

PAME II-2019: Agenda 6.2(b)

Black Carbon emissions from shipping activity in the Arctic and technology developments for their reduction

Status Report

The Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME) Working group of the Arctic Council approved its Work Plan for 2019-2021 at its plenary meeting in Malmö (4 – 7 February 2019).

PAME decided to include a shipping project related to black carbon emissions from shipping activity in the Arctic. The project co-leads are Finland and Iceland.

Due to the subject matter, with particular reference to ongoing work within the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) sub-committee, the Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) Committee, the approved project proposal included a clause stipulating that the project proposal would be reviewed and amended as needed, following the outcome of PPR/6 and MEPC/74.

Revision by project co-leads is currently ongoing and following initial amendment by project co-leads, the project proposal will be circulated to the project correspondence group, to which all Arctic Council member states and Permanent Participants are invited to appoint a focal point.

The project co-leads have already identified that the following amendments will have to be made (amended parts have been highlighted):

Timeline and Major Milestones

- ✓ February 2019: PAME-I 2019 meeting. Approval and confirmation of project leads for inclusion into the 2019-2021 Work Plan.
- ✓ May 2019 – September 2019: Revision of project plan.
- ✓ September 2019: Oral report at PAME-II 2019.
- ✓ September 2019-February 2020: Further revision of project plan and circulation amongst project correspondence group; Undertake information gathering from publicly available sources and Arctic Council member states.
- ✓ February 2020: Provide update to PAME-I 2020 on project status, including an outline of the report and a list of information sources.
- ✓ February 2020 – September 2020: Continue information gathering, compile and synthesize information received by 1 June and begin drafting report.
- ✓ September 2020: Submit a draft report to PAME-II 2020 and invite review and comment by 15 November 2020.
- ✓ November 2020 – February 2021: Revise draft report in light of comments received.
- ✓ February 2021: Final draft submitted to PAME-I 2021 for approval and submission to SAOs and Ministerial.
- ✓ March 2021: Present any revisions to SAOs.
- ✓ May 2021: Finalize report for Ministerial.

Recommendation to the PAME II-2019 meeting

The co-leads (Finland and Iceland) recommend that PAME adopt the following RoDs:

- Invite the identification of focal points to participate in the project correspondence group.