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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE ARCTIC AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON RESEARCH PLANNING: THE INITIAL RESULTS OF THE UCCARP PILOT PROJECT

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In the past the University of the Arctic has stressed the need for northern communities to have input into Arctic research and the planning of this research. ICARP III represents an opportunity for the University of the Arctic to play a key role as a link between the people who live in the Arctic and the researchers who study it. Though the engagement of northern post-secondary institutions, communities will be able to better inform the Arctic research agenda as to their particular priorities and allow northern researchers a greater voice in the process. Building on the University of the Arctic's contribution to ICARP II (Report 11 Arctic Science in the Public Interest), we can assist communities to have greater input into shaping Arctic research priorities for the next decade and in so doing create a closer degree of cooperation between Arctic science and the people living in the region. This presentation will discuss the initial findings of UArctic Community Consultation on Arctic Research Planning, or UCCARP, pilot project. In particular we will present the initial data from the UCCARP Community Consultation Survey.