2020 |
|-----------|---------------|
| | |

- Primarily undersea and air presence
- Surface ship presence in open water
- Specify Requirements
- Investment decisions
 - Targeted increases
- Gain experience and expertise
 - S&T
 - Exchanges
 - Exercises
- Update Doctrine, CONOPS, TTPs
- Strengthen Partnerships

- Mid-term (2020-2030)
- Be ready to respond to contingencies and emergencies
- Periodic presence
 - SAR, DSCA, FoN
- Deliver capability
- Gain additional experience and expertise

Operate deliberately for sustained periods as

Far-term (FY30 and beyond)

Manned, trained equipped:

needed

 Sub, surface, air, space, cyberspace

The roadmap leads to a force that is capable and ready to operate in the Arctic as needed

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Naval Studies Board Recommendations

THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES Advisers to the Nation on Science, Engineering, and Medicine NAVAL STUDIES BOARD



Support ratification of United Nations Convention On the Law of the Sea



Address naval coastal installation vulnerabilities

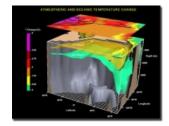


Prepare for increase in Humanitarian Assistance, Arctic missions



Address emerging technical requirements (e.g. polar ops)





Support research & development

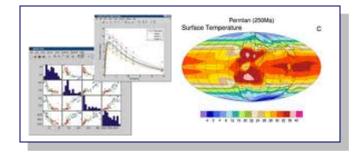
Navy action is already underway



Improving Prediction Capability

Earth System Prediction Capability

Recapitalize aging suite of global atmospheric models





Revolutionary advancement National predictive architecture

Interagency collaboration



Initial Navy investments in today's budget

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Unexplored Contingencies



Leadership Counts

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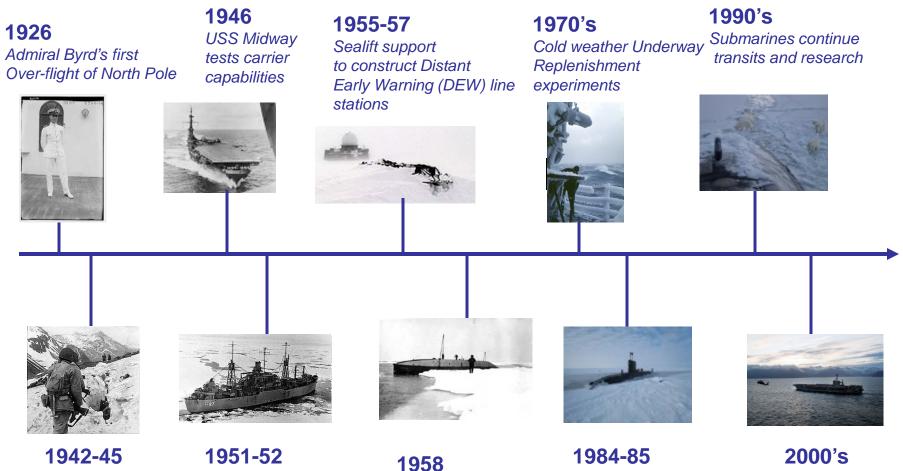
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Discussion





Navy's Arctic Experience



World War II: Dutch Harbor, Attu & Kiska **1951-52** Sealift support to enlarge Thule Air Force Base

1958 Nautilus first under-ice transit **1984-85** Arctic undersea exercises **2000's** Continuing Naval exercises



Commercial activity remains limited through 2030

- Shipping, oil, & gas extraction to grow <u>after</u> 2030
- Fishing to grow but only gradually
- Tourism & maritime research will increase the most





Harsh operating environment will remain the greatest limiting factor