# Arctic Waterway Safety Committee

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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**

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

#### Now

- 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 & Competiveness
- 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.



## ...it is all about communication



