U.S. ARCTIC SEASCAPE

Supporting the cultural, social, and economic needs of Alaskan peoples and protecting the diversity of Arctic life

WWF’s vision for the Arctic is healthy ecosystems that support the cultural, social, and economic needs of the people living there, and that protect the diversity of Arctic life.

The Arctic is home to some of the world’s largest intact ecosystems of global importance—ecosystems that have been stewarded by local and Indigenous communities for millennia. Today, millions of people rely directly on the Arctic’s natural resource abundance and ecosystem services. But nature is increasingly under pressure. The global implications of the threats to the Arctic highlight the importance of a comprehensive US Arctic Program that conserves and protects the Arctic for the benefit of the planet, people, prosperity, and peace.

ALASKA
2030 NATURE-POSITIVE IMPACTS INCLUDE

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<th>Planet</th>
<th>30% of seascape is within protected areas or under other effective area-based conservation measures.</th>
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<td>People</td>
<td>40% of coastal communities have a Climate Change Adaptation Plan in progress or completed.</td>
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<td>100% of wild-caught seafood can be sustainably harvested.</td>
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<td>Central Arctic Ocean exploratory or commercial fisheries are managed in a precautionary, cooperative, and sustainable manner.</td>
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Our Approach

The challenges are interconnected. Our solutions are integrated.

Challenges

- Emerging climate threats
- New and increased commercial activities
- Unsustainable use of resources

Solutions

- Supporting Indigenous-led conservation initiatives
- Preparing solutions for future climate-caused fisheries conflict
- Co-creating shipping safety knowledge on the Arctic Ocean and Bering Strait
- Blue finance for durable conservation

Our Work

The WWF-US Arctic Program office opened in 1992 and has a history of active engagement with various activities throughout Alaska and the greater Arctic. Current priorities include:

- **Wildlife**
  - Building co-managed protections for healthy Arctic wildlife populations

- **Coasts**
  - Developing financial mechanisms for sustainable land protection in Bristol Bay

- **Shipping**
  - Enacting operational standards for vessels in the Bering Strait

- **Ocean**
  - Partnering with Arctic communities to build Indigenous-led Marine Protected Areas

WWF believes that when the planet regains its natural strength and flourishes, people thrive, societies prosper, and the world is more peaceful. Join us.