

2014 AAPC Work Plan: September 2014 thru January 2015

The Alaska Arctic Policy Commission (AAPC) will continue throughout this year to gather public input and engage with Alaskan communities, state agencies, federal partners, and the international organizations working in the Arctic. During the recent August 26-27 in person meetings in Nome and Kotzebue, the Commission reviewed drafts of an Arctic Policy Bill and Implementation Plan (v09), both of which constitute the Commission’s deliverables to the Alaska State Legislature in January 2015.

**Implementation:** A major focus of the Commission work in 2014 has been the Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan further develops the recommendations from the Preliminary Report (January 2014) revising to make them stronger. Our recommendations, as part of the Implementation Plan will be only for consideration and not action by the Commission. They will provide a “menu” of options for future policy makers to review when they decide to engage in Arctic Policy. The items in the I.P. fall into four strategic lines of effort that align with the vision statements of the Commission: 1) economic and resource development; 2) response infrastructure; 3) healthy communities; and 4) science and research.

**Phase II Public Input:** Phase II of public input focuses on gathering input via public meetings, in order to reach the broader Alaskan community. We have specifically identified the strategic line of effort on economic development as an area that could use some input and specifically suggestions for new recommendations. The I.P. (v11), the form to submit suggestions for new recommendations, and the updated list of listening sessions can be downloaded from our website: [www.akarctic.com](http://www.akarctic.com). After October 31 inclusion is limited for review by full Commission at the Nov 17-18 meetings and after December 1 inclusion is limited for final report. However, we continue to make it clear that everyone can submit written comments and input to us anytime and that Commissioners can be good contacts for your input. Questions or comments please contact Nikoosh Carlo, Executive Director AAPC at [nikoosh.carlo@akleg.gov](mailto:nikoosh.carlo@akleg.gov).

**Commission Meetings - Mandatory, In-person**

May 6-7, 2014	Anchorage (ANC)	Preliminary Report, all recommendations reviewed
August 26-27, 2014	Kotzebue/Nome	Implementation Plan and arctic policy bill reviewed
November 17-18, 2014	Anchorage	Finalize Final Report and Implementation Plan, review arctic policy bill

**Commission Meetings – Listening sessions etc, Optional**

September 23	Teleconference (TC)	Subcommittee mtg – Arctic Policy Bill
October 13	TC	Drafting team – plan revisions; draft Final Report and Intro to I.P.
October 14	TC	Subcommittee mtg – Arctic Policy Bill

October 22	In person (ANC)	Drafting team – review draft Final Report
October 30	TC	Drafting team – revised Final Report and I.P.
November 10	TC	AAPC Legislator Meeting
November 10	TC	Subcommittee mtg – Arctic Policy Bill (review draft from leg legal)
November 10	TC	Drafting team – finalize drafts for Anchorage meeting
December 4	TC	Drafting team – revise Final Report, I.P.
December 8	TC	Release draft Final Report for comment to engaged partners
December 12	TC	Drafting team – finalize Final Report and I.P.
December 15		Engage publishing and design team, first drafts created
January 5		Work with publishing/design team – to revise, proof and finalize
January 15		Send Final Report, I.P., other handouts to Printers
January 30	Juneau	Final Report Released   Final Report, Arctic Policy Bill, I.P.

**Commission Communication and Outreach**

September 16	Anchorage (ANC)	Commission Update at USARC meeting, N. Carlo
September 30	TC, ANC	Resources Listening Session, host Senator Giessel
October 6, 8, 10	Nome, Kotzebue, Barrow	Commission Update and Public Testimony in each location
October 10	Dillingham/Katmai Rm Hilton ANC	AAPC Listening Session, hosts Madsen, Moreland, Norosz
October 27	TC	Research Listening Session, hosts Rep Guttenberg and Brigham
November 17	Anchorage	Public Testimony accepted at in person meeting

**Public Comment Periods**

February 1 – May 15	Open	Phase I - Written comments accepted on preliminary report
September 15 – November 15	Open	Phase II – Public testimony accepted at listening sessions, events
November 15 – January 30, 2015	Limited	Submit written comments anytime to Co-chairs, Commissioners, or ED

**Other Events of Interest**

October 6-11, 2014	Nome, Kotzebue and Barrow	Week of the Arctic
October 23-25, 2014	Anchorage	AFN