Arctic Shipping Best Practice Information Forum
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The Forum

• After the Recognized need to raise awareness and promote the implementation of the IMO/Polar Code

• The Forum was established by the Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment Working Group of the Arctic Council (PAME) in 2017

• Endorsed by SAO’s in the 2017 Fairbanks Ministerial Declaration

• Developed
  – Terms of Reference
  – Methods of Operation
  – Eligibility Criteria
Objective and Participation

• To promote effective implementation of and compliance with the Polar Code,

• PAME recognizes the unique role it can play in bringing together and sharing information to all those involved in or potentially affected by Arctic marine operations, including:
  ▪ ship owners and operators,
  ▪ Flag, Port and Coastal States,
  ▪ classification societies,
  ▪ marine insurers,
  ▪ financial institutions funding Arctic activity,
  ▪ autonomous and local communities.

• Over 50 submissions of information received to date.
Organization

• The Forum is to meet annually under PAME’s auspices:
  – 1st meeting 5-6 June 2017 in London
  – 2nd meeting 14-15 May 2018 in London
• Forum Chair from the Arctic Council Chairmanship in consultation with and assistance from:
  – The PAME Shipping Expert Group Co-
  – The PAME Secretariat
Web-portal

- Compilation, exchange and sharing of information and best practices.
- Assist those involved in decision-making processes in relation to Arctic marine operations under the Polar Code.
- Creation of a web-portal to link all information together in one-place
Web-portal demonstration

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