

PAME I-2020 – MPA Expert Group Pre-meeting Annotation to agenda item 4.1.2

PAME Project to develop two factsheets on Marine Protected Areas under change

Background

During the 2019-2021 biennium, PAME is developing two factsheets on the Arctic marine region under change, with the aim to leverage and synthesize factual information from the Arctic Council's work on this topic and communicate to decision makers and the public, as well as contribute to cross-working group cooperation on common topics. Project goals include:

- To leverage and synthesize factual information from the Arctic Council's work in a layman's format to communicate to decision makers and the public;
- Contribute to cross-working group cooperation on common topics; and
- Contribute to the outreach aspect of the Arctic Council, ensuring close collaboration with the Arctic Council Secretariat.

The 1st factsheet will synthesize factual information on MPAs under change and the role of MPAs in building resilience, while the 2nd factsheet will synthesize factual information on impacts of these changes on Indigenous Peoples through the lens of food security. Translation of the factsheet into the Arctic States' main and minority languages will be a priority.

Update

Project co-leads (Finland and USA) have had a series of conference calls on both Factsheets with experts and Permanent Participants since PAME I-2020 to continue product development. Co-leads have also circulated the bibliographies for both Factsheets to the project Reference Group for intersessional review, and sought initial comments from the Reference Group and other Working Groups on the "Marine Protected Areas in a Changing Arctic" Factsheet. Co-leads are now circulating this Factsheet for full PAME review in an effort to finalize the text for "Marine Protected Areas in a Changing Arctic" and send it for layout and graphic design. Co-leads are also seeking initial comments from PAME members, including those on the Reference Group, and other Working Groups on "Food Security in the Arctic: Implications of a Changing Ocean" to guide the development of a revised draft. An updated review timeline (*Document: MPA pre-meeting agenda 4.1.2 Factsheets Draft Proposed Timeline*) has also been included with the draft Factsheets for MPA Expert Group and PAME approval.

Actions

- Please review the "Marine Protected Areas in a Changing Arctic" Factsheet and provide edits and comments by 30 September with an eye toward approving text in the next draft, to be circulated intersessionally with graphic design for layout review prior to PAME I-2021.
- Please review the Factsheet on Food Security and provide initial reactions, edits, and comments by 14 September to help guide the development of subsequent drafts, to be circulated intersessionally for PAME review prior to PAME I-2021.
- Please review and edit to approve the updated review timeline for project completion.