

ATTACHMENT 1

November Principals' Meeting Action Items

ACTION: The Staff Group is asked to develop further the flow chart of Federal agency research in the Arctic.

ACTION: In order to ensure better communication and a sharing of information, prior to the next Principal's meeting, Principals will be asked to provide one or two research activities of critical importance to their agency.

ACTION: In order to ensure better Federal agency coordination, Principals are asked to consider their staff participation IARPC in order to guarantee that the totality of their interests is represented in the IARPC process.

ACTION: In order to ensure that Arctic interagency activities are coordinated, the IARPC staff group will develop a fact sheet on the various interagency efforts having an Arctic focus. Such interagency activities include, but are not limited to, the National Ocean Council, the Arctic Policy Group, and the Arctic Interagency Research Policy Group. The Staff Group will ensure that there is overlapping participation between IARPC and each of these groups and ensure that activities within IARPC are reported to these groups.

ACTION: Agencies are encouraged to send suggestions and comments to the NRC Blue Ribbon Panel within the next the next few months.

ACTION: Begin drafting the infrastructure section of the 5-year plan immediately and develop it in tandem with the rest of the research sections in order to ensure the right synergy between the two sections. Include Department of State review of the infrastructure section to ensure coordination with international partners.

ACTION: USDA will provide input to sections on human health and resilience of the 5-year plan.

ACTION: The Staff Group should consider whether a set of overarching scientific questions should be included in the 5-year plan.

ACTION: By the end of this calendar year, the staff group will collect and incorporate agency comments on the draft 5-year plan, include the section on infrastructure and re-circulate the plan to the Principals. After the principals have been given a chance to review the plan in early 2012, it can be circulated for community input.

ACTION: The IARPC Staff Group will prepare a discussion on international activities as they relate to IARPC for a future IARPC Principals meeting.