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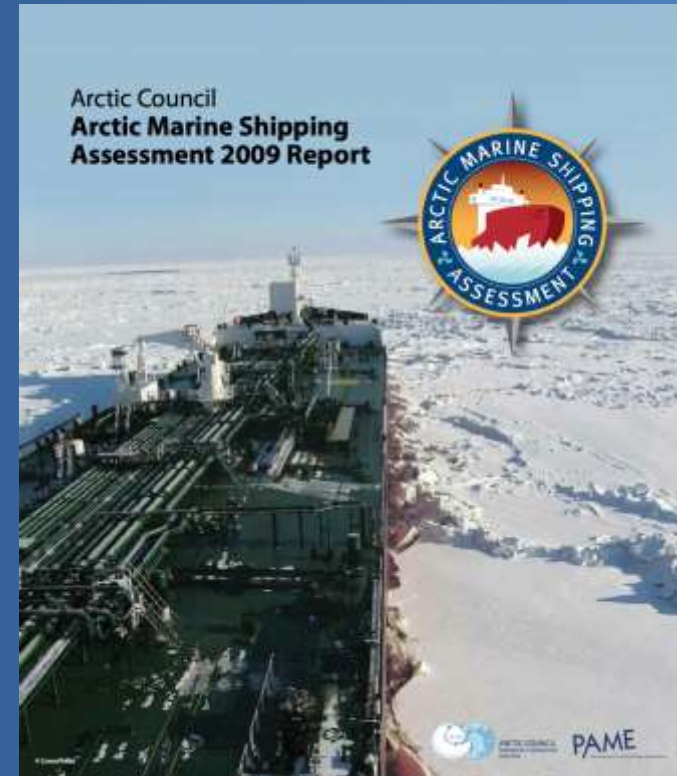
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Agenda 6.5.3: Framework for Pan-Arctic MPA

Background

- AMTP is derived from:
 - The Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment (2009) Recommendation 2.D: *Strengthening Passenger Ship Safety in Arctic Waters*
 - Canada's Arctic Council Chairmanship (2013-2015) Program Priorities
- Other supportive initiatives:
 - Vision for the Arctic (Arctic Council Ministers 2013)
 - Senior Arctic Officials' Report to Ministers (Kiruna 2013)
 - 2013 Arctic Ocean Review (PAME)
 - PAME 2013-2015 Work Plan
- Project co-led by Canada and USA



Goal

“To analyze and encourage sustainable tourism across the circumpolar Arctic”



Method

By holding workshops to identify issues or gaps where the Arctic Council can add value by articulating best practices in relation to vessel-based Arctic tourism

AMTP Outcome:

A Best Practices Document that:

1: Avoids duplication by being aware of existing guidelines and best practices

2: Identifies existing best practices while determining practical problem areas or actual issues requiring resolution

3: Takes into account regional variations, categories of tourist/vessel operations and various stakeholder perspectives

4: Considers the target audience(s) for development of best practices

Content overview

1. Describe **types** of Arctic Marine Tourism (cruise, expedition cruise, private vessel, shore-based small boat)
2. Describe **state** of the vessel-based tourism industry (Arctic cruise vessel data, types of activity, community interactions, etc.) and **regional variations** that affect operations and growth in the industry
3. Describe **indigenous and local community context**, including social and economic activity potentially affected by Arctic marine tourism
4. Describe **current regulations, guidelines and best practices** (include permitting, IMO Polar Code, AECO and other guidelines and info)
5. Articulate Best Practices; build on and **support current best practices** by responsible Arctic tourism operators
6. Next steps/Follow-on Actions

AMTP Timeline

2014

- March:** 1st Workshop (18-19 March, Ottawa, Canada)
- Summer:** Workshop report with framework for creation of *Best Practices Document* circulated for refinement
- 15 Sept:** One day meeting on AMTP - PAME shipping expert group (back-to-back with PAME II-2014 meeting 16-18 Sep)
- 16 Oct:** 2nd Workshop (16 Oct, Oslo, Norway) in conjunction with AECO
- Nov-Dec:** Further refinement of *Best Practices Document*

2015

- Jan:** Circulation of Final Draft *Best Practices Document*
- Feb:** Final PAME Approval
- March:** Senior Arctic Official Approval
- April:** Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting



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Revising the AMSP

- AMSP adopted in 2004 - Most strategic actions are now completed
- AMSP is an **Arctic Council product** and PAME has coordinated the revision process with other Arctic Council working groups
- 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)

Process and Consultations

- **1st draft** of revised AMSP presented and discussed at PAME-II 2013 in Sept 2013
- **2nd draft** circulated 26 Nov 2013 with comments due by 8 Jan 2014
- **3rd draft** circulated 19 Jan 2014 with comments due in April
- Range of comments received over the spring and summer months
- **4th draft** distributed 19 Aug in preparation for 15 Sept 2014 workshop

AMSP Workshops:

- 1st AMSP Scoping Workshop, June 2013
- 2nd AMSP Workshop, 15 September 2014

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Strategic Goals

- Goal 1:** Improve knowledge of the Arctic marine environment, and continue to monitor and assess current and future impacts on Arctic marine ecosystems
- Goal 2:** Conserve and protect ecosystem function and marine biodiversity to enhance resilience and the provision of ecosystem services
- Goal 3:** Promote safe and sustainable use of the marine environment, taking into account cumulative environmental impacts, and minimizing risks of negative impacts from human activities
- Goal 4:** Enhance the economic, social and cultural well-being of Arctic communities and strengthen their capacity to adapt to changes in the Arctic marine environment

Inputs and Collaboration

- Input received from Member States, Permanent Participants, working groups, experts
- Additional input still needed to refine and focus strategic actions, and to ensure they are sufficiently forward looking to span 10 year period of the new AMSP



Next Steps/Timeline

- New version will be distributed to PAME and other Arctic Council working groups in October
- Comments due by 24 November
- Final draft version to be ready by 15 December
- Seek approval of final version of revised AMSP at PAME I-2015 meeting, for submission and approval by SAOs and 2015 Ministerial meeting



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Development of a framework for a pan-Arctic Network of MPAs

- Role of pan-Arctic MPA network: Protect and restore marine biodiversity, ecosystem function and natural features, preserve cultural heritage resources
- Contributes to a number of ongoing Arctic Council objectives
- Composed of individual Arctic States' existing MPA networks; not a binding framework
- MPA network expert group
 - Co-led by Canada, USA and Norway



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- 6. Building a Pan-Arctic MPA Network: Designing, Connecting and Strengthening Domestic Networks**
- 7. Recommended Collaborative Actions**

Examples of Collaborative Actions

- Evaluate options for mapping, metadata and spatial analyses
- Develop communications tools for a general audience, to expand public understanding
- Develop MPA data sharing and monitoring strategies
- Identify important marine areas for protection at pan-Arctic scale
- Identify knowledge gaps and TEK/science needs related to MPA networks
- Establish a regular mechanism for reviewing and assessing the effectiveness of the pan-Arctic framework, and adjusting it as necessary

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