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What is the Polar Coordination Office

Be the Polar Enterprise coordinator, who advocates for resources and the honest broker on polar policy issues

Be the liaison for external engagements with stakeholder communities on issues surrounding Polar Planning, Resourcing, and Policy.

Advise and shape strategic policy management for the U.S. Coast Guard Polar Ice Operations and Polar Global Force Management

The Mission of the Polar Coordination Office is to influence and facilitate unification and continuity of strategic Polar Policy, Planning, and Resourcing

The Vision of the Polar Coordination Office is to shape national & Coast Guard polar policies, through diverse stakeholders’ engagements to achieve unity of effort in line with Strategic Intent
Coast Guard as a whole is transitioning to a 2 year planning cycle

Updated process designed to capture requests we are not able to complete

In the short term the Coast Guard will remain resource constrained – Creating the process to prepare for the future, capture needs in the Whole of Government that are going unmet.
Timeline of events:

2026 Planning Cycle

- **August ‘23**: PCO Publishes Request Form
- **October 31, 2023**: Agency Requests Due to PCO for input
- **Dec ‘23- May ‘24**: Coast Guard Processes all Requests
- **July 31, 2024**: 2026 Asset Allocation Finalized
In development:

Version 1

• One/two page
• Regional Access / Resource
• Include Mission description – Importance – Impact if not able to source
• Timeline – General or Specific
  • Multi-year / Single Year
  • Month / Season / Dates
• Time requested onboard – Is it scalable – If so, how?
• Agency Requesting
• Resource Requested
  • Equipment Required / Desired
• Funding – Secured / Contingent / Applied
• Point of Contact
• Submitted to a Group Email

Any other important factors we should consider?