
WORKSHOP AGENDA

In Support of the Arctic Marine Strategic Plan

Reykjavik Iceland, 20-22 October 2003

Principal Objective:

To provide a forum for exchanging information and ideas on drivers of change, trends in oceans management and possible circumpolar responses to arctic oceans issues.

Co-Chairs:

Mr. John Karau, Canada
Mr. Magnus Johannesson, Iceland

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2003

0800-0900 hrs

Registration and Refreshments

0900-0910 hrs

Welcome and Opening Address

Ambassador Gunnar Pálsson, Chairman of the Senior Arctic Officials

0910-0930 hrs

Overview of the Arctic Marine Environment

A general description of the Arctic marine ecosystem and how it functions
Dr. Kenneth Sherman, Director, National Marine Fisheries Service

Session 1: Drivers of Change for the Arctic Marine Environment

A summary of the key threats and challenges

0930-0950 hrs

State of the Arctic Marine Environment

Mr. Helgi Jensson, Chair of AMAP

0950-1010

Biodiversity and Conservation issues

Mr. Kent Wohl, Chair of CAFF

1010-1030 hrs

Climate Change and the Arctic

Dr. Robert Corell, Chair of the ACIA Assessment Steering Committee

1030-1050 hrs

Health Break

1050-1120 hrs **Emerging Issues: Human and Economic**
What are the human and human health aspects of the Arctic marine environment from Indigenous Peoples' perspective?
Ambassador Mary Simon, Canada

1120-1140 hrs *What are the economic drivers and how will they influence the Arctic marine environment*
Professor Ragnar Árnason, University of Iceland

1145-1200 hrs **Co-Chairs' Summary**

1200-1300 hrs **Lunch**
Keynote speaker – Runólfur Smári Steinþórsson, Associate Professor in Management and Planning, University of Iceland

Session 2: Trends in Ocean Management
Examples of various international, regional and national approaches

1300-1335 hrs **Regional Approaches**
Regional Seas Overview – Dr. Veerle Vandeweerd, GPA Coordinator
Implementing Ecosystem-based Management - OSPAR/HELCOM

1335-1400 hrs **EU Marine Strategy**
Mr. Ulle Hagstroem, European Commission

1400-1420 hrs **WSSD and the Arctic**
A summary of the implications for the Arctic, including the concept of ecosystem-based approaches
Mr. Tom Laughlin, NOAA

1420-1500 hrs **National Ocean Strategies and Programmes**
Canada's Ocean Strategy – Ms. Renée Sauve
White paper from Norway – Mr. Per W. Schive
Russian NPA-Arctic – Mr. Boris Morgunov

1500-1520 hrs **Health Break**

1520-1600 hrs **Strategies by Regional/International Organizations**
Lord Julian Hunt of Chesterton, Chairman ACOPS
Ms. Samantha Smith, Director WWF Arctic Programme

1600-1700 hrs **Plenary Discussion**
Participants will have an opportunity to discuss various approaches to ocean management and how they might apply to the Arctic marine environment. Co-Chairs will summarize the key elements.

1800-2000 hrs **Reception**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2003

Session 3: Panel Discussion

Arctic Council Working Groups and Permanent Participants

- 0830-1000 hrs *A panel of working group chairs/representatives (PAME, AMAP, ACAP, CAFF, EPPR, SDWG) and Permanent Participants of the Arctic Council will address the following question:*
- “Which key Arctic marine issues and concerns within respective areas of interest should be considered in developing the strategic plan over the next decade and how could the strategic plan be used to better coordinate and integrate activities among Arctic Council partners?”*
- Co-Chairs will moderate the discussion.*

1000-1020 hrs **Health Break**

- 1020-1100 hrs **Panel Discussion, continued**
Co-Chairs will continue to moderate the discussion and summarize key elements.

Session 4: The Circumpolar Response

Considering the changes, pressures, approaches and initiatives What should be the circumpolar response?

- 1100-1230 hrs **Breakout Group I**
What are the key elements of a strategic plan?
This discussion should reflect on the information thus far presented in the workshop and the experience of participants in identifying key elements that define an effective strategic plan.
- Moderators: Mr. Tom Laughlin, United States and Mr. Per W. Schive, Norway*

1230-1330 hrs **Lunch**

- 1330-1415 hrs **Breakout Group Summaries**
Rapporteurs will present the results of the morning’s discussions

- 1415 hrs **Session 4: Continued**
Co-Chairs will introduce the afternoon session with a focus on opportunities

- 1430-1600 hrs **Breakout Group II**
What are the opportunities offered by a strategic plan?
This discussion should reflect on the possible opportunities and challenges and key considerations that are offered by a marine strategic plan for the Arctic.
- Moderators: Mr. Tom Laughlin, United States and Mr. Per W. Schive, Norway*

1600-1620 hrs **Health Break**

- 1620-1700 hrs **Breakout Group Summaries**
Rapporteurs will present the results of the afternoon discussions

- 1700-1730 hrs **Plenary Discussion**
Participants will have an opportunity to discuss the key characteristics of a strategic plan. Co-Chairs will summarize the day’s discussions.

1730-1745 hrs **Wrap-up**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2003

Session 5: A Roadmap for the Arctic Marine Environment

0900-1000 hrs

Panel Discussion

A panel of representatives to include government, NGO, industry, indigenous people and intergovernmental organizations. Each panel member will give a brief statement of impressions based on previous sessions and their own experience by addressing the following theme:

“The desired state of the Arctic marine environment and how an Arctic marine strategic plan can help to get there.”

Co-Chairs will moderate the discussion.

1000-1020 hrs

Health Break

1020-1100 hrs

Plenary Discussion

Participants will have an opportunity to discuss future directions. Co-Chairs will summarize discussions.

1100-1130 hrs

Workshop Summary and Next Steps

Co-Chairs will summarize the priorities and strategic directions and outline the way forward to facilitate the development of a strategic plan.

1130 hrs

Adjourned

EXHIBITS

Countries, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations will have an opportunity to showcase their work related to the marine environment. For the duration of the workshop, space will be provided to allow exhibitors to display images and distribute material outlining their efforts towards improved ocean management.

