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Ecosystem-Based Management Expert Group

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2011 Ministerial Mandate

- *“Decide to establish an expert group on Arctic ecosystem-based management (EBM) for the Arctic environment to recommend further activities in this field for possible consideration by the SAOs before the end of the Swedish chairmanship” -- Nuuk*

SAO Report

- Convene (EBM) expert group of AC government experts and PPs.
- Consider developing a common understanding of EBM.
- Consider EBM principles for marine and terrestrial areas.
- Consider developing Arctic-specific guidelines for applying the ecosystem approach to all relevant areas of work in the Arctic Council.

Expert Group Workshop

- Co-chaired by Iceland, Sweden, United States.
- Held October 18-19, 2011.
- Hosted by US in Washington, DC.
- Included participation from 7 Arctic States, 3 Permanent Participant Groups, and 2 Arctic Council Working Groups.

EBM Workshop Agenda

- What is Ecosystem-Based Management?
- Is there EBM guidance in international and Arctic Council fora?
- How has EBM been applied in the Arctic and what are the lessons learned?
- What is role of science and scientific organizations, and are there gaps?

EBM Workshop Agenda (con't)

- Breakout Group 1: EBM Definitions and Principles
- Breakout Group 2: Terrestrial and Marine Commonalities; Knowledge Gaps

Workshop Conclusions and Way Forward

- 2 Intersessional E-Groups
 - “Definitions and Principles”
 - “Commonalities and Gap Analysis”
- Other topics for consideration
- Hold ~2 additional expert workshops
- Expand “Terrestrial” Participation
- Continue to report back to SAOs

Thank You



Questions?
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