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**SAO Meeting**  
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### PAME 2013-2015 Work Plan

- Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment (AMSA) Follow-up
  - Incl. Arctic Tourism Initiative and AMSA II (D)
- Arctic Ocean Review (2013) Follow-up
- Arctic Marine Strategic Plan – Updating
- Ecosystem Approach to Management
- Framework for an Arctic MPA Network
- Follow-up on the 2009 Oil and Gas Guidelines
- Outreach to Other International/Regional Organizations, Collaboration with other WGs, Communication Strategy

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### PAME 2013-II Meeting in Rostov-on-Don - Selected Issues

- Conference on „Safe and Sustainable Shipping in a Changing Arctic Environment“ to be held in Sweden in Oct. 2014 – invitation by World Maritime University/IMO for Arctic Council to partner in organization and conduct; PAME welcomed invitation at the working group level.
- 4<sup>th</sup> EA workshop planned for spring or early summer 2014.
- Arctic Ocean Review (AOR) follow-up: A draft implementation template has been prepared including a preliminary work plan.
- Framework for an Arctic Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Network: Concept paper developed, will include proposed project plan and timeline.
- Final draft report of Heavy Fuel in the Arctic (HFO) Phase II project due for submission to SAOs in Spring 2014.

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### The Sustainable Tourism Initiative Background

- Co-leads: Canada and the United States
- AMSA I(D) follow up: Strengthening Passenger Ship Safety in Arctic Waters
- Arctic Ocean Review (AOR) Chapter 3: Arctic Marine Operations and Shipping, Recommendation # 4 “Arctic states should explore the possibility of developing voluntary guidelines and, if appropriate, best practices in implementing such guidelines for sustainable tourism. Moreover, that the role the cruise industry plays in facilitating tourism in the region and the impacts of this industry on Arctic peoples, ecosystems and the environment should be acknowledged. The Arctic Council should also give consideration towards the development of a broader sustainable tourism initiative.”

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### The Sustainable Tourism Initiative Status - Fall 2013

- Letter to AMAP, CAFF and SDWG seeking collaboration on the development of the *Sustainable Arctic Tourism Initiative* (27<sup>th</sup> Aug)
- Discussion paper by Canada for the PAME II-2013 meeting (Sept.) This project is expected to involve a combination of the following:
  - **collect and assess existing information** regarding trends in Arctic cruise ship operation to determine priority areas that require additional oversight;
  - **prepare an inventory** of existing laws, codes, policies, guidelines and best practices pertaining to Arctic cruise ship operations;
  - **convene a minimum of two workshops** to facilitate the gathering and sharing of information;
  - **identify fundamental best practices** of Arctic cruise ship operations, based on an evaluation of the inventory and in consultation with relevant stakeholders; and
  - **publish these findings** in the form of a **‘best practice’ document** (or alternative) to be endorsed by Arctic Ministers and promoted for adoption and/or implementation by key Arctic actors.

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### The Sustainable Tourism Initiative Next Steps

- Canada to submit a paper outlining a **draft workplan** (including proposed timeframe, scope, goals, outreach and deliverables) that address Arctic cruise tourism as a component of PAME’s Sustainable Arctic Tourism Initiative.
- PAME in the process of establishing a **contact group**, to include representatives from other WGs.
- PAME invites member governments to **submit information** to PAME I-2014 on their domestic rules and policies pertaining to Arctic cruise tourism.

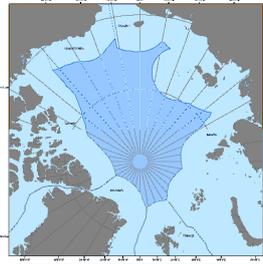
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## AMSA II(D) – Specially Designated Arctic High Seas Marine Areas

**Co-Leads:** Canada, Finland, Norway, Russian Federation, United States

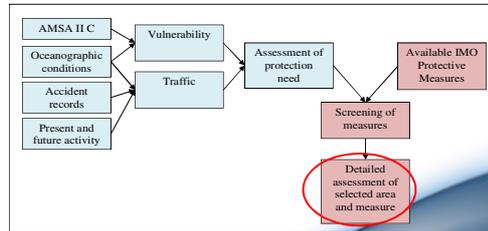
**Objective:** to explore the need for, and as appropriate make recommendations regarding internationally designated areas in the high seas area for the Arctic Ocean that warrant protection from the risks posed by international shipping activities

AMSA II(C)/AMSA II(D) Bridging Workshop 12-13 June 2013



## Approach to the AMSA II(D) + next steps

Overview of the analytical process:



Final draft report to PAME-I 2014 and to SAOs in Spring 2014

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## Revising the Arctic Marine Strategic Plan (AMSP)

- AMSP was adopted in 2004 - Most strategic actions are now completed
- Decision in 2011 to revise the AMSP
- Need to take new challenges and approaches into account:
  - Increasing pressures from climate change, economic activities and pollution
  - Concept of EBM evolved since 2004
  - Incorporate findings and recommendations from recent AC projects (e.g. AOR, ABA, SWIPA, EBM expert group)

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## AMSP - Collaboration with other WGs

- AMSP is an **Arctic Council product** and it is important to coordinate the revision process with other Arctic Council working groups.
- Letter sent 16 Sept. 2013 to other Arctic Council Working Groups inviting them to nominate an expert in a steering group for the revision of AMSP.
- PAME recognizes the interlinkages between follow-up actions under the AOR, AMSA, and other processes with the AMSP strategic actions and urges coordination between these processes.

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## AMSP Workshop, Reykjavík, June 2013

- First scoping workshop with initial discussions based on a "zero" draft
- Some key outcomes:
  - Need for better coordination in the Arctic Council work on marine issues and EBM
  - Involvement from other Arctic Council WGs essential; need to ensure their ongoing input in future drafts
  - AMSP is a visionary document, i.e. setting a 10 year vision and priorities of the AC on Arctic marine protection.
  - AMSP goals and strategic actions need to clearly reflect the spirit of the Kiruna Vision Document
  - Shorten document and focus better the strategic actions

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## AMSP – Next Steps, Timeline

- 1<sup>st</sup> draft presented and discussed at PAME-II 2013 in Sept.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of revised AMSP to be circulated Nov 1, 2013 with comments due by December 13, 2013.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> draft revised AMSP to be circulated January 10, 2014 with comments due in April 2014.
- **Final draft revised AMSP completed during summer 2014 in preparation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop for the revision of AMSP (to be held back-to-back/concurrent with PAME II-2014 meeting), with the aim to solicit final comments on the revised AMSP.**
- **PAME I-2015 meeting (Spring 2015): Agree to a final version of the revised AMSP for submission and approval by SAOs and 2015 Ministerial meeting.**

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