



## **SAO Meeting**

**Yellowknife, 22-23 October 2014**

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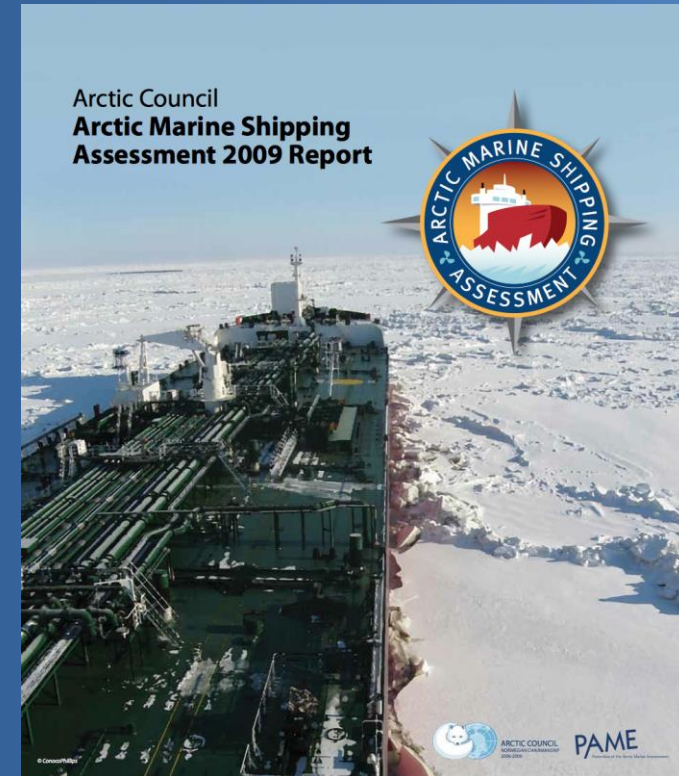
**Agenda 6.5.1: The Arctic Marine Tourism Project (AMTP)**

**Agenda 6.5.2: Updating the Arctic Marine Strategic Plan (AMSP 2015-2025)**

**Agenda 6.5.3: Framework for Pan-Arctic MPA**

# Background

- AMTP is derived from:
  - The Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment (2009) Recommendation 2.D: *Strengthening Passenger Ship Safety in Arctic Waters*
  - Canada's Arctic Council Chairmanship (2013-2015) Program Priorities
- Other supportive initiatives:
  - Vision for the Arctic (Arctic Council Ministers 2013)
  - Senior Arctic Officials' Report to Ministers (Kiruna 2013)
  - 2013 Arctic Ocean Review (PAME)
  - PAME 2013-2015 Work Plan
- Project co-led by Canada and USA



# Goal

“To analyze and encourage sustainable tourism across the circumpolar Arctic”



# Method

By holding workshops to identify issues or gaps where the Arctic Council can add value by articulating best practices in relation to vessel-based Arctic tourism

# AMTP Outcome:

*A Best Practices Document that:*

**1:** Avoids duplication by being aware of existing guidelines and best practices

**2:** Identifies existing best practices while determining practical problem areas or actual issues requiring resolution

**3:** Takes into account regional variations, categories of tourist/vessel operations and various stakeholder perspectives

**4:** Considers the target audience(s) for development of best practices

# Content overview

1. Describe **types** of Arctic Marine Tourism (cruise, expedition cruise, private vessel, shore-based small boat)
2. Describe **state** of the vessel-based tourism industry (Arctic cruise vessel data, types of activity, community interactions, etc.) and **regional variations** that affect operations and growth in the industry
3. Describe **indigenous and local community context**, including social and economic activity potentially affected by Arctic marine tourism
4. Describe **current regulations, guidelines and best practices** (include permitting, IMO Polar Code, AECO and other guidelines and info)
5. Articulate Best Practices; build on and **support current best practices** by responsible Arctic tourism operators
6. Next steps/Follow-on Actions

# AMTP Timeline

## 2014

- March:** 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop (18-19 March, Ottawa, Canada)
- Summer:** Workshop report with framework for creation of *Best Practices Document* circulated for refinement
- 15 Sept:** One day meeting on AMTP - PAME shipping expert group (back-to-back with PAME II-2014 meeting 16-18 Sep)
- 16 Oct:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop (16 Oct, Oslo, Norway) in conjunction with AECO
- Nov-Dec:** Further refinement of *Best Practices Document*

## 2015

- Jan:** Circulation of Final Draft *Best Practices Document*
- Feb:** Final PAME Approval
- March:** Senior Arctic Official Approval
- April:** Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting



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# Revising the AMSP

- AMSP adopted in 2004 - Most strategic actions are now completed
- AMSP is an **Arctic Council product** and PAME has coordinated the revision process with other Arctic Council working groups
- Decision in 2011 to revise the AMSP
- Need to take new challenges and approaches into account:
  - ✓ Increasing pressures from climate change, economic activities and pollution
  - ✓ Concept of EBM evolved since 2004
  - ✓ Incorporate findings and recommendations from recent AC projects (e.g. AOR, ABA, SWIPA, EBM expert group)



# Process and Consultations

- **1<sup>st</sup> draft** of revised AMSP presented and discussed at PAME-II 2013 in Sept 2013
- **2<sup>nd</sup> draft** circulated 26 Nov 2013 with comments due by 8 Jan 2014
- **3<sup>rd</sup> draft** circulated 19 Jan 2014 with comments due in April
- Range of comments received over the spring and summer months
- **4<sup>th</sup> draft** distributed 19 Aug in preparation for 15 Sept 2014 workshop

## **AMSP Workshops:**

- 1st AMSP Scoping Workshop, June 2013
- 2nd AMSP Workshop, 15 September 2014

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# Strategic Goals

- Goal 1:** Improve knowledge of the Arctic marine environment, and continue to monitor and assess current and future impacts on Arctic marine ecosystems
- Goal 2:** Conserve and protect ecosystem function and marine biodiversity to enhance resilience and the provision of ecosystem services
- Goal 3:** Promote safe and sustainable use of the marine environment, taking into account cumulative environmental impacts, and minimizing risks of negative impacts from human activities
- Goal 4:** Enhance the economic, social and cultural well-being of Arctic communities and strengthen their capacity to adapt to changes in the Arctic marine environment

# Inputs and Collaboration

- Input received from Member States, Permanent Participants, working groups, experts
- Additional input still needed to refine and focus strategic actions, and to ensure they are sufficiently forward looking to span 10 year period of the new AMSP



# Next Steps/Timeline

- New version will be distributed to PAME and other Arctic Council working groups in October
- Comments due by 24 November
- Final draft version to be ready by 15 December
- Seek approval of final version of revised AMSP at PAME I-2015 meeting, for submission and approval by SAOs and 2015 Ministerial meeting



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# Development of a framework for a pan-Arctic Network of MPAs

- Role of pan-Arctic MPA network: Protect and restore marine biodiversity, ecosystem function and natural features, preserve cultural heritage resources
- Contributes to a number of ongoing Arctic Council objectives
- Composed of individual Arctic States' existing MPA networks; not a binding framework
- MPA network expert group
  - Co-led by Canada, USA and Norway



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- 4. Key Definitions and Concepts**
- 5. Arctic Nation Approaches to Design and Management of MPAs and MPA Networks**
- 6. Building a Pan-Arctic MPA Network: Designing, Connecting and Strengthening Domestic Networks**
- 7. Recommended Collaborative Actions**



# Examples of Collaborative Actions

- Evaluate options for mapping, metadata and spatial analyses
- Develop communications tools for a general audience, to expand public understanding
- Develop MPA data sharing and monitoring strategies
- Identify important marine areas for protection at pan-Arctic scale
- Identify knowledge gaps and TEK/science needs related to MPA networks
- Establish a regular mechanism for reviewing and assessing the effectiveness of the pan-Arctic framework, and adjusting it as necessary

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# THANK YOU