

SAO Marine Mechanism Fall 2020 Webinar Series

29 September - 29 October 2020

The SMM webinar is designed to create a frame for panel discussions on Arctic marine matters with marine experts from the Arctic States, Permanent Participants, Working Groups and Observers. The sessions will be held on the [GoToMeeting](#) virtual platform and are tailored to facilitate policy, expert, and knowledge-holder interactions. The SMM will be launched on 29 September with a **kick-off plenary session** intended to set the stage for the **four thematic panel discussions** and a **concluding wrap-up session** on 29 October.

Kindly note that this draft outline of the fall 2020 SMM webinar series calendar can be subject to change.

29 September 2020 | 13:30 – 15:00 GMT (One 90-minutes segment)

Setting the scene: SMM plenary session

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

Invited speaker: **Peter Winsor**, WWF – Global Arctic Programme

1 October 2020 | 13:30 – 16:00 GMT (Two 60-minutes segments)

Arctic Marine Strategic Plan ([Access video presentations for this session here](#))

Moderator: **Mary Frances Davidson**, Deputy Director, UNESCO - GRÓ - Fisheries Training Programme, Iceland

Keynote speaker: **Elizabeth McLanahan**, Co-Chair, Protection of the Arctic Environment Working Group (PAME)

Expert presentations: **Maya Gold**, Senior Advisor, International Oceans Policy, Fisheries and Oceans Canada; **Jessica Nilsson**, Senior Scientific adviser, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management; **Jimmy Stotts**, HoD, President, Inuit Circumpolar Council-Alaska; **Jeehye Kim**, Senior Researcher, Korea Maritime Institute, Republic of Korea

8 October 2020 | 13:30 – 16:00 GMT (Two 60-minutes segments)

Sustainable Arctic Shipping ([Access video presentations for this session here](#))

Moderator: **Magnús Jóhannesson**, Special Adviser for Arctic Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Iceland

Keynote speaker: **Loukas Kontogiannis**, Head of Marine Pollution, Marine Environment Division, International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Expert presentations: Russian Federation (tbc), Aleut International Association (tbc), **Andrew Fleming**, British Antarctic Survey, United Kingdom; **Jón Bernóðusson**, Subject Leader, Public Admin and Development, Transport Authority of Iceland

15 October 2020 | 14:00 – 16:30 GMT (Two 60-minutes segments)

Regional Coordination of Marine Issues and Global Commitments

([Access video presentations for this session here](#))

Moderator: **Mary Frances Davidson**, Deputy Director, UNESCO - GRÓ - Fisheries Training Programme, Iceland

Keynote speaker: **Anders Turesson**, Chair of the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP)

Expert presentations: **Kjell Kristian Egge**, International Law Adviser, Law of the Sea, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Norway; **Sara Viljanen**, Senior Ministerial Adviser, Legislative Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Finland; **Kerstin Stendahl**, Head of UNEP's Ecosystems Integration Branch and responsible for UNEP's engagement with the Regional Seas Programme; **Naomi Harada**, Japan Agency for Marine Earth Science and Technology, Japan

22 October 2020 | 13:30 – 16:00 GMT (Two 60-minutes segments)

Ecosystem-Based Management ([Access video presentations for this session here](#))

Moderator: **Magnús Jóhannesson**, Special Adviser for Arctic Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Iceland

Keynote speaker: **Mark Dickey-Collas**, ICES Advisory Committee (ACOM) Chair, International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)

Expert presentations: **Libby Logerwell**, NOAA, United States; **Tom Christensen**, Co-Chair, Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program (CBMP), **Gunn-Britt Retter**, Saami Council, Head of Arctic and Environmental Unit; **Michail Papadoyannakis**, Directorate-General for Environment Affairs, European Commission

29 October 2020 | 13:30 – 17:00 GMT (Two 90 minutes segments)

Concluding/wrap-up session

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

Invited speakers (SMM moderators): **Mary Frances Davidson**, Deputy Director, UNESCO - GRÓ - Fisheries Training Programme, Iceland; **Magnús Jóhannesson**, Special Adviser for Arctic Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Iceland