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Dear Gustav,

On behalf of the co-chairs from Iceland, Sweden (Laura Piriz) and the United States (Evan Bloom) of the Experts Group on Ecosystem-Based Management, I am pleased to forward to you for consideration by Senior Arctic Officials, the draft report of the Experts Group. This report is prepared in response to the mandate provided at the Nuuk Ministerial. Composed of government experts from Arctic States and representatives from the Arctic Council's Permanent Participants and Working Groups, the Experts Group was tasked with fostering a common understanding of EBM and EBM principles across the Arctic Council and providing guidelines or recommendations for advancing EBM in the coastal, marine, and terrestrial ecosystems of the Arctic. The mandate also called for recommendations for further Arctic Council activities related to EBM to be delivered in advance of the 2013 Arctic Council Ministerial meeting. This report was developed over the course of three meetings held by the Experts Group.

The Experts Group would appreciate any feedback from the SAOs prior to finalizing this report.

Best regards

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