

Proposal for an UArctic Thematic Network on the *Blue Economy and the Arctic*

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Focus of the proposed Thematic Network

What is the blue economy?

What is blue governance?

And how to govern best emerging disputes between the various industries and stakeholders?

Who defines the blue economy?

What are its Arctic specifics?



How can the stakeholder dialogue help?

What can we learn from the Arctic's blue example for the global implementation of the blue economy?

The UArctic Thematic Network on the **Blue Economy and the Arctic** will provide a platform for collaboration and knowledge-sharing among academic scholars (from in and outside the Arctic, as well as businesses (and their representations) in the field of the circumpolar 'blue economy'.

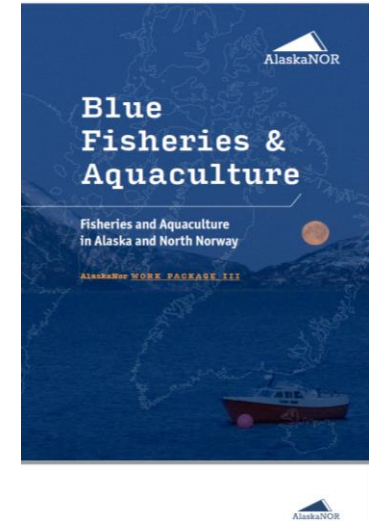
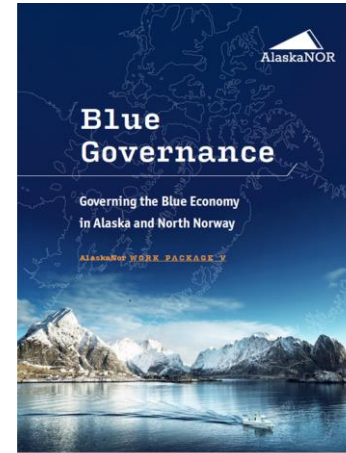
Objectives and Goals of the proposed TN

- **Policy-oriented academic research**

- Publication of joint research papers
 - Policy-oriented outreach via The Arctic Institute
- Development of a joint course/educational program (e.g. a summer course) on the Blue Economy and the Arctic – circumpolar, digital – Nord University
- Support the aim of *ArcBlue* project to become project under the umbrella of the Arctic Council's SDWG
- Submission of at least one research application to the Norwegian Research Council, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs or US National Science Foundation *Navigating the New Arctic*

- **Development of *BlueArctic* discussion arenas**

- Establishment of a [Blue Arctic Dialogue](#) (academic workshop)
- Development of a [Blue Arctic Stakeholder Dialogue](#) around the High North Dialogue in Bodø, Norway –annually



List of Partner Organisations – Arctic *and* Non-Arctic



- High North Center
- Fridtjof Nansen Institute
- The Arctic Institute - Center for Circumpolar Security Studies
- Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage
- Project Blue Economy, Southern Connecticut State University
- Memorial University of Newfoundland
- University Centre of the Westfjords
- Copenhagen Business School
- Center for the Blue Economy
- Arctic Economic Council (Blue Economy Working Group)

ANCORS - Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources & Security; ENCU – East China Normal University;
KMI - Korean Maritime Institute