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What does the National Ocean Policy mean for the Arctic region?

An interactive webinar hosted by the Alaska Center for Climate Assessment & Policy (ACCAP), at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Tuesday, April 19, 2011; 10:00-11:00 am Alaska Local Time (2:00-3:00 pm EDT)

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Abstract: In July 2010, President Obama announced a commitment to implement a new National Ocean Policy. What does this mean for the Arctic region, which was specifically highlighted in a "priority objective" in the National Ocean Policy? Efforts to address our stewardship responsibilities in the Arctic Ocean and adjacent coastal areas, in the face of climate-induced and other environmental changes, would greatly benefit from input from local and regional experts. We welcome your input to help identify the critical actions that need to be taken to address environmental stewardship needs in the region. Please join us to learn about the National Ocean Policy efforts to develop a strategic action plan for the changing conditions in the Arctic, and to share your comments, questions, and ideas.

Presentation/Slides: National Ocean Policy in Action: Developing a plan to address changing conditions in the Arctic.

Instructions: Pre-registration for the webinar is encouraged. Please fill out the web-form at: http://ine.uaf.edu/accap/teleconference.htm#register , or contact Ms. Brook Gamble, ACCAP's Outreach and Education Specialist, (907) 474-7812, accap@uaf.edu. Instructions to phone into the webinar, and to interactively watch a powerpoint presentation on an internet-linked computer are available here: http://ine.uaf.edu/accap/teleconference.htm

Advance comment: Public comment, in advance of the webinar, can be submitted here: http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/oceans/comment. These will be discussed during the webinar.

Archive: For those unable to participate in the webinar, an archive of the powerpoint presentation and a podcast of the webinar discussion will be available here: http://ine.uaf.edu/accap/telecon_archive.htm