



15th of July, 2014

## Invitation to the 2nd workshop for the revision of the 2004 Arctic Marine Strategic Plan (AMSP)

15 September 2014 in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of PAME Working Group of the Arctic Council, you are cordially invited to attend or nominate an expert to attend the 2nd workshop convened in support of the revision of the 2004 Arctic Marine Strategic Plan (AMSP) which will be submitted to the 2015 Arctic Council Ministerial meeting for approval. This workshop will be from 9am-5pm on 15 September, 2014 at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre in Whitehorse, Canada, back-to-back with the PAME II-2014 Working Group meeting (16-18 September). The AMAP Working Group will also convene their meeting at the same time in Whitehorse.

The AMSP was adopted by Arctic Council Ministers in 2004. Since the AMSP's adoption the Arctic marine environment has been subject to increasing pressures from climate change, economic activities and pollution. The Arctic Council is at the forefront in responding to these emerging issues through the development of in-depth reports, assessments and follow-up projects.

The 2004 AMSP states that:

*"...PAME, in collaboration with all Arctic Council subsidiary bodies, will lead a review of the Strategic Plan by 2010, or another date specified by the Council, to determine its adequacy in light of the results of ongoing assessments and national and regional reporting."*

Based upon reporting from the Arctic Council working groups, most of the strategic actions of the 2004 AMSP have been completed or are progressing towards finalization. PAME in cooperation with the other Arctic Council working groups is developing a revised AMSP for 2015-2025 as agreed by the 2013 Arctic Council Ministerial meeting.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> draft of the revised Arctic Marine Strategic Plan was sent out for review on 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2014 and the co-lead countries (Canada, Norway and the United States) are in the process of revising the document based on comments received. The revised draft AMSP will be provided to workshop participants by the 19<sup>th</sup> of August. Workshop participants are asked to come prepared to provide comments and inputs to the draft AMSP with particular focus on Section 6: Strategic Actions. The aim of this Section is to be forward looking and to include high level actions of a strategic nature.

The workshop agenda and logistical information are provided as separate documents.

**Registration:** All participants are required to register for the PAME meeting through the Government of Canada registration link: <https://www.accreditationcanada.gc.ca/>. The registration website will be open from **July 15, 2014** to **September 11, 2014**.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Soffia Gudmundsdottir'.

Soffia Gudmundsdottir  
PAME Executive Secretary