

Tufts Energy and Climate Forum

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THE CHANGING ARCTIC MAP



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During his 30 years residency in Alaska, Mead Treadwell has played an active role in Arctic research and exploration. His focus has been on development of natural resources, protection of the Arctic environment and fostering international cooperation after the Cold War.



The Arctic is a “hot” news topic for several reasons right now: Sea ice is receding and there's the possibility that new shipping routes may reshape world commerce. Nations are scrambling for new, sub-sea territorial claims, which would be made under the Law of the Sea Treaty. Energy exports are key to the economies of Arctic Russia, Norway, Iceland, Canada and Alaska (US), five of the eight Arctic nations. And, the Arctic, hit first by climate change in dramatic fashion, is assembling a raft of measures to better understand, adapt to and mitigate climate change through international cooperation. Treadwell’s talk will focus on the changing Arctic map and provide recommendations for U.S. national and international policy in the Arctic to respond to these changes.