

ARCTIC OCEAN REVIEW (AOR)

AOR Workshop
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The Arctic Ocean Review (AOR)

- The AOR is a country-led project under the marine Working Group of the Arctic Council
- The co-leads are Canada, Iceland, Norway, Russia and the US
- The final AOR report will be presented to Arctic Council Ministers in the Spring of 2013
- The AOR is a Review not an assessment, i.e. it will be based on existing information, studies and assessment work

AOR

The AOR is a multi-phased project that will:

- Provide an overview of the status of the Arctic marine environment (AME)
- Review the trends and pressures influencing the health and productivity of the AME
- Consider the key global and regional instruments, frameworks and measures that relate to the conservation and sustainable use of the AME
- Analyze options to strengthen the regulation and management of activities in the AME, and provide advice to Arctic Council Ministers

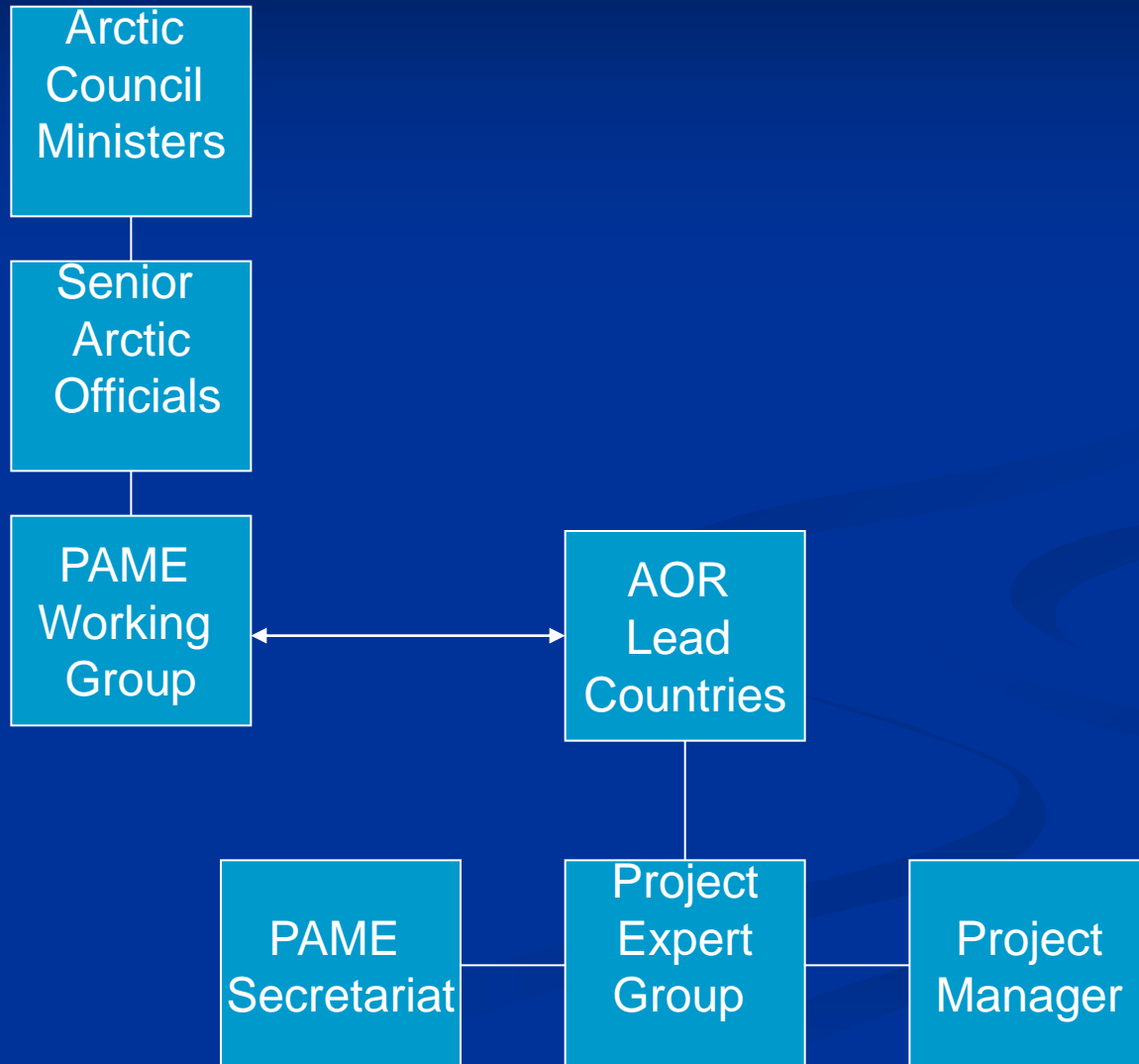
Goals of the AOR

- Demonstrate Arctic States' stewardship efforts in the Arctic marine environment
- Provide guidance to decision-makers as to strengthening the regulation and management of activities in the AME through a cooperative and coordinated approach

Rationale

- It is timely to have a review given the climatic, economic, environmental and socio-cultural changes occurring in the Arctic, and the trends resulting in increasing pressures on the marine and coastal environments.
- The Arctic Council, through PAME, has a policy role to identify and respond to trends, and help provide advice on how to address growing pressures affecting the quality of the Arctic marine environment.

Project Governance



Phase I

- Survey the status and trends related to the health and productivity of the AME
- Compile information on the key global and regional instruments, frameworks and measures
- Engage in communication and outreach
- Prepare a first draft of a Phase I report as a basis of discussion for expert workshop;
- Finalize Phase I Report for Arctic Council Ministers on existing status, trends, instruments/measures and identify issues of focus for Phase II

Phase II

- Building on the work conducted in Phase I - conduct analysis to identify potential improvements in regulation and management
- Conduct an international conference to gather and assess options for ensuring the health and productivity of the AME within the existing overarching framework, e.g. UNCLOS
- Develop the AOR Report with advice to Arctic Council Ministers as to measures to strengthen the regulation and management of activities in the AME

AOR Activities & Products

- Launching project
 - Project Plan, governance structure, Project Manager, Project Expert Group, Phase I work plan
- Communication and Outreach
 - Developed Plan, AOR brochure, presentations, connecting with Working Groups, PP, and national outreach efforts
- Phase I Report
 - Summarizing status, trends, instruments and measures relevant to the health, productivity and use of the AME

AOR Activities & Products

- Expert Workshop Report
 - Consultations at workshop key to developing Phase I Report
- International Conference and Report (Phase II)
 - Development of options
- AOR Report
 - Including guidance to Arctic Council Ministers

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Contribute to the development of the Phase I Report, this entails commenting on and contributing to a description of:

- Status of the *AME* and emerging trends
- Status and trends of the main sectoral activities
- The key instruments, frameworks and measures
- Modern management approaches relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of the *AME*

Thank You

