



WORKSHOP:

IMPROVING WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON BOARD FISHING VESSELS IN THE ARCTIC

27-28 January 2026
Hafnarfjordur, Iceland

DAY 1: CURRENT PRACTICES AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

08:30 | Walk-in / Coffee & Tea

09:00 | Welcome and Opening Remarks

09:30 – 10:15 | Session 1: Setting the Scene – Fishing Gear as a Source of Marine Litter, Arctic Fisheries, International Frameworks and Obligations

- **Fishing gear waste on the coastline of the Arctic**
Wouter-Jan Strietman – Wageningen Social & Economic Research
- **Overview of Arctic and near-Arctic fisheries activity and gear used**
Gunnstein Bakke – Norwegian Fisheries Directorate
- **International shipping frameworks and obligations**
Margot Parcaroli-Ruiz-Estrada - International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- Q & A

10:15 – 10:30 | Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:30 | Session 2: The Industry Perspective

How is Gear Waste Management Organized on Deck and in Ports? What Works Well and What Challenges Exist?

- **Experience from Icelandic Fisheries**
Þórarinn Traustason, Icelandic Directorate of Fisheries
- **Experience from Greenlandic Fisheries**
Presenter TBC
- **Experience from Norwegian Fisheries**
Presenter TBC
- Q & A

11:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break & Guided Tour to a vessel in the port (TBC)

13:30 – 15:30 | Session 3: Breakout Groups: What is Going Well, What Challenges Exist?

- **Breakout groups:**
 - Waste management on board
 - Port Reception Facilities
 - Practices and routines on deck
 - Policy regulations and control
 - *Online breakout group available*
- Group reporting and discussion

15:30 | End of Day 1

16:00 | Excursion: Hampiðjan (Reykjavik)

"Hampiðjan has taken a leading position globally in the production and maintenance of high-quality fishing gear for trawlers and purse seiners."

19:00 | Joint dinner, hosted by Iceland and PAME

DAY 2: SHAPING ACTION

08:30 | Walk-in / Coffee & Tea

09:00-10:15 | Session 4: Examples and Inspiration from the Arctic and Beyond – Practical Ways to Improve On-Board and In-Port Fishing Gear Waste Management

- **Action Plan by Norwegian Fishermen to prevent Marine Littering, Waste Management Procedure, and demonstration of belt for collecting cut-off waste onboard**

Maria Pettersvik Arvnes, Norwegian Fishermen's Association

- **Developing best practices to reduce net cuttings waste in the marine environment**

Ryan D'Arcy Metcalfe, KIMO International

- **Mark it to Manage It: Tracking Fishing Gear for a Cleaner Ocean**

Haraldur Arnar Einarsson, Marine and Freshwater Research Institute, Iceland

- **The Development of an Arctic Fishing Gear Management Plan**

Carl Höjman, SALT

- Q & A

10:15 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:30 | Session 5: Breakout groups: Discussing the Way Forward and Identifying Opportunities for Improvement

- **Breakout groups:**
 - Design of the Fishing Gear Management Plan
 - Waste management on board + Practices and routines on deck
 - Policy regulations and control
 - Online breakout group available
- Group reporting and discussion

12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00 | Session 6: Defining Next Steps

- Interactive session & group discussion

15:00 – 16:00 | Closing Session

- Summary of key take-aways
- Next steps, incl. FGMP project
- Thank you and wrap-up

16:00 – END OF WORKSHOP