

Context

- Arctic environment is changing
- Increasing shipping
- Oil exploration/development
- Increased potential for spills
 - Response needs
 - NRDA and restoration needs

Goals

- Understanding how natural resources would be affected
- Understanding how natural resources are changing
- Identifying priority data gaps

Scope

- Definition of Arctic
- NRDA principles: must demonstrate release, pathway, exposure, AND effects
 - Baseline: condition “but-for” the release. Consider chemical background, physical degradation, natural variability. Baseline approach depends on the effect of concern.
- Background information available at CRRC web site and in packets