



## **Proposed AMSA Documents and Process/Timeline to Ministerial 2009**

PAME is seeking SAO agreement on the nature of the AMSA products and process/timelines. PAME would also like to offer some ideas about the public release of AMSA and other Arctic Council ocean-related reports in April 2009.

### **AMSA documentation and Reports:**

- **AMSA Research Document** – (“1000 page”) - will be a non-negotiated document. However PAME is seeking SAOs agreement that this document will be made available after the 2009 Arctic Council Ministerial meeting to the public/stakeholders through e.g. posting on the PAME website with the appropriate disclaimers.
- **AMSA 2009 Report** – (“100 page”) negotiated report with findings, recommendations & research agenda. This document will be a product of the Arctic Council.

### **PAME has agreed to the following process and timeline to finalize AMSA:**

- Oct 28-30 PAME II-2008 Meeting – draft key findings and recommendations presented by Lead Countries. Initial questions and discussion by PAME and PPs:
  - Proposed outline of AMSA Report presented by Lead Countries
  - PAME and PP’s representatives begin internal consideration of draft findings and recommendations
- Nov 6 – PAME chair submits PAME Report for SAO Nov 19-20 meeting including status report on AMSA, identification of specific issues if any, requiring SAO direction and a proposed process and timeline for AMSA
- Nov 14 (close of business USA/east coast time) – Lead Countries provide 1<sup>st</sup> draft (rolling draft) of AMSA Report, including key findings and recommendations and research agenda to PAME for review and negotiations at the Nov 21-22 special PAME meeting
- Nov 19-20 SAO Meeting – presentation of status and seek agreement on the process and time line for finalizing AMSA. The presentation will NOT include draft findings and recommendations.
- Nov 21-22 – Special PAME meeting (Oslo) - review and negotiation of the first draft AMSA Report with emphasis on draft key findings and recommendations.
- Dec 2 – Leads to provide 2<sup>nd</sup> draft AMSA report to PAME.
- Dec 10 – PAME Conference call to discuss any changes required to the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft AMSA Reports and provide inputs to the leads
- Dec 30 – leads to provide 3<sup>rd</sup> draft AMSA report to PAME.
- Jan 5 2009 – PAME agreement on a final draft AMSA report for distribution to SAOs with explanatory notes on status and any remaining issues.

- Jan 8 2009 – PAME submission of final draft AMSA Report to SAOs with the identification of any uncompleted tasks and unresolved issues that PAME continues to work on.
- Feb 10/11 2009 – SAO drafting meeting on SAO Report and Ministerial Declaration. Any outstanding issues with AMSA to be resolved at this meeting. PAME Chair may participate if required.

### **Planning for release of AMSA Reports**

The PAME Chair and Secretary are developing a proposed communication plan for release of AMSA and related Arctic Council Ocean reports to the 2009 Ministerial meeting for SAO consideration. This plan may include a possible oceans event in conjunction with the 2009 Ministerial meeting.