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Peter Oppenheimer
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Arctic Council

Dear Peter,

Thank you for the news of PAME's biennial meeting earlier this month (PAME-I 2021) and the Record of Decision it adopted approving in principle the proposed joint ARHC-PAME policy statement on hydrography in the Arctic. As requested, I have officially reconfirmed the support of the members of the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission for the draft statement as written, and understand PAME will now forward it for approval by the Senior Arctic Officials of the Arctic Council in March.

Thank you and the entire PAME team for your support and dedication to protect the Arctic marine environment. Please let us know if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Rear Admiral Shepard M. Smith
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