



## **US Arctic Policy Goals**



- Meet National & homeland security needs
- Protect the Arctic environment & conserve it's biological resources
- Ensure that natural resource mgmt & economic development in the region is environmentally sustainable
- Strengthen cooperation among Arctic nations
- Involve indigenous communities in decisions that affect them
- Enhance scientific monitoring & research

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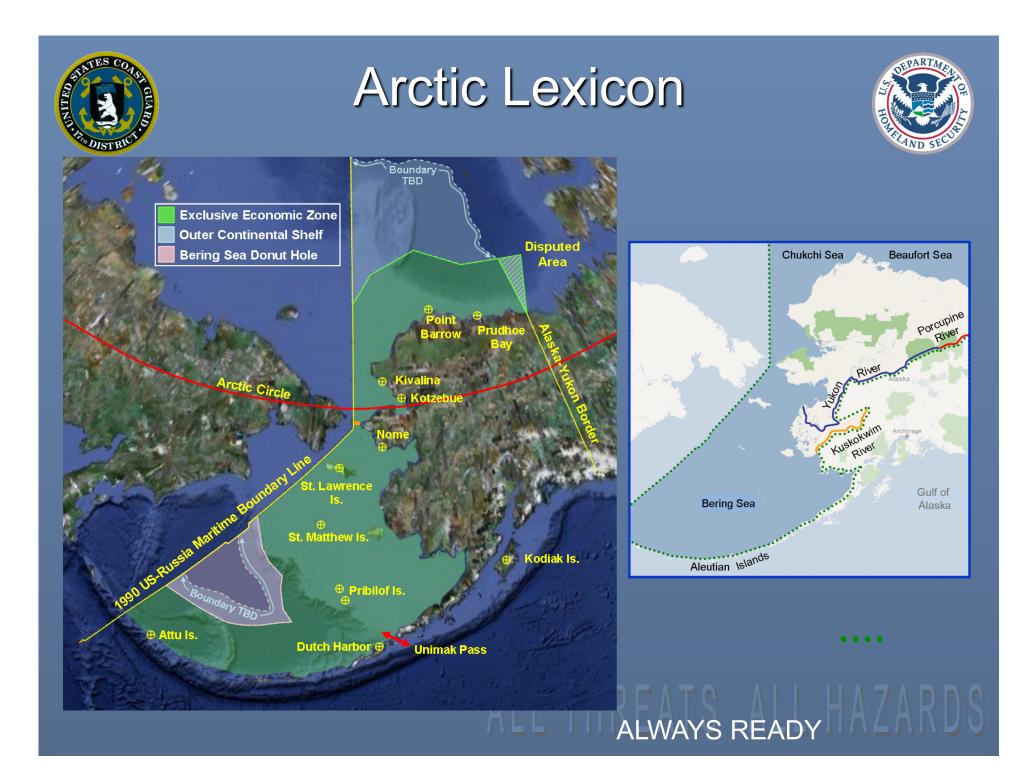
SUBJECT: , Arctic Region Policy

#### I. PURPOSE

A. This directive establishes the policy of the United States with respect to the Arctic region and directs related implementation actions. This directive supersedes Presidential Decision Directive/NSC-26 (PDD-26; issued 1994) with respect to Arctic policy but not Antarctic policy; PDD-26 remains in effect for Antarctic policy only.

B. This directive shall be implemented in a manner consistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States, with the obligations of the United States under the treaties and other international agreements to which the United States is a party, and with customary international law as recognized by the United States, including with respect to the law of the sea.



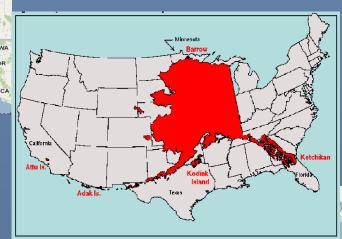




## Alaskan Distances



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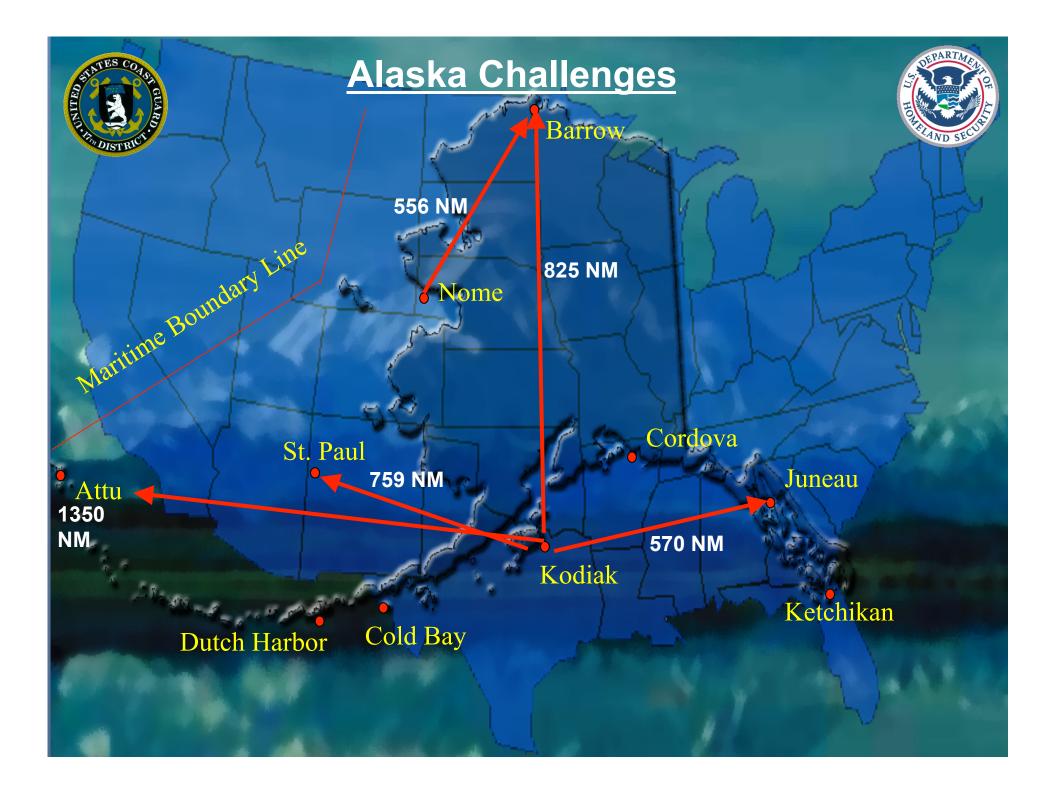
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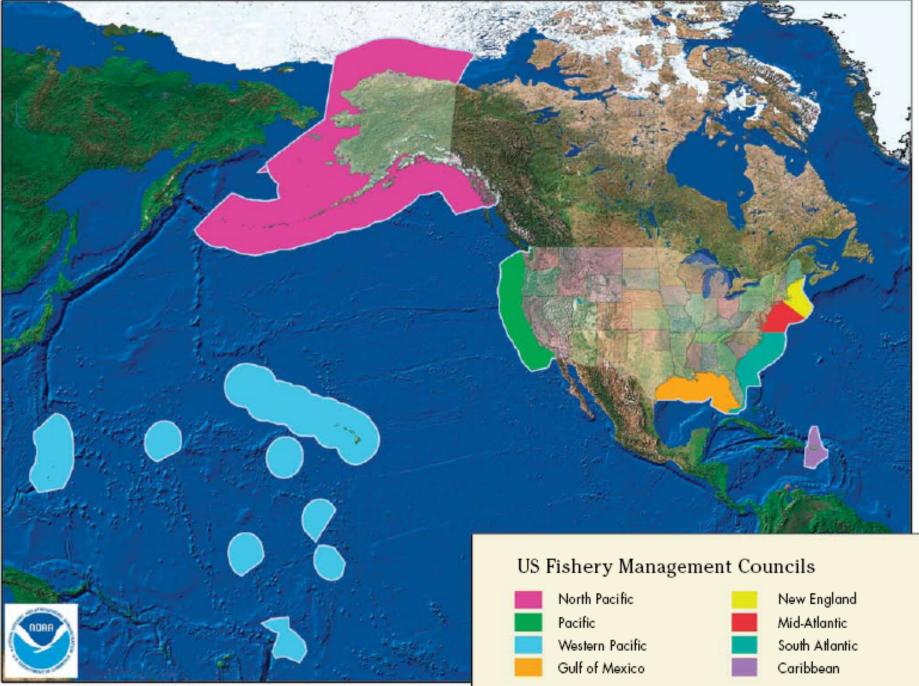
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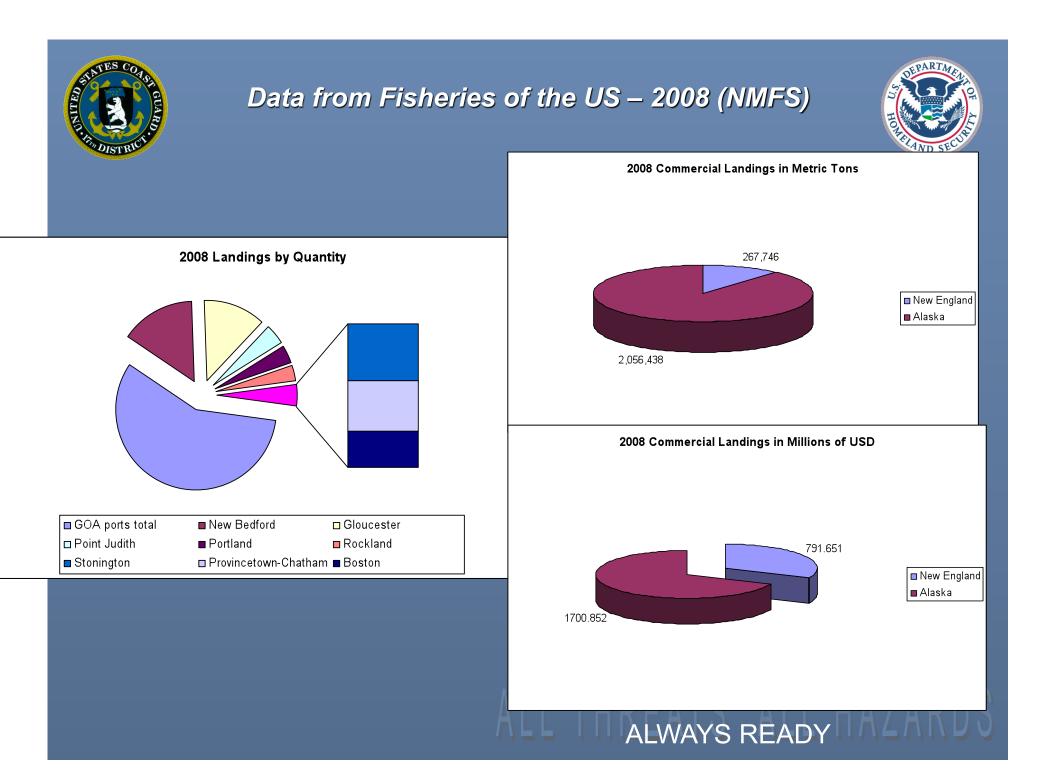
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NOAA Fisheries Office of Science and Technology





# Northern Alaskan Ports



•Facilities north of Dutch Harbor are minimal •Shallow draft •Fuel availability •Repair infrastructure

# Port of Nome



Medium Endurance Cutters and Smaller

## **Port of Dutch Harbor**

Five City owned marine facilities: Full Service Facility USCG Dock Unalaska Marine Center (UMC) Dock Spit Dock Light Cargo Dock (LCD) Robert Storrs International Small Boat Harbor

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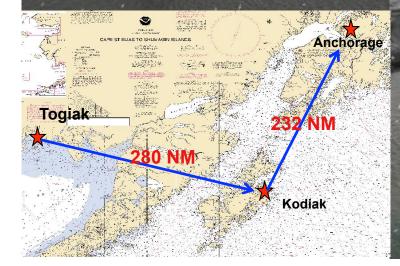
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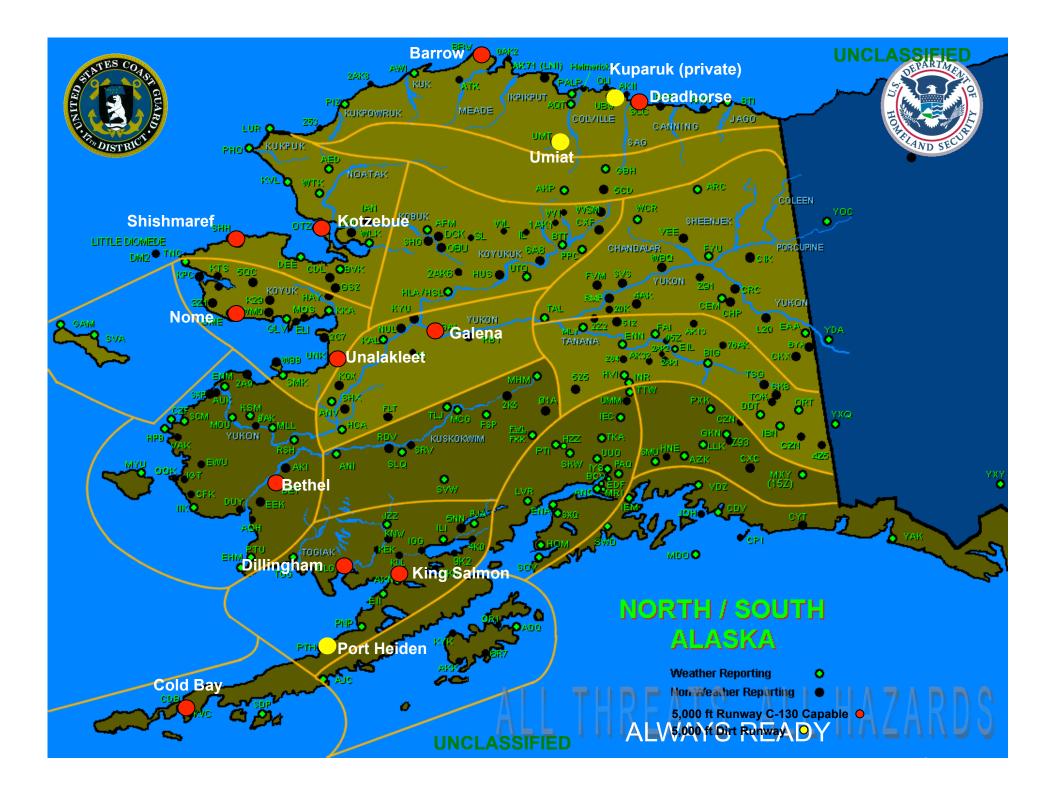
## Typical Cargo Ops in the Arctic and Western Alaska





## **Crowley Barge Stranded Aground**







## North Pole C-130 Flight Oct 2007

Arctic Domain Awareness (ADA) flights started in 2007

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**Twice monthly flights Mar-Dec** 

# Arctic Ops Summer 🕻



- Arctic Domain Awareness
- Cutter Operations
  - HEALY, POLAR SEA, SPAR, HICKORY
- Tailored Force Package Deployments to Prudhoe Bay and Barrow
- Community EngagementSAR Exercise



## Community Outreach (Applied Diversity for Operational Effect)



- Dialogue with Northern and Western Alaskan Communities & Tribes
  - Imperative for safe operations
  - Boating safety exchange in Barrow, Kotzebue & several remote North Slope villages



# **Community Outreach**



- SPAR and HICKORY conduct community assistance
  - Harpoon propellant delivery for subsistence whalers
  - Hazardous waste/plastics/scrap metal disposal

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Barrow Wainwright Kivalina Point Lay Kotzebue Point Hope Wales

# Salliq: Lessons Learned

- Infrastructure Insufficient
- Lack of effective communication
- Small boats/short range helos ineffective



- Require icebreakers or ice hardened vessels with embarked helos
- Input from indigenous people imperative





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# Salliq: Lessons Learned



- Domain Awareness
  - Observed activity in region at or slightly above anticipated levels
  - Current technologies proved less than accurate regarding vessel activity and sea ice conditions
- Logistics
  - Existing infrastructure insufficient for prolonged operations (fuel, berthing, communications)
  - Need to provide own self rescue





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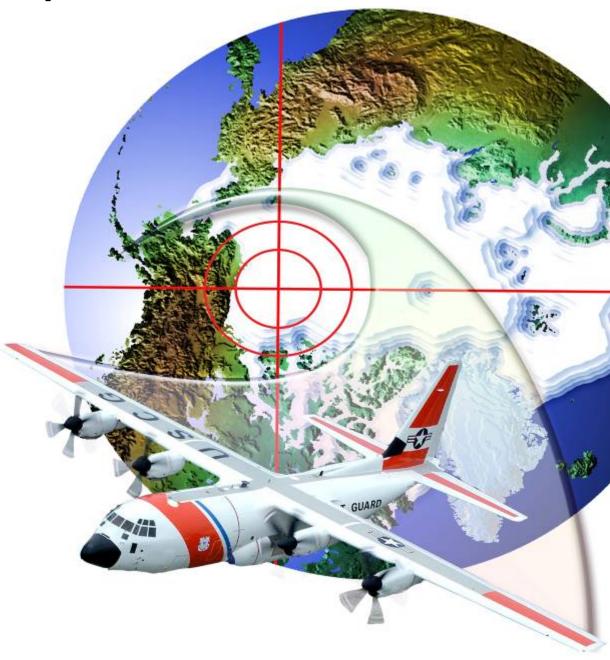
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- Resource Capability
  - Small boats/short range helos ineffective
  - Require icebreakers or ice hardened vessels with embarked helos
  - Lack of effective communication network/ architecture
- Outreach
  - Input from indigenous people imperative
  - Essential to have effective culturally sensitive engagement



## **Operation Arctic Crossroads**





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## **Arctic Domain Awareness**

- Air Patrols
  - 'Eyes on' above the Arctic Circle
    - Provide scientists platforms of opportunity
    - Media opportunity to increase ADA at the global level

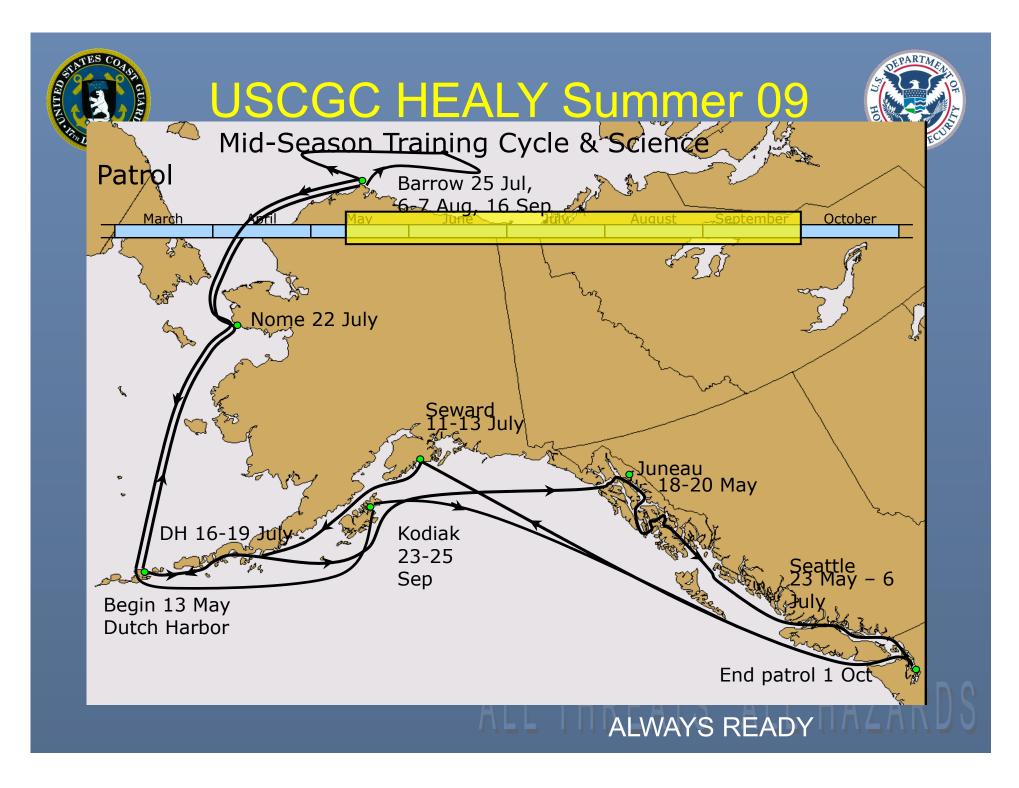
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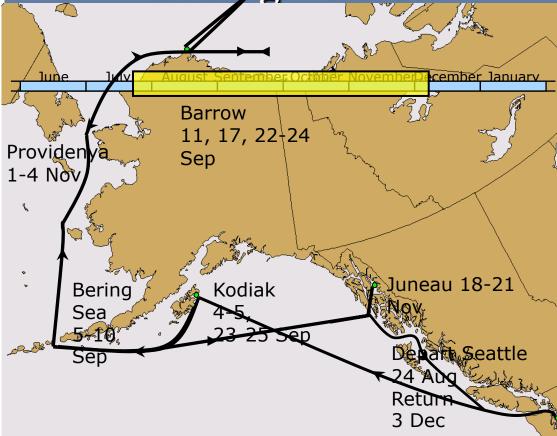


# USCGC POLAR SEA



## Science ops for the National Science Foundation

## 24 Aug – 3 Dec





## Alaska Native Consultation and Cultural Communications Course





3-5 Aug 2009

Juneau



DHS directive to solicit and engage Alaskan
Native Tribes in the development of regulatory
policies

• To provide Coast Guard leadership with a background on the federal trust responsibility & need for appropriate tribal engagement







# USCG Prudhoe Bay

- Deployable Operations Group (DOG) forces deployed to Prudhoe Bay for 5 days, 19-25 July 2009 for inshore maritime security
- 2 small boats (RB-HS & SPC-SW), support equipment
- Sling launch boat
- 20 Personnel



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## Nome Tailored Force Package

4 helos (CG, ANG, ARNG) and two 25' small boats

- 83 people
- Boating Safety Training Team
- SAR Demo/Static Display
- Visited 11 Villages
- Community/Tribal Liaison
- Building a traditional boat
- Medical/Dental/Veterinary/ Optometry outreach Team
- Community Project Beach Cleanup



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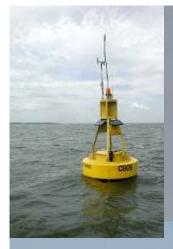
## Barrow Tailored Force Package 25-30 Aug 2009

- One 25' RB-HS small boat
- One 23' Sea Ark
- One 18' Sea Wolf Boat
- Boating Safety Training Team
- Community/Tribal Liaison
- Delivered via C-130









# USCGC SPARDeploy NOAA Buoy

- Spilled Oil Recovery System (SORS) Exercise in Nome 25 August
- Doctors to Little Diomede



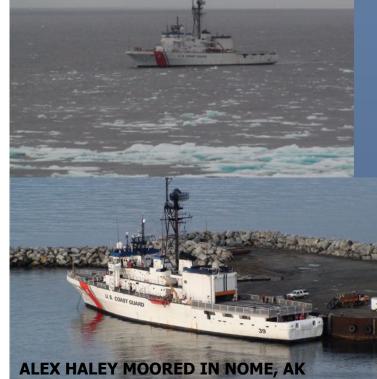


## CGC ALEX HALEY Arctic Patrol Sep – Oct 2009





ALEX HALEY underway with sea ice



- Patrol Goals and Accomplishments
  - Arctic Domain Awareness
    - Patrolled Arctic for 21 days.
  - Community Outreach
    - Met with Mayor of Kotzebue.
    - Embarked helicopter served as static display for Kotzebue schoolchildren.
  - Exercise VERTREP capability
    - Conducted VERTREP via embarked HH-65 off Kotzebue.



### Arctic MEDEVAC C/V BREMEN

### 03 Sept 09

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**Situation:** NPSC/D17CC received a MEDEVAC request for a 27 YOF suffering from possible appendicitis, on the C/S BREMEN, located approximately 30 NW of Prudhoe Bay. Due to location, it would take Coast Guard assets approximately 8 hours to arrive on scene.

**Response:** No air assets were available from RCC Anchorage, North Slope Borough SAR or local companies in the Prudhoe Bay area. D17 engaged with a local cooperative, Alaska Clean Seas, who agreed to launching one of their boats for the response.

**Rescue:** Alaska Clean Seas launched a 42 foot vessel, with two medics from the BP oil company, to rendezvous with the BREMEN and returned the patient to Prudhoe Bay where a commercial air ambulance transport to Anchorage.





### Alaska Native Diversity Education Recruitment Outreach 23-25 SEP 09



Nome, AK – Petty Officer 2nd Class Cody Lathrop with the Coast Guard Cutter Mustang homeported in Seward, Alaska, assists a Nome high school student with donning law enforcement gear during the Alaskan Native Outreach at Nome High School. Lathrop demonstrated Coast Guard law enforcement gear and spoke about his role as a machinery technician to youth at Nome, Kotzebue and Barrow public schools.





Kotzebue, AK – Petty Officer 1st Class Eileen Nelson with Marine Safety Unit Morgan City participates in a Kid's Don't Float program during the Alaskan Native Outreach with Kotzebue's elementary students focusing on the importance of wearing life jackets. Nelson is a native of Igiugig, Alaska

Nome, AK - Chief Luis Nieves with Sector Anchorage shows a Nome high school student the proper way to carry a weapon during the Alaskan Native Outreach at Nome High School. Nieves is a Coast Guard reservist and works with the Alaska State Troopers in Kotzebue.





Barrow, AK – Capt. Henry Shen with ISC Ketchikan takes a Barrow Middle School student's blood pressure during the Alaskan Native Outreach at Barrow's middle school. Shen is a flight surgeon and spoke with students about his Coast Guard career. His hometown is Mountain Village, Alaska.



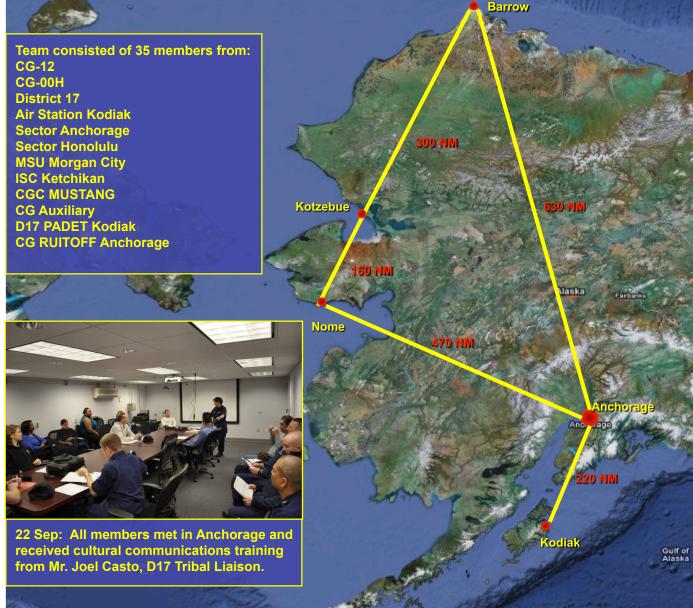
Kotzebue, AK - Master Chief Jeremiah Roberts with the Seventeenth District Command Center in Juneau shows a middle school student how to plot on a navigational chart during the Alaskan Native Outreach.

> Gulf of Alaska



## Alaska Native Diversity Education Recruitment Outreach

#### 23-25 Sep 2009





22 Sep: A/S Kodiak C130 transported the team from Anchorage to Nome.

23 Sep: Conducted outreach at Nome Elementary and Nome Beltz Jr-Sr High School. Upon completion, departed to Kotzebue via C130.

24 Sep: Conducted outreach at Kotzebue Elementary, Middle and High Schools. Upon completion, departed to Barrow via C130.

25 Sep: Conducted outreach at Barrow Elementary, Eben Hopson Middle School, Barrow High School and Ilisagvik College. Upon completion, departed to Anchorage via C130. Mission complete.

Coast Guard team representation consisted of:

Military and Civilian Recruiting Search and Rescue Law Enforcement Small Boat Operations Large Cutter Operations Air Operations (fixed and rotary wing) Marine Safety Water & Boating Safety Public Affairs Medical (Doctor / Flight Surgeon) Alaska Native Coast Guard Members





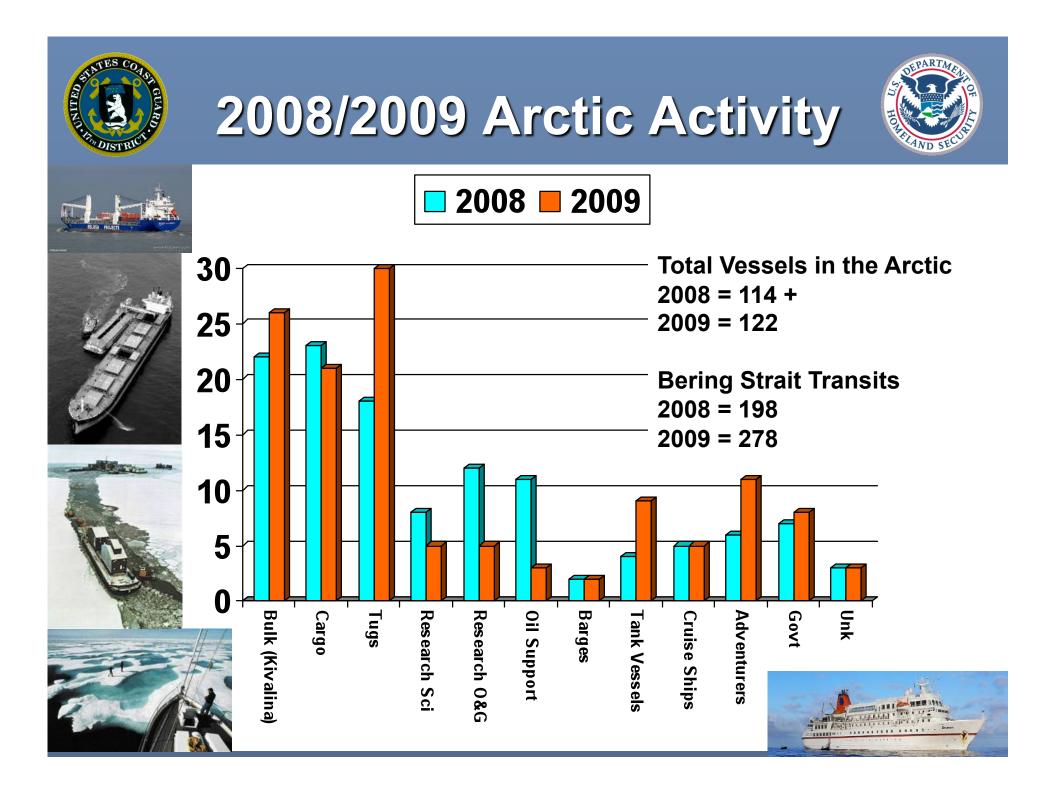


## **Cultural Security**



- AK has 229 of the 564 Federally Recognized Native Tribes
- EO 13175 Mandates Tribal Consultation
- 13 Native Regional & 200 Village Corporations
- Protection of subsistence lifestyle engage with native corporations

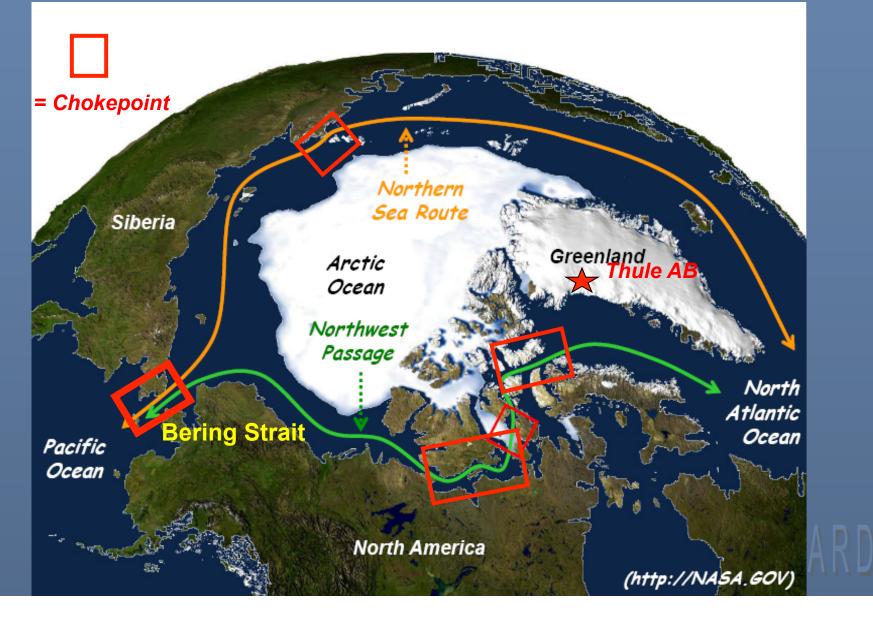






### National Security Potential Future Arctic Shipping Routes





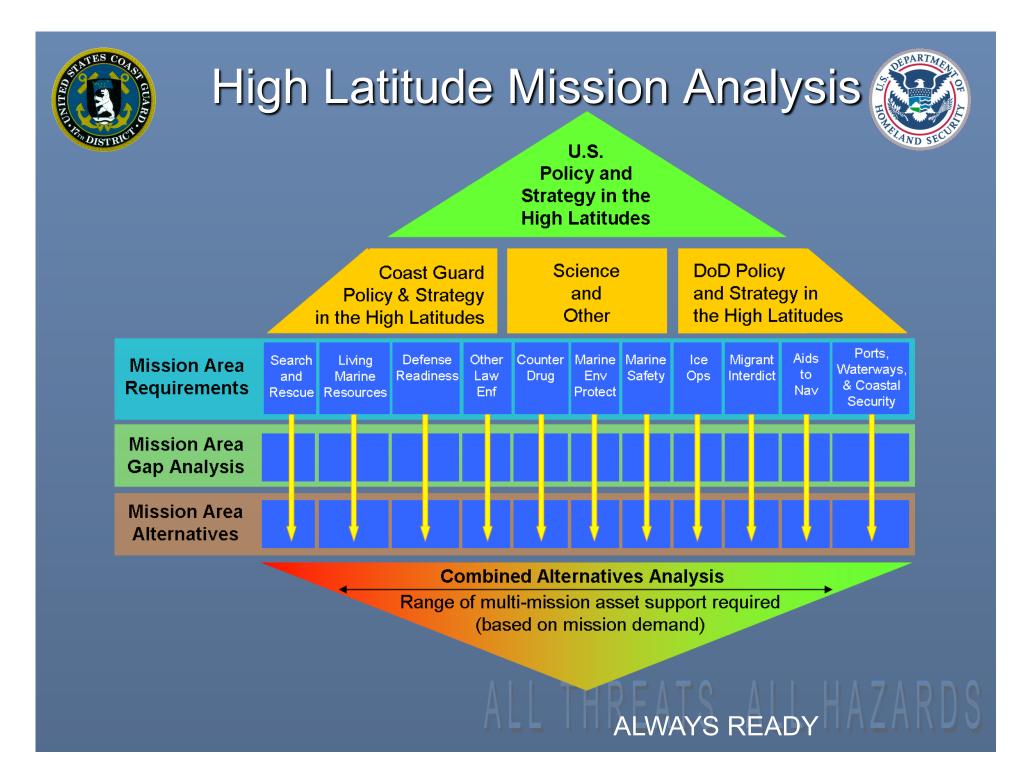
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## U.S. ICEBREAKERS

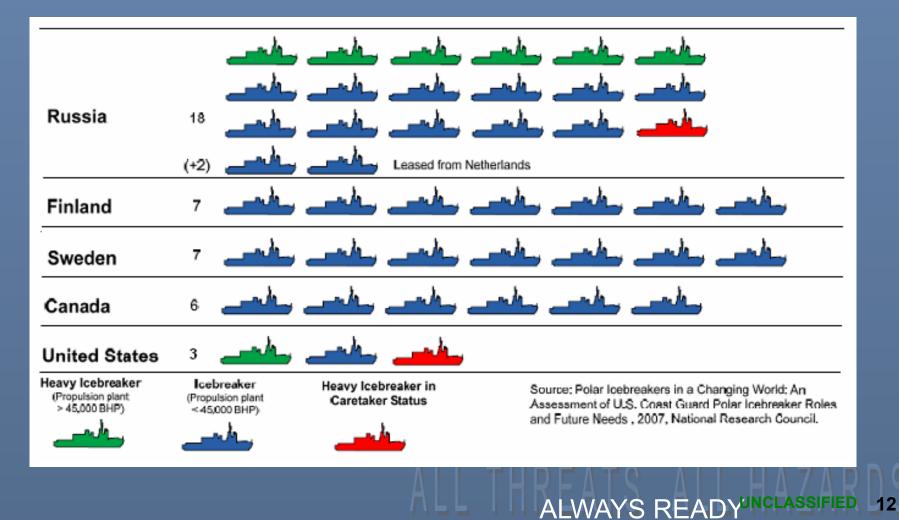
- Operating Budget in 2010 remains with NSF
  POLAR STAR reactivation
- Long term icebreaker plans undetermined







### **Largest Polar and Baltic Icebreakers**





## Future Options for Icebreaking Capability



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- Polar Icebreaker Acquisition History:
  - 1964 to 1975: 2 Polar-Class Icebreakers, \$125M, USCG Appropriations
  - 1990: USCGC HEALY, \$329M, DOD Appropriations (Navy Shipbuilding)

Recapitalization Options for Polar-Class Icebreakers:

- Service Life Extension Project (add 25 years of service life)
   \$400M per ship, 2-year maintenance period
- 2. Replacement (30-year service life) Polar-Class equivalent: \$800-\$925M per ship, 8-10 year acquisition
- 3. Reactivate POLAR STAR (add 7-10 years of service life) \$77.8M (maintenance and crew), 2-3 year maintenance period



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CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315-0909

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander, U.S. Northern Command Commander, U.S. Pacific Command Commander, U.S. Transportation Command

#### Subject: Icebreaker Support

1. Thank you for your memorandum1 regarding polar icebreaker support. The Maritime Security Policy Coordinating Committee (MSPCC) and Maritime Security Working Group have been working to gain interagency consensus on polar icebreaking policy since the 5 March 2008 Joint HSC and NSC Deputies Committee (DC) meeting.

2. At the next DC meeting on this topic, the MSPCC will recommend expanded polar region mission requirements. The requirements will include a future polar icebreaking fleet of six cutters to maintain a 2.0 presence -- one icebreaker forward deployed in each polar region. Deputies will be asked to concur in the new mission requirements and associated requirements framework as a starting point for further analysis and refinement.

3. Additionally, the U.S. Coast Guard seeks restoration of budget authority for the Nation's polar icebreaker fleet currently held by the National Science Foundation. The MSPCC will recommend that deputies concur that funding should be restored to the U.S. Coast Guard. This would include funding for operations and maintenance of the existing icebreaker fleet, POLAR STAR caretaker status in FY 2009, and POLAR STAR reactivation in FY 2010.

4. These initiatives have the Chairman's full support, and the Joint Staff will sponsor them at the next DC meeting at a date to be determined.

JAMES E. CARTWRIGHT General, United States Marine Corps Acting Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

#### Reference:

1 CDRUSNORTHCOM/CDRUSPACOM/CDRUSTRANSCOM memorandum, 21 May 2008, "Icebreaker Support" Copy to:

Chief of Naval Operations Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard



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- Strategic Importance
- Unique Power Projection Challenges
- Evolving **Vulnerabilities**
- New Threat Vectors



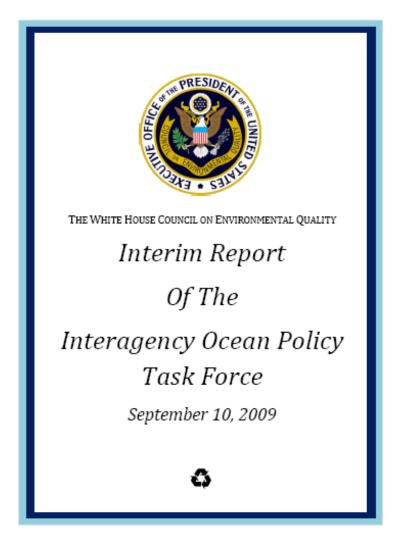
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### INTERAGENCY OCEAN POLICY TASK FORCE



- National Ocean Council
- Areas Of Special Emphasis
  - Changing Conditions in the Arctic
- Framework for Effective Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning
  - Large Marine Ecosystem
     (LME): 5 in Alaska





### ARCTIC CROSSROADS 2010

- Plan Development Underway:
  - Arctic Domain Awareness (ADA) Flights
  - CANUSNORTH Tabletop Exercise
  - Icebreaker Science Mission/Icebreaker Mobile
     Forward Operating Location
  - SORS Deployment North of the Arctic Circle
  - Water Safety & Young Alaskan Engagement
  - Continued Native Alaskan Engagement
- Total Scope of Operation Funding Dependent





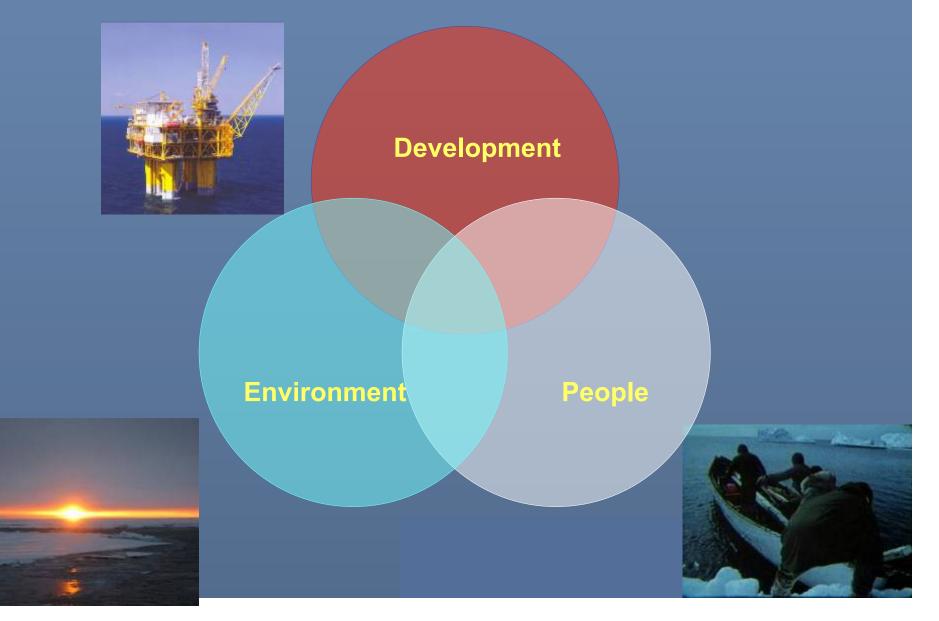






## The Arctic Conundrum





### Coast Guard Arctic Operations Summer 2008

### Arctic Circle Deployments

- 2 225-ft Seagoing Buoy Tenders
- 2 378-ft High Endurance Cutters w/embarked MH-65C helicopter
- 1 420-ft Icebreaker

**Forward Operating Location Deployments** 

2 MH-65C helicopters (FOL Barrow)

2 Response Boats – Small (FOL Barrow)

36 Operations and Operational Support Personnel (FOL Barrow & Prudhoe Bay)

Marine Safety and Security Team (FOL Prudhoe Bay)

4 HC-130 aircraft (FOL Nome)

Boating Safety Team

Marine Inspectors Team Indigenous Population Engagement Team



