PAME REPORT TO THE SENIOR ARCTIC OFFICIALS

SAO MEETING, 12-14 October 2005

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Update from last SAO Meeting

PAME Meeting 19-20 Sep 2005 in Aalborg, Denmark to advance work plans main activities:

- Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment
- Ecosystem Approaches
- Port Reception Facilities
- Other PAME-related Activities
  - Regional Programme of Action
  - AMSP Communication Plan
  - Status of the GEF/ Russian NPA-Arctic project
Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment (AMSA)

Reykjavik Declaration, 4th Ministerial

"Request PAME to conduct a comprehensive Arctic marine shipping assessment as outlined in the AMSP under the guidance of Canada, Finland, and the United States as lead countries and in collaboration with the EPPR working group and other working groups of the Arctic Council and Permanent Participants as relevant."
ACIA Key Finding #6: Reduced sea ice is very likely to increase marine transport and access to resources.

AMSP – climate change and increasing economic activity as the key drivers of change
AMSA Work Structure

2020
- Accident Database
- Ice Condition Database
- Marine Activity Database
- LME’s
- Socio Economic

2050
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Marine Activity Data Collection

- Survey instruments currently being revised by leads and tested
- Data will be collected and presented in a GIS format
- The leads will provide quality control of the data
Organizational Structure

- Arctic Council
- PAME
- SAO meetings
- AMSA Advisory Group
  (Stakeholders & Experts)
- Lead Country representatives
  (Canada, Finland and United States)
- Expert/Task Groups
AMSCommunications

- PAME Secretariat: web-site and brochure (draft introduced at last PAME)
- Stakeholder opportunities:
  - Upcoming relevant conferences/ workshops
  - ICARP II in Copenhagen (10-12 Nov)
  - ARCOP final workshop in Helsinki (16-17 Nov)
- Next PAME meeting 1-2 March 2006, Oslo Norway
AMSA Tasks Ahead

- The Leads will send out invitations to candidates to serve in the Steering Group / Roundtable of experts.
- The revised survey instruments will be sent out to the Arctic coastal states in Oct/Nov requesting current Arctic marine traffic information for a single year (2004).
- Explanations will be provided on how ice and risk information will be collected.
- Leads will develop a concept paper with the aim to clarify and expand on the nature of the work plan, including the expert requirements.
Ecosystem Approaches

- USA has updated a map of Arctic LMEs in collaboration with Canada and Norway.
- Russian Academy of Sciences provided information on their research directions and development perspectives as it relates to Arctic ecosystems.
- Norway noted the importance of the cross-cutting aspects of climate variability and change in this work.
Ecosystem Approaches

- Further updated map will be ready for review in October/November 2005.

- LME Steering Group to be established and ToR and timetable prepared for review at the next PAME meeting.

- Importance of cooperation with, particularly AMAP and CAFF in this work.
Port Reception Facilities

- Initiated preparations of the **assessment of existing measures for port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues** with Norway leading.

- Norway emphasises that this work would commence immediately following the September PAME meeting and provided a summary paper on project description.
Port Reception Facilities

- **Phase 1** – Assess availability of and measures for port reception facilities for ship-generated and cargo residues in the PAME region and which regulations and incentives for delivery each country has implemented.

- **Phase 2** – Identify gaps in existing coverage and possible improvements in availability and incentives for delivery.

- **Phase 3** – Recommendation for harmonized guidelines based on the gap analysis.
Other PAME-related Activities

- Regional Programme of Action (RPA)
  - Agreement has been reached with the content of a draft Work Statement for a proposed follow-up and update of the RPA over the next 2 years. Canada is the lead.

  - Member states and permanent participants will be contacted for information and input to this update and Canada will report on progress at the next PAME meeting.

- AMSP Communication Plan
  - Canada and Iceland leading have prepared the 1st draft and PAME members have been asked to provide comments by end of November 2005.
In 2004 Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation have been made the sole executing agency.

ACOPS and NEFCO have now the status of "Partner Agency" which will cooperate with the certain groups of the Project donors.

Starting day for project implementation was set at 15 June 2005.

Russia informed PAME that the First Meeting of the Steering Committee will take place in Moscow 31st of October 2005.
THANK YOU!