



PAME II-2013

**Annotation to agenda item 4.2-AMSA Recommendation I(B) IMO Polar Code
AOR Final Report Recommendation 3**

Update on IMO's Development of a Mandatory Polar Code

Recommendations for the attention of the PAME II-2013 Meeting

The United States, Denmark, Norway and Canada recommend that:

- PAME and its member governments encourage the timely completion and implementation of the Polar Code.
- Arctic States encourage IMO bodies that are working to develop regulations, policies, and guidelines on environmental issues that may be relevant to the Polar Code, including ballast water management, anti-fouling and black carbon emissions, to consider the unique ecological characteristics of the Arctic with a view towards incorporating appropriate standards for ships operating in polar waters in their ongoing work.
- PAME encourage its member governments to evaluate and consider for possible action at IMO what operational measures may be warranted for commercial vessels operating in the high seas areas of the Arctic Ocean (giving consideration to voyage planning for the protection of marine mammals and possible appropriate routing measures in certain areas of the Arctic).
- PAME member governments explore the submission, individually or collectively, of an information paper to IMO that reports on the final HFO Phase II Report, and consider further options as appropriate based on the conclusions and recommendations of that final report.