



Agenda

EA Expert Group pre-meeting

Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 September

Co-Chairs: Libby Logerwell/USA and Lis Lindal Jørgensen/Norway

Monday 21 September and Tuesday 22 September: 15.00-18.00 (GMT, 3 hours)
(08.00 North America west coast/15.00 ICE/17:00 NOR, SWE, KoD/18.00 FIN, Moscow)

PAME's GoToMeeting System #2

- 1. Progress and status of the planning of a 7th EA workshop in 2020 on element No. 5 of the EA framework, "Value the cultural, social, and economic goods and services produced by the ecosystems".**
 - The 7th EA Workshop Planning Committee has been meeting monthly. The workshop, originally scheduled to be held after PAME II in Nome Alaska, has been postponed until at least March 2021. In the meantime, the Committee is organizing virtual meetings to develop a background White Paper on Value and Valuation in EA. Separate virtual meetings will be organized with indigenous and traditional knowledge holders, economists, social scientists and marine scientists for focused discussion on topics specific to each area of expertise.
- 2. Status on the development of the "Report on development in defining or setting Ecological Objectives".**
 - The "Report on development in defining or setting Ecological Objectives" has two main parts: concepts related to ecological objectives, and experiences gained from practical application of ecological objectives. An extended outline was prepared in 2019, and Hein Rune Skjoldal will inform the EG about how the first draft will be prepared with input from PAME members.
- 3. Status on the work of the joint ICES/PICES/PAME Working Group for Integrated Ecosystem Assessment of the Central Arctic Ocean (WGICA).**
 - The WGICA has finalized the Annual Report 2020. This report describes and seeks answers to the ToR defined for the period 2019-2021. The next step will be a maximum 16 page "Ecosystem Overview" (EO) of the CAO, followed by a large Report describing human activities, pressures and management bodies, and a climate and vulnerability assessment of the CAO. Co-lead Lis Jørgensen will give a short introduction of the Annual Report, an example of an "EO" will be shown as an illustration of work in progress, and a timeline for the next 4 years will be presented. She will also initiate a discussion on how the Arctic Council Working Groups may contribute to the elements of a Integrated Assessment relevant for the EBM of the CAO.

4. Update on efforts to strengthen the communication between the EA-EG co-chairs and the relevant Arctic Council (AC) Working Group members on this topic.

- Co-chair Lis Jørgensen will continue the discussion from the WGICA presentation on why a strengthening of communication with relevant AC working groups could facilitate and provide important data to EA. She will inform the EG about a meeting with the AMAP HoDs presenting the WGICA and how AMAP and CAFF are planning a “Climate Impacts on Arctic Ecosystems and Associated Climate Feedbacks” workshop. Co-chair Libby Logerwell will inform the EG about how the planning group of the 7th EA workshop is also involving multiple AC working groups who are adding valuable and important input for the Value and Valuation part of the EA.

5. Tentative plan for 2021-2023

- 7th Workshop and communication product
- Revising the 6 point EA Framework by adding 2 more points “Monitoring” and “Scientific advice”.
- Planning of 8th Workshop. Discussion of possible topics such as:
 - Revising the EA Framework and Guidelines
 - Progress in implementing EA in Arctic waters – challenges and understanding
 - Other topics/activities to be discussed by the EG