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Russian Oil Tanker to Try Northern Sea Route *March 10, 2011* - Shipping company Sovcomflot plans to send an oil tanker along the Northern Sea Route in May, one of the most ice-rich months of the year. First Deputy Director of the shipping company Yevgeny Ambrosov told journalists that this year's first oil tanker will be sent through the route already in May. The operation is likely to be made with the ice-protected tanker "Kirill Lavrov". Another three of the company's tankers will be sent through the route this year. [Barents Observer](#) Read also: [The Future History of the Arctic is Now](#).

With Bering Strait Busier, Coast Guard Seeks Input on Safety, Routing *March 8, 2011* - Vessel traffic through the Bering Strait has risen from 245 vessels in 2008 to 325 last year, according to the U.S. Coast Guard. The numbers are expected to rise again this year, thanks to Russia's efforts to promote the use of the Northern Seas Route for shipping. To prepare, the US Coast Guard is asking coastal communities how they should manage the extra traffic to protect humans and wildlife. [Arctic Sounder](#)

Safety at Sea Conversations Continue in Dutch Harbor *February 29, 2011* - They're big some seven times larger than a football field, and they're sailing in heavy seas and sometimes they just lose it. It could be loss of propulsion, steering or a poor navigational call that lands it on the rocks. Mayor Shirley Marquardt said the Aleutian Islands Risk Assessment advisory group is trying to find reasonable options to mitigate risks without regulations or high costs. "For years, I've been suggesting every time we have one of these meetings that we have some emergency tow gear set up in place in Dutch Harbor." And the Bering Sea is an unforgiving body of water. [Dutch Harbor Fisherman](#)

Ulmer Named Chairwoman of Arctic Research Commission *March 10, 2011* - President Obama has named former Alaska Lieutenant Governor Fran Ulmer as chairwoman of the Arctic Research Commission. The commission develops a national Arctic research policy and assists in establishing a program plan to implement the policy. Ulmer served as lieutenant governor from 1994 to 2002 under Governor Tony Knowles and was the first Alaska woman elected to statewide office. She is currently the chancellor of the University of Alaska Anchorage and she plans to step down June 1. She was one of seven members of Obama's National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. [Juneau Empire](#)

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