

Sub USS New Hampshire Conducts Brief Stop off Coast of Iceland

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COAST OF ICELAND – The Virginia-class nuclear-powered fast attack submarine USS New Hampshire (SSN 778) conducted a brief stop for personnel and supplies off of the coast of Iceland, April 18, 2024.

This is the second time a U.S. Navy submarine has conducted a brief stop in Iceland since the Icelandic Minister of Foreign Affairs informed the United States that U.S. Navy submarines were allowed to make short visits in Iceland to receive supplies and personnel. The first U.S. Navy submarine to visit Iceland was the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS San Juan in April 2023.

“It is an honor to be back in Iceland to conduct a brief stop for personnel and supplies, and we thank our Icelandic Allies for their continued support as we operate in the region in support of our NATO Allies and partners,” said Capt. Benjamin Selph, commodore, Task Force 69. “Stops like this are visible demonstration of the strength of the U.S.-Icelandic relationship and our commitment to promoting security and stability in the region.”

As founding members of NATO, Iceland and the U.S. share a long history of cooperation as we work towards mutual goals of safety and security in the region. Now in its 75th year, the

NATO Alliance is a testament to the power of collective defense and the strength of solid relationships between Allied and partner nations.

In addition to allowing U.S. Navy submarines to conduct brief stops for personnel and supplies, Iceland also provides host country support to U.S. and Allied maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft (MPRA) from Keflavik Air Base.

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