



**PAME I – 2013 Meeting  
Preliminary Agenda Items  
Rovaniemi, Finland  
12-14 February 2013**

The upcoming PAME Working Group meeting (PAME I-2013) will be held at the facilities of the Hotel Santa Claus in Rovaniemi and will convene at 9am on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February and end at 5pm on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of February.

Kindly inform us of needs for lead countries to have project planning sessions which could run in parallel with the main meeting in an effort to manage the time to an optimum.

PAME delegations are invited to include IMO, EBM, Oil and Gas, and other experts in their delegations to the PAME I-2013 meeting.

The aim of this Meeting is to reach agreement on the following activities:

1. Deliverables to the Ministerial meeting 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2013:
  - ✓ AOR Final Report including Recommendations
  - ✓ AMSA 2013 Progress Report
  - ✓ Status Report on AMSA Recommendation II(D) on Specially Designated Marine Areas
  - ✓ HSE workshop reports (HSE and Safety culture workshops) and communication material on the MRE website up and running
  - ✓ Status Report on Ecosystem Approach project (leads: Norway/USA) and revised LME map for approval
  - ✓ Status Report on the updating of the Arctic Marine Strategic Plan (leads: Norway/USA)
  - ✓ PAME 2013-2015 Work Plan
2. Final draft PAME Work Plan 2013-2015 for submission to SAOs/Ministers. Countries are requested to come prepared to finalize its respective activities for inclusion to the work plan for both ongoing and new projects/activities. Furthermore, confirmation on leads is requested.
3. Agree to the final content of the PAME report to SAOs/Ministers, including a suggested draft text for SAOs recommendation to Ministers.

Documents requiring decisions from this meeting must be distributed 30 days in advance, or by 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2013 in accordance with PAMEs Operating Guidelines.

## Documentation:

Access to all relevant documents and background information is on the PAME password protected area at: [www.pame.is](http://www.pame.is) First you log into the "login" area which is located in the top right corner of the homepage using the following user name and password: **USERNAME: pame** (all lower cases) and **PASSWORD: akureyri** (all lower cases). Then you click on the "Protected Area" icon.

**Participants are urged to bring their own copies of PAME-related documents for this meeting in an effort to minimize printing during the meeting!**

Coffee breaks: 10:00-10:15 and 15:00-15:15 - Lunch break: 12:00-13:00

## TUESDAY, February 12

### 09:00-09:30

**Item 1:** Opening of the Meeting by the Finnish SAO, Ambassador Hannu Halinen

**Item 2:** Introduction and Adoption of the Agenda (PAME Chair)

**Item 3:** Information from the Chair and the Secretariat

- 3.1 Outcome from the SAO meeting Nov 2012 and Jan 2013 (PAME Chair)
- 3.2 Upcoming Arctic Council related meetings, including the next Ministerial meeting, and guidance from SAOs on deadlines and process.

### 09:30-14:00

**Item 4:** Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment follow-up activities

*Theme I: Enhanced Arctic Maritime Safety*

4.1 AMSA I(A) – Linking with International Organizations

*PAME members to report on developments with respect to Arctic initiatives, actions, or activities of international organizations as relevant*

4.2 AMSA I(B) – IMO Polar Code

- a) *Summary on paper prepared by U.S. Canada, Russia, Norway and Denmark on update/status of the IMO Polar Code*
- b) *Discussions and next steps*

4.3 AMSA I(B) – Heavy Fuel Oil in The Arctic (HFO) Phase II (Norway/Russia/US)

- ✓ *Status reporting on the HFO Phase II Report for consideration by PAME*  
*Status on opportunities to make the information collected within the HFO study accessible on the [www.arcticdata.is](http://www.arcticdata.is) database (Norway)<sup>1</sup>*
- ✓ *Discussions and next steps to include a possible text for SAO Report to Ministers*

4.4 AMSA I(D) – Strengthening Passenger Ship Safety in Arctic Waters

- ✓ *Presentation by Ms. Frigg Jørgensen, General Secretary of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operations (AECO) on how its members address voyage planning*

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<sup>1</sup> Initial discussion to take place in the AMSA breakout session followed by additional discussions/decisions in plenary on Thursday morning.

*(including possible contingencies) and coordinate with each other and with shore-based administrations.*

- ✓ *Discussions and next steps*

*Theme II: Protecting Arctic People and the Environment*

4.4 AMSA II(C) – Areas of Heightened Ecological and Cultural Significance (AMAP/CAFF/SDWG)

- ✓ *Presentation on the final AMSA II(C) report*
- ✓ *Discussions and linkages with the implementation of II (D)*

4.5 AMSA II(D) – Specially Designated Arctic Marine Areas (Finland/Norway/Russia/US)

- a) *Summary of project status and next steps by co-leads*
- b) *Discussions and next steps to include a progress report and possible text for SAO Report to Ministers*
- c) *Updates provided by member governments on:*
  - ✓ *Progress in updating and keeping current information on IMO's GISIS database on their port waste reception facilities*
  - ✓ *How are member governments (through their respective national standards organization) assisting the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in the development of international standards specifically addressing the unique technical challenges related to Arctic shipping*
- d) *Discussions and next steps including the reporting to be forwarded to the 2013 Ministerial meeting*

4.6 AMSA II(F) – Oil Spill Prevention

- ✓ *Update on the Recommended Practices for Arctic Oil Spill Prevention Project (RP3) by EPPR and collaborations with the HSE project (Agenda item 7.2)*

4.7 AMSA II(H) – Reducing Air Emissions

- ✓ *Summary on paper prepared by WWF-Canada, IUCN and CCU on information on IMO's work related to black carbon, in particular as it relates to the Arctic*
- ✓ *Discussions and next steps*

*Theme III: Building the Arctic Marine Infrastructure*

4.8 AMSA III (A) – Addressing the Infrastructure Deficit

- a) *Gaps and Opportunities in Arctic ice services and products – presentation by USA*
- b) *Presentation on WWF's Global Arctic Programme project ArkGIS (Arctic Geographical Information System) and its linkages with PAME ongoing activities*
- c) *Update from the PAME Secretariat on the VOS Scheme (posting and communication with the shipping industry)*
- d) *Update as relevant from member governments on efforts to increase their level of participation in the World Meteorological Organization's Voluntary Observing Ship Scheme (VOS) and promoting participation by vessels flying their flag.*

- e) *Summary on the SDWG project on the Arctic Maritime and Aviation Transportation Infrastructure Initiative (AMATII) and relevance with PAMEs mandate and in particular the AMSA follow-up activities (SDWG to be confirmed)*

4.9 AMSA III (B) – Arctic Marine Traffic Systems

- a) *Presentation by Mr. Aron Frank Sørensen on BIMCO's shipping interests and activities as they relate AMSA including their initiatives and views regarding IMO's Polar Code, areas of heightened ecological and cultural significance, invasive species, oil spill prevention, ship strikes, underwater noise, air emissions, and marine traffic awareness systems.*
- b) *Discussions and next steps*

4.10 AMSA II (G) – International Measures Related to Impacts of Shipping on Marine Mammals

- a) *Information on the work of the IMO, ISO, and IWC related to impacts of shipping on marine mammals (USA)*
- b) *Discussions and next steps*

4.11 AMSA 2013 Progress Report (Canada/Finland/USA)

- e) *Summary of final draft 2013 AMSA progress report*
- f) *Discussion and agreement on final version to be forwarded to the 2013 Ministerial meeting*

4.12 Shipping projects for inclusion in the PAME 2013-2015 Work Plan

- ✓ *Review and revise the shipping section of the draft 2013-2015 PAME Work (possible item for the breakout session)*

***Breakout Session for AMSA follow-up activities from 14:00-17:00 parallel with plenary to finalize relevant documents for consideration in the 2013-2015 PAME Work Plan and draft PAME progress report to Ministers for further discussion and agreement under Agenda Item 9. AMSA breakout session to be co-chaired by representatives from the U.S. and Canada.***

**14:00-16:00**

**Item 5: Arctic Ocean Review Project (Canada/Norway/Iceland/Russia/USA)**

- ✓ *Summary by co-leads on the developments of the AOR Project including the negotiation process during the Nov-Jan period*
- ✓ *Discussion and agreement on outstanding issues to finalize the AOR Report, including its recommendations, for Ministerial submission*
- ✓ *Possible text for SAO Report to Ministers and the Ministerial Declaration*

**16:00-17:00**

**Item 6: Ecosystem Approach (Norway/USA)**

- ✓ *Summary by co-leads on the Ministerial deliverables to include the final version of the revised map of the 17 Arctic LMEs and its supporting text, the Concept Paper, and draft content of the EA brochure*
- ✓ *Report on the planned 3<sup>rd</sup> EA Workshop in collaboration with AMAP, CAFF and SDWG*
- ✓ *Discussion and agreement on final versions for Ministerial submission*

- ✓ *Agree to EA 2013-2015 Work Plan items (Agenda 9)*

**17:00-17:15**

Welcoming words by Director Silja Ruokola, Ministry of Transport and Communications as the host to the dinner.

**19:00 Dinner at the restaurant of Sky Hotel Ounasvaara (Details provided by the host at the meeting)**

<http://www.laplandhotels.com/EN/hotels-and-restaurants/rovaniemi/lapland-hotel-sky-ounasvaara/restaurants.html>.

**WEDNESDAY, February 13**

**09:00-10:00**

**Item 7: Follow up on the 2009 Arctic Offshore Oil and Gas Guidelines (AOOGG) and OGA - USA**

- 7.1 Arctic Oil and Gas Management, Regulation and Enforcement a Legal Regime Web-Based Information Resource (MRE Project)

*Update by lead on information received on additional links and information as per the MRE website*

- 7.2 Health, Safety and Environmental Management Systems for Offshore Arctic Oil and Gas Drilling Activities (HSE Project)

- ✓ *Summary by leads on the draft HSE Report recommendations and guidance*
- ✓ *Relevance and input provide to the EPPRs RP3 Projects recommendations*
- ✓ *Discussion and agreement on documentation to be forwarded to the 2013 Ministerial meeting*
- ✓ *Possible text for SAO Report to Ministers*
- ✓ *Review and revise the oil and gas section of the draft 2013-2015 PAME Work (possible item for the breakout session)*

**10:15-11:00**

**Item 8: Updating the 2004 Arctic Marine Strategic Plan (Norway/USA)**

- ✓ *Revised draft project plan for inclusion into the 2013-2015 PAME Work Plan*
- ✓ *Discuss opportunities to convene an AMSP workshop back-to-back with the 3<sup>rd</sup> EA Workshop in June 2013*
- ✓ *Possible text for SAO Report to Ministers and Ministerial Declaration*

**11:00-12:00**

**Item 9: Draft PAME Work Plan 2013-2015**

- ✓ *Revised draft PAME Work Plan 2013-2015 (objectives, activities and leads)*
- ✓ *Confirmed leads on respective activities as relevant*

**13:00-16:00 - Breakout sessions to finalize relevant documents for inclusion into the 2013-2015 PAME Work Plan and draft PAME progress report to Ministers for further discussion and agreement under Agenda Item 9 cont.**

**13:00-15:00: Continue AMSA breakout session, if needed.**

**13:00-15:00: AOR Breakout session**

**15:15-16:00: EA and AMSP breakout session**

**15:15-16:00 HSE breakout session**

**16:00-17:00 - PLENARY**

**Item 9: Continue Draft PAME Work Plan 2013-2015**

- ✓ *Inclusions of project/activities as per discussions and decisions from breakout sessions*
- ✓ *Outstanding issues and agreement on content*

*Respective leads to provide draft RoDs to the PAME Secretary by end of the day*

**Guided tour to the Arctic Centre (Details provided by the host at the meeting)**

## **THURSDAY, February 14**

**09:00-10:00**

Outstanding issues from previous days:

- ✓ *Agenda Item 4 - AMSA follow-up activities*
- ✓ *Agenda Item 5 - OOGG and OGA follow-up*
- ✓ *Agenda Item 6 - AOR Project*
- ✓ *Agenda Item 7 - Ecosystem Approach*
- ✓ *Agenda Item 8 - AMSP Update*

**10:15-12:00**

**Item 9: Continue draft PAME Work Plan 2013-2015**

- ✓ *Review and agree to the revised version as per discussions during the PAME I-2013 meeting*

**13:00-16:00/17:00**

**Item 10: Deliverables to the 2013 Arctic Council Ministerial meeting**

- ✓ *Type of deliverables to the Ministerial meeting*
- ✓ *Review and agree to draft text for the 2013 SAO Report to Minister and the Ministerial Declaration, as relevant based on discussions during the PAME I-2013 meeting*

**Item 11: Summary of Meeting Decisions and Follow up Actions (Chair & Secretariat)**

- ✓ *The PAME Progress Report and deliverables to the to the SAO meeting 19-21 March 2013 (Chair)*
- ✓ *Main Records of Decisions from the meeting (Chair)*
- ✓ *Next PAME meeting (Fall 2013)*

**Item 12: Any other business and closing of the Meeting**

**End of PAME I-2013 Meeting at 17:00 on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February**