

# Update on DFO and Coast Guard Arctic Regions



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# What's new in Arctic Region?

- On October 24, 2018, Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard announced the creation of a stand-alone Arctic Region
- The Arctic Regions are advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and seeking to develop service enhancements in collaboration with Northerners
- DFO Arctic Region is being led by Regional Director General, Gabriel Nirlungnayuk with its headquarters in Rankin Inlet
- Coast Guard Arctic Region is being led by Assistant Commissioner, Neil O'Rourke with its headquarters in Yellowknife





# Accomplishments to date

- Extensive and ongoing engagement with partners and strengthening of relationships  
*60+ to date*
- Provision of a “What We’ve Heard” report to partners
- Leadership of some key Arctic activities now being led from the North



# What we've heard so far



Increased physical presence and delivery of DFO and Coast Guard programs and services in the North



New and improved capacity and service delivery in the North



Policy making needs to be led from the North by Northerners



Reduce employment barriers and create job opportunities in Northern communities



Climate change is affecting the Arctic way of life, particularly food security, Co-develop adaptation strategies

# Next Steps

- **In-Progress:**
  - Report on vision, priorities, and geographic boundaries of the Arctic regions
  - Development of Arctic Science strategy
  - Arctic Regions 2020 organizational priorities and internal transition and realignment plan
  - Resourcing for implementation 2020
- **Next Steps:**
  - On-going collaboration on implementation





**Thank you (English) | Merci (French)**

Mársı (Chipewyan) | Kinanāskomitin (Cree)

Hajı' (Gwich'in) | Mutna (Inuktitut) Quana (Inuinnaqtun)

Qujannamiik (Inuktitut) Nakurmiik (Inuktitut) | Quyanainni (Inuvialuktun)

Máhsı (North Slavey) | Máhsı (South Slavey)

Mahsı (Tlicho) | Gunalchéesh (Tlingit / Tagish) Kwàñàschis/Shàw níthän  
(Southern Tutchone) Máhsin cho (Northern Tutchone)

Tsin'jj choh (Upper Tanana) | Sógá sénlá' (Kaska)

