

Quick Facts

- Polar Knowledge Canada (POLAR) is a Government of Canada agency responsible for strengthening Canadian leadership in polar science and technology created by the *Canadian High Arctic Research Station Act* of 2014. It is headquartered at the Canadian High Arctic Research Station (CHARS), which it operates, in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut.
- POLAR undertakes and supports a wide variety of research across Canada's Arctic, including at CHARS, much of it in collaboration with Indigenous knowledge holders and international partners.
- POLAR's Board of Directors is responsible for the organization's strategic direction. They are selected through a Governor-in-Council process and appointed by the Prime Minister based on their experience and knowledge and how it best supports POLAR's mandate.
- The US Arctic Research Commission (USARC) is an independent federal agency that advances US Arctic research. USARC was created and assigned duties by the Arctic Research Policy Act of 1984, as amended, and consists of presidentially appointed commissioners supported by staff in Washington, DC and in Anchorage, Alaska.
- In addition to delivering a biennial report to the President and Congress outlining recommended scientific research goals and objectives for the Arctic, the Commission develops and recommends an integrated national Arctic research policy and builds cooperative links in Arctic research within the federal government, with the State of Alaska, with Alaska Native Tribes and communities and with international partners.

Associated links

- [Polar Knowledge Canada](#)
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