State and Outlook of U.S. Polar Icebreaker Fleet

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HEALY

- Only operational polar icebreaker in U.S. inventory
- Completed 2012 Arctic summer science deployment
  - BOEM Ocean Energy Study
  - Extended Continental Shelf Exploration
  - North Slope Mooring Deployment and Recovery (Pickart)
- 2013 Arctic cruise schedule complete (Jul-Nov)
  - BOEM (August)
  - Driscoll Coring (September)
  - North Slope Moorings (October)
POLAR STAR and POLAR SEA

POLAR STAR
- Post-industrial sea trials successful
- On schedule to return to service in late 2013.

POLAR SEA
- CG intent to decommission - final disposition not yet determined.
The Future Beckons….

POLAR STAR

- POLAR STAR is finalizing an extensive overhaul intended to lengthen its useable service life for 7 to 10 years and is expected to be back in service in late 2013.

New Polar Icebreaker

- FY13 President’s Budget: $8M (once enacted)
- In 2013, the Coast Guard will develop operational requirements to acquire an icebreaker that will serve
  - its missions in the Polar regions
  - support missions that have been traditionally conducted with other Federal partners
- We will continue to work closely with the Administration and our Federal partners to ensure we acquire the right capability.