

The Principles for Conducting Research in the Arctic 2018



The Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC), chaired by the National Science Foundation (NSF), is seeking your comments on the newly revised *Principles for Conducting Research in the Arctic 2018*.

Researchers working in the Arctic have a responsibility to respect local culture and knowledge and advance stewardship of the Arctic environment. The original principles, released in 1990, have been revised to provide guidelines for the conduct of research, to better align with U.S. Arctic policy, to incorporate the latest advances in research methods, and to reflect expanded research efforts and disciplinary breadth in a rapidly changing Arctic.



Photo: Ryan Choi, Utah State University. Early morning at the Y-K Delta.

A U.S. Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC) Principles Revision Working Group prepared these draft Principles after seeking and receiving diverse input from Federal, State, and local agency representatives, Alaska Native people and organizations, academic organizations and individual researchers.

The core Principles for Conducting Research in the Arctic are:

- **Be Accountable**
- **Establish Effective 2-way Communication**
- **Respect Local Culture and Knowledge**
- **Build and Sustain Relationships**
- **Pursue Responsible Environmental Stewardship**

There are multiple ways you can comment on the revised Principles:

- Submit a comment via email to iarpcprinciples@nsf.gov
- Submit a comment on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/iarpccollaborations>)
- Attend a listening session via teleconference or webinar on (July 31, <https://iarpc.zoom.us/j/2069310090>)
- Submit a comment on IARPC Collaborations at www.iarpccollaborations.org
- Comment through the Federal Register
- Representatives will also solicit written comments at the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission (AWSC) Quarterly Meeting (July 23-25) and the UIC Science Day (Aug. 2)
- Contact the working group chairpersons Renee Crain (rcrain@nsf.gov) or Roberto Delgado (robert.delgado@nih.hhs.gov)