

REDEG Activities

PAME I – 2019

Malmo, Sweden

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MEMA PART II

Products include:

- Meaningful Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Marine Activities (MEMA) Part II Report – Findings for Policy Makers (*full report*)
- Meaningful Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Marine Activities (MEMA) Part II Report – Executive Summary for Policy Makers (*possibly as a standalone document*)
- MEMA database - online database with over 750 entries which both MEMA reports were based; will be publically available and open to having new documents added

MEMA PART II

- Draft MEMA Report (version Dec. 21, 2018) was distributed in preparation for this meeting (PAME I – 2019).
- Version incorporated comments received after PAME II – 2018 meeting in Vladivostok.
- In January, we received additional comments from Canada related to clarity, organization of methodology and findings.
- Further comments also expected from United States very soon.
- Canada providing Editor who is currently reviewing report for clarity and consistency.
- Editor is also reviewing and possibly reworking the Executive Summary to make it more strategic and higher level and less of a cut-and-paste from the main report.

Terminology - Clarification required

- Indigenous peoples and local communities

OR

- Indigenous Peoples and local communities

- Indigenous knowledge and local knowledge

OR

- Indigenous Knowledge and local knowledge

Next Steps

- Looking for PAME approval in principle at this meeting.
- By February 12th - Secretariat to forward latest MEMA draft to SAO's, along with a letter outlining status of report.
- Plan to send PAME a new track changes version once received by Editor (ideally around February 15th).
- Would require 1 week turnaround review by PAME.
- By February 26th – Secretariat to forward the Final version to SAO's for approval at March meeting.

Next Steps (for 2019-2021 Workplan)

- MEMA Handbook for engagement with Indigenous People - practical tool
 - Co-leads: Canada, USA and PP's (ICC, Saami Council and AIA).
 - SDWG has been invited to collaborate.
 - Scope / design of handbook has yet to be discussed by co-leads but will be initiated intersessionally before PAME II – 2019.

Arctic Offshore Oil and Gas Guidelines AOOGG (2009)

Survey on possible updating of guidance on:

- Environmental monitoring
- Compliance monitoring
- Waste management
- Use and discharge of chemicals
- Emissions to air
- Decommissioning

Results: Survey of Update Options

- Received comments from Canada, USA, Norway, The Kingdom of Denmark, and Inuit Circumpolar Council.
 - Canada generally does not see the need to pursue.
 - USA does not see any need except possibly for workers health and safety.
 - Norway provided priorities for possible updating the AOOGG.
 - Denmark is supportive of updating the guidelines but did not provide specifics at this time.
 - ICC provided specific ideas for updating the AOOGG.

Results: Survey of Update Options

- Norway suggested priority updating could include:
 - environmental monitoring
 - emissions to air
 - use and discharge of chemicals
- ICC suggested inclusion of specific recommendations to address:
 - Environmental Monitoring
 - Compliance Monitoring
 - Waste Managementand general comments to:
 - Emissions to Air
 - Decommissioning and Site Clearance
 - Consider new topics recognizing that Indigenous People are connected to the health of the environment
- USA: suggested providing guidance for worker safety and health

Results: Discussion

- Survey revealed some interest in updating the AOOGG 2009 Guidance for environmental monitoring, emissions to air and and discharge of chemicals.
- In order to move forward, another state needed to step-up to join the USA as a co-lead.
- No state was prepared to co-lead this work.
- Some Canadian feedback to survey noted that when the Guidelines were originally produced by PAME (1997, 2002, 2009), intended to be used as minimum standards for states to follow as they developed their state legislation / regulations for Arctic oil and gas activities.
- Since then, industry practices and state legislation in the Arctic and worldwide is more robust and has exceeded these guidelines.

Results: Discussion (continued)

- Concern that outsiders might think that is all that is going on in Arctic States, if the latest documents were from 2009.
- Remind PAME that while AOOGG were last updated in 2009, two projects were undertaken since then:
 - In 2014 – released an update on ***Health, Safety and Environmental Management Systems*** (as a follow-up to Deepwater Horizon).
 - In 2017 – released **MEMA Part I** – focused on engagement recommendations within Arctic Council.
 - In 2019 – releasing **MEMA Part II** – focused on engagement broadly in marine activities.
- Request made that REDEG could prepare an update / status report which describes current Arctic activities related to oil and gas.
- This would be based on state submissions of updates describing, for example, current state of oil and gas activities, relevant legislation, regulations, practices, etc.

Proposed Next Steps (for 2019-2021 Work Plan)

- REDEG to prepare an “Arctic oil and gas activities: Status update” which describes Arctic states current activities related to oil and gas.
- This would be based on all states providing submissions of input describing, for eg.
 - current state of oil and gas activities
 - relevant legislation, regulations, practices, etc.
 - a template could be developed to help facilitate state input
- Project to be completed within 2019-2021 Work Plan.

NOTE: there is no project plan currently in PAME Draft Work Plan