TFTIA shall

...coordinate a circumpolar assessment of telecommunications infrastructure and networks.

...deliver a completed assessment to include, among other things, recommendations for public-private partnerships to enhance telecommunications access and service in the Arctic.
TFTIA-02 (Tromsø)

Outcomes

• Overview and discussion about collected «heat maps» of national coverage on broad band availability.
• Overview and discussion of collected surveys of user needs from State delegations
• Work plan: Consensus draft reached
• Table of contents: Consensus draft reached
• Author group: Co-chairs, Norway, Kingdom of Denmark, United States, ACS
• Introductory presentation from Arctic Economic Council via Skype was constructive, follow up with open meeting at conference
TFTIA work plan
Important dates

• Inter-sessional teleconferences
  30 Mar, 4 May, 29 Jun, + +
  • First meeting will focus on a draft chapter on technologies, maritime needs and the connection with the AEC WG.
• Next meetings
  Copenhagen, 7-8 September 2016
  [Location TBD], 13-14 September* 2016

*Tentative
TFTIA
Outstanding questions to SAO

• Appropriate level & nature of engagement with the Arctic Economic Council WG on telecommunications?
  • The Co-Chairs see collaboration this as positive, but the timing may be wrong for TFTIA to have great use of the output of this WG
• Should a common «vision» for the future of Arctic telecommunications infrastructure be part of this report or should the report focus on planned and reported capabilities?
  • The Co-Chairs would see it as positive if a common overarching vision could be achieved.