

**Draft Agenda  
Arctic Alliance Meeting**

**March 30th – April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sommarøy, Tromsø, Norway**

**30 March**

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- 9:00 Introductions
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Session 1: Roundtable Discussion: Regional Perspectives on Arctic developments  
Participants provide updates on latest developments and emerging issues in their countries.
- 12:15 Lunch
- 13:00 Session 2: Circumpolar Issue Brief: Community Adaptation to Arctic Climate Change  
What are the key threats that climate change is posing to communities, and what can be done to address them?
- 14:30 Break
- 15:00 Session 3: Circumpolar Issue Brief: Commercial Shipping in the Arctic  
Commercial shipping poses threats (and offers opportunities) to Northern communities. What is the status of relevant international and national law, and can be done locally to help communities identify and manage new challenges?
- 19:30 Dinner

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- 9:00 Session 4: Circumpolar Issue Brief: Oil and Gas/Spill Response  
BP's Gulf of Mexico accident provided a cautionary example of the potential threats to the Arctic and the need for effective management and spill response. How are communities and organizations around the Arctic responding to oil and gas development? Is there common ground for advocacy?
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Session 5: Circumpolar Issue Brief: Commercial Fishing  
An update on commercial fishing developments in the Arctic, impacts and implications for local communities.
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 Session 6: Identifying Priorities: What is Needed?  
What are the greatest concerns and top priorities of organizations and communities? What issues have emerged that can be addressed jointly? How can a circumpolar network that

brings together knowledge and resources best help to address those needs? Is there potential for greater strength in numbers? How can smaller organizations and communities participate meaningfully in global developments affecting the Arctic? What type of support would be most helpful?

15:00 Break

15:30 Session 7: Building Mechanisms for Circumpolar Communications & Cooperation  
What concrete mechanisms can the Arctic Alliance develop to help strengthen the work of participating groups and peoples - an annual circumpolar meeting? a web site? joint campaigning? joint projects? And addressing which priority issues?

17:00 Wrap-Up Session

19:30 Dinner

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Optional morning for continuation of discussions, outdoor activities...or both!