

Meeting on Navigation Services for the Arctic

The public is invited to NOAA's Hydrographic Services Review Panel meeting from 22 May to 24 May in Anchorage, USA. The panel will discuss improvements for navigation services for Alaska and the Arctic, including new nautical charts, emerging commercial shipping needs, accuracy of land elevation data for coastal management, improvements to foundational geospatial data, and natural hazard warning and response for the region.

The Hydrographic Services Review Panel has invited Alaska Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell and representatives from Alaska's maritime community to provide their insights on the navigational and geospatial challenges in the region. The panel, which is a Federal Advisory Committee that advises the NOAA Administrator on carrying out NOAA's navigation services mission, invites members of the public to provide comments during the afternoon sessions.

Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan, assistant secretary of commerce for environmental observations and prediction, will discuss the latest developments at NOAA, with a special emphasis on the navigation services that protect lives, strengthen the maritime economy, and position America for the future.

The 3-day meeting is at the Hilton Anchorage, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage.

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