



Annotation to agenda item 5 – 1st draft of revised AMSP, version 12 Sep 2013

Documentation:

- ✓ 1st draft of revised AMSP (version 12 Sep 2013)
- ✓ Annex 1 – Arctic Council Products and Recommendations (refer to the “Strategic Actions” section of the 1st draft revised AMSP)
- ✓ Project Plan for developing a revised AMSP (as per Annex II of the PAME 2013-2015 work plan)
- ✓ 1st scoping workshop summary report for the revision of the AMSP (final draft version)

Background and Status:

The AMSP was originally adopted by Arctic Council Ministers in 2004 and based upon reporting from the Arctic Council working groups, most of its strategic actions have been completed.

It is important that this revision process be done in cooperation with the other Arctic Council working groups in an effort to ensure that their respective marine-related activities and future strategic approach to management of the Arctic marine environment is coordinated between the working groups. An invitation has been sent out to working groups chairs inviting them to nominate an expert and/or a contact person to participate in a steering group for this project.

A “zero” draft of revised Arctic Marine Strategic Plan (AMSP) was discussed at the 1st scoping workshop for the revision of the 2004 AMSP which was held in Iceland from 13-14 June, 2013. Based on the outcomes of this workshop and inputs by the co-lead countries, a revised draft AMSP (1st draft) has been prepared and consists of the following seven sections:

1. Introduction
2. Vision
3. Goals
4. Principles and Approaches
5. Challenges and Opportunities in a Rapidly Changing Arctic
6. Strategic Actions
7. Implementation

The co-lead countries will revise this 1st draft based on comments received during and following the PAME II-2013 meeting. Following are the upcoming milestones as per the project plan.

- ✓ October 2013: Presentation at the SAO meeting and guidance sought, as appropriate
- ✓ October/November 2013: Prepare a 2nd draft and send out for consultations and comments

Action by PAME II-2013

- ✓ Provide comments on structure and content with particular attention to the section on “Strategic Actions”.
- ✓ Review and revise the project plan, if deemed necessary.