Agenda Item 5 a. Meaningful Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Marine Activities (MEMA).

Outcome/Products

- Searchable and updatable database with full source documents, a description or summary of what relevant information is in the documents, and a set of Key Words characterizing the topics covered. These are hyper-linked to each other and organized by Source and subdivided by Sector.
- A Workshop on Best Practices for Meaningful Engagement in Marine Activities to highlight some selected case studies.
- A Report summarizing the analysis of the existing information and results of the workshop containing an Executive Summary, Findings and Conclusions.

Progress

- The "MEMA" project was proposed at PAME II 2014 and the project plan was approved at PAME I 2015.
- February to May 2015 a documents search and call for information for legal statutes, declarations, recommendations, and statements etc. related to Meaningful Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Marine Activities.
- An Information Database was developed that contains over 250 Entries.
- The relevant contents were described or summarized, and Key Words/Concepts characterizing the documents were assessed.
- Entries organized by Source (Arctic Council, Governments, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, Industry and NGO/Academic) and subdivided by Sector (Resource Development, Shipping, EPPR, Marine Management, General, etc.)..

Next Steps

- Migrate the Database from Google Drive to the PAME website, and finalize including extraction of Key Words.
- Secure assistance for analysis and report writing.
- Conduct a Consultation/Outreach meeting October 19th in Anchorage.
- Analyze information and Summarize Analysis.
- Hold Workshop on Case Studies of Best Practices and Write Work Shop Summary Report.
- Write the Report containing an analysis of existing guidance and rules, including Main Findings, Conclusions and an Executive Summary.