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## **Top leaders to discuss critical impacts of an ice-diminishing Arctic on Naval and maritime operations**

July 6, 2017, Suitland, MD - The U.S. National Ice Center and the U.S. Arctic Research Commission will host the 7th Symposium on the Impacts of an Ice-Diminishing Arctic on Naval and Maritime Operations, July 18-20, 2017, at the Naval Heritage Center in Washington, DC.

Top leaders from the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard, NOAA, other governmental agencies, international partners and academia will discuss new research in the changing Arctic environment, strategic planning and policy issues related to maritime operations and security. A new feature this year is the live stream of speaker presentations via webcast.

The topics for this year's symposium are:

- ❖ Latest research on observed and predicted changes in the Arctic sea ice environment
- ❖ Present and future impact of these changes on Arctic operations
- ❖ Emerging Arctic policy issues on national and international levels

Guest speakers include:

- ❖ Admiral Paul Zukunft, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard;
- ❖ Rear Admiral Stuart Munsch, Asst. Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations Plans and Strategy
- ❖ Craig McLean, Acting Chief Scientist, NOAA;

For more information about the symposium, please visit:

<https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/Ice2017/index.php>.

**The [U.S. National Ice Center](#) is a multi-agency center operated by the Navy, Coast Guard and NOAA with a mission to provide global to tactical scale ice and snow products, ice forecasting, and other environmental intelligence services for the United States government.**

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