Arctic Waterway Safety Committee

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Arctic Waterway Safety Committee

What is a harbor safety committee?
Why have a harbor safety committee?
Why not just manage?

Government =
Bureaucratic and SLOW and sometimes less accountable.

Industry/Civil Authority = Less slow, totally accountable
Before AWSC

1. Most entities working alone to further only their interests.
2. Little awareness of what other stakeholders & entities are doing.
3. Stakeholders being left out of decision making process.
4. No arctic specific forum for sharing best practices or voicing concerns.
5. Rule by regulation lags behind needs.

Now

1. Cooperation & collaboration amongst members to achieve mutually beneficial goals.
2. Open sharing of projects & initiatives to create positive synergies & streamline efforts.
3. All stakeholders & users have a voice on the committee.
4. Arctic specific forum designed to solve localized problems and promote best practices.
Areas of Influence & Action

- Vessel Routing
- Port Access
- Conflict Avoidance
- Tribal Heritage Protection
- Marine Mammal Protection
- Subsistence Hunting Protection
- Environmental Protection
- Search and Rescue (SAR)
- Arctic Policy Input
- Arctic Best Practice Development
- Port Development & Competitiveness
- Economic & Industrial Development
- International Arctic Port Liaison
- Emergency Management
How we arrived

• Consensus to create an AWSC
• Startup Timeline
• Bylaw Committee Formation
• Organization Structure Development
  – Member Classes
  – Voting Privileges
• Startup Capital
• Initial Admin Support
The People

Make up of committee is key to successful balance.

Tribal/Subsistence

Industry

Government
...it is all about communication
Questions?