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Key Issues for Arctic Security

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The Arctic Domain Awareness Center (ADAC) is a U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate Office of University Programs, (OUP) Center of Excellence in Maritime Research hosted by the University of Alaska. The Arctic's physical environment is increasingly

dynamic due to warming trends. Current trends from multiple accredited sources validate that, across the Arctic maritime region, sea ice melt is increasing and associated ice pack contraction, in terms of area and volume, is decreasing. Accordingly, historical barriers of ice in the Arctic maritime region continue to shrink, affording improved access to human activity, with the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard now describing the Arctic as a "new ocean."

As human activity, increases, so does the potential for increased security threats, with maritime security and safety issues which exist in lower latitudes likely to manifest in the opening of the Arctic maritime spaces. Patrolling and policing for illicit trafficking, illegal fishing, unregulated mineral extraction, and unsafe tourism practices is already difficult and will likely worsen as criminals see opportunity in the High North.

Randy "Church" Kee became Executive Director of ADAC following a distinguished 30-year career in the United States Air Force, with vast experience in U.S. Arctic Strategy and Policy development that included serving as Co-Chair of the multi-national Arctic Security Forces Roundtable.

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