



Proposed AMSA Documents and Process/Timeline to Ministerial 2009

PAME is seeking SAO agreement on the nature of the AMSA products and process/timelines. PAME would also like to offer some ideas about the public release of AMSA and other Arctic Council ocean-related reports in April 2009.

AMSA documentation and Reports:

- **AMSA Research Document** – (“1000 page”) - will be a non-negotiated document. However PAME is seeking SAOs agreement that this document will be made available after the 2009 Arctic Council Ministerial meeting to the public/stakeholders through e.g. posting on the PAME website with the appropriate disclaimers.
- **AMSA 2009 Report** – (“100 page”) negotiated report with findings, recommendations & research agenda. This document will be a product of the Arctic Council.

PAME has agreed to the following process and timeline to finalize AMSA:

- Oct 28-30 PAME II-2008 Meeting – draft key findings and recommendations presented by Lead Countries. Initial questions and discussion by PAME and PPs:
 - Proposed outline of AMSA Report presented by Lead Countries
 - PAME and PP’s representatives begin internal consideration of draft findings and recommendations
- Nov 6 – PAME chair submits PAME Report for SAO Nov 19-20 meeting including status report on AMSA, identification of specific issues if any, requiring SAO direction and a proposed process and timeline for AMSA
- Nov 14 (close of business USA/east coast time) – Lead Countries provide 1st draft (rolling draft) of AMSA Report, including key findings and recommendations and research agenda to PAME for review and negotiations at the Nov 21-22 special PAME meeting
- Nov 19-20 SAO Meeting – presentation of status and seek agreement on the process and time line for finalizing AMSA. The presentation will NOT include draft findings and recommendations.
- Nov 21-22 – Special PAME meeting (Oslo) - review and negotiation of the first draft AMSA Report with emphasis on draft key findings and recommendations.
- Dec 2 – Leads to provide 2nd draft AMSA report to PAME.
- Dec 10 – PAME Conference call to discuss any changes required to the 2nd draft AMSA Reports and provide inputs to the leads
- Dec 30 – leads to provide 3rd draft AMSA report to PAME.
- Jan 5 2009 – PAME agreement on a final draft AMSA report for distribution to SAOs with explanatory notes on status and any remaining issues.

- Jan 8 2009 – PAME submission of final draft AMSA Report to SAOs with the identification of any uncompleted tasks and unresolved issues that PAME continues to work on.
- Feb 10/11 2009 – SAO drafting meeting on SAO Report and Ministerial Declaration. Any outstanding issues with AMSA to be resolved at this meeting. PAME Chair may participate if required.

Planning for release of AMSA Reports

The PAME Chair and Secretary are developing a proposed communication plan for release of AMSA and related Arctic Council Ocean reports to the 2009 Ministerial meeting for SAO consideration. This plan may include a possible oceans event in conjunction with the 2009 Ministerial meeting.