

## NNA Community Newsletter

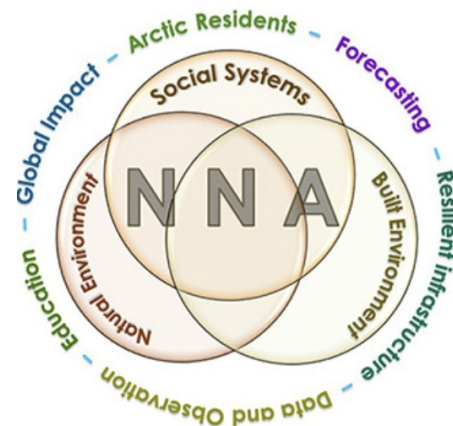
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### Call for Side Events at 2021 NNA Community Meeting

The NNA-CO invites current and prospective NNA researchers, Arctic community partners, Indigenous organizations, and other partners to propose side events to take place near or during the [2021 Annual NNA Community Meeting](#), to be held November 8-10, 2021.

Side events may include meetings to support collaboration across NNA projects, research-focused workshops, gatherings between researchers and Arctic community partners, cultural events, etc. The NNA-CO will provide support to accepted side events in various ways. Both the main meeting and all supported side events will be virtual in 2021. [Please fill out this form to propose your side event.](#)



Graphic to the right: National Science Foundation.

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## NNA-Related Activities at AGU 2021



Are you going to AGU? We would like to promote sessions that focus on NNA topics. Please let us know about any sessions you are chairing so that we may help advertise them. Email the NNA-CO at [contact@nna-co.org](mailto:contact@nna-co.org) to let us know about your session.

Share your NNA Research or Outreach with the Broader Community! Consider submitting an abstract about your broader impacts work in our session: D004 - Arctic Education & Outreach - Effective ways of engaging diverse learners in Arctic science. [Read more and submit an abstract here.](#)

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## NNA is Now an Endorsed UN Ocean Decade Action

The NNA initiative was recently endorsed as a 'Decade Action' by the [United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development](#). This adds NNA to the list of partners around the world who will develop, resource and implement the Ocean Decade vision to develop scientific knowledge, build infrastructure and foster relationships for a sustainable and healthy ocean.

Are you already involved in the UN Ocean Decade in some way? Please let us know by emailing the NNA-CO at [contact@nna-co.org](mailto:contact@nna-co.org).



**2021**  
**2030** United Nations Decade  
of Ocean Science  
for Sustainable Development

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## NNA Project Highlight: Pursuing Opportunities for Long-term Arctic Resilience for Infrastructure and Society (POLARIS)





The POLARIS Team. Credit: POLARIS Project.

The POLARIS project seeks to understand how communities in Arctic Alaska are affected by environmental hazards and risks, including coastal erosion and flooding, declining sea ice cover, and changes in the availability and access to wild resources.

The project team includes members from The Pennsylvania State University, University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of Alaska Anchorage and Michigan Technological University.

The POLARIS team collaborates with partners in Dillingham and are working to engage a community in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and another in Northwest Alaska. Co-PI Chris Maio recently visited Dillingham to work with community partners to identify areas of concern from erosion and to set up monitoring sites. In Fall 2021, the POLARIS team will hold community meetings and coordinate with local partners to address food security and migration concerns. POLARIS looks forward to working with the broader NNA community to engage communities in the Bering Sea and Arctic Alaska.

*"We hope to leverage each other's research to get a broader understanding of the impacts of a changing climate on communities, and to facilitate products that could be useful for communities", says Davin Holen.*

#### Find out more about the project

Questions or comments? Please contact:  
Davin Holen, [dlholen@alaska.edu](mailto:dlholen@alaska.edu)

Photo to the right: Richard Buzzard setting up a coastal monitoring site in Goodness Bay. Photo credit: Chris Maio.

***We will feature different NNA projects in each newsletter.***



## Upcoming Event: NNA Broader Impacts Network Meeting



Photo credit: NNA Community Office

**July 22, 2021**

**9 am AK/10 am PT/11 am MT/12 pm CT/1 pm ET**

This meeting will last 60 minutes

### **Learn more and register to attend the meeting**

Based on feedback we received from the May kickoff meeting, we'll continue to utilize guest speakers, breakout rooms and other virtual tools to make these events engaging and collaborative experiences! Please join us July 22nd to participate in the following:

- Networking via breakout rooms
- Case Study discussions guided by an Indigenous community member
- Leave with resources/strategies to include in your own outreach plans!

Let's continue to build this NNA community together!



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