

SAO Marine Mechanism Fall 2020 Webinar Series

29 September – 29 October 2020

Opening plenary session

Tuesday 29 September 2020 | 13:30 – 15:00 GMT

Please note: An agenda will be provided a week ahead of every session.

Delegates are required to [register](#) for each plenary and thematic session. Each session will be monitored to ensure that only registered participants are attending. Login questions can be sent to: webmaster@arctic-council.org.

13:00 (GMT) Participants join the webinar session via GoToMeeting

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- There are **no pre-recorded presentations** for the Opening plenary on 29 September.
- **Expert presentations** for the four thematic sessions will be shared with registered participants one day prior to each session.
- Please do not share the GoToMeeting link with others than confirmed registered participants.
- HoD are responsible for the management of their delegation size. **Non-registered attendees will be excluded from the GoToMeeting.**
- **The presentation by WWF on 29 September will be recorded for SMM thematic sessions' outreach purposes.** All other SMM presentations or sessions will not be recorded. We ask that you refrain from making any recordings of the SMM.

13:30 (GMT) SMM webinar opening plenary session begins

Setting the scene: SAO Marine Mechanism plenary session

Chair: *Einar Gunnarsson, Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials, Arctic Council*

Invited speaker: *Dr. Peter Winsor, Director, WWF Global Arctic Programme*

Background: The SMM agenda is designed to create a frame for discussion on Arctic marine matters with marine experts from the Arctic States, Permanent Participants (PPs), Working Groups (WGs) and Observers. This kick-off plenary session on 29 September is intended to set the stage for the four thematic sessions that will follow in October, and to give SAOs, PPs, WGs and Observers the opportunity to call attention to ocean-related matters they believe to be of particular relevance for the Arctic Council.

Opening plenary session: The SAO Chair, **Einar Gunnarsson**, will provide an overview of the SMM and the webinar series, general objectives and expected outcomes from the discussions over the next several weeks. He will introduce the invited speaker from the WWF Global Arctic Programme, **Dr. Peter Winsor**, to set the stage for the SMM discussions by providing a comprehensive overview of WWF's policy recommendations for "Creating an Effective SAO-Based Mechanism for Coordinating Work on Marine Issues in the Arctic Council."

The opening plenary presentation by WWF will be followed by a discussion.

- **Requests for the floor can be submitted by email to the ACS before CoB 28 September (acs@arctic-council.org).**
- Please ensure that the subject of your email is "Requesting floor for SMM opening plenary". **For the thematic sessions, requests should include a brief topic outline of the point to be raised.**
- Priority will be given to Arctic States, PPs and WGs. Observer participants will be given the floor as time allows.
- Priority will be given to grouped interventions.
- **Please note that each webinar session will have a dedicated online chatbox** where participants can comment and/or pose questions that the moderator and panelists will address as needed. The chatbox will close one-hour after the session concludes. Additional input/comments/or questions from participants will be accepted *for the record* by email until 24 hours after the meeting to acs@arctic-council.org, and dealt with accordingly by the Moderators.

15:00 **SMM plenary session adjourns.**

The SMM reconvenes on **1 October 2020** (see calendar of events)