



October 7, 2011

**To: The Chairman of the SAOs and the Arctic Council SAOs**  
**Cc: PAME National Representatives, Permanent Participants**  
**Subject: AOR Expert Workshop and process and timeline of the Arctic Ocean Review (AOR) Phase II Project**

The AOR is a multi-phased project that is reviewing global and regional measures that are in place for the conservation and sustainable use of the Arctic marine environment, and is analyzing options for strengthening the conservation and sustainable use of the Arctic marine environment. The overall objective of the AOR is to provide guidance to Arctic Council Ministers as a means to support strong governance in the Arctic through a cooperative, coordinated and integrated approach to the management of activities in the Arctic marine environment.

The AOR Expert Workshop was convened in Reykjavik, Iceland 20-21 September (back-to-back with the PAME II-2011 meeting 21-23 September) in support of the development of the AOR Report which will be submitted to the 2013 Arctic Council Ministerial meeting along with other PAME documents. The objective of the workshop was to contribute to the development of the AOR through a *theme-based* approach, building on the outcomes of AOR Phase I taking into account major new developments or relevant findings. The workshop focused in particular on potential opportunities and options to strengthen global and regional instruments and measures, and the human dimension component.

The workshop was structured around the following themes and Human Dimension considerations were incorporated into the following respective themes:

Session I: Arctic Marine Science

Session II: Arctic Pollutant Sources

Session III: Living Marine Resources

Session IV: Offshore Oil and Gas

Session V: Shipping

Session VI: Integrated Ocean Management/Ecosystem Based Management

#### **AOR Workshop Report and AOR Phase II timeline**

With reference to the records of decisions from the PAME II-2011 meeting it was agreed that the AOR Workshop Report will be available by mid-November 2011 to PAME. Both the AOR Workshop Report and the presentations will be posted on the PAME homepage.

The AOR Phase II detailed work plan and timeline will be revised and made available as a separated document.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the AOR lead Countries, Canada, Iceland, Norway, Russia and the United States

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